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Students Draft Blueprint for Debauchery

Discarded underwear and condom wrappers found in vandalized Architecture building

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

The ceiling tile above one of the computers in the Architecture computer lab was busted open in an attempted break-in Wednesday evening.

College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences (CEACS) Dean Bradford Grant was the first person to walk into the room Thursday morning to discover the wreckage from the night before. Beyond surprised, Grant said he was frustrated.

This incident is the third time that the lab has been broken into, according to CEACS Student Council Vice President of Architecture Tiffany Smith, a fourth year architecture major.

The break-in was strategic. According to Smith, a green metal trash can usually sits outside of an office door on the second floor of the Howard H. Mackey Architecture Building. The trash can was found underneath the broken ceil-

ing tiles in the locked lab. Smith said the culprits most likely used the trash can to break through the ceiling tile because it was not inside the lab the night before the incident.

Grant remarked that the tile felt wet, not soaked enough to have been a leak however. Footprints were left on the chairs beneath the ceiling tiles by what appeared to be a left boot. Nothing was taken from the room because the building's Network Engineer, Ester Lopes, bolted down the CPUs due to previous break-in attempts.

"If a fool can break through this ceiling, he can harm a student," Smith said.

Unregulated access to the Mackey and Downing buildings has been a persistent problem for CEACS throughout the years. The doors do not lock, and there is no monitoring of the building.

"The perimeter doors do not function the way they're supposed to," Grant said.

On Tuesday evening, senior architecture student Janiece Wil-

liams reported seeing blind-folded people coming up the stairs in the Architecture building. She said loud, synchronized chanting was heard coming through the ceiling. She said there was yelling, stomping and jumping up and down.

They could not find the organization that night, but students often use the free access to the buildings to their advantage. A staircase leads to the ceiling of the Architecture building and the roof.

At the top of the staircase Thursday afternoon, there was left-over food from Subway and McDonald's, Black and Mild wrappers, gathered chairs, missing light bulbs and discarded, used underwear. Grant said staff often find liquor bottles and condoms in the projection room.

The projector was stolen a few years ago from the approximate 20 feet high ceiling in the auditorium. Personal belongings have also been stolen.



Zelena Williams - Photo Editor

Campus Police investigate the vandalism in the Architecture building Wednesday night.

> See **Vandalism**, page 3



Jordan Strauss - WireImage.com

Kanye West, Lady Gaga Cancel 'Fame Kills' Tour

The "Fame Kills" tour, featuring superstars Kanye West and Lady Gaga was abruptly cancelled yesterday. The reasons behind the cancellation of the 34-city tour, scheduled to take place in the U.S. and Canada, are still unclear and have yet to be revealed.

In a statement released on Thursday, tour promoter Live Nation announced that refunds will be available for those who purchased tickets to the highly anticipated show. The tour's Web site also stated, "tickets purchased online and via phone will be refunded automatically."

The tour was announced last month, and the first show was scheduled to start on Nov. 10 in Phoenix, and end sometime in January, according to the Associated Press. The tour was scheduled to occur in North American cities such as Atlanta, Chicago, and Washington D.C., and Canadian cities, Calgary and Ottawa, according to the tour's Web site.

Last month, West made headlines at the MTV Video Music Awards when he stormed the stage, interrupting country music singer Taylor Swift as she accepted her award for Best Female Video.

- Compiled by Michelle Steele, Copy Editor

Students Share Stories of Violence, Triumph at Vigil

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Howard University students gathered together at 7:16 p.m. at the flagpole to commemorate the life of Derrion Albert, an honor student from Chicago who was beaten to death by his peers.

Heads were bowed and ears and eyes were attentive as students listened to each other's personal testimonies of violence.

A witness to violence at 10 years of age, William Kellibrew saw his mother's ex-boyfriend shoot and kill his 12-year-old brother and his mother. The ex-boyfriend then proceeded to commit suicide. Kellibrew was forced to watch.

Kellibrew also appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show to talk about what happened during that time and how thoughts of suicide crossed his mind.

"It was an immediate cut off when I lost my best friend, my mentor," said Kellibrew. "It was hard to go on Oprah and share my story in front of millions of people, but I did it for people who have gone or are going through the same thing as me."

Students continued to share their testimonies as the chill of the wind blew the American flag.

Tiffany Spencer, a transfer student, said this type of violence, especially gun violence, happens of-



Z. Bignew - Chicago Tribune

Chicago police investigate the beating death of honor student Derrion Albert.

ten in her community. She gave her testimony in tears. Spencer is originally from Jamaica, but has lived in Silver Springs, Md. for the past five years.

"Gun violence is increasing rapidly in my community," Spencer said. "A member of my community was shot and killed while waiting for the Metrobus, but I feel like now the Howard community has an idea of what is going on in the surrounding community."

Kellibrew also commended the Howard community for having the vigil. "I think this was brave to stand up for somebody else; we stood up for so many victims who could not be here tonight," said Kellibrew. "Derrion Albert has

charged America to put an end to violence in general."

T.J. Miller, freshman psychology major and resident of the Chicago's South Side, said his cousins attend the same school as Albert.

"My younger cousins who knew him said he was a very quiet and nice kid," said Miller. "He always did his work and did not hurt anyone."

Miller said this hit home for him and is glad to have been a part of the solution Thursday night.

"I want to do anything to bring change and peace to our community - it is very much needed," Miller said.

'Beat Your Feet Kings' Make Appearance on Campus

America's Best Dance Crew Finalists and D.C. Natives Beat Your Feet Kings came to Howard's campus yesterday afternoon for a visit.

What was originally supposed to be a quick trip for a meeting and a snack turned into a mini-show, as students asked the group to show them their skills.

Students played go-go music from an ipod as the group performed in front of Blackburn while students cheered them on.

Beat Your Feet Kings will be performing at the Homecoming International Showcase "Dance de la Cadence" on October 17th.

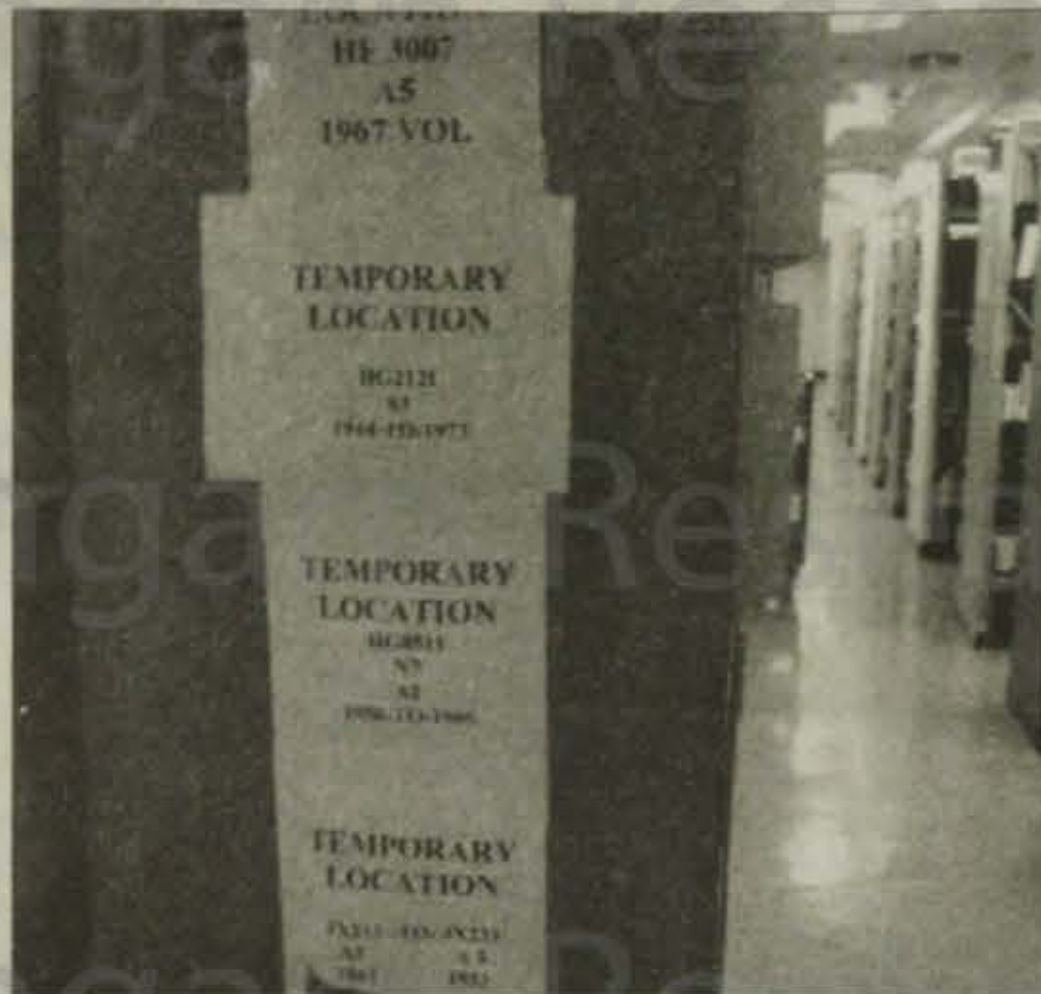
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Results in for Self-Study Report

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

The Office of University-Wide Self-Study announced the release of the Self-Study Report.

The 2009 Self-Study Report is a booklet prepared for the review of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education in an effort to allow the Howard University community a chance to assess itself first. The commission decides if Howard will receive reaccreditation.

In the opening letter of the report, President Sidney Ribeau writes to the Acting President of the commission, Elizabeth Sibolski, to explain that the Self-Study Report presents a "transparent and comprehensive assessment of the institution over the past ten years as viewed through the Middle States Standard and Characteristics of Excellence and the University's mission and vision."

Ribeau stated that any results that are given back will be graciously adhered to and addressed to improve the overall advancement of Howard University as an elite institution among Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and secondary education institutions across the country.

From facilities to administration, every aspect of Howard must undergo careful review in order for the evaluation committee to give an accurate report of the University as a whole.

Howard hopes to avoid the fate of Southeastern University in D.C., which recently lost accreditation after 130 years. As a consequence of the loss, students were not offered a fall term.

According to the report, Southeastern "lacked rigor and was losing faculty, enrollment and financial stability."

The Howard University Accreditation Committee has continuously reviewed the Self-Study Report to prevent Howard University from going through the same misfortunes.

"The data reported in the Self-Study highlight our institutional strengths and shed light on those areas needing improvement," said Lisa Fenwick, dean of the School of Education and new appointee to the Teacher Education Accreditation Council Board in charge of accrediting schools and college programs across the country.

"Students may want to review the data in the report as they reflect your perspectives about everything from the quality of the University's instructional facilities to assessments of student learning," she said.

Fenwick encourages students and faculty to stay engaged with the Self-Study report as the findings provide a "road map to the university's continuous improvement and progress."

Libraries To Undergo Structural, Technological Renovations

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Two protests have taken place this year with the current state of the libraries at the forefront, and the libraries have been given hundreds of thousands of dollars to address the issues.

The Graduate College of Arts and Sciences students protested the lack of resources available in February 2009. *The Hilltop* reported that students wanted books from this decade and books catalogued correctly.

Approximately seven months after the protest, students have not seen the change they demanded.

"I have not seen adequate progress to make the university call themselves a research institution," protest participant Jerome Hunt said. "You can't ask graduate students to make adequate research when we have to travel to other schools to find important information."

Another problem political

science doctoral candidate Hunt said needs to improve is the infrastructure of the libraries. Students often complain about the conditions in which they are expected to study.

In Founders Library, the carpet is mildewed, electric sockets are scarce, books are missing from the shelves and roofs cave in from time to time.

"I would like to see light fixtures that do not make noise that deter students from learning," said Elizabeth Walker, sophomore physician assistant major.

Walker also said she would like to see the library use white, standard paper versus the pink paper currently used for the printers.

Hunt would like to see a technology upgrade because some computers still do not have Microsoft Word or Excel.

"How can you do research when you do not have programs to open the documents?" Hunt said. "They need to up keep the libraries and hire enough staff who are

knowledgeable of the research materials," Hunt said.

To help meet students' demands for a major overhaul, "the University has approved \$800,000 in additional funding to address library needs as a necessary strategic investment," according to Director of Libraries Mohamed Mekkawi.

Mekkawi said the funds will allow the libraries to purchase new books and audio visual materials. However, he wanted students to note that library online resources are always accessible on and off campus.

Internet accessibility, however, has been declared insufficient as the only means to satisfy students' research needs. The Sept. 4 protest addressed the libraries and called for 24-hour access to the facilities.

Students often use the library as a safe, central meeting location for group meetings and study sessions since University housing does not currently have visitation.

However, Ribeau said in a previous interview with *The Hilltop*

that there has not been a demand for 24-hour access to the libraries.

Student leaders that added access to their protest agenda now have the benefit of offering input and constructive criticism about ways in which the library can improve by reporting to the Library Advisory Committee (LAC).

Student leaders that serve on LAC are Hunt and Steven Page, advocacy director for HUSA.

The LAC will assist in reviewing options for strategically allocating the \$800,000 in additional funding.

Beyond the funding, additions to the library online system are being made. Dissertations and theses, Political Science Complete and Education and Mass Media Complete will be added to the system. JSTOR, which is an organization that helps universities advance their research, will add 750 major electronic journals to over 8,000 e-journals already provided by the Howard University libraries.

You Know You Go to Howard When... The Bison Album



Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

You Know You Go to Howard When... this photo would have been in black and white even if it had printed in color.



Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

You Know You Go to Howard When... companies seek you out for internships and, and their representatives try to smell the aroma of a Bison.



Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

You Know You Go to Howard When... It's a family affair.

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"THESE FLYERS WERE PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER"

Vandalism in Mackey Building Reveals Appalling Activity

Continued from FRONT, VANDALISM

Lopes said during the first week of school, someone broke into her office, opened her bag and took her wallet and laptop. In addition, the thief or thieves opened her drawer to take her credit cards and money. Her items were not returned, but she received a call from the bank about an attempt to charge \$600 to her card.

Lopes said that other professors have had their offices broken into also.

Lopes said break-ins happen several times a year. During the Labor Day weekend, a computer had been stolen from the lab.

"We've had enough incidents," Lopes said.

Smith said there have been about four CPUs stolen along with mice and monitors.

Grant said he does not know if these break-ins are perpetrated by students because anyone can have access to these buildings.

"This is a recurring problem but not

the same way. It's a unique way this time," Grant said looking at the broken ceiling tiles and broken frame.

The Hilltop reported that over the weekend, the School of Business Student Council Office also had their CPUs stolen. Nothing was disturbed, however, except the ceiling tile above the door.

Howard Police Department Chief Leroy K. James said, "The HU Police Department is working with the Deans, students and faculty and staff at both the School of Business and the Mackey Building - School of Engineering in conducting to follow-up investigations in order to determine an appropriate course of action which will hopefully lead us to those person(s) responsible for committing the recent burglaries at both locations."

He asked that any student, faculty member, or staff personnel who may have any information that could help the police department solve both of these crime incidents to contact the Investigative Section at 202-806-1085.

The Office of Student Services is required under Section XVII of the Student Code of Conduct and Judiciaries to conduct a formal review of the Code every five years and to hold an open forum to allow for discussion of proposed changes to the Code. Because all students are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed changes, two opportunities have been scheduled to hear comments and concerns before the final draft is submitted for approval.

Undergraduate Students

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 3-5 p.m.

Blackburn Center, Digital Auditorium.

Graduate Students

Thursday, October 8, 2009 4-6 p.m.

Blackburn Center, Room 148-150.

Students may review the revised Student Code of Conduct, which can be found on the Student Affairs website, <http://howard.edu/studentaffairs> in advance of the forums.

The discussion of the revised Code will center on the proposed changes to the following sections:

- Section IV: Emergency Action
- Section V: Special Provisions on Students Charged with or Convicted of a Criminal Act
- Section VIII: Prohibited Behaviors
- Section IX: University-Wide Disciplinary Hearing Boards and Hearings

The Office of Student Services welcomes your participation, questions and comments.

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Iranian Nuclear Activity Sparks UN Meeting

Iranian leaders meet with United Nations leaders to discuss allegations of Iran's development of nuclear warheads

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Iran met with Germany and the five countries of the United Nations Security Council, the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia yesterday to discuss the nation's nuclear activities and gauge what form of engagement should be taken on the matter. The talks were held at the European United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and followed a week of posturing by all of the involved nations on the matter.

According to a U.S. official at the nuclear talks, a "significant conversation" occurred at the meeting and between the United States and Iran, which met privately during a lunchtime recess in Geneva.

The talks came after Iran submitted a letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency last week, revealing its construction of a second uranium enrichment plant. This news caused intense controversy in the international community. Iran is allowed to enrich very low levels of uranium in order to conduct their work for a civilian form of nuclear power, but it was not allowed to build a second plant.

The news drew sharp rebukes from the leaders of the United States, Britain and France and surprised its ally Russia. The U.S., Britain and France have long held that the middle-eastern country is in pursuit of nuclear weapons un-

der the guise of its civilian program and see the latest news as further evidence to that claim. Previously, Russia has held a firm position against sanctions, but after the news caught the country off guard and the United States made a reverse decision to not deploy a missile defense shield in Eastern Europe, it has softened its opposition.

Daliah Kujili, a transfer student and telecommunications management major, is also skeptical of Iran. "I think they are trying to be very secretive," she said. "What they're building, they say it's for civilian use but it doesn't have enough power for that, but it does have enough power for a nuclear weapon, which is probably what they're going to do." Kujili thinks the program should be put to an end and the nation should not be

allowed to enrich uranium further. If they are allowed to continue with their activities, she feels that further proof must be provided.

Since the United Nations and G-20 meetings last week, the United States and Iran have engaged in serious military posturing. Over the weekend, U.S. Secretary of Defense



Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei met Thursday with United Nations leaders to talk about the accusations.

Photo Courtesy of Top News Blog

Robert Gates and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton directed a statement towards Iran, which said, "All options are on the table." In turn, Iran test fired its short, medium, and long-range missiles, which are capable of reaching Israel and U.S. military bases in the region, to demonstrate its force in the region.

Daryl Harris, Professor and Chair of Howard University's Political Science department views Iran's nuclear activities as an attempt to gain international respect. "They see Iran is trying to project its interest and you have push back. They say 'no, no, no, you can't play at this level' and Iran is saying 'we're going to play at this level no matter what'," said Harris. "If they can acquire this kind of energy, this kind of development then these other major players will be forced to accept them. [The international community] can't hold them back anymore."

For Iran, the talks were

deemed "an opportunity and a test," said Iran's chief negotiator, Saeed Jalili, before leaving Iran for Geneva. Iran clarified that the 8,000 centrifuges it is using to enrich uranium are strictly for nuclear power and also wants the world community to recognize its rights.

The United States and other western nations used the talks to determine whether or not continued dialogue with Iran truly is the best method of dealing with their nuclear activities. The U.S. and its European allies are engaging in dialogue and diplomacy, but are also close to proposing sanctions. The sanctions would be economic based, and if opposed by Russian and China, the U.S. and its European allies would deliver them separately.

It is reported that most of the talks involved the members of each nation restating their positions, but it was deemed a success. The leaders have agreed to meet up again before the month of October is over. During the lunchtime recess of the talks, the United States was even able to talk to Iran privately and was reported to have had a very productive discussion.

Ultimately, if the dialogue and further discussions are progressive the U.N. Security Council may allow it to enrich some level of uranium if Iran agrees to a tightly controlled and monitored process of doing so. If these talks escalate into more negative posturing, severe economic sanctions will be forthcoming and Iran will find itself even more isolated.

Income, Standardized Tests Limit College Hopefuls

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

In today's society, many are wondering whether the system that produces the college student population is structured for their benefit or detriment. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, there has been a 19 percent increase in college enrollment.

In 2006, more than half of black high school graduates went on to pursue post-secondary degrees. Although some of the top institutions today are said to be more accessible, there are still discrepancies within the system that produces college enrollees, particularly black students.

Colleges, just like many large corporations, weigh the per-

formances of students differently depending on their location and family income. An SAT score of 1150 could mean something totally different in San Francisco than in Charlotte, N.C.

According to a recent report published by the College Board, students in families of higher incomes tend to score higher than students in families of lower incomes. With blacks having a poverty rate of 24.7 percent—the highest among Hispanics, whites, and Asians, a system such as this has the potential to place black high school graduates in a lose-lose situation.

Asha Hargrove, a senior finance major from Hartford, Conn., still believes students can maximize their influences and surroundings and utilize their circumstances positively.

"I do believe [scores] are based on your past situations, but some people come from [difficult] environments—so they want to be better than their situations."

In an article done in the Stanford Report, journalist Adam Gorlick reported on how psychologists are now saying that the environment and its influences are the reasons why a black student and a white student with the same SAT score do not have the same level of potential. According to researchers, the black student is more likely to be a better student that possesses more potential.

They say that the performance of blacks is hurt by "the worry that [they] may be perceived as confirming the stereotype that blacks do poorly on intellectual tests, which is often embedded in

standardized testing, causes a broad range of black and Hispanic students to underperform by about 40 points on the SAT."

Howard University's Director of Student Enrollment, Linda Sanders-Hawkins, believes that this situation begins with the exposure the students have. "It's only fair to say that people with more money have more resources than people who don't have money—you being able to test 2 or 3 times and your parents willing to pay for an SAT. If you take it 3 times, your scores are going to improve." Hawkins says that she doesn't believe that students are any less "bright." Opportunities are not given to everyone.

"My friends don't feel a need to apply some places because they feel like they can't afford it anyway. I don't think that [the system] is

necessarily fair," said Melody Richardson, sophomore human development and elementary education major.

FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is a need-based system that allows low-income families to obtain financial help from the federal government. Yet, these funds are dependent on whether or not a student is accepted into a university.

If the College Board statistic is accurate, the odds that a student in a low income family household will score above a student with a higher income are very slim. In affect, this reduces the applicant pool of low-income students who desire to pursue post-secondary education at various institutions.

FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread belief that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

Where's the funny?
Nuclear weapons pose a threat to the entire world. Iranian leaders have said that the suspected weapons are nothing more than energy sources to help with domestic, everyday household chores... rrrrrrrrrrright.

- Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation & World Editor

Find something funny?

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Sports Trivia Answer:

In 1977, the Brooklyn Dodgers made history by having 30 Home Run hits in a single season. The 30 hits came between 4 Dodgers players.

Jordan, Russell Match-up May Become Reality

BY STEPHEN KNOX
Contributing Writer

During his NBA Hall of Fame speech, Michael Jordan took a verbal jab at former basketball player Byron Russell, saying, "To this day if I see Byron Russell in a pair of gym shorts, I'm coming after him."

The line spurred Brandt Anderson, owner of the NBA Development League's Utah Flash, into action.

He has issued a public challenge to Jordan, asking him to face Russell in a one-on-one 15-minute game at halftime of the Flash's season opener. Anderson also put the challenge on the homepage of his team's Web site.

The other catch to the game is a prize. Anderson will donate \$100,000 to the charity of the winner's choice. Senior film major, Cris Thorne, believes that aspect of the challenge is beneficial.

"Charity wise the game will be successful," Thorne said. "Personally, I believe this was thought of a while back and Mike's speech made it legitimate television."

Thorne also believes people

will sit down and watch this game, and he says that he would be in front of a TV screen on Dec. 7 if the event happens.

"I'd watch it for kicks," Thorne said. "In general, people will watch it, it's Michael Jordan and everyone wants to see if he will do something magical. Plus it is an interesting twist to see him play against someone he owned during his career."

Senior pre-physical therapy major, Henry Francis, said he is cautiously optimistic about the game's impact.

"I don't think the game will be that competitive because it's for charity," Francis said. "The only real relevant person in this whole event is Jordan. If he was playing Clyde Drexler or someone recognizable he played against it would be better."

Francis also said the game is not must-see television for him. "If I am in front of a TV, I'll watch it," Francis said. "But I won't be making any plans to make sure I see it."

Some people question the legitimacy of the whole game, but this event is in serious discussion. Drew Sellers, director of communications for the Utah Flash, said there is a

good possibility this game will take place.

"Byron Russell has already committed to play on Dec. 7," Sellers said. "We have also been in talks with Michael Jordan's associates, and while nothing has been confirmed, he is leaning towards playing the game."

Sellers said this event has generated a lot of attention for the Flash, but the main reason behind this is the owner really wants to see the game.

"Anderson says in his challenge he wanted to be front and center if Jordan and Russell ever play one on one," Sellers said. "So he figured why not spearhead the movement himself and hold it at his own arena."

The charity prize for the winner is also a huge part of Anderson's plan. "If we are going to put this major event, Anderson thought we should make it for a good cause," Sellers said.

"Plus Jordan and Russell obviously do very well so no individual prize would make them play. This helps with their public relations also; everyone wins in this scenario."



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia.com

Michael Jordan challenged former NBA player, Byron Russell, to a one-on-one match up in his Hall of Fame speech, which might come to fruition.

SPORTS THROWBACK PHOTO IRS Takes a Jab At Mayweather

BY TYLER DRAGON
Contributing Writer

Boxer Floyd Mayweather stepped back into the ring on Sept. 19, in Las Vegas to beat opponent Juan Manuel Marquez by a unanimous decision.

His prize for the victory was \$10 million; however, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is after Mayweather's money.

The championship boxer reportedly owes the government nearly \$6 million in back taxes.

The IRS threatened to collect this debt from his prize winnings before Mayweather finally agreed to pay the amount owed.

According to Keith Kizer, the executive director for the Nevada Athletic Commission, the IRS sent the commission a charge notification demanding that Mayweather be docked \$5.6 million from his fight earnings.

When asked several questions at his post fight press conference about the IRS and his unpaid taxes, Mayweather denied the allegations and talked about how such reports were bogus.

Known by many as being the best professional boxer boasting a 40-0, 25 Knock Out record, Floyd Mayweather is a very successful athlete.

However, Mayweather is often in the public spotlight with issues related to money instead of boxing.

"His money is like his op-

ponents. First it's in good shape, and then it's hurt," said senior Miracle Monet. Other Howard students agree.

"I love him as a boxer, but he needs to do better with his money," said junior Mamadou M'Baye. "It's surprising. You would think a boxer with his status and personality would have his finances in order."

Few seem to question Mayweather's ability in the ring, but many question his character and his decisions outside of the ring.

"He is a great boxer, but I don't like his personality. He's dumb and cocky. Many athletes from all levels are cocky, but nowhere near his level," said Danny Smith, a D.C. native.

A popular figure in the world of boxing, Mayweather may be losing fans due to his recent tax woes.

"I believe as a citizen, he has a responsibility to pay his taxes, and his failure to do so was irresponsible on his behalf," said Howard alumnus, Quintin Joseph. "Yet he was no more irresponsible than anyone else who neglects to pay his taxes whether it's \$600 or \$6 million."

Fans from all over the nation seem to appreciate Floyd Mayweather's boxing abilities, but not his character.

"As a boxer, he's awesome to watch, but it starts and stops inside the ring. As a person, I'm not impressed with what I've seen," Joseph said.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

Julius Erving, commonly known as Dr. J, was a dominant forward in the NBA. Erving scored more than 30,000 career points and is one of a few Hall of Famers to have his number retired by two NBA teams, the New Jersey Nets and the Philadelphia 76ers.

Sports Trivia!

What baseball team was the first to have four 30-Home Run hitters in a season?

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Where Has All the Music Gone From Television?

Date My Mom. Real Chance of Love. College Hill. Sound familiar? These titles are just a few examples from an endless list of terrible television shows dominating what used to be channels decidedly focused on musical entertainment.

Television networks such as BET, MTV and VH1, have transformed from dependable stations for music and music related entertainment to outlets for raunchy reality shows and other television travesties.

Gone are the days of grabbing the remote in anticipation of a simple block of music videos or musical programming. You're much more likely to come across a scene of a horde of poorly dressed women desperately vying for the attention of a has-been or want-to-be celebrity.

BET originated as a source of music and lifestyle related entertainment for African-

Americans (hence the name Black Entertainment Television), but after Bob Johnson turned over the network and its profits to television giant Viacom in 2000, a subtle difference appeared in

Our View:
Popular television networks should bring back the music to regularly scheduled programming.

the type of programming the network provided. Popular top ten-countdown show, "106 & Park," is virtually the only place you'll find snippets of music videos on BET.

MTV, on the other hand, began as a channel solely devoted to musical programming, with its first months of programming featuring nothing but music.

The network was supposed to feature

nothing but music videos and musical montages 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with blocks of networking hosted by VJs (video jockeys).

Much like the aforementioned networks, VH1 (originally known as Video Hits One) was established in the mid 90s as a more mature alternative side of popular music.

They, much like MTV, boasted exclusive coverage of music videos, concert footage and music related shows, such as "Behind the Music," a series that explored the personal lives of popular music's biggest artists.

Contemporarily, however, VH1, like most other networks, has experienced a shift into the world of trashy reality television, and an emphasis on pop culture related programming.

So where did this shift from uninterrupted and direct music and musical entertainment television come from?

According to regularly scheduled programming on these popular stations, Americans are being fed only the most tacky and pointless television shows. Networks such as BET, MTV and VH1 need to get back to their original missions - and bring the music back.

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Perspective

Right Place, Wrong Act

Walking into the Information Lab at Howard University, you see a variety of students, undergraduate and professional, engaging themselves in a variety of tasks, on computers and among themselves.

As I veer to the south corner of the lab, I cannot help but notice a group of young men and women hovering over an individual computer screen. Curious to see the source of their attention, I lean into a space between two men and see the gruesome beating of Derrion Albert, a 16-year-old teen who was beaten to death while trying to save his friend on their way home from school. The video is ending and everyone present is speechless.

There was sadness on one woman's face, horror on another. The men present all seemed to share an expression of a distant pain as if either they've witnessed or been a victor or victim in such an act.

Speaking with Kwabena Ofori-Ansah, a physical therapy senior from Hyattsville, Md., one of the men present, "To watch that young man be beat to death coming home from school I can't help but wonder where he should've been? It's sad that the only thing we have

to get out of rough neighborhoods is an education and you can face death in pursuit of that."

D.C. Community Counselor Brian Howard sees this kind of behavior on city streets everyday among a majority of young African Americans.

"The case of Derrion Albert is a common thing on inner city streets. It's a problem that needs to be addressed in regards to all races. Maybe now that it's in our face, as Americans we can address the issue of aggression in our young people."

The U.S. Bureau of Justice reports the leading cause of death among black males 16 to 34 is other black males. African Americans make up 13 percent of the country's population and 38 percent of American prisons. The Bureau of Justice also reports one in every 33 black men are in jail compared to 1 in every 205 white men. Howard University Police Office Lt. Brian Jones believes the answer may be the cycle of learned behavior within the inner city. "As a person having lived in a rough neighborhood and as an officer having patrolled rough neighborhoods, there is the mentality kill or be killed that is learned."

As a black man automatically in any given place in the United States you are 50 percent likely to be a victim of murder by another black male. Hearing this statistic, Lt. Jones looks down shaking his head, he pauses, then states, "There was a time in my life I would see people get shot everyday, growing up. As an officer the same thing would happen. So on both sides of the badge I've witnessed my share of black on black violence and each time I can't help but wonder, why?"

Leaving the Information Lab, I spot the group of students who were hovered in the corner leaving. Still stunned from the video she just witnessed Jasmine Morgan, a senior psychology major, commented to her friends, "All too often we see black on black violence and turn a blind eye because it's not affecting us directly. It's sad to know as an African-American woman the pool of potential males for you to meet who are upstanding like the male figures you grow up with in life is steadily declining as we lose our brothers to murder and jail. At this rate how will we maintain our race?"

- Brittney Burford,
senior advertising major

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Monday Oct 5th: "Forever Young" with CPNAHS (College of Pharmacy, Nursing, & Allied Health Sciences) Fitness program Location: The Quad-Wheatley Lounge Attire: Casual Time: 7:14pm

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Wednesday Oct 7th: Meet the Brothers Location: Blackburn Digital Auditorium Attire: Business Time: 7:14pm

Thursday Oct 8th: "Speak Your Mind Pt. 2" Location: TBA Attire: Casual Time: 7:14pm

Friday Oct 9th: "BLU Cheese and Wings with the MAB" Location: Meet at the Tree/ESPN Zone Attire: Casual Time: 6:30pm

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We Rise.

The National Pan Hellenic Council 2009 Week

Friday 10-2-09: An Indestructible Force Location: Blackburn Punch-out Time: 12:00pm

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