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HOWARD HOMECOMING 2009

Students Rip Cramton's Runway

BY MAYA RHODAN
Staff Writer

With tantalizing style, explicit creativity and transcendent sensuality, the fashion show, "Ballad of the Bizarre", was an inimitable and avant-garde display of the fashion sense and overall artistry of the Howard student body.

The voice of freshman model Ashley Van Heel echoed throughout Cramton Auditorium. "I wonder what I should wear on my first day at Howard," said the curly haired, doe-eyed Van Heel as she stood clad in the most fashion-backward of outfits.

The age-old speculation over first day of school attire marked the beginning of the show that was meant to represent the 4-year fashion journey of the average Howard student.

"In the show, we allegorized the Howard bubble with Louis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland' and the show really represents the progression of Howard students' fashion," said Nelson Gillum, coordinator of the show.

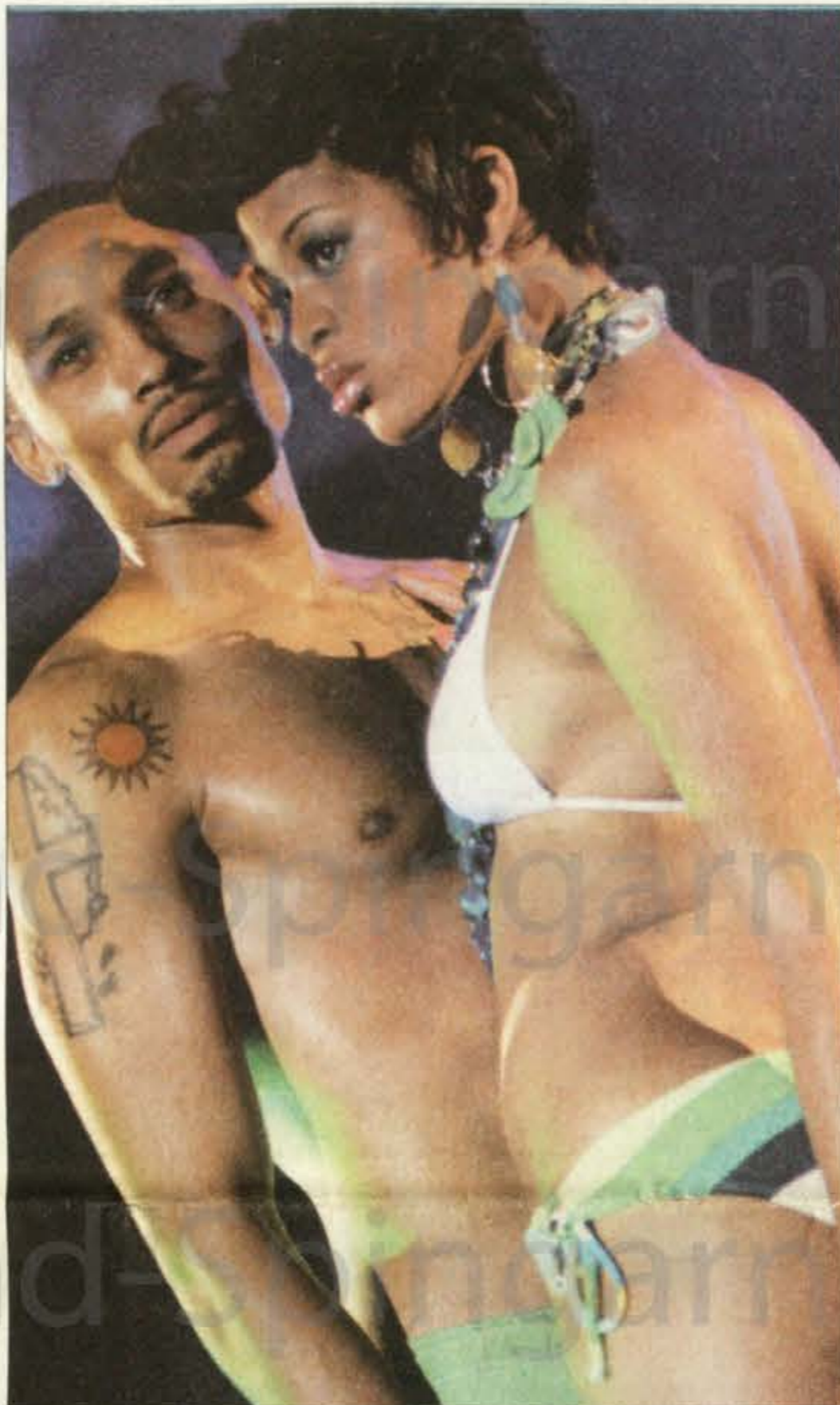
The show started with an elaborate, iridescent and colorful gown by up and coming designer, Karolyne Ashley that captured the attention of the audience and set the tone for bizarre nature of the remainder of the show.

With military precision and the grace of professionals, the spectrum of students modeling in the show put on a performance that exceeded the dramatics of shows of the past, while wearing elaborate and smartly styled numbers from a gamut of designers.

"There was a variety of models that came in all shapes and sizes that really worked the ensembles. The swimsuit scene really made me want to go work out," said Joi Thompson, Howard alumna. "The show was well put together. The choreography was in sync and all together very professional."

Models worked the runway in designs by Demetri, Ox London, Muse by Malero, Karolyne Ashley, Durkl and Parish Nation, relatively unknown designers with daring fashions that accentuated curves and exuded eccentrics.

The show stopping sixth scene of the show, 'Sweet Night-



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Students modeled high-end designs on the runway at the Homecoming fashion show, titled "Ballad of the Bazaar."

mares,' featured pieces of clothing one would never expect to see. Faces were covered, clothing was ripped and male models in tights and leggings strutted down the runway to eerie sounds and eclectic beats.

A breathtakingly abnormal number that featured a petticoat collar and a pair of black leggings on one of the male models was a clear representation of just how bizarre this ballad was willing to get.

The sold-out "Ballad of the Bizarre" drew the crowds because it is the most highly anticipated Homecoming maintained the crowd with its unique take on the ideas and presentation of fashion.



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Local Media Discover Howard's 'Booty Wall,' Outrage Alumni

BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

Howard University students and alumni alike have spoken out in anger against a story published in The Washington City Paper entitled "Who Needs Howard's Homecoming When There's the 'Booty Wall'?"

The story, which was published online on Thursday came following a story published on www.HUReaction.com, a small website started by junior political science major Omari Evans.

Evans, who contends that he wrote his initial post strictly for satirical purposes said that he would not have been upset if the author of the story would have contacted him first.

"Since [The Washington

City Paper] is supposed to be a respectable organization, I do believe that she should have tried to contact me concerning what I wrote before she posted it," Evans said.

The post Evans alludes to is one he made on HU Reaction under the "Bisonpedia" section, a section dedicated to giving a student's insight into the isms of the Mecca. The entry, entitled "Bisonpedia: The Booty Wall," talks about what exactly the Booty Wall is, what purpose it serves, and the Booty Wall through the years.

The post concludes saying, "ALL HOWARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI KNOW ABOUT THE BOOTY WALL...If an alum does not know about the Booty Wall, then you should ask for their diploma."

Howard alumna Pamela Johnson came across the article online, and was one of the many people to respond to the story via online comment boxes. "I was upset," Johnson admitted. "Her whole article was based off of an anonymous blog. She had two Howard graduates tell her that they had never heard of the wall, and she decided to ignore those accounts."

The author of the article in the Washington City Paper, Erika Niedowski, spoke with The Hilltop, saying that she had no angle in writing the article.

"I saw conversations online about 'The Booty Wall,' and I wrote about it," Niedowski said. "[the post] had nothing to do with disparaging Howard's Homecoming."

Provost Candidate Meets, Greets Students

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Howard students had a chance to assess the third and final candidate for Vice President of Student Affairs, Kevin W. Bailey, but few took the opportunity.

Scheduling has become a central issue for the Vice Presidential tours with candidates coming during midterms and Homecoming.

"I feel if it was not during homecoming week, there would have been more students," said Victoria Kirby, graduate public administration student. "You have all these empty chairs, and you are only talking to about ten people."

At any given moment, there were only four Howard students in the room to hear Bailey speak. The first two candidates' tours, which occurred during midterms, were also poorly attended. The Provost tours over the summer when many students had gone home were also poorly attended.

Despite the empty chairs in Founders Library Browsing Room, Bailey gave his reasons for wanting to serve the students as the new Vice President of Student Affairs.

After spending two years as an accountant, Bailey decided to pursue a career in student affairs

and has done so at Tulane, Millersville, Bowling Green State Universities and University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Bailey has been involved in student affairs for more than 20 years.

"I think this is a great time to be at the University. If selected, I will make a great impact on this campus," Bailey said. "I like the way Howard University teaches, educates and prepares students to be leaders in the world."

Like the other candidates, E. Newton Jackson, Jr. and Darnita R. Killian, Bailey said he wanted to create a friendly relationship with the students so that they may feel comfortable speaking openly with him.

"In terms of being visible, town hall meetings will be held for students to interact with me and my staff," Bailey said.

He said town hall meetings will help generate the type of conversations needed to address the demands from the protest before tensions boil over. Bailey said the issues should not have been on paper but "on the table."

Bailey said he will demonstrate his diligence to the commitments of students in ways that gives students assurance that he has their best interests at heart while representing them in the boardroom.



Brien Lipkins-Scott - Staff Photographer

Kevin Bailey is the third and final candidate for Vice Provost of Student Affairs.

Panelist Say It's 'Not About Chris Brown'

BY MILAN ZOE
Staff Writer

The Homecoming Steering Committee sponsored the domestic violence awareness program, "It's Not About Chris Brown," to inform students about the dynamics of "Family Matters" and the devastating impact of domestic violence.

"Beat his a** mama," said domestic abuse survivor Roberta McLeod. She remembers her daughter saying those words to her when she finally took back ownership of her life and knocked her husband out.

McLeod, the director of the Blackburn Center, said she should have gotten out of her relationship the moment he called her out of her name. She said she remembers the insults and the name calling, with phrases such as, "Black B****." It was not until she was dragged down 3 flights of stairs while pregnant that she realized she needed to

get out.

Model Melyssa Ford said she had her moment of clarity when her friends broke down and told her they were afraid, saying, "he's going to kill you if you don't get out."

Ford urged the women on Howard's campus to not be blindsided by men. "It always starts off great," she said. "He was oh so fine, oh so fine, the sex was the best, and he showered me with gifts. I felt like a princess, but after the hitting begins the gifts are few and far between and usually come after a black eye."

Rasheem Rooke said he remembered being a child watching his mother get beat. He urged any female going through domestic violence to get out and get out immediately.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please go to the counseling center located in the CB Powell building.

UnderGrad Transition

Social v. Academic



BY VICTORIA KIRBY
Contributing Columnist

I have a colleague who has always wanted to have the "Howard Experience." He heard about our student activism, organizations, history, legacy, diversity, parties, student life, and influence and decided that he wanted to be a part of it. He was quite disturbed when he arrived at the Mecca to find that he was about one degree too late for many of those experiences.

You see, there's a huge difference between the Howard undergraduate and graduate experience. While pursuing my bachelor's degree, I attended bible studies, evening programs, demonstrations and more. I worked, studied, partied, planned rallies and programs, participated in student government, attended conferences and a whole host of other things.

In pursuit of my first master's degree, my days are filled with a lot less choice and a whole lot more responsibilities. Ninety-five percent of the programs catered towards graduate students are academic.

For those graduate students who came to capture the Howard spirit that they have heard about, they will find themselves disappointed. They will have an experience focused on research. It is a drastic change from undergrad where most people are driven by their social life and not their books. This is why I applaud the current HUSA administration's "Blackout Wednesday," which seeks to bring the academic side of Howard to the undergraduates as well.

There is no reason why we don't have more Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, Truman, and White House scholars. We have the experience, the scholarship, the leadership and the community service. More undergraduates should make academics a priority and more graduate students should participate in student organizations.

I think that many of my colleagues are cheated out of the Howard experience that I have enjoyed over these past four years. Many of them do not even participate in the events and organizations that cater to their academic disciplines, let alone join the undergraduate heavy social, political, and spiritual organizations. I truly believe that all of our Howard experiences would be grander if both segments of our community spent more time together. We graduates would make awesome mentors and tutors for undergraduates and could provide incredible resources and contacts for student organizations. Many of my peers were active in the NAACP, NCNW and religious life at their undergraduate institutions; why stop now?

Student life and activities provide a balanced atmosphere in the life of any college student. At Howard, our student life is extremely dynamic and robust. We have over 300 student organizations and have the opportunity to create more organizations if there is a void in one particular area. I wonder though, how many organizations have at least one graduate or professional student member that is not its graduate assistant.

Want to read more of graduate student Victoria Kirby's columns? Visit thehilltoponline.com and click on "Voices on Campus blog."



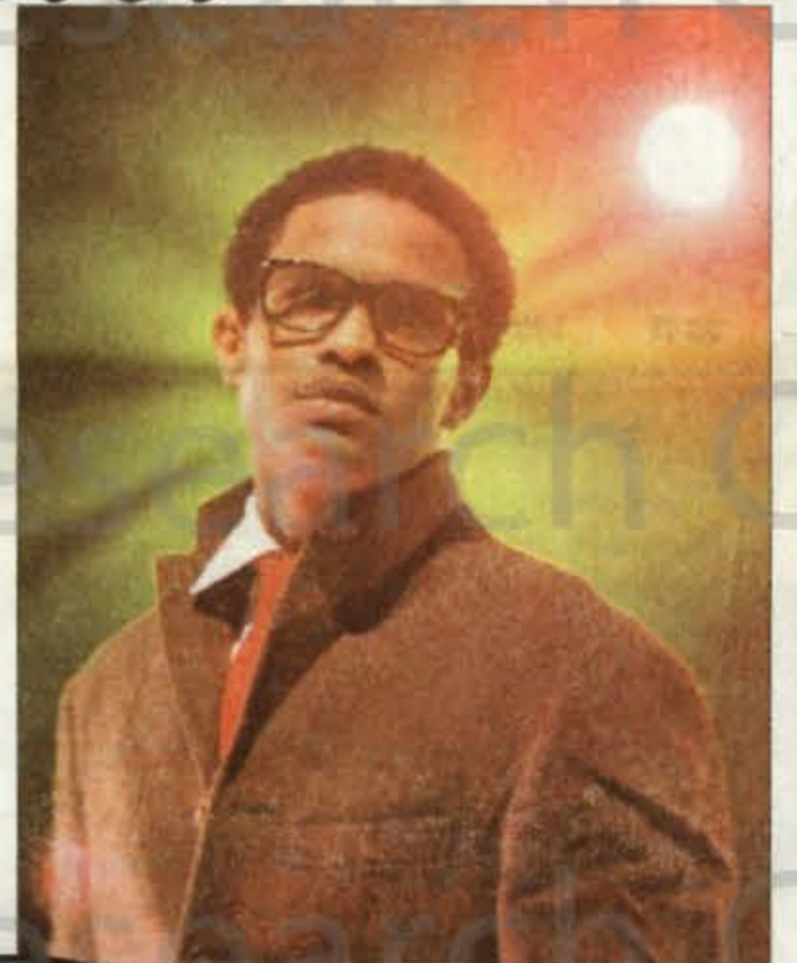
"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. **Fashion is in the sky**, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening" (Coco Chanel) "Fashion is as profound and critical a part of the social life of man as sex, and is made up of the same ambivalent mixture of **irresistible urges and inevitable taboos.**" (Rene Konig) "The only rule is don't be boring and dress cute wherever you go. **Life is too short to blend in.**" (Paris Hilton)



Ballad



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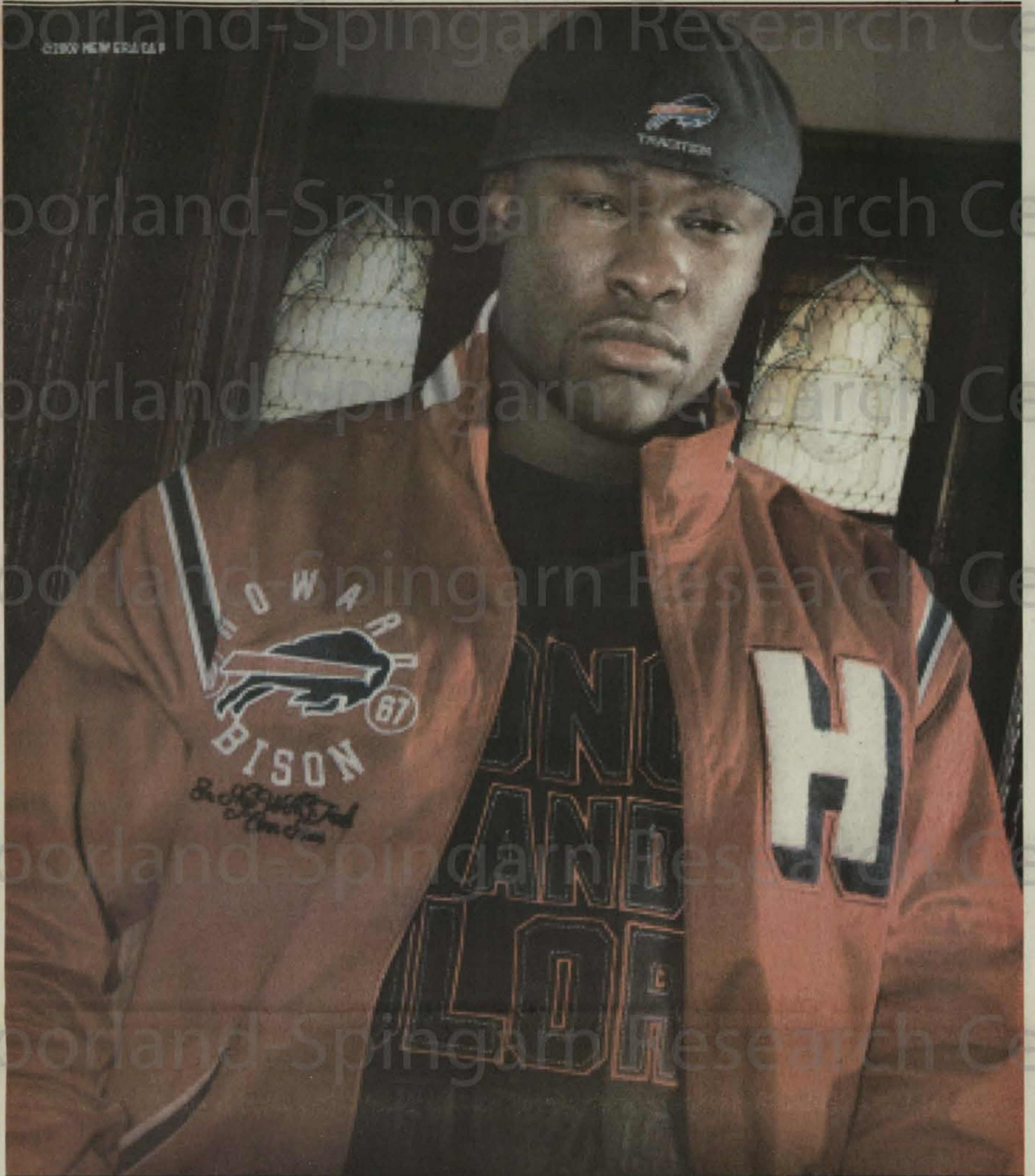


BIZARRE



The look was the daring, full of avant-garde pieces one would never expect to see as the fashion norm. Bare minimum clothing sensually braced the curves of the models that strutted the walkway with exaggerated collars or sleeves and long jackets that cut away at the hips. Diamond, gold and feather gaudy accessories glittered down the runway accentuating the pieces. While every scene changed up the look, the precision, beauty and grace of the models was a consistent delight for the crowd.

"Today, fashion is really about **sensuality**—how a woman feels on the inside. In the '80s women used suits with exaggerated shoulders and waists to make a strong impression. Women are now more comfortable with themselves and their bodies—they **no longer feel the need to hide behind their clothes.**" (Donna Karan) "While clothes may not make the woman, they certainly have a strong effect on her **self-confidence**—which, I believe, does make the woman." (Mary Kate and Ashley) "**I don't do fashion, I am fashion.**" (Coco Chanel)



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WISDOM:HOW TO HAVE
A SAFE
HOMECOMINGBY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

H-O-M-E-C-O-M-I-N-G... It's Homecoming, y'all! And we all know that means there is an increased safety risk this weekend. So here are just a few helpful hints to make sure you are safe during this time of heightened risks:

1.) Travel in groups: I know that sometimes you get tired of waiting for your friends who seem to be on that late people time, but it is important that you realize the importance of walking in larger groups. The risk of you being robbed is greater when you are by yourself than when you are with a group. Unless someone in your group is trying to floss for the masses. Which brings me to my next point...

2.) Dress like you have some sense: I know that this is the weekend to look your best and garner as much attention from the opposite (or same) sex as possible, but realize that people outside Howard University will be looking at you. And these people won't be looking at you so they can "get at you," but so that they can get your belongings. Bringing up another great point...

3.) Carry as little cash as you can: In the unfortunate event that you are robbed, it would behoove you to have as little on you as possible so that you don't end up completely broke.

4.) Don't carry all of your credit/debit cards: Once again let's say, for the sake of argument, that you get robbed. At least the assailant doesn't get away with everything you have to your name: student ID, credit cards, debit cards, license, etc. In short, don't carry your purses and don't carry your wallet with everything in it.

5.) Don't carry your electronics: With the exception of your cell phone (which you should have stored if at all possible), you should not carry your electronics, i.e. laptop, iPod, Zune, etc.

6.) Be aware of your surroundings: Don't be paranoid, but make sure you stay abreast of what is happening around you. The worst thing in the world is to not pay attention, and then all of a sudden (seemingly out of nowhere) to have someone run up on you and get you for what you do have. Sometimes paying attention is all that it takes.

7.) Do not carry all of your tickets with you: That way, if you lose what you do have, you can still gain access to the rest of the Homecoming events that you bought tickets to.

8.) Have a plan: Homecoming is not the weekend for you and your friends to be wandering around the streets of D.C. aimlessly. You need to know when and where you are going to meet, what time you are going, how you are getting there, what time you are leaving and how you are getting back. Remember: Failure to plan is a plan to fail. (Backup plans are also a good idea.)

9.) Don't leave your groups: You may be having fun at your event, but always remember that you should keep a watchful eye on your group and vice versa. People go missing from parties all the time, and you don't want to be one of those people, or know one of those people. Friends don't let friends get kidnapped.

10.) Make sure your phone is charged!!!!!!: Since we have this new technology, it is in our best interest to use it wisely! There is no sense in having your phone with you if it has gone dead and the people you are with cannot contact you (and vice versa) in the event of an emergency.

11.) COOPERATE: IF you are robbed, just give them what you have so they will keep moving. According to the Metro Police Department, more than 95 percent of robberies that end up in violence result from an unwillingness on behalf of the patron.

It may seem like a lot, but I can almost guarantee your safety if you follow these basic tips to enjoying your Homecoming. Happy Homecoming (but don't get robbed!).

White House Calls Out Fox News

Howard experts think Obama's attack is "nonsensical" and could backfire

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

A Howard University political science professor has spoken out in disagreement with the Obama administration's declaration of discontent with the Fox News Network.

Political science and international relations professor John Davis said the controversy should be halted and believed it may be counterproductive.

"I disagree strongly with the way the Obama administration is handling this," Professor Davis said.

After a tumultuous summer of heated debates, angry town halls, tea party protests and even aggressive outbursts against President Barack Obama's proposed legislation, the White House is now taking the offensive against their conservative opponents.

The Obama administration has explicitly gone after Fox News, questioning the organization's legitimacy as a news source and refusing to permit officials within the administration to appear in any interviews.

The situation began the evening of Sept. 9, when Fox did not cover President Obama's speech about health care reform to a joint session of Congress and instead played episodes of "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Glee."

When President Obama made an unprecedented health care push on Sept. 20 by conducting interviews with Sunday talk shows from CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC and Univision, he did not extend the offer to Fox. Later, White House Communications Director Anita Dunn told the media, "Fox News often operates almost as either the research arm or the communications arm of the Republican Party."

As the controversy began to intensify, Glenn Beck, host of the nightly Glenn Beck Program on Fox News Channel, placed a red telephone on the set and invited Dunn to call at any time the pro-

gram made errors or erroneous remarks. Last week, senior vice president of News at Fox, Michael Clemente also came out against the Obama administration, saying they should be focused more on the situation in Afghanistan and policy issues among other things.

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs and White House Chief Of Staff Rahm Emanuel responded to Clemente

the approach of President Obama and suggested other media outlets practice the same strategies.

"He talks about Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, but that is only three hours of the 24 hours Fox is on the air," Cooper said. "CNN has Anderson Cooper and MSNBC has Keith Olbermann, two liberals who share the same view as the White House and are just as biased as the

"Usually when you are looking for accurate news, you flip to either MSNBC or CNN, not Fox News," Graham said. "As for him going after Fox, everyone is entitled to their opinion, but since he's the president anything he says is going to be scrutinized."

Davis knows that the attacks against Obama are nothing new, as they were a regular aspect of the campaigning process and have plagued other presidencies, such as those of former President George W. Bush and Democratic Presidents Clinton and Carter.

However, he views the Obama administration's remarks as "nonsensical" because he knows plenty of Independents and some Democrats who watch Fox and said sometimes Fox News Channel will cover stories that other news media organizations will not.

Davis also said the latest actions by the administration are an affront to their transparency efforts.

Rather than continue to alienate Fox News, Davis wants White House officials to appear on Fox programs to express their agenda and allow Fox to disagree. He also wants the Fox News Channel and the administration to completely discuss all potential false stories currently on-air or that will air, and if there are any, have Fox do so with honesty.

Davis said Fox's evidence must be consistent with information that can be checked not only by the Obama administration and other media organizations, but the American people as well.

Moving forward, Davis said that if these progressive steps are taken, a more productive and less controversial atmosphere between the two entities may arise.

"Don't worry about what they have to say," he said. "You're not there to try to change those views of the conservatives, but at least get out positions of the administration and that's it."



Photo Courtesy: www.huffingtonpost.com

Fox News Corporation runs on the motto "Fair and Balanced," but the White House recently questioned the legitimacy of the network's reporting.

on separate talk shows Sunday, with Emmanuel saying Fox "is not a news organization so much as it has a perspective."

This week, Clemente continued to defend his network against Gibbs who has also continued to classify Fox News as opinion. For the first time, President Obama addressed the issue when he compared Fox News Channel to conservative talk radio in an interview with NBC News Wednesday.

President Obama also stressed that he and his advisors will take the media as it operates, but said the controversy is "not something I'm losing a lot of sleep over."

Brandon Cooper, president of the Howard University College Republicans does not agree with

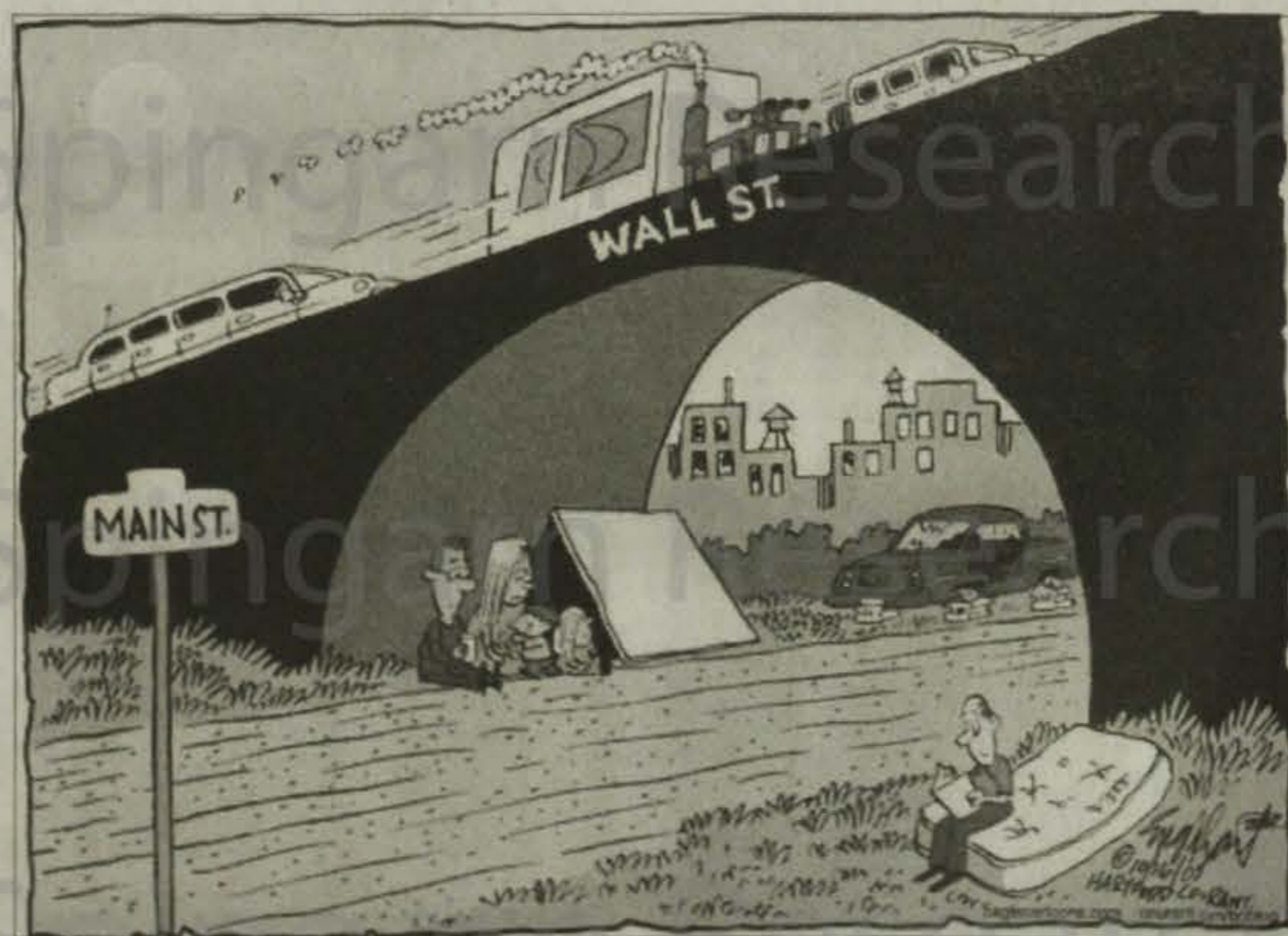
Fox News commentators."

Cooper also said that the only difference is that those two share the same perspective as the Obama administration, but since the Fox News commentators are on the opposite side, he wants to marginalize and attack them.

He also believed Obama is using the issue as a distraction from the health care debate. Noting the divisions within the Democratic Party over reform, Cooper believed this is meant to distract the media while the president organizes his party.

Others on campus welcome the position of the Obama administration. Derrell Graham, a sophomore international business major, believes the president's statements are accurate.

FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread belief that the executives on Wall Street are overpaid and unconcerned with the well-being of the "average" American.

Where's the funny?

Wall Street officials have long been believed to have too much money and too little care about what happens anywhere other than the stock market. The "average" American is now forced to live in reduced conditions, due to the economic downturn. This illustration shows contrasting lives of Wall Street officials and the "average" American.

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

Find something funny?
Submit your Friday Folly to
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Sports Trivia Answer:

The Bison defeated the North Carolina A&T State University Aggies at 2005's Homecoming 16-0 and 2007's Homecoming 35-27

Bison Football Team Prepare for Homecoming Battle Against A&T Aggies

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
Sports Editor

The Bison are set to battle the North Carolina A&T Aggies at Homecoming for the third time in four years and are hoping for a victory on Saturday afternoon.

Students, staff and alumni are all excited about the game between the two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) teams. Coming into this game, the Aggies (4-3 overall and 2-2 in the MEAC) are in fourth place in the division, and the Bison (2-4 overall and 0-3 in the MEAC) are in last place of the division.

There are five games remaining in the season for the Bison and fans are hoping that they make these last five count.

"I just hope they win [Homecoming] this year," junior Cortney Williams said. "I'm most excited to see the Showtime Marching Band and to see if this year is going to end on a good note."

In the previous two games against the Aggies, the Bison came out on top with scores of 16-0 in 2005 and 35-27 in 2007.

A player to look out for on Saturday is Andra Williams. This past week, Williams was named the

MEAC Rookie of the Week for his performance in last Thursday's 14-7 loss to Morgan state in which he rushed for a career-high 91 yards on 27 carries. According to the Howard Sports Information Office, Williams currently leads the team in rushing and has established his career best rushing games in the last three games with yardage of 51, 71 and 91 yards.

Recent Howard graduate, Aria Collins, is not attending the game this

year but admitted that she will miss not being there. "If I were going, I'd be excited for the school spirit such as the Howard 'nalia [paraphernalia], chants and being around my friends, old and new," Collins said. "I'm also looking forward to hearing what the band has in store, tasting the food the vendors have available and just experiencing the all around Homecoming spirit brighten campus."



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Desk
After losing a conference match against Morgan State, the Bison are looking to rebound at Homecoming this weekend.



Photo Courtesy of NCATAggies.com
The Aggies did not play last week as a result of a game that was forfeited by Delaware State, which improved the Aggies' record to 4-3.

Sports Throwback Photo

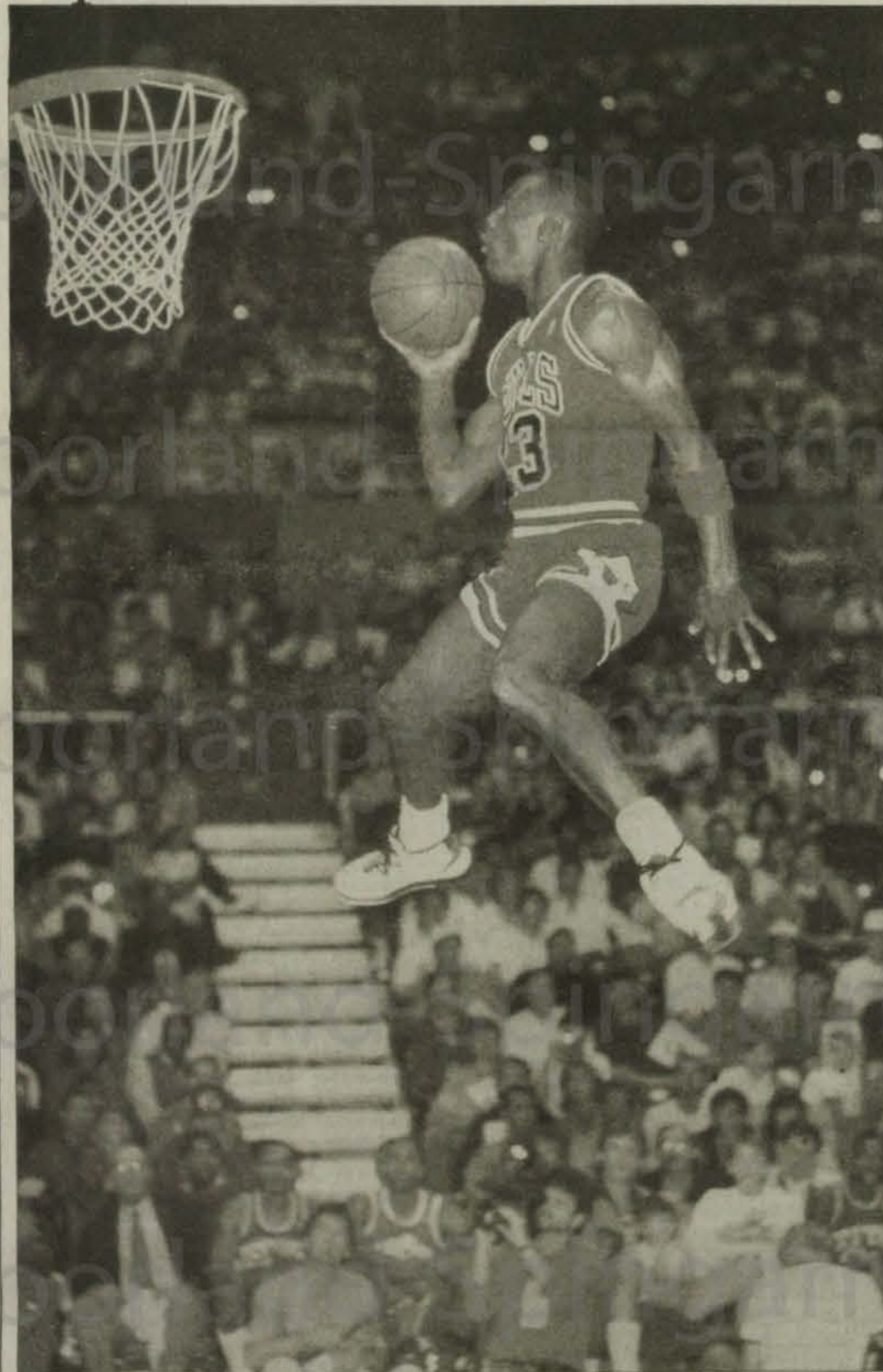


Photo Courtesy of insidehoops.com
NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan, who was often referred to as "Air Jordan," was said to have a vertical leap of 48 inches. Jordan played for the Chicago Bulls for 13 seasons and two seasons for the Washington Wizards.

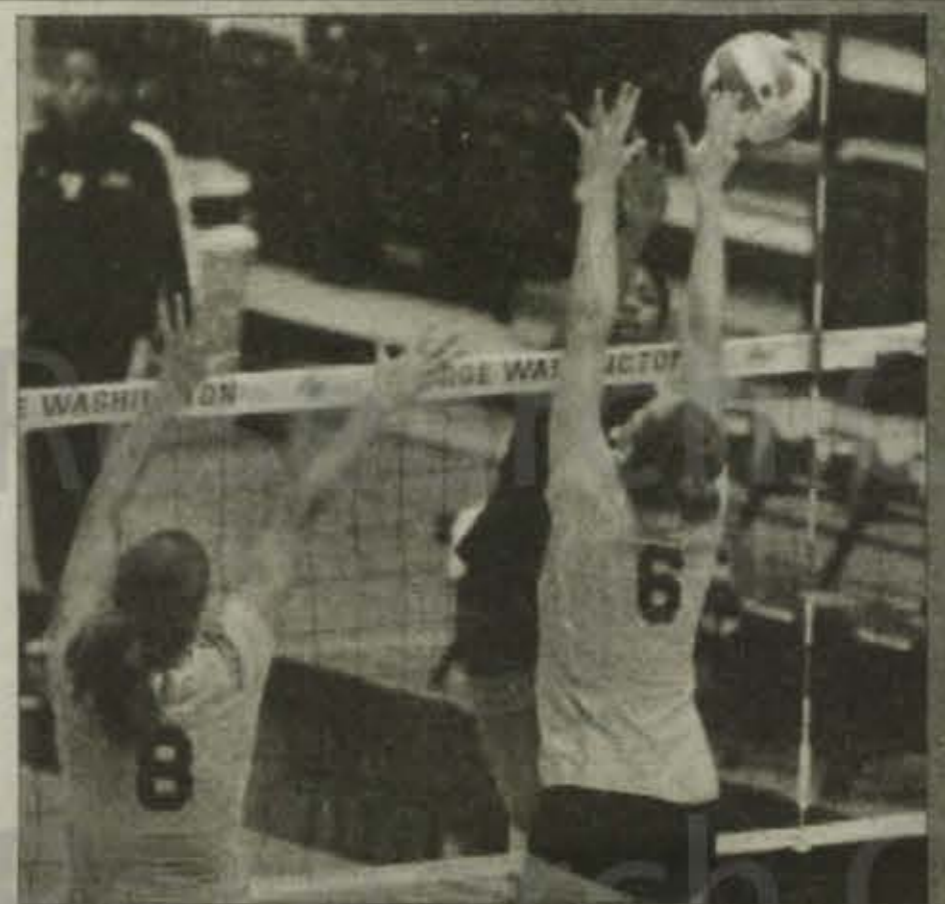


Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Desk

VOLLEYBALL

Howard dropped a 3-0 non-conference decision to George Washington Tuesday evening at the Smith Center.

Gazelle d'Artois paced HU with a team-high eight kills. Nicole Brown had nine digs, a team-high, and Taylor Johnson led all players with a match-high four blocks.

Tosin Elebute chipped in six kills and five digs, and Aisha Ledet dug out seven balls on the defensive end.

The Colonials (17-7) came out slow to begin the match as their first two attacks were blocked by the Lady Bison. Howard led

4-1 before GW tied the set at 4-4. The teams battled to four more ties before the Colonials pulled away from an 8-8 deadlock and scored nine of the next 10 points for a 17-10 advantage.

The second set also was close with five lead changes and six ties, the last coming at 10-10, before George Washington outscored HU 15-6 the rest of the way for the 25-16 win.

Howard (6-22) resumes conference play today against Maryland Eastern Shore. First serve is slated for 7 p.m. at Burr Gymnasium.

—HU Sports Information Office

SOCCER

The Howard men's soccer team allowed one goal each half and managed just four shots in a 2-0 loss to No. 12 Virginia in a non-conference game Tuesday evening.

Will Bates' header gave the hosts a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute. Bates was assisted by Ross LaBeaux and Shawn Barry.

Tony Tchani made it 2-0 nine minutes into the second half with a shot from 18 yards out.

The Bison took two corner kicks against the nationally ranked Cavaliers and held their own against a traditionally strong

program.

"This is a step in the right direction," said Howard Head Coach Michael Lawrence. "This shows we can compete against strong programs. We had a few defensive errors, but the game could have gone either way."

Idriss Sesay took a pair of shots for HU and Claudi St. Louis added a shot on goal.

Howard will look to rebound on Saturday when it travels to Longwood for a conference match up at 3 p.m.

—HU Sports Information Office

Sports Trivia!

In the past four years, what university has the Bison football team defeated twice at Homecoming?

Search The Hilltop for the answer!

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

October 23, 1996

NY Yankees set record by coming back from 6-0 in World Series game to beat the Atlanta Braves and also set record of 7 straight road wins.

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Why aren't alumni giving back to Howard University?

After graduation, many Howard students move on to exciting and profitable lives, making names for themselves in the career paths of their choice. But unfortunately, the majority of these graduated students don't give back to Howard University, their alma mater.

Conversely, other universities (and not only mainly Caucasian universities), seem to have a higher incidence of alumni giving back to their respective colleges and universities.

The Howard Office of Advancement provides the Annual Fund for Howard alumni, where graduates can give monetary gifts to the university, so there is a reliable vehicle for alumni to give back.

So why are graduates of the Mecca neglecting their unwritten obligations as alumni of returning the financial favor to the university that helped prepare them for their fruitful and successful lives?

It may be because

they want to be sure their hard earned money is put toward something specific like a scholarship for a deserving student, a technology upgrade or a building renovation; not some unknown black hole that many think financial donations disappear into.

A big reason why cur-

registration, financial aid and getting purged. It's ridiculous; I can't wait to graduate."

Issues like financial aid rejection and subsequently students having to leave the university for financial reasons, is not only saddening; it's also somewhat preventable.

Ample contributions from alumni can definitely assist in correcting a number of issues on campus, including assistance for students in financial need.

It's pretty disappointing that Howard University alumni as a whole have a terrible reputation when it comes to giving back.

Regardless of the inconvenient and severely annoying situations (registration, dealing with financial aid, etc.) students typically encounter during their time at Howard, we have a responsibility to remember where we came from, and give back to the university, so future students can have it easier than we did.

Our View:
Howard alumni's reputation of giving back to the university is pretty disappointing.

rent students claim they'll give back to Howard after graduation is to combat the issues they're presently being forced to endure as students.

"One day, I'll give back to Howard, in the hopes that future students won't have to deal with the same madness I had to deal with," said Barbara Caldwell, a junior marketing major.

"I.e. worrying about

Perspective

The Real Meaning of Homecoming

In all the madness that is descending upon this campus, known as homecoming, it is easy to forget what the true purpose of homecoming is—money.

If you take a look at all the different people, groups and "organizations" who are going to be profiting off and enjoying this festive occasion without giving a dime back to Howard, it's pretty mind-boggling but, by the same token, all too familiar.

On Friday, I took a walk over to Founders to waste time between classes. While there, I stumbled upon the Howard museum. In the pictures and exhibits in this small room, I saw the richness of this university's tradition and the strength of the shoulders upon which I stand.

I was walking through an American history textbook—anyone who has ever impacted the black world is probably in one of those photographs.

Feeling the weight of the room, I began to ponder some "Howard-isms." The question I kept returning to the same question in my mind. "If Howard has produced the top negroes/coloreds/Afro-Americans/African Americans/blacks/

niggas in the world, if Howard is arguably the preeminent institution of higher learning for African Americans, then why do we continually chump this bastion of black intelligentsia when it comes to writing a check?"

According to a U.S. News and World Report, the top 25 National Universities have an average alumni giving rate of 31.4 percent and the top 17 public universities have a 15.5 percent rate. According to university tenured professors and the provost's office, Howard's alumni giving rate is under 10 percent.

If we want to play with the big boys, we see where the benchmark is. To those who complain about the many "Howard-isms" we encounter regularly, in a few years, you will have your chance to respond and end the cycle.

My favorite professor got fired? Someone didn't write the check. The A-building is empty? Someone didn't write the check. We don't offer that major anymore? Someone didn't write the check.

Some will say that I write a check every semester called tuition. Howard's tuition is very low, despite

what you may think (and, yes, I have been purged) and needs to be reinforced with alumni giving.

I am personally tired of Howard having to do more with less, why not even more with even more?

It is the legacy of the black community to provide for our own education from elementary schools we paid for, on a sharecropper's salary, because the state wouldn't fund it to the colleges and universities that we founded with dirty hands, broken backs, and sharp-eyed grit and determination.

Not only is it up to us to put up as much as we can (seriously, even a dollar a piece); we must also hold the entire Administration Building and Board of Trustees accountable to serve us.

How can you begin to thank Howard for all that has done/is doing? Put the cash on the table to replenish and regenerate it. Let that be our legacy. Let us not be ungrateful. Don't come home empty-handed.

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Correction:

The R&B concert section in yesterday's Homecoming Special Issues Edition was written by copy editor Macy Freeman not staff writer Camille Augustin.

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