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SOUTH CAROLINA REP. JOE WILSON SAID HE WILL NOT APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY FOR CALLING PRESIDENT OBAMA A LIAR.

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Financial Aid Vows Are Not Validated

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE
 Staff Writer

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) received about 15 complaints on Friday after university administration fell flat on promises to make student financial aid services more accessible.

"We acknowledge that upcoming deadlines to fulfill validation requirements may heighten students' anxiety," Ribeau wrote in a letter to the student body on Wednesday in response to a university protest on Sept. 4, which raised concerns including the amount of time students wait to inquire about financial aid related issues.

"To address this concern, we have further extended the hours of Student Financial Services to a schedule of 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday until Sept. 25," Ribeau said in the letter. "To accommodate the expected number, selected Student Financial Services functions will be moved to the Blackburn Center beginning on Friday, Sept. 11. Appropriate staff will be available to assist in processing outstanding student accounts."

Financial Aid staffers were available in Blackburn Friday morning. Interim Provost and Chief Academic Officer Alvin Thornton said, "but students did not seek to access service there because of the success of the online

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Sean Robinson/Staff Writer

Thousands of people came out this weekend to celebrate family at the 24th Annual Black Family Reunion Celebration at the National Mall.

Weekend of The Black Family

Luncheon Honors Women of Color

BY GENET LAKEW
 Metro Editor

Twenty women from the D.C. metropolitan area received praise and honor for their humanitarian efforts yesterday.

At the 24th Annual Black Family Reunion Celebration, the Freedom's Sisters exhibition hosted a luncheon to showcase black women dubbed as freedom fighters in their own right.

"It is our great privilege to acknowledge their victories and celebrate their place in history," said Dorothy I. Height, founder of the BFRC and Chair of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) in a press release.



Genet Lakew - Metro Editor

Dorothy I. Height, founder of the Black Family Reunion Council was present to award women.

From 11:30 p.m. to about 1:30 p.m., the spacious white tent hoisted on the sunny National Mall was filled with volunteers, coordinators, and guests for the Freedom's

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Black Family Reunion Sees HU Participation

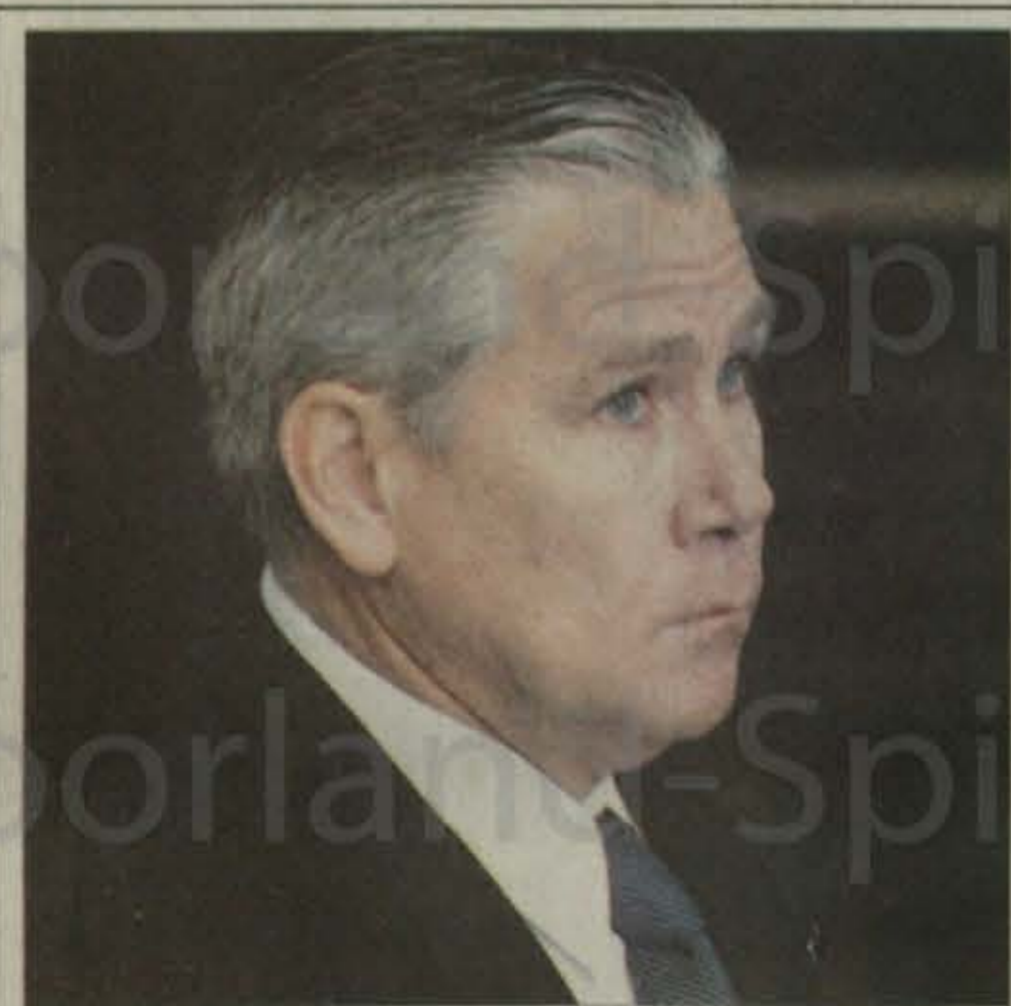
BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD
 Staff Writer

Freshly squeezed lemonade, hot, fried catfish and picket signs reading "My Future's In the Crapper", lined the National Mall for the 24th Annual Black Family Reunion.

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc.(NCNW) hosted the three-day event dedicated to the enlightenment and education of the African-American family. With food, music, exhibits and dance teams from local schools and areas, the grounds were filled with people of all ages.

Among the crowd, Howard's Chapter of NCNW and the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa

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Jose M. Ochoa - Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Former Blagojevich Staffer Dies of Possible Suicide

Christopher Kelly, former fundraising coordinator for ex-Illinois governor Rob Blagojevich, died Saturday in Chicago, from an apparent a suicide-overdose. Authorities said that prior to his death, Kelly told police that he overdosed, according to CNN.

On Tuesday, Kelly pleaded guilty to two counts of mail fraud, stemming back to his work with Blagojevich.

Kelly recently underwent surgery and was on a series of prescribed medications. The names of the medicines have yet to be released, and officials are still determining if this was an intentional overdose.

Blagojevich said in a statement that the pressure from the federal government was the real cause behind his friend's death.

-Marquis H. Barnett, Nation & Editor

Scarlet Knights Slay Bison Prey

Football season opens with 45-7 loss to Rutgers

BY TERRICKA JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

After suffering a 45-7 loss to the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, the Howard University Bison football team began what they are hoping to be their comeback season with an 0-1 record.

"I think that it is all first game jitters. We have to get the kinks out," said Terry Sims, defensive back coach for the Bison football team. "We have guys who haven't played and guys who have played, having their first game of the year."

The Scarlet Knights began the game with a fumble by Evan Lampert, forced by Howard University defensive back Arando Jamison, and picked up by fellow defensive back Lanny Kelly.

Just as the Bison entered the Rutgers red zone, quarterback Floyd Haigler fumbled the ball for a loss of five yards and a turnover.

A touchdown came for the Bison when Haigler threw a 40-yard pass to Willie Carter for the Bison's only scoring drive of the game late in the second quarter making the score 32-7.

Carter, who made five catches for 94 yards, led the Bison in receptions.

The Bison held off the Scarlet Knights for the remainder of the fourth quarter.

"I think that they went up against a very good team. I'm not surprised, but then again I still had my hopes up," said Ariel Amey, a sophomore supply-chain management major.

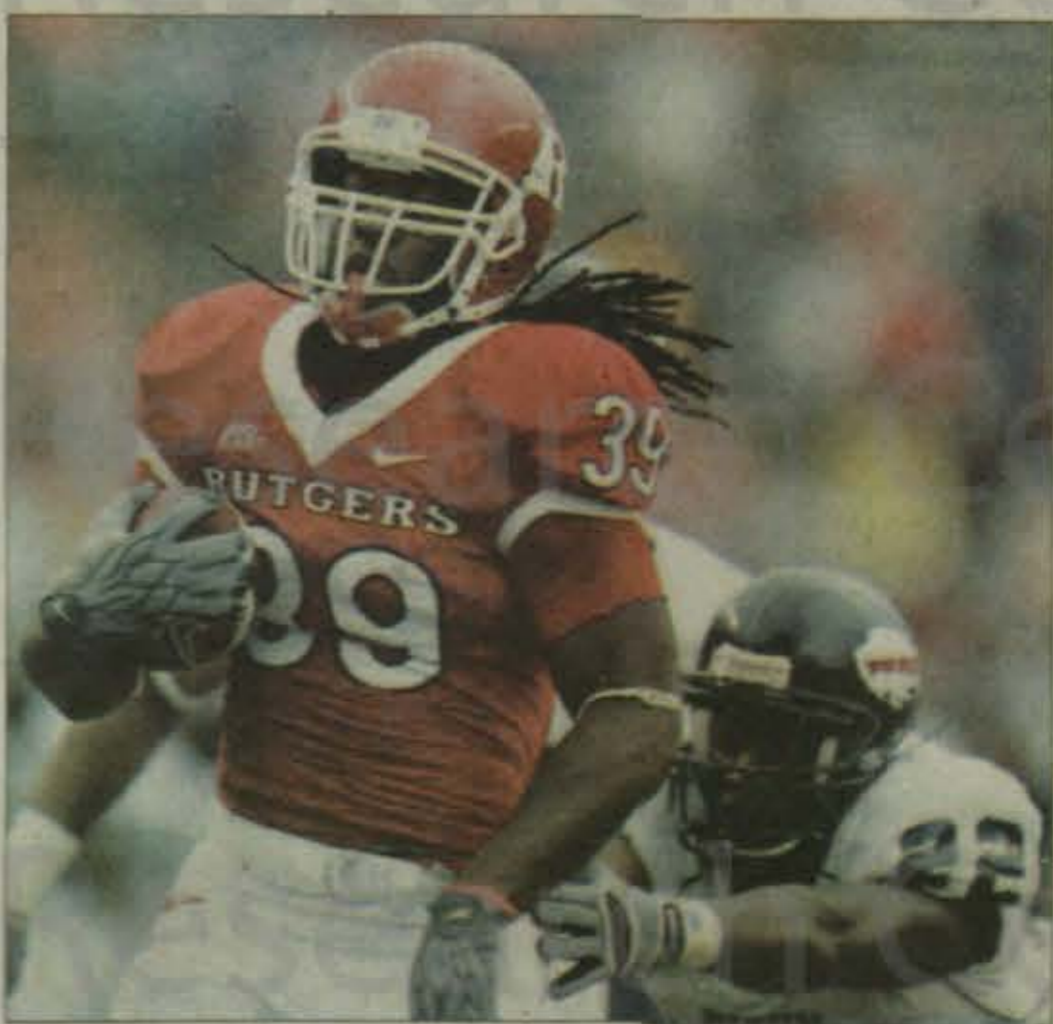
Tom Savage, a freshman quarterback, led the way for the Scarlet Knights with a total of 223 yards thrown for two touchdowns.

The Bison had three turnovers, which were all fumbles,

and 14 penalties, giving up 121 yards.

This weekend, the team will be travel to Bragg Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla. to take on the Rattlers of Florida A&M University.

"Well, it's an old football saying that says, 'You make your biggest jump from game one to game two.' The guys understand the mistakes, and we have watched the mistakes on film," Sims said.



AP Photo

Howard Bison hope for improvement after a season-opening 45-7 loss to Rutgers University Saturday. They face the FAMU Rattlers in Tallahassee this weekend.

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Students Put First

This year marks the commencement of Phase II of the Students First Initiative. Phase I consisted of collecting data, and Phase II will be the process focused on addressing students concerns. Below are the recommendations from Phase I, which reflects over 100 students input. Each recommendation reflects needed improvements in eight highlighted areas.

Process and Organizational Improvements for All Eight Target Areas

Provide staff development and customer service training to all staff. Design and implement data collection systems that track performance as seen by students (the "customers").

Financial Aid

Automated imaging system with electronic records to avoid misfiling, redundant requests to applicants, and faster/easier access to records.

Web site overhaul - the Financial Aid office will redesign and update its Web site by either doing its own maintenance or working out with ISAS (Information Systems and Services); a mechanism where they will do this on a timely basis.

Records

Improve communications with the campus - (a) Improve the Web site, (b) develop an information kiosk in the Administration building, (c) enhance the Bison page, (d) develop a "live" chat line to answer questions, and (e) consolidate and publish academic policies on-line.

Student Accounts, Loans and Collections

Improve student communications - Create a Facebook group that sends messages alerting and updating students to increase the speed of student access to needed information; establish accountability for providing information correctly the first time; improve customer-friendliness.

Revamp filing system - Redesign the current filing system and work towards an automated system of storage and retrieval of student records, including document imaging; as quickly as possible move to an automated system that will produce accurate audit trails, eliminate lost paperwork and checks, and provide complete information to students about their status and next steps.

Residence Life

Establish off-campus housing Web site-- Site will provide external links and postings of opportunities/options as well as generic advice about "how to," cautions, and resources.

Share information - Increase student and parent information about housing policies and procedures and properly set expectations; review visitation policies; provide a mechanism so that student concerns or complaints can be received, tracked, and resolved, with information systematically shared with involved parties.

Student Life and Activities

Establish Graduate and Professional Student Services Office - Assign one staff member to work with grad/professional students; work with other offices to improve the range and quality of services for grad/professional students (most grad/professional students see these offices as primarily serving undergraduates).

Academic Advising

Improving Consistency - Establish a counseling advisory council to coordinate advisement across all schools/colleges.

Access to information - Provide print and electronic access for catalogue information, as well as university policies and procedures; provide college/school and department-specific information, logistics, and policies and procedures.

For more information, read tomorrow's edition of *The Hilltop*.

Information provided by Victoria Killy, graduate student.

Fine Arts Reveals Music Despite Pain

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

In remembrance of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, the students in the Division of Fine Arts hosted a memorial concert on Friday.

9/11 was a day the nation will never forget. For some it was a touching day, but for others, musical performances lifted their spirits as they experienced "Epiphany: A Premonition of Excellence"



Student performers expressed their 9/11 sentiments musically.

Memorial Concert" in the Blackburn Gallery Lounge.

This concert is part of a benefit concert series for Fine Arts hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council (ASSC).

"I think this was an excellent start to a series that is going to impact not only the division of Fine Arts but the campus," said ASSC Executive President Dorian Blythers.

From instrumentalists to vocalists to percussionists, the room was filled with musical talent. Rachel Robinson, senior music business major, displayed her musical talents on Howard University's campus. During her tenure at Howard, Robinson has served as the chorus instructor for the Howard University Middle School and assistant director of the Howard University Gospel Choir.

"I thought this was an excellent way to commemorate the lives that were lost on September 11th," Robinson said. "I am glad to have been a part of it."

Coordinator of the event



Microphones, pianos, saxophones and pure soul helped Fine Arts students show the audience what talent is housed in the division.

and senior music business major, Andrea Jackson, said the concert showcased what the true essence of the music department entails. "I am very thankful for the students who came out to support the students who put the work into rehearsals," Jackson said.

Other student performers included Christie Dashiell and

CV Dashiell.

The series will end in April of 2010 with a special guest headlining the last benefit show. The goal of the event is to raise money for the Division of Fine Arts and to showcase the talents of the students.

49th Inauguration of a 'Bigger Picture'



Even before their official inauguration, HUSA has been active in representing the students. They took part in leading the student body in the Sept. 4 protest, held "HUSA on Your Plate", will help lead the "Any Other Options?" student health care rally, and many other movements.



Smart told the audience that Howard will not rest on its legacy, but the legacy will be recreated in the students everyday. He said that in 40 years, people will refer to the legacy as the 2009 protest. He said, "We are the legacy."



Afro-American Studies Department Chairman Gregory Carr said he does not think it is a coincidence that the student body elected a man named Smart at this time in history.



All photos by Faraday Okoro - Photo Editor



"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Making peace with the current political atmosphere was the Reverend Susan K. Smith's objective when she spoke before the chapel congregation on Sunday.

According to Smith, senior pastor of the Advent United Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio, those that are peacemakers create a new peace out of the conditions before them and those that love peace say nothing and stand idly.

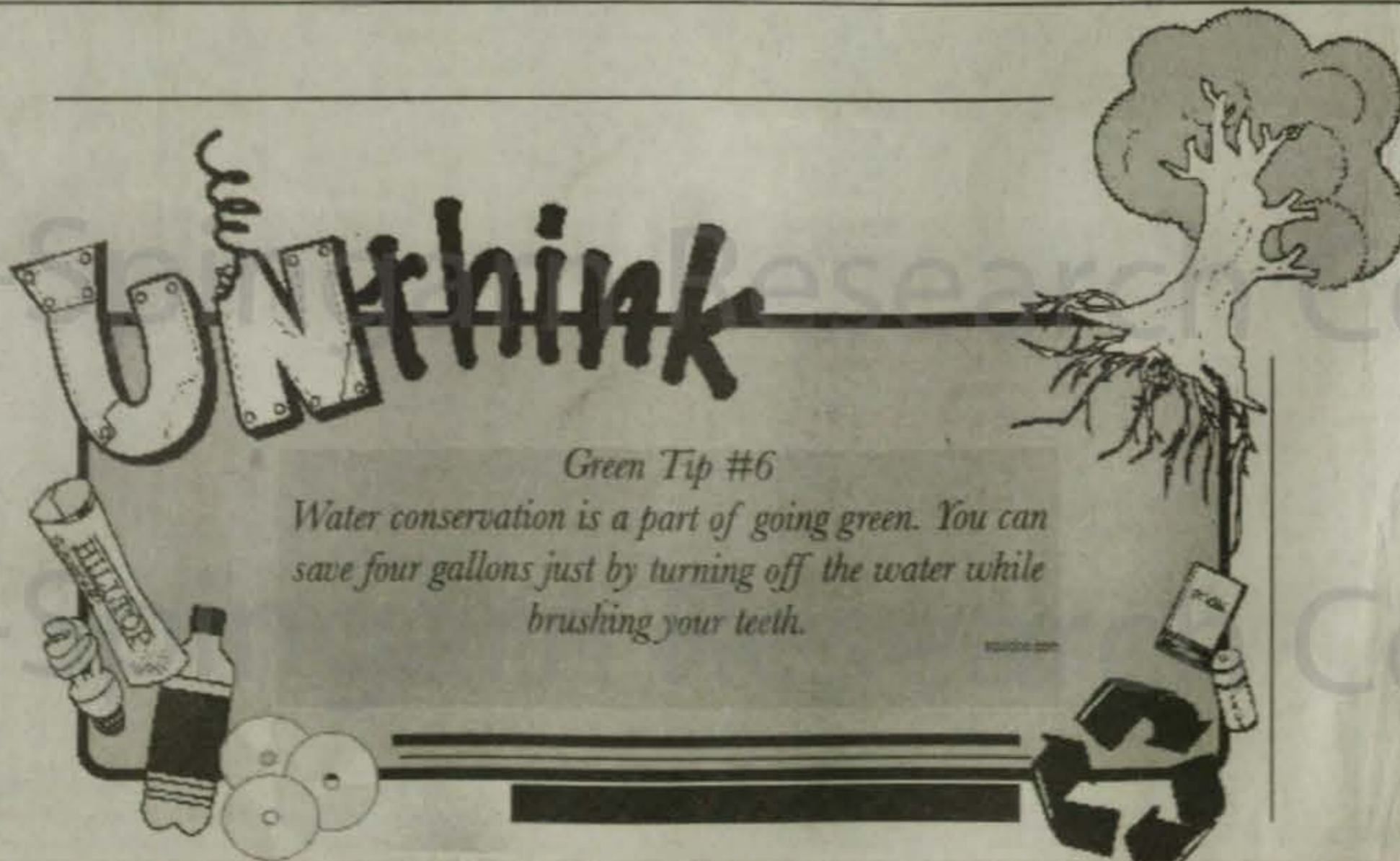
"A lot of people support universal health care, but they won't say anything," Smith continued to say that God did not send his son to merely accept and love the conditions as they exist. Jesus Christ was sent to do something about the conditions and to point out wrongdoings.

Smith recalled an incident in which she was at an airport and found herself surrounded by people in red "Tea Party Patriots" shirts getting angry. She became angry because the man next to her was "acting like he's God's gift to democracy."

She was then silenced when she attempted to give her opinion.

She defined the left as those people that are cowards and spread the gospel according to Christ within the safety of the short. She said that the right are the people that believe in Pro-life when it applies to a fetus but ignore, shun, blame and imprison the child once it is born.

"I not only have a problem with what they say, but what we do not say," Smith said.



Green Tip #6

Water conservation is a part of going green. You can save four gallons just by turning off the water while brushing your teeth.

Black Families Unite in D.C. for 24th Time

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Sisters luncheon.

Among the women honorees were magazine publishers, CEOs, youth and outreach organizers, NAACP volunteers, mentors, and educators.

Others are women's rights activists, nonprofit organizers, and U.S. Military members.

"We do not just talk tough about our history, they say seeing is believing," said Height as she addressed the crowd. She was also honored at the program and received a standing ovation.

The honoree's dedication to social causes and humanitarianism not only represents excellence in

themselves but helps to inspire the next generation of women leaders.

"I think they need to cater it more so that you can bring the younger ladies so that they can see and hear some real life role models," said Tiajuana Brooks, a D.C. resident in attendance.

ABC 7 News anchor Gordon Peterson was present to call the honorees to the stage, state their accomplishments, and take a photograph with them.

Two honorary awards were presented to Radio One's Cathy Hughes and Alexis Herman, who served as the first black Secretary of Labor under Bill Clinton's administration.

Herman referred to an old

African proverb that states that, "If the lions don't write their own history, the hunters will claim all the glory." Instead of resting on the accomplishments of the history's greats, today's generation must make its own history.

"We have to move forward because we need to come together [as a community]," said Height.

Although the Civil Rights movement is popularly associated with men, the brunch served to show that women played an equally vital role in the progression of the black struggle.

From early 19th century to the present, past Freedom's Sisters honorees include greats like Shirley Chisholm, Betty Shabazz, NCNW founder Mary McLeod Bethune, Ida B. Wells, and Coretta Scott King.

"I thought it was inspiring to get to recognize ordinary people who are doing extraordinary things," said De-Boe.

For a complete list of the 20 women honored at Sunday's brunch, see tomorrow's Metro page.

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Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) were visible as they joined the festivities, running the events, overseeing exhibits, interacting with the children of the community and supporting their organizations.

"The Black Family Reunion is pretty much a bunch of exhibits concerning the African-American people," said Senior biology major and NCNW member Danielle James. "People come to learn about health issues, kids, education, fitness, etc."

Volunteers from many Howard organizations were sprinkled at different pavilions on the yard. Sophomore political science Jecika Merzius volunteered on both days in the Children Pavilion working with kids.

"I worked with a television show called 'The Electric Company' and basically played educational games with the kids teaching them how to read and recognize phonetics," Merzius said. "We gave away educational prizes and did face painting. A school from Maryland and a performing arts group from Virginia came [on Sunday] to perform and really got the kids involved. The kids were funny. I enjoyed spending time with them."

In addition to the exhibits, there were performances on Saturday by local and nationwide Greek organizations, and local step and dance teams as a part of the Nationwide Sprint Step-Off.

All seven Divine Nine members were present, as well as Howard's AKAs.

Junior broadcast major Courtney Mims was spotted in the crowd taking a break from working with kids from the community, to watch and support her line sisters.

"We were originally out here to volunteer. We have been working with the kids from the Boys and Girls Club and we've pretty much been confined to that area all day," Mims said. "We just snuck away to find food and watch the show for a second."

Junior print journalism major Aisha Johnson was also spotted in the crowd.

"I've been helping kids and passing out flyers," Johnson said. "The event as a whole is pretty interesting."

Under gray skies and gusts of wind, the exhibits, performances and crowds maintained all day.

"There are usually more people [coming out] during the day time," James said. "But last year it was pouring down rain all day long. But even if it rains, the show still goes on."

Saturday was the R&B concert. Artists Keri Hilson, LeToya Luckett and Charlie Wilson, in addition to local talent, performed. The crowd turn-out was greater than last year's. Sunday, gospel artists CeCe Winans and J.Moss performed.



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Promises Go Unkept

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appointment system."

However, as reported by *The Hilltop* on Thursday, many students were unable to receive confirmation notices through the new system to schedule financial aid appointments online, which was established during the second week of classes.

Thornton maintains that the online system works, removing the need for students to wait in lines to receive service.

Nijuel Porter, a junior theatre arts major was one student disappointed by the lack of a Blackburn service center.

"Based off the letter that the President sent out to the student body, I went to Blackburn to turn in my application so that I could be validated," said Porter, who then turned toward the administration building around 6 p.m. on Friday when he did not find financial aid staff in Blackburn to help him. The office in the administration building was closed when he arrived.

HUSA Director of Student Advocacy Corey Briscoe, who oversees both undergraduate and graduate grievances fielded the student complaints on Friday.

"It is our job to hold the President's office accountable," Briscoe said.

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Representative Wilson Refuses to Apologize Publicly

South Carolina Representative Joe Wilson has said that his personal apology to President Obama and the administration should be sufficient



Rep. Joe Wilson yells out "Lies!" as President Obama says that his health care policy will not cover illegal immigrants. Wilson apologized to the president the following day.

BY Le'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

South Carolina Republican representative Joe Wilson said Sunday that he would offer no further apologies for his outburst of "You lie!" President Barack Obama's speech to Congress last week.

"I am not going to apologize again," Wilson said on *FOX News Sunday*, when asked about pending disciplinary actions against him by the House of Representatives. "I have apologized to the president; I believe that's sufficient."

Immediately following Obama's speech Wednesday, Wil-

son issued a statement that apologized for inappropriate behavior.

He also said that he apologized to the White House as a whole after the incident, and that President Obama accepted his apology on his behalf and his administration's behalf.

Democrats in the House of Representatives are planning to introduce a resolution of disapproval of Wilson's actions next week unless he publicly apologizes on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Wilson said a resolution would show that Democrats simply wanted to play politics and divert attention from a health care overhaul that is lagging in Congress.

"I will not be muzzled. I'm going to be speaking on behalf of the American people, but I will be doing it very civilly," Wilson said.

The outburst followed the statement in President Obama's health care speech when he said

that the health care would not provide coverage to illegal immigrants.

Awareness to the issue has led to the review of the health care bill by Senate negotiators to make sure there are provisions in place to make sure illegal immigrants do not get federally subsidized coverage.

Obama and other Democratic leaders insist that there is nothing in any of the health care proposals currently presented to Congress that includes health care coverage for illegal immigrants or would provide taxpayer money to help illegal immigrants buy private health coverage.

Wilson released a statement following the *FOX News Sunday* interview which said, "The American people are fed up with the political games in Washington, and I refuse to participate in an effort to divert our attention away from the task at hand of reforming health insurance and creating new jobs. Having apologized on Wednesday to the White House, we agreed that we must move forward in a civil manner to do the work the American people have sent us here to do. Health insurance reform is too important to take a backseat to political partisanship."

Following his outburst, both Wilson and Democrat Rob Miller, his opponent for re-election next year, each have raised more than \$1 million, according to aides for each.

In the first 24 hours after Wilson's outburst, Miller's campaign offers swelled by \$200,000, according to Jessica Santillo of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The contribution came in from 5,000 individual contributions, she said.

As for Wilson, news of that cash haul comes after he directly asked in a Web video for campaign cash to fend off attacks from political opponents and said he is standing by his opposition to Democratic efforts at health care reform.

Wilson was elected to his first full term as a representative in 2002, after serving the remainder of his boss' term following his death in 2001.

Simone Hall, a senior history major, believes Wilson should publicly apologize. "I think it was rude, and [Wilson] knows the rules and regulations of Congress. He should follow them despite his feelings."

Fallen Firefighters Honored in Open Ceremony

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

On Saturday, mourners gathered to celebrate the life of two firemen who died while fighting against one of Los Angeles' biggest wildfires this year.

Captain Ted Hall, 47, and firefighter specialist, Arnie Quinones, 35, died on Aug. 30 while trying to help more than 50 members of their crew and inmates find an escape route out of the Los Angeles National Forest.

Everyone reported to have reached safety except Hall and Quinones; sources said that their vehicle slid down a steep embankment while trying to look for a safe passage.

Hall was a 26-year veteran of the L.A. County Fire Department and was the reigning superintendent of his fire camp. Quinones also had eight years in service.

This explains why 15,000 uniformed firemen and 20,000 people were expected to attend the memorial service that was held at Dodger Stadium. Among the speakers were governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Vice President Joe Biden. Both gave their condolences to the families.

Victor Jones, a junior psychology major and resident of Minnisee, Calif., said he believes this is



Bryan Patrick - (MCT)

The rising number of brush fires in California have made the job of being a firefighter even more dangerous.

all too familiar. "It's not uncommon; we see fires, but year to year, they're still devastating. Everyone knows someone who knows someone who's affected by the fires," Jones said. "It's really hard when you know you're close to them — all I can do is pray for whoever is impacted by them."

According to the California Department for Forestry and Fire

Protection (CAL FIRE) the fire season usually runs from mid-May to November. Yet, many consider fire season to be a year-round season; the battle to neutralize all of the fires may be getting harder and harder in some areas. So far this year, there have been more than 6,000 fires reported, which is up 25 percent from 2008.

Many assume the causes

of these fires to be either arson or lightning. According to a study done by CAL FIRE, equipment use was said to be the biggest cause. Twenty-seven percent of the causes was said to be either miscellaneous or undetermined, which happens to be the situation with the fire that took the lives of Hall and Quinones.

Governor Schwarzenegger

issued an executive order in May in an effort to provide California firefighters with more resources to fight fires in the future.

According to a press release from the Office of the Governor, he also directed the state agencies, including the California Emergency Management Agency and the California National Guard to "coordinate their actions with federal and local agencies, propositioning resources and maximizing California's fire prevention and fighting capabilities." This order allows CAL FIRE to mobilize more crews, engines, helicopters, planes and equipment when there are heightened fire emergencies.

The specific date of implementation was expected to be immediate, but it is unclear whether the fire that took the lives of Hall and Quinones was affected by this order.

Hall is survived by his wife, Katherine, and two sons, Randall, 21, and Stephen, 20. Quinones is also survived by his wife, Loressa, who is expecting their first child within the next couple of weeks. In the memorial speech, Vice President Biden said the country owes them for leaving their families to save others. "The only thing we can do for certain, is to promise and keep the promise; we will give the Teds and the Arnies all the support they need."

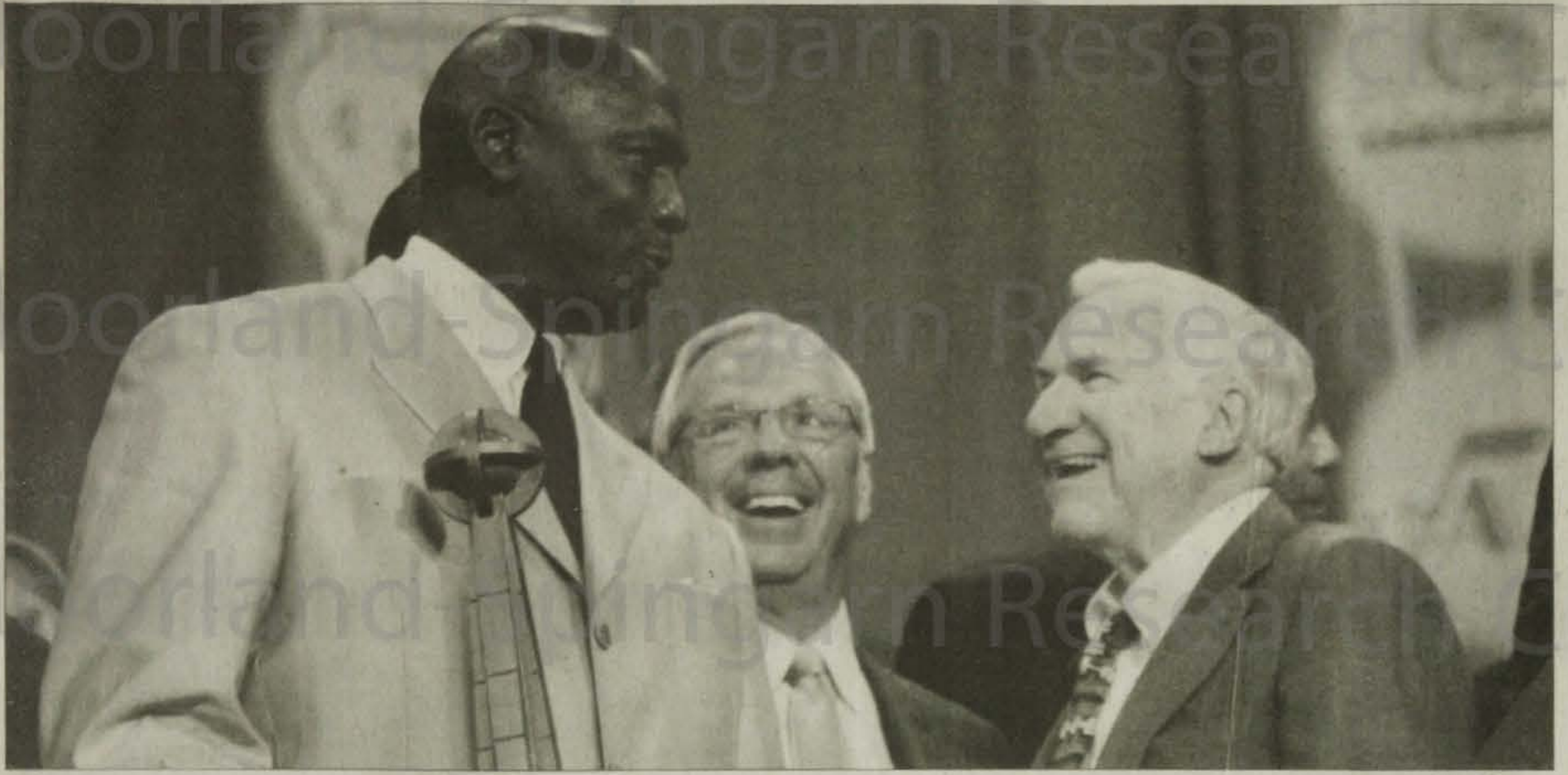
MOTHERLAND MONDAYS

Leaders Demand Meeting With Zimbabwe

Leaders of the European Union (EU) have requested to have a meeting with the president and Prime Minister of Zimbabwe. A few days after sending the message, Zimbabwe officials got back in touch with EU leaders with a specific date and time for the meeting. Although the time and date for that meeting has not been released, EU officials have said they will want the varying leaders to resume talks and end politically driven violence, strengthening of the law, improvement in media freedom and major reforms carried out in government institutions that will lead to reconsidering lifting of the sanctions placed against the country by the EU. Even after signing of the power-sharing pact early September last year, the coalition government is still divided on issues of equal sharing of posts, and continued rivalry among the two coalition parties' supporters continues to pose threats to a lasting peace.

Gambia Leader Wins Law Suit

A high court in Lusaka has awarded Zambia's main opposition leader damages in a suit he filed against the government and police for defamation. Michael Sata sued the government for defamation over his 2002 arrest for allegedly stealing two government vehicles. He was later freed for lack of evidence. Presiding Judge Justice Martin Imasiku ruled that opposition leader's indictment was malicious as it lacked evidence and was generally based on a newspaper claim. Popularly known as "King Cobra," Sata lost the 2006 presidential election to Zambia's late president, Levy Mwanawasa. He came close to winning in 2008 after Mwanawasa's death, but lost narrowly to current president, Rupiah Banda, according to official results.



Brian Cassella - Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Former Washington Wizards and most notably Chicago Bulls player, Michael Jordan, was inducted into the James Naismith Hall of Fame Friday after waiting the required five years after his retirement. Jordan was ridiculed for some of his comments during his speech at the ceremony that kept critics talking.

Jordan Enshrined to NBA Hall of Fame

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
Sports Editor

Friday marked the induction of an athlete who some epitomize as the greatest basketball player of all time into the James Naismith Hall of Fame.

Former NBA guard, Michael Jordan, was inducted along with David Robinson, John Stockton, Jerry Sloan and C. Vivian Stringer at Springfield Symphony Hall in Springfield, Mass.

Jordan has been ridiculed since his speech as a result of some feeling that he was "bitter" about things that happened in his career. Jordan poked fun at his former boss Jerry Krause, former NBA guard Isaiah Thomas and other athletes

and coaches who were instrumental in motivating him with their negative words.

Jordan also addressed his kids during his speech saying, "I wouldn't want to be you guys," as a result of dealing with the constant media attention and pressure of being the child of a player constantly in the news because of his accolades. Jordan's sons are already being compared to him and finding it hard to deal with the pressure.

Although Jordan was accused of making questionable comments, fans of Jordan were glad to see he was inducted.

"It's about time," said Patrick Scott, a senior marketing major.

"They should have just waived the eligibility rule and just inducted him while he played in Washington."

Scott expressed the importance of the event to him as a student from Chicago who grew up watching Jordan night after night.

"I passed up the club to watch his speech, and he was a little rude, but it was funny so it was alright," said Scott. "The last shot he shot against the Utah Jazz in the '98 Finals, the way he held it for a little bit. That was kind of a big moment in my life."

Senior marketing major, Stephen Washington, is also a Jordan fan who grew up watching him play with the Bulls.

"I was very excited for him," Washington said. "We all knew he was going to get inducted in to the Hall of Fame."

Washington shared his fondest memories of watching Jordan in his days before retiring. "The sixth championship that they won," he said, "felt like all of Chicago was like one big family."

Jordan's impact on basketball and the entire industry of sports had a lasting impact on millions of youth who credit him with being a role model and other sports figures who doubted their abilities growing up.

"Everyone was just geeked. Michael Jordan runs the city," said

Scott. "He impacted my life a lot, and I've never even met him."

Jordan is still recognized by some as the greatest athlete to play sports and agree that his impact on sports will last forever.

"Michael Jordan is one of the greatest basketball players of all time and maybe the most recognizable face in all athletics," said Washington. "I watched the whole induction. It was pretty good. I got a little bit emotional when he went on stage. I felt like he kept it real, 100 percent."

An Athlete to Know: Soccer Legend Pele

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Within the Black Diaspora, there are countless people of African descent who have excelled in academia, sports, politics and other arenas. Soccer legend Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pele, is such a person.

Pele is an Afro-Brazilian soccer player who played for the Brazilian National team for most of his career. Pele accomplished a great deal in his career, opening doors for many athletes who followed him.

"Pele changed soccer with his ability to unite people through his amazing skills," said Runako Guibstone, a Howard alumna. "He put Brazil on the map in the soccer world and soldiers fighting in the Nigerian Civil War had a cease fire just to watch Pele play. Being able to bring people together like that is tremendous."

Some argue that Pele was one of the most athletically gifted and hard working players in soccer, saying he had unmatched speed,

agility and dribbling skills which helped him dominate the sport.

Pele could maneuver between defenders and get the ball past goalies becoming the career leader in goals for Brazil with 1,280. The soccer legend took the world by storm when he led the Brazilian team to a 1956 World Cup victory when he was 17 years old. He scored six goals, with two being scored in a 5-2 victory over Sweden in the championship. Pele also won the World Cup in 1962 and 1970 and is the only soccer player to win three World Cups. The sports world knew him as "The King of Football (Soccer)." Pele was one of the first Black or Latino superstars in the sport.

"Pele changed the game for everyone," said Kareem Williams, mid-defense player for Howard's soccer team. "He was a model player, team oriented and played the game with a certain desire that many players aspire to."

To this day, Pele still has a lasting impact on soccer. He had an international fan base, and was one of the most electrifying players on a

soccer field. He was inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame, and the International Olympic Committee named him player of the century. He played soccer in America from 1975 to 1977 and caused an up-and-coming American soccer league to rise in popularity. Pele became the highest paid player in the sport, but insisted that he played soccer for the love of the game.

The life story of Pele is just as inspiring as his accomplishments on the field. He lived in poverty in a Brazilian barrio. Growing up he worked to support his family and developed a passion for the sport. As a boy, Pele played with a sock filled with newspaper since he could not afford a soccer ball.

Today, Pele has dedicated his life to helping the less fortunate. He has supported many charitable causes, and worked with organizations such as UNICEF and is also an international ambassador for soccer. He is also a model for professional athletes.

Pele is one of the special athletes who changed the way a sport is played. He has instilled a

great deal of pride and hope in his home country of Brazil. African-Americans across the world should become familiar with Pele.



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Pele was one of the first black soccer players who broke barriers for future athletes interested in the game.

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Michael Jordan Tells Us How He Really Feels

On September 11, 2009, Michael Jordan was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and some of his smart remarks should be in the hall of fame with him.

Jordan dribbled his speech with jabs at those who offended him and left a foul taste in his mouth over the years.

Let's talk about who Jordan invited. Leroy Smith. Ring any bells?

Well, for people that don't know, Jordan was cut from his high school's varsity basketball team when it came down to him and one other young man, Leroy Smith.

Supposedly, Jordan still tells his old coach that

he made a mistake by picking Smith over him.

Jordan also threw jabs at his former boss and opponents; but at a Hall of Fame reception though, most peo-

ple were not expecting this type of speech. People were expecting bubbly, happy anecdotes. And why not? Why shouldn't Jordan have been happy at such an event?

Our View:
What reason does he have to be so bitter?

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Jordan is a world renowned basketball player. He is considered phenom-

enal and people have been waiting at the edge of their seats to watch him be inducted. Why, then, did he take all these shots at people? Yes, some people feel that he should have been inducted to the hall of fame much sooner, but the Hall of Fame probably wanted to be sure that he was retiring (for real this time).

Jordan has had a great career, countless endorsements, and has made a ton of money. While he may have had hardships along the way, it wasn't necessary for him to be so bitter.

This was supposed to be a celebration of his basketball career, not a roast of all the people that he felt may have stood in his way.

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