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READ HOWARD STUDENTS' REACTIONS TO THE "D.C. SNIPER'S" NOVEMBER 10 EXECUTION DATE.

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A fire engulfed a Campus Police vehicle early Tuesday afternoon. The cause of the fire is unknown but is said to be attributed to a heating device in the vehicle.

Where There is Smoke, There is Fire

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Flames enveloped a parked Howard University Campus Police vehicle outside the wrought iron gates of Howard University causing a commotion.

The fire happened on Sixth Street at the gates to the main campus nearest the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. According to HUPD Chief Leroy K. James, Campus Police Officer Elizabeth

Baltimore phoned the department and reported seeing smoke come out of her vehicle.

Senior legal communications major, Isaiah Adams, said he was in class when everyone started going to the window. "We saw this big fire," he said.

Shortly after the start of the fire, several text messages were disseminated among Howard students.

Adams and his classmates went down to the burning vehicle,

but he said the fire department had already extinguished the fire. The doors and rear of the vehicle were charred from the incident turning from blue to black. The stop sign that is stationed next to the vehicle was mangled and deformed from the heat of the flames. Even after the fire was extinguished, the smell of burnt chemicals lingered in the air for most of the day.

James said the exact cause of the fire is unknown, but may be attributed to the heater system.

Baltimore suffered smoke inhalation and was sent to the Howard University Hospital. She was later released.

Adams said the incident made him "question the level of technology" currently employed by Howard University.

It is "unknown whether this can occur to any other HUPD owned vehicle," James said. "The vehicles receive regular maintenance and are serviced as soon as any problems are reported."

Hampton Basketball Captain Slain on his Birthday

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
& TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Hilltop Staff

A Hampton University student from Tampa, Fla., was shot outside of a Virginia nightclub Saturday night and later died as a result of the gunshot wound.

Senior sports management major, Theo Smalling died Monday night after another man, 21-year-old Dominique Devon Smith, mishandled a firearm and shot Smalling in the abdomen. Smith has been charged with reckless handling of a firearm. Police are awaiting autopsy results.

Smalling was the captain of Hampton's basketball team playing 91 games for the Pirates and making 76 career starts.

"Theo was the model for the term student-athlete," said

Hampton University President William R. Harvey in an article on Hampton's athletic Web site. "He was a terrific student and an all-star athlete. In addition, he was actively involved in a great deal of community service. I and the Hampton University family will truly miss him."

Hampton University junior Chelsea Phillips was also affected.

"I felt really sad because we were so close and it was his birthday," Phillips said.

Kandi Mukole, a forward on the Bison basketball team, was shocked to hear about Smalling's death.

"I was really trying to find out exactly what happened," he said. "Our coach talked about it before practice. I just feel that it was him being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Mukole also expressed how difficult it would be to lose a team captain.

"It's tough that it happened because it's going to have a big impact on the team for the rest of the season," Mukole said. "If you don't have anybody else who wants to step up, it's going to be tough because you need a positive character who's going to have a positive impact on the team."

"This is a devastating loss for our community," said Hampton's men's basketball Head Coach Edward Buck Joyner on Hampton's Web site. "He was a great young man who was an asset to Hampton University on and off the court. Not only was he the cap-

tain and leader of our team, but the backbone of our team. He will be with us in our hearts and minds when we step on the court."



Photo Courtesy of ESPN.com

Hampton University sophomore biology major Kendall Walker said, "I didn't know him personally but had seen him in the cafeteria and the student center. First I was shocked that somebody else got shot because there was a shooting last year and then I was crazed when I heard he died."

A memorial service, which will be open to the public, will be held for Smalling on Thursday at noon in the Hampton University Convocation Center.

Meridian Hill Shootings Cause Concerns of Safety for HU

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Outrage expresses the general sentiment of students after news of the accidental shooting of a fellow Bison spread across campus.

On Sunday, *The Hilltop* reported that a sophomore female student was shot in the leg on Saturday at about 6:20 p.m. while standing near the 1300 block of Euclid Street.

"I feel like it's a damn shame," said Melech Thomas, senior speech and applied communications major. Thomas, who is Mr. Howard University and leads

the "Do You Care?" anti-gun violence campaign, said one of the most telling parts about this crime is that there was little she could do to prevent it; she was not in a dark alley, nor was she alone.

Thomas said it was right after Yardfest, and she was across the street from Meridian Hill Hall.

"We shouldn't have to deal with this," Thomas said.

Junior biology major Kandace Jeter expressed her sentiments saying the situation is sad and unfortunate, especially because hundreds of students marched and petitioned against gun violence in a "Do You Care?" rally on Sept. 17, joining a national movement by

gathering at the flagpole to show the world that Howard cares about ending gun violence, as *The Hilltop* reported.

"It's like 'What the hell?'" Jeter said frustrated. She said it is a local problem more than a university problem. "It happens all the time; students just happen to be involved." As of Oct. 27, D.C. has had 114 reported homicides, according to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

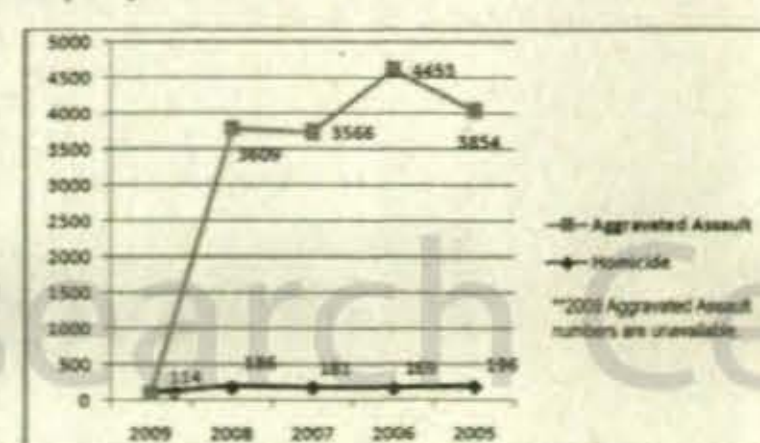
Alysha Lawrence, junior speech language pathology and audiology major, said the situation is terrible and does not understand why security was not tightened during Homecoming. Lawrence

said she was involved in an altercation outside the Howard University Plaza Towers West after the step show on Saturday with several local residents. Lawrence said that although campus police is generally monitoring the exterior of The Towers, "they weren't that night."

Jeter questioned the possibilities of a steady drop in crime levels as for students to ever be completely safe and secure.

Thomas

said there would be a way if the federal government did more than "cheap and weak gun control legislation." He is helping to plan a national march to the White House on Nov. 20.



Homicide and Aggravated Assault incident numbers have varied over the years, according to MPD statistics.

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HU Architecture Students Build Italy on Paper

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"They wanted a course that had a lot more theory than the typical class," said Clay. "Many people think architecture is just about drawing and constructing buildings, but there's a big theoretical part behind it. A lot of this work can't be taught solely through books. It really needs to be experienced, and a travel course greatly enhances the student's knowledge."

Once the class was approved, there was a rigorous application process that resulted in a class of eight architecture students, each committing to raise the funds they would need to travel. Some believe, however, educational experiences like this should be funded by the university.

Tiffany Smith, vice president of architecture for CEACS Student Council and fourth year architecture major, said "in order for these trips to happen, they need exposure and they also need more financial backing. This trip was about learning, not just fun, and there must be a way for the university to help with the cost."

When students were given the opportunity to decide on a place to study, Italy, Greece, Spain and Turkey were all options, but fourth-year student DeLaine Anderson said they decided on Italy because "it has the richest architecture and the oldest buildings still intact." Each student was assigned a city of focus: Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Naples, Vienna, Pisa and

Milan. "I developed a proposal in which the students delved into one specific subject area and completed drawings and research," said Clay. Students studied everything from tourist destinations to the cultural aspects of the cities, and, of course,

stumbled upon the gold of Italian architecture- The Leaning Tower of Pisa- and almost missed it. "We didn't even realize how close we were to the tower. We were walking down this very narrow street and it opened up to the plaza, and then

years because of a poorly laid foundation. In 2008, reconstruction of the building lead to its stabilization, a first in the tower's long history, the building was stabilized. The students said they fully understood and appreciated the tower's beauty,

He said his research helped him conclude that the Romans loved to party. "When I studied the Coliseum, I discovered it was built for social experiences and gatherings. From this study, I understood the culture of the people and how they engaged in entertainment. They lived for it," Humphrey said.

Humphrey said that even though Italy is a foreign country so far removed, its architecture is related to Washington, D.C. because many of the federal buildings here are Roman if they're not Greek.

"From a teacher's perspective," said Clay, "this entire experience was especially rewarding, because I witnessed the students become completely enamored with the individual buildings they studied for months and then saw in person. They initiated the course, raised the money to travel, and got up early and stayed up late to do this project over their spring break. It was a real lesson in what you can accomplish with dedication."

For Aaron Humphrey, the most valuable lesson was affirmation. "Doing this study really helped me focus on my major and realize how much I want to do architecture," he said, explaining that even though he's "always locked in the School of Architecture building doing drawings," when he gets out and explores, his view on the world is enhanced. "Architecture pretty much encompasses everything we do, because it's not just about buildings, it's about living."



Eight architecture students and professor Curtis Clay visited Italy this summer, where they learned the history of the country and saw sights like the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Photo Courtesy of Aaron Humphrey

architectural structures.

When they meandered down quaint side streets taking in the sights and sounds of people sitting and at sidewalk cafes, they

it just appeared in front of us. We froze in unison," Humphrey said. The students were overwhelmed by the tower, which has subtly swayed from side to side for hundreds of

visually and structurally.

Each student acted as a tour guide when the group got to the city they studied. Humphrey was assigned the ancient ruins in Rome.



Photo Courtesy Omari Evans

HU Reaction was recently featured in *The Hilltop* for the controversial article written by the Washington City Paper, titled 'Who Needs Howard's Homecoming When There's The Booty Wall?' which was written based on a post published on the HU reaction Web site.

Student Site Aims to 'Keep It Real'

BY SABRINA MICHELLE CIRE
Contributing Writer

With current flyers reading "Welcome to the Underground," HUreaction.com has changed the name of the game by diversifying Howard's media coverage.

Former *Hilltop* staff writer Omari Evans created the site to show what really happens at Howard University without censorship and direct University funding. The purpose of the newest source of Howard news is to reveal the "behind the scenes" truth and opinions of students.

"I founded HU Reaction to ensure that the voices and opinions of students can be heard or represented no matter who tries to censor them," Editor-In-Chief Evans said.

According to the junior political science major, the idea for the site was conceived during the summer of 2008. After the idea was fleshed out, the web site launched in July 2009 and now receives hundreds of hits a day. With eight people on staff, the site already has videos of the protest, guilty confessions written by students and the "Bisonpedia," which

gives a satirical definition of Howard monuments such as the "Booty Wall" and the Yard.

The site also contains a blog by columnist Kali Clark, freshman economics major, which showcases students' opinions on politics, current events on campus, residence life, and current administrative issues.

"I intend not only to bring the current student population together through a platform of discussion, but to go out into the neighborhood surrounding Howard University and create an in-depth video blog on the safety issues affecting students on and off campus in conjunction with nearby residents to expel the stigma of 'bourgeoisie' concepts they attach us to," Clark said.

Evans wanted to create a name outside of *The Hilltop* that he could mold to focus on issues that might be too controversial in nature or take longer to get to print.

Cofounder and visual editor of HU Reaction Vincent James said he readily accepted the challenge to join the management team and assist Evans with the visual aesthetics of the web site.

"I believed in the vision

Omari presented to me. This is a unique site with a 'keep it real' viewpoint that most students are looking for and have not been able to find," James said.

Evans said the group decided not to seek recognition as an official Howard University organization but to remain objectively behind the scenes.

"We provide the unfiltered truth through viral videos and publications on our web site. One of our long-term goals is to eventually become something like the HuffingtonPost.com for Howard students."

The process is underway to make that dream a reality for HUreaction.com. Clark agreed to merge her self-created web site with HU Reaction in February 2009. Evans said he intends to keep incorporating student blogs into his web site.

Evans also wants to add sections for poetry, short stories, and rap lyrics. There will also be a section reviewing parties.

The site intends to keep expanding. With a link on *The HilltopOnline.com*, HU Reaction continues to draw new readers.

"Those that don't
got it can't show
it. Those that got
it, can't hide it"

- Zora Neale Hurston

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Spring 2010

Bison Web, 9am to Midnight

Monday, November 2nd – Friday, November 13th

DAY	DATE	CLASSIFICATION*
Monday	November 2	Senior
Tuesday	November 3	Junior, 3 rd Year Law, LLM
Wednesday	November 4	Sophomore, Unclassified, 2 nd Year Law
Thursday	November 5	Freshman, 1 st Year Law
Friday	November 6	Graduate
Saturday	November 7	All Students
Sunday	November 8	All Students
Monday	November 9	All Students
Tuesday	November 10	All Students
Wednesday	November 11	All Students
Thursday	November 12	All Students
Friday	November 13	All Students

*If you are not sure of your official classification, please review your status on BISON Web.

- ◆ Students are required to meet with their academic advisors for discussion and approval of proposed course selections before using BISON Web.
- ◆ Alternate PINs may be required for some students. Please check BISON Web.
- ◆ Alternate PINs are required for all students in the College of Arts & Sciences with 75 or more credit hours.
- ◆ Alternate PINs are required for all students in the Division of Fine Arts regardless of classification.
- ◆ Students should print their schedules from the Web.
- ◆ Prospective December Graduates are not eligible to register during General Registration.
- ◆ First deferred payment for Spring 2010 is due Monday December 14, 2009.
- ◆ Friday November 20: Last Day to complete a Total Withdrawal from the University & Last Day to Withdraw from a course (Fall 2009 Semester).

A Shorts Story: The Transition From Tight to Baggy

BY ASHLEY MASON-GREENE
Contributing Writer

While Nike spent millions of dollars encouraging America's young athletes to "Be Like Mike," a transition was quickly occurring in athletic wear that would change the National Basketball Association (NBA) forever.

There are two versions of the story, but both point to the former Chicago Bulls and Washington Wizards basketball star, Michael Jordan. One account claims that the Chicago Bulls' equipment manager forgot to pack Jordan's shorts while going to a Detroit game in the late 1980s.

Jordan wore a pair of shorts which belonged to fellow teammate, Bill Cartwright, since he didn't have his own. The problem was that Cartwright was seven inches taller than Jordan, but Jordan liked the look and stayed with it.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel tells a different narrative in their February 2008 issue.

According to them, Jordan actually requested that the manufacturer of the Chicago Bulls' uniforms make the shorts longer so that he could have

something to grab on to when bending over to catch his breath after running up and down the basketball court. Either way, Jordan's decision made a lasting impression and spread not only to the entire NBA, but molded into American culture as well.

Years later, the University of Michigan's Fab Five basket-

"The change most likely occurred as a result of style and the fact that people are bigger now as far as muscles and body structure."

- Dana Smith, basketball player

ball starting players—Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Juwan Howard, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson were scrutinized and punished for their display of urban style baggy shorts. This was included in one of the paper's issue.

Today, it is evident that the NBA has accepted the street style that it once turned away, and the long, baggy shorts have stayed, which basketball players now don't mind at all.

"Longer shorts are more comfortable," avid basketball player and senior marketing major Marcus Craddock said. "They have more space and that's what makes them better."

Dana Smith, starting basketball player for Longwood University and native resident of Woodbridge, Va. agrees with Craddock. "I think the length of shorts now is better than back in the day just off of pure comfort."

Smith seems to think that the change in short length has occurred for a different reason. "The change most likely occurred as a result of style and the fact that people are bigger now as far as muscles and body structure," he said. "I don't think that the shorter shorts were effective at all. I don't think either one [long or short] has any kind of advantage."

Basketball shorts have made a quick transition from the basketball court to the streets and are now the stylishly acceptable equivalent to sweat pants. On any given day, young men and women can be seen walking around, casually wearing them, most likely seeking a comfortable, quick look.



Photo Courtesy of LA Public Library

Basketball uniforms such as the one worn by former Howard University Professor Ralph Bunche (above) have been changed to a more baggy style which some players are more comfortable wearing. This tradition may have started with basketball icon Michael Jordan.

BISON BRIEFS

Volleyball

Howard blanked Coppin State, 3-0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-15) and completed a season-sweep of the Eagles Sunday afternoon at Burr Gymnasium. HU improves to 3-3 in league action while CSU dropped to 0-6.

The Bison held the Eagle offense to a 0.49 hitting percentage (22-18-81) while Howard hit .361 (36-10-72) from the floor.

Gazelle d'Artois registered 12 kills, eight assists, five digs and two blocks for HU and Tosin Elebute added nine kills while hitting .615 (9-1-13).

The Lady Bison served up 12 aces against the Lady Eagles and Aisha Ledet led the way with a career-high seven.

Nicole Brown tied the game-high with 12 digs and Jasmine King had a match-best 21 assists.

Keri Partridge led all players with five block assists as Howard held a 14-6 advantage in total blocks.

Howard is off for five days before hosting Morgan State on Friday at 7 p.m.

Soccer

The Howard women's soccer team surrendered two unanswered goals and fell 2-0 in a trip to Great West foe NJIT on Sunday.

Howard falls to 3-8-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the Great West, while NJIT moves to 7-6-1 overall and 4-1-1 in the conference.

The Lady Bison finish their two-match home swing with league games against Longwood (Tuesday, 7 p.m.) and South Carolina State (Friday, 4 p.m.) this week.

Three-time Great West Defensive Player of the Week Chanel Bell made four saves on the Highlanders' six shots on goal, while Sadie Mele turned away four of the HU's attempts.



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

The Lady Bison soccer team were defeated Sunday and are looking forward to their game against South Carolina State Friday.

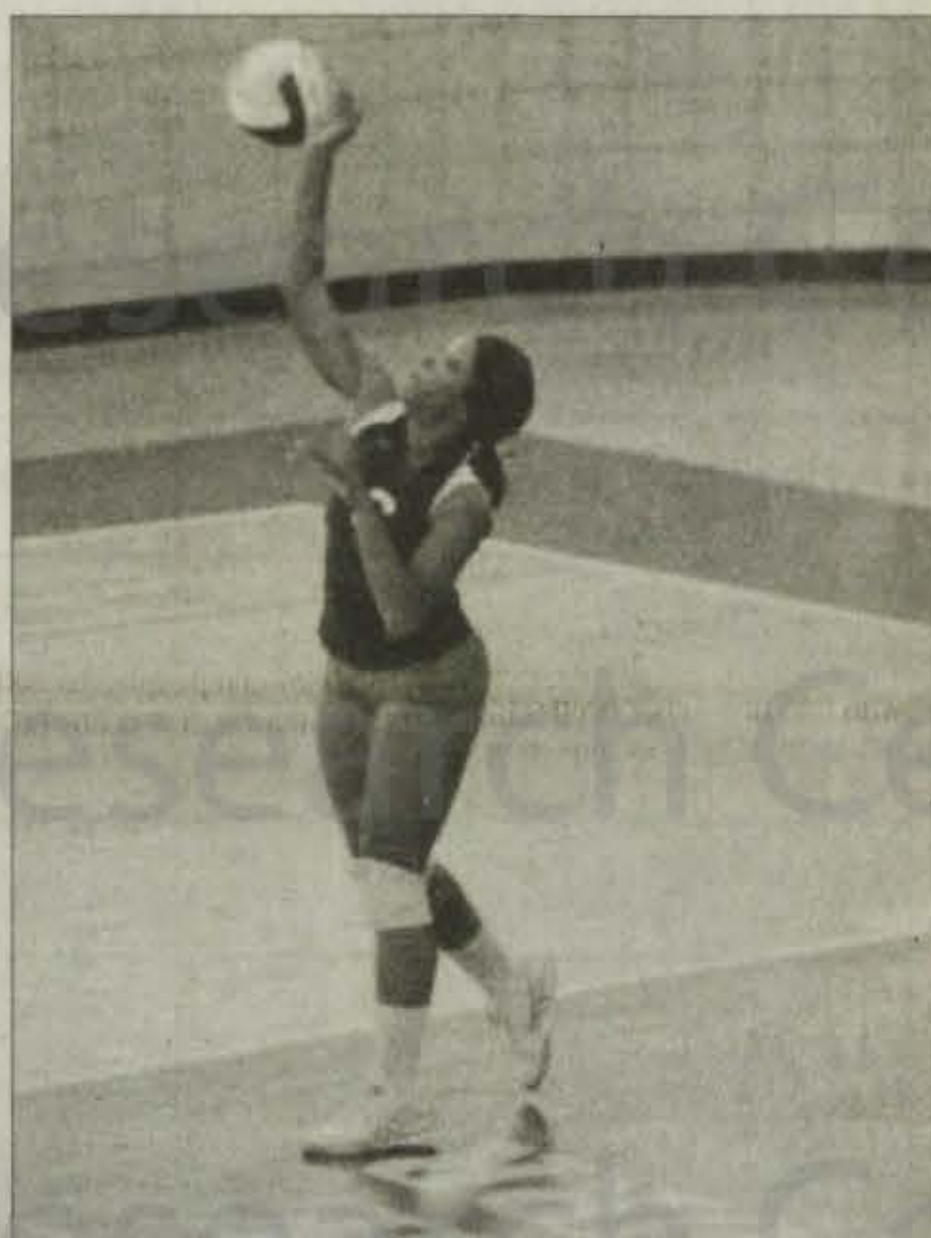


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A Lady Bison volleyball player serves the ball during a game.

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Sports Trivia!

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New Microsoft Windows System Hits Computers

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

While Howard University students were preoccupied with the climax of Homecoming, the major news in the business and tech industries was the final release of Windows 7. Windows 7 is the most significant upgrade to Microsoft's operating system (OS) since the launch of Windows Vista and is widely held as a solid competitor to others, such as Apple's Snow Leopard.

"Windows 7 is probably Microsoft's best operating system," said former Professor Joseph I. Gill of the Howard University Department of Systems and Computer Science.

The professor underlined the fact that Windows 7 is mainly a "polished version" of Windows Vista. Vista, which launched in December 2006, was quickly plagued with issues such as annoying security features, draining laptop battery life, sub par gaming performance, slow speed and high pricing. Problems with Vista pushed many consumers to switch to Apple's operating systems or to hold off upgrading and stick with Windows XP. Windows 7, which is now on sale, aims to not just fix Vista's problems, but also place the operating system back at the forefront of the market.

With the new OS, Microsoft increased its speed and power management, eased its backup capabilities, increased its compatibility and wireless connectivity and enhanced its overall look and feel with a redesigned taskbar and new programs such as Internet Explorer 8 and Microsoft Office 2010. Windows 7 is also designed to be a solid platform for future advancements in the areas of touch screens, cloud applica-

tions and mobile computing.

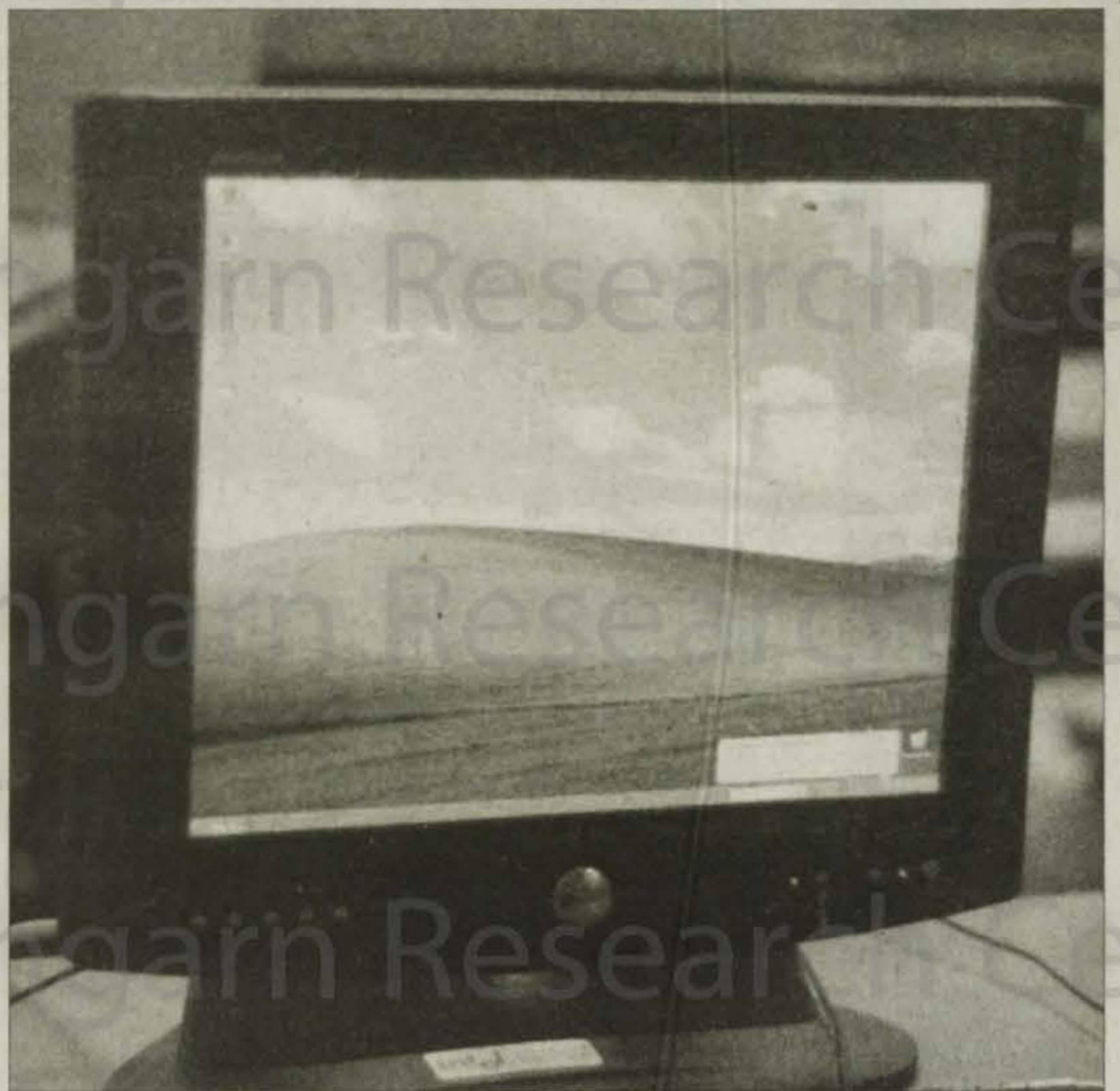
New features such as HomeGroup and PlayTo allows users to share files, printers, music, videos and photos with other PCs and even devices such as an Xbox 360 console. Meanwhile, Windows Touch gives the platform the ability to utilize multitouch keyboards and even touch desktop and laptop screens.

In a move to compete with Google's Chrome OS for netbooks and Android for mobile phones, Windows 7 has been structurally perfected for areas outside of typical desktops and laptops.

Rotimi Iziduh, senior computer science major, has already upgraded to Windows 7. "I think it's great, it's elegant," Iziduh said. The computer science major recognizes that in the time since Windows Vista, Microsoft has had plenty of time to polish the operating system and believes it has put the company back on the map in this regard. Iziduh acknowledged Windows 7's netbook support and functionality and recommends that students still running Windows XP should upgrade soon.

Despite competitive pricing, great reviews and intense marketing, some users have seen their computers crash shortly after upgrading. A small number of customers who purchased the Windows 7 upgrade through a \$29.99 offer to college students have reported crashing and other challenges in the installation process.

In a statement released to *The Hilltop*, a Microsoft spokesman said these issues are largely due to students who are running and existing 32-bit version of Windows and ordered at 64-bit upgrade without having created a bootable installation disk or utilizing back up media. The software giant encourages stu-



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Windows 7 may offer users greater functionality. One reason behind its creation was to fix problems associated with Windows Vista. This upgrade includes new features and can be downloaded online.

dents to purchase a back up DVD or cancel their order and reorder a 32-bit version of Windows 7.

According to the spokesman, Microsoft is currently working to provide an ISO to allow customers to download the 64-bit version regardless of whether they run 32 or 64-bit versions of Windows XP or

Windows Vista.

Neither Iziduh nor Professor Gill have heard about these issues personally and continued to stress the point that people should still upgrade. Gill thinks Howard University's administration will undertake an evaluation process before it decides to upgrade its comput-

ing systems campus wide, but says students and PC users should not hesitate.

"Everything you use in Windows 7 is a little better than you use in Vista," Gill said. "The overall experience is probably the best thing about it."

Students React to 'Beltway Sniper' Execution

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

The Hilltop reported on Sept. 17 that John Allen Muhammed, who had previously been sentenced to death by lethal injection, had been given an execution date of Nov. 10. Since that time, *The Hilltop* has received a series of reactions from students at Howard University.

"I feel like he deserved it," said sophomore accounting major Titiana Lambert in reaction to the Nov. 10 execution date set for John Allen Muhammed, or the "Beltway Sniper" as he has become known.

It was recently announced that the convicted Washington D.C. sniper will die by lethal injection on Nov. 10 of this year. According to Virginia state officials, Muhammed refused to choose between electrocution and lethal injection. Under Virginia state law, if a method is not chosen, lethal injection is chosen as the default method.

Muhammad is known for his connection to the string of sniper shootings in 2002, resulting in the deaths of 10 people and injuries of more than three additional people. In 2004, Muhammad was officially convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death for the murder of Dean Harold Meyers, among other charges. Meyers, who was 53 years old at the time, was shot in the head in Manassas, Va. while at a local gas station.

Muhammad is reportedly planning to file an appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. His last appeal was rejected by a federal appellate court. The state of Virginia is known to have a very speedy

process when it comes to executing inmates.

"I'm not really for the death penalty, but at the same time I understand people not wanting him to live..."
-Imoni Hampton,
senior political science



Photo Courtesy of Prince George's Police Department
John Allen Muhammed, or the "Beltway Sniper," as he is, known is pictured above in his mug shot after being apprehended.

According to the Winchester Star, a local Virginia newspaper, some residents of Virginia even believe that the system is faulty.

"The process is very bad ... if you actually get sentenced to death, it's very difficult to change that sentence regardless of the evidence," said Beth Panilaitis, executive director of the Charlottesville-based "Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty," in an article by the Winchester Star.

A campus police official recalls the sniper shootings, saying that whether the Virginia judicial system is faulty or not, he deserved the sentence.

"He reap what he sow. He had no business trying to represent his self when he first got caught anyway. He held this whole place

hostage and he was serious."

When Muhammad first went on trial for the murder of Meyers, he opted out of legal representation and decided to represent his self but soon after, switched back.

School of Business Administrative Assistant Wanda Craig recalls the events and says that she was just starting at Howard University when the sniper attacks began. "I remember we never suspected it to be a black man with this young boy—he deserves worse—He indiscriminately killed all those people and dragged that young boy into it. That boy's life is gone."

Muhammad's accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, was 17 at the time of the attacks. He was tried in Virginia as well and is currently serving a life sentence without parole.

"For you to walk around pointlessly and take the lives of innocent people—you deserve to have your life taken—deuces," Lambert said.

"I don't believe in the death penalty...I feel like keeping someone in jail - solitary confinement - could work just as well."
-Tolani Ishola,
1st year pharmacy

"If anyone does deserve it, it's him. He wanted to kill his wife so he killed other people..."
-Brandon Cooper,
senior, French &
political science

Sports Trivia Answer:

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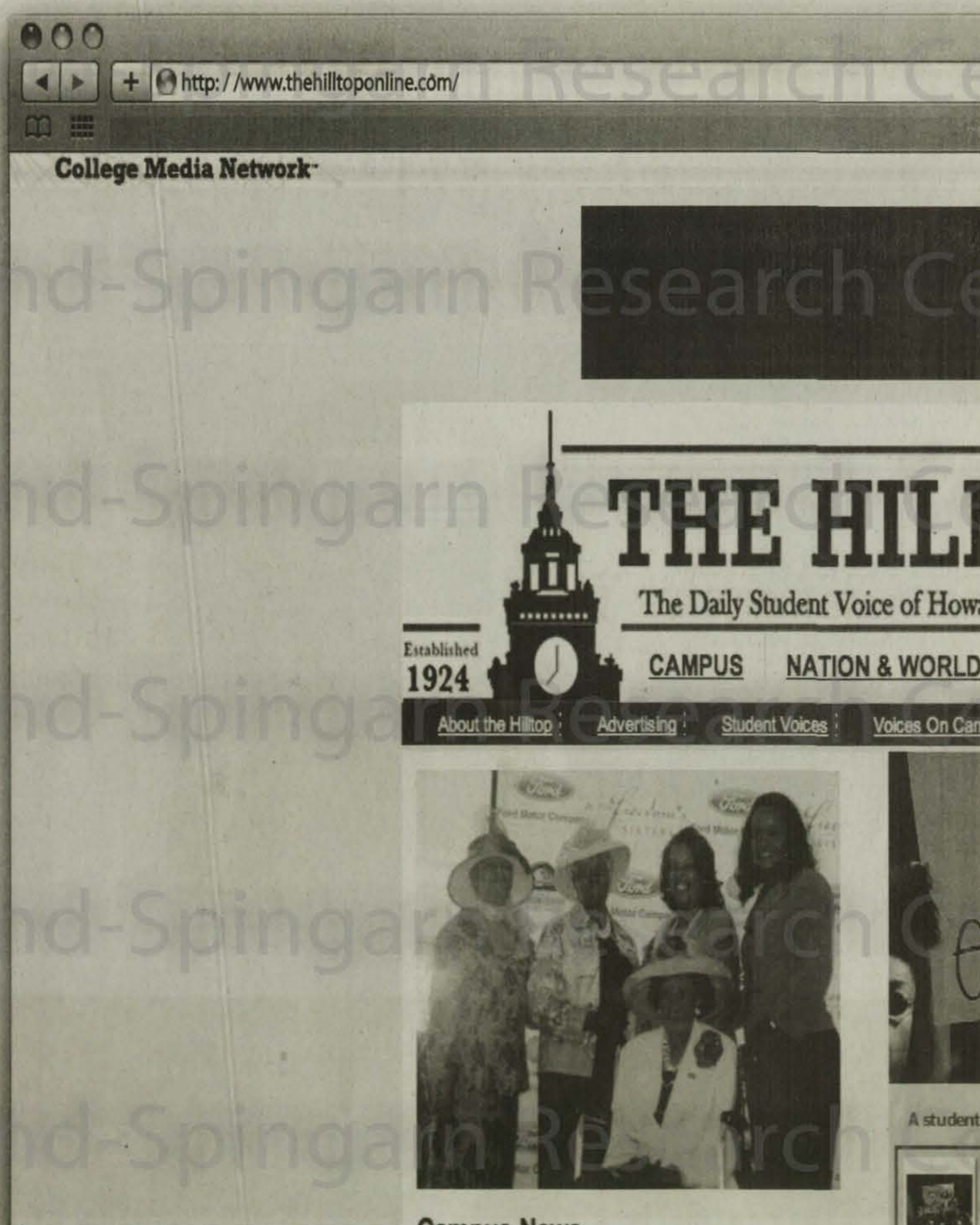
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It's All Fun and Games Until Feelings Get Hurt

As young women attending Howard University, we've all been through it. You're walking down Georgia Avenue on your way to a class, when you're randomly approached by a native Washingtonian who tells you you're beautiful, wants to know if you've got a man and subsequently asks for your phone number.

You might smile, and respond to his advance politely by informing him that you do indeed have a boyfriend (regardless of the truth of the statement) and thank him for the compliment.

Although you think you may have handled the situation accordingly, it's not that simple in every situation.

What if he refuses to give up, and keeps following you down Georgia, asking more questions and demanding more answers?

"Ya' man don't let you have friends?" "What, them teachers at Howard told y'all don't talk to the locals?" "Man, y'all college girls don't mess wit' real dudes?"

There are two ways to handle this situation. You could continue to be courteous, keep smiling and answer all his questions despite his blatant refusal to accept your original answer. The riskier and less popular option involves some ignoring, maybe some eye-rolling and maybe even throwing a couple of impolite remarks

his way.

The end result is usually something of a toss-up. Sometimes there's no consequence. More often than not it's some type of vulgar verbal attack; sometimes it's more serious, even escalating to physical violence. Situations such as these have contributed to Howard's general mentality of the "D.C. local."

Although locals of the D.C. area seem extremely intent to get at us "Howard girls," it isn't necessarily for

Our View:

As Howard women, our relationship with D.C. natives needs an overhaul.

the reasons we probably suppose.

We'd all love to think that they're so pressed to talk to us because we're so beautiful, so smart and overall, such wonderful catches. But according to a member of *The Hilltop* staff who's from the D.C. area, we might be mistaken.

Apparently, in some cases, it's fun to try to talk to Howard girls to see how we'll react, and possibly get a rise out of us.

Honestly, how many of us actually give these guys the time of day and how often? And when we do talk to them, how do we react? The

majority of us can admit to not always being as nice as we could be, maybe having kind of a "stank" attitude.

Obviously, every female enrolled as a student at Howard University doesn't hate talking to natives of the area. But unfortunately, regardless of whether or not we'd like to admit it, freshman week definitely had something to do with how we look at natives of the D.C. area, and one encounter that every girl had with someone at the Metro stop or in McDonalds, where they were attacked for not giving out their phone number, usually reinforces that outlook.

The unfortunate part is that contrary to popular belief around campus, every man from Washington D.C. that attempts to talk to a Howard woman definitely isn't ridiculous and disrespectful.

The critical point to remember is they're not any different than any other male walking Howard's campus, or any female for that matter. They're people.

Over the years, Howard girls have developed a reputation of being stuck up and rude to them, just as they've developed a reputation of being unruly and rude to us.

Regardless of where these typecasts started, the state of this issue is pretty unfortunate. It's all fun and games until someone's feelings get hurt, either ours or theirs.

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