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First VPSA Candidate Visits, Talks to Students

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Darnita R. Killian, Ed.D., is the first candidate for Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA) presented to the Howard community. Today the second candidate arrives on campus.

Killian, the current Vice President of Student Affairs at Pace University in New York, is the product of Spelman College (BA) and Clark Atlanta University (MBA). She said her HBCU experience will serve her well if she was offered the position at Howard.

"It would not be a matter of teaching me what an HBCU is like," she said. "I have the experience first-hand and I've had it twice."

Her experience at Spelman allowed her to immediately identify with Corey Briscoe, junior English major, who she saw on the front page of *The Hilltop* from the Sept. 4 protest. She said she saw the picture and thought 25 years from now, Briscoe would probably be VPSA just like her.

Killian said she was a part of the protest at Spelman College 25 years ago. The purpose of the protest was to have an African-American female Spelman president.

Despite her Spelman experience, Killian said she has been trying to get to Howard since her sophomore year at Spelman. She said she applied and was ready to go but due to her family's legacy at Spelman, she decided to follow in their footsteps.

Junior economics major Pierre Whatley said she seemed like a very genuine and knowledgeable person whose previous experience at HBCUs will serve her well at Howard.

"In order to be a good VP at Howard, you must have gone through a HBCU experience. It's one of a kind," Whatley said.

Although Killian identifies with the Historically Black College and University experience, she has worked at majority institutions, such as Emory University in Atlanta and University of San Francisco, which gives her a well-rounded perception of student life.

From Harvard to Howard, everyone is experiencing cutbacks but the impact varies; she said cutbacks are not unique to HBCUs, but the students are. Killian said students at Black institutions are "intellectually intelligent" enough to go anywhere, but many deal with financial restrictions.

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Darnita R. Killian visited HU yesterday. She is the first candidate to come before the student body. She is in the running to become the Vice President of Student Affairs (VPSA). She currently works at Pace University in New York.

Dorm Intruder Situation Causes Changes in HUPD

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

She finally feels safe, but there is much work to be done. After the incident of the intruder trespassing into sophomore biology Manjot Jassal's East Towers suite and taking a shower in her bathroom, an arrest has been made and an investigation is under way.

Howard University Police Department Chief Leroy K. James said the man has been arrested but he was unable to comment in further detail due to the pending investigation.

As for the two HUPD officers letting the intruder out of custody, James said it was a mistake and an investigation has been launched to find out exactly why this happened. He also said he is seeking council to find how to resolve the situation.

James said he is still unsure in what exactly happened, but one of the officers was working overtime for Howard University Hospital (HUH).

"The mistake that these officers made has resulted in re-training for everyone," James said. All

of the HUPD officers must undergo the same training they received when they were hired for a second time.

Howard University Student Association (HUSA) is working with administration to ensure the safety of students in all Howard dormitories.

"After the incident, I was really freaked out at first but my door is fixed so I am fine now," Jassal said. She said that she makes sure both her bedroom door and suite door are locked.

A couple of hours before the intruder entered Jassal's room, he entered HUSA Executive President Bryan Smart's suite in the East Towers.

Smart said the intruder walked into his room around 3 a.m. while he was asleep. "I thought he was one of my suitmates and as he came in further I realized he was someone I didn't know," he said.

When Smart asked the intruder why he was there, he claimed he stayed in the Towers. When he asked a second time, the intruder said Smart invited him.



Last week trespassers were caught in the East Towers.

"I forcefully asked him to leave," he said. "Then he exclaimed that I was rude for inviting him and putting him out so I politely put him out of my room and suite."

According to HUSA Executive Vice President Jerome Joseph, HUSA is working closely with Chief James to better the safety in the dormitories. "He has been very receptive and helpful so far."



Bison Football Team Takes On Morgan State Bears

Tonight the Howard Bison (2-3) football team will be taking on the Morgan State Bears (4-1) at Hughes Stadium in Baltimore, Md. The game will be broadcasted on ESPNU which marks the second time this season the Bison will be on national television.

The Bears currently own a four game winning streak. Their most recent win came against the North Carolina A&T Aggies 7-6 last Saturday.

The Bison are attempting to bounce back after they were defeated by the Hampton Pirates last Saturday.

The game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. The next game for the Bison will be on Oct. 24, 2009 against the North Carolina A&T Aggies for Homecoming.

-Compiled by Deontay Morris, Deputy Managing Editor

Morehouse Institutes Universal Dress Code

BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

Students at Morehouse College woke up to a surprise announcement in the student newspaper, *The Maroon Tiger*, on Tuesday morning.

The college has enforced a strict dress code that all students are required to adhere to, or be subject to disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to denied access to class and other university facilities, and suspension or expulsion.

Morehouse graduate Roderick Griner insists that the dress code is not a new thing, but has instead been in place for many years.

"[The College] simply felt the need to re-publicize its existence amid the new slack standard on campus," Griner said. "When I was a student at Morehouse...I'm only 26 now so this wasn't long ago...men didn't have so much of an issue wearing men's casual clothes."

Morehouse College student, junior computer engineering and

mathematics major Omari Holtz lives off-campus and says that the policy does not really affect him as much as it does other students.

"Of course every time there is a change, there will be a bit of an uproar, but honestly students don't really mind it too much," Holtz said.

Section 9 of the policy addresses gentlemen who choose to dress in women's clothing. "No wearing of clothing associated with women's garb (dresses, tops, tunics, purses, pumps, etc.) on the

Morehouse campus or at College-sponsored events."

"I agree. It's getting kind of ridiculous. I don't agree with students walking around dressed as women at an all-male college. Morehouse has a standard of Black manhood to uphold, and it does nothing for our cause to have students walking around dressed as women," Holtz continued.

Junior business management major Felicia Gordon is happy about the change that Morehouse has made, and is hopeful about its

outcome.

"It is refreshing to see the college taking strides to help restore the image of the Black man in America."

Another section states that students are not allowed to wear pajamas in common areas of the College or College-sponsored events. The policy outlines the fact that students are not allowed to wear do-rags, headbands, hats or any other form of non-religious/cultural head dressing in any College building or formal setting.

HUPD Works to Improve Safety

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

Howard University Campus Police have been working tirelessly to improve the security of campus life, and ensure the safety of the students. Chief of Police Leroy K. James, along with the entire Campus Police force has been working towards taking care of the current security issues that are occurring among the Howard University community.

"The main thing is that we can not let our guard down," James said. "We need to continuously brainstorm ideas to make our students safer in all aspects, but it is up to the community director, the resident assistants and the students

to work with us, too."

Chief James also highlighted that the entire campus police staff is undergoing another round of training on how to undergo arrest procedures in occurrences such ones in prior weeks.

One of the most current issues that has affected students were the recent break-ins that occurred within the individual schools on campus. The schools of Fine Arts and Business, and the Engineering and Architecture buildings have all experienced theft and intrusion since the start of the fall semester.

So far, there have been two arrests made in the Fine Arts break-in, according to Chief James. Campus Police has been working with students within each school to make sure that all concerns are ad-

ressed to create better security for facilities and students alike.

The Dean of the School of Architecture and Campus Police have created a detailed plan to improve the security of the building in "short term" and "long term" plans. Short term plans include cutting off access to the roof, repairing all doors for security after hours and placing guards in specific areas for extra surveillance.

Chief James sees the issues heightening within the buildings because there has been such an improvement with outside, on-campus security.

With the implementation of the "Blue Light" emergency system, strategic placement of various cameras and the recent Howard University Guardian Service, the

criminals have now "moved from outside to inside of the facilities."

According to recent numbers given by HUPD, theft has significantly decreased to 50 percent, with only 23 counts of theft in August of 2009 compared to the 40 percent in August of 2008. Robberies have also decreased within the same range going from 11 in August of 2008 to five in August of 2009.

Kirsten Lewis, a senior print journalism major, says that even though she's never felt unsafe, she feels safer knowing that security measures are in place and is working.

"I actually tested one of the 'Blue Light' systems once while walking on The Yard, and when I got a response, I was pleased."

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James Warren

Coming from Detroit, junior sports management major James Warren learned to hustle and applies those same skills to his life as a student at Howard University.

Warren said Detroit taught him how to grind. He said he pushed himself through the Detroit Public School system.

"We didn't have books for every class, we had to raise money for field trips. We just learned to do things on our own," Warren said.

He first set his eyes on Howard University when his older sister attended HU. Growing up in Detroit, he didn't always hear about Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Warren said he takes his hustler mentality and applies it to everything at Howard, whether it be multitasking or meeting deadlines.

"Don't let anybody stop you from doing what you have to do. Get the job done," he said. "There are no handicaps nothing can stop you."

Aminita Sow

A graduate of Cass Technical High School, junior finance major Aminita Sow came to Howard feeling prepared.

"I went to one of the best public high schools in Detroit; it prepared me," Sow said. "I was equipped with the skills and mindset when I came to Howard."

She said that being from Detroit and her personal background gave her a sense of who she was before she came to college.

Sow also came to Howard with street smarts; she knew that it was not in the best neighborhood.

"I was never that naive as a child and coming from Detroit, I knew how things were or how things could be."

Although Sow said that Detroit is not perfect, she loves to go back home.

"I love home, I don't know if I want to go back after I graduate, but I want to go back and help the community," she said.

Nick Jones

Real, is the word that sophomore finance major Nick Jones used to describe his hometown Chicago.

"Chicago is just real," he said. "You get the ups, the downs, the cold weather and the hot weather. You get the real life experience."

Jones decided to attend Howard because he came from Howard beginnings; both of his parents are graduates of the "Mecca". His decision came after he attended the "Escape To The Mecca" trip hosted by the Chicago People's Union.

As far as the problems that many students experience at Howard, Jones said they weren't unexpected.

"At Howard, you experience a lot of mediocrity; with Drew Hall and the A-Building, but I wasn't surprised when I got here; it was just like another round," he said.

Jones said that he loves the city that he came from and there is no place like Chicago.

TaShay Green

Sophomore biology major TaShay Green was ready for the city life when she came to Howard.

"It was just easy to get adjusted to D.C. because the city life was already present in Chicago; I was used to the different cultures," she said.

A graduate of Whitney Young High School, she also came from a diverse school setting. "I got a taste of a lot of different lifestyles; it is the same at Howard even though we are a majority black institution," she said.

She said that coming from Chicago you get two different worlds.

"You can get a taste of violence and a taste of the good life," Green said.

Unlike some Howard students, she said she came to Howard feeling pretty comfortable with her surroundings because the city life in Chicago isn't all peaches and cream.

"What is there not to love about Chicago. It's clearly called one of the best cities for a reason."

DETROIT

MUSIC: Eminem, Big Sean, Madonna, Aaliyah, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder

FOOD: Coney Island, Lou's Deli, Better Made, Faygo, Vernors

HISTORICAL FACTS: Fox Theatre, Fisher Building, Greektown, Spirit of Detroit

CHICAGO

MUSIC: Kanye West, Avant, Jennifer Hudson, Lupe Fiasco, Chaka Khan, R. Kelly

FOOD: Harold's Chicken, Gino's East, Pizza Puffs, Mild Sauce, Italian Fiesta

HISTORICAL SPOTS: Water Tower, DuSable Museum, Navy Pier

HU Students Get to Meet Potential VP/SA

continued from FRONT, VP/SA

Adding to the finance discussion, Killian said African-American students can go to any institution, which was not a reality when our schools were first created, so we have to have the financial resources to retain the talented.

"We really, quite frankly, have to fight harder for the talented students," she said.

When asked specific questions about how she would

deal with problems at Howard, Killian said that she would have to critically examine the situation and come to a conclusion. She said things must be looked at from every angle before a definite resolution can be drafted.

"When people are not included in a process... very rarely does that work," she said.

Whatley said Killian did lack innovative ideas. He said he was unappreciative of her continued discussion of surveys and analysis

because the same technique has already been employed at Howard unsuccessfully. She already knows the problems, if she is a finalist, he said.

Senior marketing major Patrick Scott asked if she would be able to implement plans instead of continuously discussing them, a problem he said is common at Howard, would she be willing to do it. Killian said that is not usually her approach to immediately "put her foot down." However, she said she

would do it if it became necessary.

Junior political science major Dorian Blythers said, "Based on her experience, I feel like she has the skills necessary to fill this position. I would hope that future candidates that come to interviews come with specific programs and initiatives that they would like to see on Howard's campus."

Whatley said if Killian would have had exact initiatives that coincided with President Sidney A. Ribeau's "Students First Initiative,"

she would have been a hands down, great candidate.

However, Whatley said she has many different experiences that she can bring to the table. Her being a woman is also a plus because in terms on administration Howard is a very male dominated institution, he said.

The next candidate arrives on campus today. Students will be able to meet the person from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Founders Library Browsing Room.

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Poker Challenge Offers Students Big Money

BY GERRON JORDAN
Staff Writer

When not consumed in their books and studies, students find themselves escaping in the excitement of campus organizations and clubs, off-campus jobs and activities or just relaxing with games and movies.

For some students, online poker is exactly the escape needed. It's an escape that allows for strategic and tactical competition.

For the entire month of October, online poker site Absolute Poker is giving college students across the country a chance to win big in a series of online games and events.

Participants will be competing for prizes totaling \$30,000 with a single grand prize of \$10,000 towards tuition in the Absolute Poker College Challenge (APCC).

"This poker tournament is a fun and easy way for college students to compete for an alternative way to pay for tuition," said Absolute Poker Professional and APCC consultant

Matt Vengrin.

"We believe that this program is one of the best ways to create real added value for college students," he said.

The competition has already begun for many, but is just beginning for others.

Students can participate in the tournament which is comprised of daily qualifiers, free-rolls, and buy-ins.

Prices for these games range from 25 cents to \$5.

Participants may also participate in the Weekly Main Event Qualifier which occurs every Sunday at 9 p.m., EST.

The top six winners from the weekly main event qualifiers will be chosen to play for top honors in the 'Player of the Year' competition which is filmed in Los Angeles and broadcast online.

The addition of the \$10,000 for college tuition is new to this year's competition.

The "Player of the Year" will also receive a custom-made APCC ring and the opportunity to have their story told in *Bluff* Magazine, a popular poker magazine.

"As a poor college student,

any chance to win money is worth checking out," said sophomore public relations major Akiera Moore. "In college, money always gets tight, so having this chance helps a bit," she said.

Moore has been playing poker since 10th grade. He used breaks between band practice and classes to learn the tricks of the game.

She loves the idea of online gaming and is excited about possibly participating in the APCC.

"Online poker is great! It allows you to gauge how well you actually are in [a] legitimate competition," she said. "When you're at school, you think you're the best. But online, there is always someone better than you."

Kenneth Burnett, a sophomore business management major has also been playing online poker for a while now and is excited about the APCC.

"I've been playing Texas Hold'em for four years now and it's great because it's just a fun thinking game," said Burnett. "I will definitely be checking [the competition] out," said Burnett,



Alexis K. Barnes - Business & Technology Editor

During October, Absolute Poker is offering a \$10,000 prize to college toward tuition in their newly added college poker challenge.

who was not previously aware of it. can visit www.absolute poker.com/promotions/college-challenge.

The competition is open daily until the end of the month, and the final table competition will be held Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.

For more information on the APCC and to learn more about Absolute Poker, students

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Ward 7 Comes Together to Raise Hunger Awareness

BY MARY GODIE
Contributing Writer

Ward 7 resident Aileen Mivbell is a great-grandmother of five, grandmother of 30, and a mother of 18, 16 of which are still living. On Sunday, for the first time in nearly two years, all of her family members gathered in one place-- her home in south-east D.C.

"I'm overwhelmed," Mivbell said. "I'm happy, and I'm sad for when they leave me."

But some of her family members will not be leaving. Mivbell, a 63-year-old cancer survivor, is raising five of her grandchildren, ranging from a one year old to a 14-year-old. She admits that she was not the best mother, but says that God has granted her the strength to raise her grandchildren, who are without parents.

Tiyana, Mivbell's 14-year-old granddaughter, lost her father to gun violence when she was just two years old.

"I grieve through her because she looks like my son," Mivbell said of her 14-year-old granddaughter. "But it's a blessing that she's under my care so I have a chance to do something different. I don't want her to become a mother at 15. She can't even take care of herself, because I can't even take care of her with my income."

The parents of the other four grandchildren are in the United States Armed Forces, and spend most of the time on overseas assignments.

Mivbell gets her inspiration and strength to raise the five grandchildren from a Grandparents Program Support Group, an advocacy and support organization for grandparents or older relatives who are raising children 18 years or younger.

The organization gives grandparents and kinship caregivers opportunities to share their knowledge, strengths, hopes and resources.

They meet twice a month to encourage each other, exchange information, discuss resources, and share updates. On Saturday, Mivbell and Tiyana joined other Ward 7 residents at the Lobster Bakers Hunger Awareness Campaign breakfast kickoff at Caesar Chavez Public Charter School, Parkside Campus. The Lobster Bakers, a nationwide catering company committed to feeding people sponsored the event.

The Lobster Bakers Hunger Awareness Campaign is an effort to show the community the seriousness of hunger in Ward 7. The Partnership to End Childhood Hunger in the Nation's Capital estimates on its blog that there are more than 35,000 young people living in homes in the District that don't always know where their next meal will come from.

"We lead the city in the number of people that are eligible for food stamps, but actually don't apply," said Julia Irving, community outreach coordinator for D.C.'s Sixth District.

She said that there are 600 residents in the District that go hungry every day. The breakfast event was intended to feed the hungry and to bring greater awareness to hunger in the nation's capital.

"We have a lot of hungry people out here, and we're trying to bring awareness to hunger. When you have hunger, you have so many other problems," Christopher Powell, owner of The Lobster Bakers said.

At the event, held in the school's gymnasium, several booths featured vendors from all over Ward 7 selling everything from watermelons to kiwi berries at discounted prices.

"We try to make it the same price they would spend on a soda or a candy bar," Tanikka Cunningham, a local vendor said. "They can have an apple for .25 cents, instead of at the store where you pay over a dollar for it."



Faraday Okoro - Photography Editor

E Street Cinema offers movies not shown in traditional movie theaters.

New Experiences at E Street Cinema

BY BRITTNEY BREWER
Contributing Writer

Washington, D.C. offers a wide array of attractions; there is everything from national monuments to Smithsonian Museums to various art galleries. Another attraction is the E Street Cinema. It offers different movie selections than other theaters and offers wine and beer as a beverage choice. The concession stand offers caramel pop corn and is equipped with an espresso bar and other movie snacks.

"This movie theater is different because the films aren't playing anywhere else. We only play independent/foreign films, documentaries and special screenings," said Tom Beddow, manager at E Street Cinema.

The theater attracts a diverse group of people from college students to corporate employees.

"I like being in a non-traditional movie theater atmosphere because it attracts a different crowd; by this I mean people who are into films for the art and not just for the entertainment," said junior English major Sarah Brown.

Most of the theaters only sit up to 100 people, which allows for a very intimate setting.

"Watching a movie at E Street Cinema was one of the best movie experiences I've ever had, the small setting really made a difference," said Michaela Clubb,

junior health management major. "It made me feel more comfortable and at ease while watching the movie."

E Street Cinema also gives people a chance to showcase their talent. Every Friday and Saturday, there is a special midnight screening of an older or classic movie, such as Back to the Future or Ghostbusters. Before the movie shows, they allow a short film to showcase in place of movie trailers.

"It's a great opportunity for people to show their work. It's also great exposure and a creative way to get feedback," said Beddow.

"The busiest time for the E Street Cinema is late fall, early winter, right around Oscar time," he continued. That is when Hollywood movies nominated for such award shows are featured, which essentially is the only time the theater might show a movie that is in commercial theatres.

"If you're looking for something new to do and you want it to be a cool and different experience then you should look into E Street Cinema," said Patience Owunwanne, junior physician assistant major. "As college students, it would be very beneficial to watch independent films so as to educate ourselves apart from what's being fed to us by the main stream media."

E Street Cinema is located on E St. and 11th St. near Metro Center.



Photo Courtesy of MildredMuhammad.com

Ex-Wife of D.C. Sniper Speaks Out About Abuse

Mildred Muhammad, ex-wife of D.C. sniper John Allen Muhammad openly discussed the abusive nature of their marriage. In a recent interview, Muhammad said that she lived in fear.

She noticed a change in her husband's personality upon his return from the Gulf War, where he spent three months serving in the Middle East.

"He began coming into the house in the middle of the night standing over me" said Muhammad.

Throughout their 12 year marriage, the domestic abuse continued, even after the couple separated in 1999. Muhammad said she felt like he would kill her and decided to file a restraining order after their breakup. She then relocated to Maryland and didn't see or hear from him since.

John Allen Muhammad has been convicted for the October 2002 death of 10 victims and is scheduled to be executed on November 10.

- Compiled by Genet Lakew, Metro Editor

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Take It From The Top



BY CRYSTAL J. ALLEN
Editor-in-Chief

Appreciation, appreciation. Appreciation.

What once was a word that could be judged by fact, based on outside evidence and observations, is now a word with relative meaning. What, to you, does it mean to appreciate? Deep down inside, many of us may have different answers.

To me, appreciation comes from sincerity. It's the feeling you get when you know you don't necessarily have to have the things you've been given, but you have them anyway. It's the expression of thanks paired with the utmost humility. In short, it's sincere gratitude.

How often do you express sincere gratitude?

More often than not, as college students, we get this feeling as if people owe us something. When we ask for favors, they have to be on our time, when we want them done, how we want them. We go to restaurants and give waiters a hard time - only to short them of the money they deserve on their tips. We call people only when we need them and never ever just to say hello - there has to be an ulterior motive.

Does this illustrate sincere gratitude? Because this certainly illustrates the actions of some of us.

As future leaders of society, it is important that we recognize and understand the difference between toleration and appreciation. We deal with people day to day, but we don't take enough time to actually think about why we're grateful for that person. We tolerate our jobs and internships, but more often than not, we forget why we wanted to be there in the first place.

Too often, we go around without saying thank you. We suck our parents' pockets dry like sponges and get upset when they may not be able to give that little extra. We look at small things as simple "donations," which for some reason don't seem worthy enough to be thankful for.

I thank my Mother all the time for the smallest things, just for being her. Then, I see some of us who bicker with our parents when we don't get our way. No. 1: how old are you? And No. 2: How many other mothers do you have? Fathers? I'll wait.

Look around you. There are people here who are putting themselves through school, people with no parents. Appreciate yours - your sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents. Appreciate your true friends. There is a difference between those who you think are your friends rather than those who you know are your friends - most easily illustrated through Twitter, the relatively new phenomenon that gives people a certain "courage" to speak freely about themselves and others (that's a horse of another color, we'll save that for next week).

Most importantly, appreciate the things you have and the blessings that you've been given. For one, you're here at the Mecca. Appreciate all this history. Appreciate your professors who are diligent and passionate about what they do. And, of course, appreciate yourself because without you - and a higher being, of course - none of this would be possible.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

tweets from some of HU's funnest twits

Alpha chapter sigmas stole the Hampton flag...and promptly gave it back when asked...
#thisiswhywedontrespecturfrat

6:29 PM Oct 10th from Echelon
- Andrew Jones, senior legal communications major (@AndrewBJones)

is LSU and SU beefing or some sh*t? yall hate each other. yall bout as bad as howard & hampton arguing bout who the real HU

9:52 AM Oct 12th from web
-Comedian Lil Duval (@lilduval)

Student Perspective The Double Standard

By Morgan Winbush

Males have very few things to be proud of; sharing it would no longer make it their own. Men were the breadwinners and women stayed home, domesticated. Along came World War II and women were working in factories, just as the men did. They became secretaries and phone operators; slowly the man wasn't the only one "bringing home the bacon." As time progressed women became lawyers, doctors, professors, etc.

At some point, women began doing ALL the things men did. Women started to date freely, as men did and thus, the double standard in dating...

Today, we as women often ask, "why is it that men can have sex with numerous women and it be ok?" If the inverse were to occur, the tables would definitely turn.

In a relationship that is not exclusive (like every Howard relationship), people are not afraid to cast judgment

on both sexes. The guy who simultaneously dates several women is praised and thought of as "the man". He's simply doing his job; playing the game and gaining many lady friends out of it.

The same accolades are not reserved for women who have ties to a few different men. In fact, the response is the polar opposite. She can be called the most degrading names in the book, as she is being promiscuous and "easy." These accusations are certainly not uncommon, even in today's lax dating circles.

I've stumbled across a possible answer; men are insecure.

But, double standards are the result of way more than men just being insecure. So maybe the correct answer is that male insecurity plays an integral part in the double standards of relationships.

A man cannot handle the idea of someone else running in

competition for what they believe to be theirs. So as a result, women cannot engage themselves with another male while she is involved in a courtship or relationship.

Aside from it being wrong, a male disagrees with it solely because he cannot fathom the playing field consisting of more than just him. They believe that if a woman is cheating or, simply has male friends that it's because HE'S lacking in some area and she's looking for someone to fill the void.

Men cannot handle being second, or being hurt. They think if a female is interested in another man, it's because he has something more to offer and in a man's world; you have to be on top of everything including your woman and your relationships.

It's okay for them to have as many female friends, cheat, etc because the competition for attention, affection and love does not directly affect how they feel about themselves.

Messing around with other women feed into the need for a man to feel as if he is needed...the more women who "need" him the more he is solidified as a man possessing the qualities that are "manly" and thusly proving himself to be the leader of the pack when it comes to female dependency. "Is he gay?" "Is he on the DL?" - the more female partners a man has the less likely these labels will be placed on him.

Can we make all men accept that women can "play the field" and play coach to a "team" just as they do? Can we change the mindset that so many men (and sadly even women) have been conditioned to believe?

No, but we can understand that times have progressed and women want just as much ego rubbing as their counterparts. Women look for options when they've encountered humdrum relationships. Face it men, you should never get too comfortable,

Overheard @ The Mecca

Overheard somewhere on campus...

Girl 1: I hope this teacher just gives us a study guide so I can go home...it's so cold outside, my shoes are tipping..

Girl 2: What?! Forget cow tipping!

Overheard one of your fellow Bison say something crazy? Send it to meccanisms@gmail.com!

HU Student Bucket List

A list of things to do before you graduate from Howard by Patrick Scott

o Achieve a 4.0 GPA at least one semester (with 15+ credits).

o Take pictures at CVS on a Friday night at 2am at the hood photo booth with the Bentley backdrop.

o Take a class with Dr. Carr.

o Live off campus at least 1 semester.

o Participate in at least one of your dorms teams for ResFest.

o Catch the Chinatown Bus (not BOLT) to NY for a 3 day weekend and check out Times Square.

o Attend a live GoGo performance by one of the local bands, (UCB, TCB, Backyard Band, etc.).

o Climb to the top of Founders library and etch your name into the clock tower (don't get caught).

o Go to the National Mall and check out the monuments (Go inside the Washington Monument).

o Go check out the different Smithsonian museums and the Library.

o Participate in the intramural sports for all you (tri-athletes).

o Go see a play at Kennedy Center, Lincoln Theatre or our very own Ira Aldridge Theatre.

o Try a Half N Half from Ho Chi, Dandys or [insert random DC carryout here] and argue about who has the best with your friends.

o Eat at Ben's Chili Bowl.

o Get validated.

o Go to a game for every sport at Howard and support each team at least once.

o "Study" with your boo in an academic building after hours.

o Go to a Wizards game in Chinatown for one of the \$10 college nights on a Wednesday.

o Attend every Homecoming event at least once.

o Call your parents and thank them for helping you get to where you are.

o Thank God that you attend the real HU and for blessing you with the opportunity to be here.

20 Questions

- Why did all of the dorms start checking id's after *The Hilltop* did a story on the lack of security?
- Will it be too cold to stunt for Yardfest?
- Ha! Who are we kidding? HU gets fly regardless, right?
- Exactly how much did you spend on new clothes for homecoming?
- Did you buy your ticket to LOVE for Homecoming weekend?
- You know the \$20 tickets are sold out right?
- Should we rename it Homecoming TWEAKend?
- How excited are you for Lil Duval to be at the Comedy Show?
- Does it sound like its going to be the best homecoming in years or what?
- Why does everybody care so much about the skin color of Mr. and Ms. Hampton?
- Aren't there more important things for us to be worried about?
- Who else thought the HU football team's short-lived winning streak was too good to be true?
- Does Hampton realize that they're still just the Institute?
- How many people are still waiting on "the hookup" for homecoming tickets?
- Why doesn't anyone know Derwin Davis' government name?
- Are you going to Black Thursday?
- Have you heard of the Invisible Children in Uganda?
- Are you getting on the bus to go to the Morgan State vs. HU football game?
- Why do people use twitter talk in real conversations now?
- How would HU students act if administration tried to enforce a dress code?

Compiled by The Hilltop Staff



Nicolette McClendon - Cartoonist

Disgraced Journalist Becomes Life Coach

He might have resigned from the *New York Times* after being caught in an unexplainable whirlwind of lies, and may suffer from bipolar disorder, but this disgraced news reporter is confident that he has what it takes to positively impact the lives of others.

Jayson Blair, infamous for his sketchy past as a fraudulent investigative news reporter, has moved on to a controversial new career. He's decided to become a certified life coach.

Blair was hired as a reporter for the *New York Times* in the late '90s, claiming he received a degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park. Although he had attended University of Maryland, and served as editor-in-chief of its daily student publication, *The Diamond Back*, Blair never graduated.

Blair made considerable advancements through the ranks of the newsroom relatively quickly, publishing over six hundred articles on behalf of the national news giant. However, after being confronted about countless incidents of sloppy

reporting and apparent fabrication of information in stories, he resigned from his position, never admitting his transgressions to the paper.

Shortly after his resignation, he released a memoir in which he accused *The Times* of racism, and accredited his re-occurring lapses in judgment to previous drug problems and a struggle with bipolar

substance abuse, depression, bipolar disorder and a host of other serious conditions and situations when Jayson Blair is an individual with a proven and relatively recent track record of scamming everyone around him?

His personal web site features an informative page, listing his favorite charities and causes, several clips from newspaper and magazine publications (no, not *The New York Times*), as well as personal commentary about how his very public fall from grace, which [he feels] has established him as prime material for a career as a life coach.

Has he really turned over a new leaf, and is attempting to help others through experience? Or has he decided on one of the only careers he could logically pursue with such a dirty track record?

The information Blair provides on his site may, or may not serve as a façade to depict him as qualified, altruistic and selfless, but the simple fact is that we undoubtedly question his capacity to coach others on the best way to live their lives.

Our View:

Jayson Blair's unlikely career choice just doesn't seem right.

disorder. He later returned to college to pursue an unrelated degree.

Ironically, for the past two years, the man's been advising people on how to lead fulfilling and positive lives... a bizarre choice of a career for an individual who's name is nationally synonymous with trickery and deception.

Of course, everyone deserves a second chance; people do make mistakes, but should he really be trusted with clients' issues pertaining to their careers,

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