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Friday's Notebook

BREAKING NEWS

ACCORDING TO CNN, FOUR TEENAGE BOYS WERE ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES CONNECTED TO THE GANG RAPE OF A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL ON A HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS.

NATION & WORLD

READ ABOUT THE RECENT CONTROVERSY INVOLVING THE HPV VACCINE, GARDASIL.

SPORTS

NBA SEASON HAS BEGUN. READ SPORTS TO FIND OUT WHAT OTHERS EXPECT FROM THIS SEASON.

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Happy Halloween!

Students, Muslim Leaders Ponder the Role of Religion in College Settings

BY DERRICK HAYNES
Editorial Assistant

The transcendent power of faith was invoked by student panelists and Muslim spiritual leaders at a panel discussion focused on the role religion plays in shaping students' learning.

The six imams, from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), visited the campus on Thursday as a part of a tour sponsored by the Yale Center for Faith & Culture's Reconciliation Program to learn about the School of Divinity.

According to President Sidney A. Ribeau, many colleges do not have divinity schools because most schools adhere to the separation of church and state model of governance.

"Religion and faith give me a direction in my studies," said Ali Malik, Md., a candidate in the College of Medicine. "It gives me an appreciation of the different disciplines God has created for man to explore."

The panel with the UAE answered four pre-screened questions before a discussion session between the imams and the undergraduate and graduate student speakers commenced. The imams answered questions ranging from how faith can enhance the study of arts and science to how students reconciled differences between religious doctrine and their college education.

With the aid of the translators, Farouk Hamada, the religious advisor to Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi, said, "Islam is not against other religions. When certain people act in a non-Islamic matter, other Muslims do not want to be generalized with them."

Malik said people should not be preoccupied with false labels "At the end of the day, people's criticism are going to perish when we perish. People's praise will perish when we perish but the opinion that your Creator has of you is something that matters the most," he said.

Malik said scientific phenomena described in the Qu'ran, the holy text of Islam, inspire him to find confirmation through scholarly research. "When I'm flipping through my biology book, I see the beauty in which God has created His things down to the cellular level," he said. "When I read verses that describe how mountains stabilize the earth, that sparks my soul."

Imam Abdul Saeed Ali Al Shamisi asked the student panelists about their possible struggle to balance religious belief with liberal arts curriculum that can contradict those beliefs.

Melech Thomas, speech and applied communications major, said he attended chapel once during his freshman year but gradually came to the realization that religion is the root for his development.

"I don't believe that secularism is a threat," said Thomas, "I believe in an omnipresent God; so, we can even find God in secularism."



Zelena Williams - Photo Editor

Verizon Wireless CEO Visits Communication Students

Howard E. Woolley, the senior vice president of Public Policy at Verizon Wireless, gave a presentation at the John H. Johnson School of Communications as a part of the Time Warner Series at Howard University.

Woolley, a graduate of Syracuse University, is on the Executive Leadership Council, which represents the highest ranking Black executives in Fortune 500 companies, as well as a member of the board of directors for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation.

The presentation consisted of information for newcomers to the communications industry as well as a look at the future of the wireless industry. He advised the audience to, "set goals, follow your path," adding "change is good." He said that if one is able to adapt to change they will, "be able to manage all aspects of life."

-Compiled by Zelena Williams, Photo Editor

Library of Congress Hosts Event

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

The 21st Century Democrats hosted their first annual Youth Leadership Speaker Series at the Library of Congress. The free event, which invited Congresswoman Betsy Markey (D-CO) and Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), was held primarily for congressional interns, College Democrat Associations at colleges

in the District of Columbia, and general members of the public. Markey told the future democratic leaders not to fall into party politics and vote for what you feel is right, while Frank extolled virtues of partisanship.

The 21st Century Democrats is a major Democratic political action committee dedicated to promoting and electing progressive democrats at the grass roots level. The organization was very

successful in 2008, with over 65 percent of it's endorsed candidates winning.

"Ultimately you have to decide what's best for our future as a country and let the chips fall where they may", said Rep. Markey.

Betsy Markey defeated three-term Republican incumbent Marilyn Musgrave in the general elections last year and is one of 54 new Democrats added to Congress

since their party's takeover in 2006. Markey continued to stress her common roots and very active path to get to where she currently is. Students must maintain their progressive ideas and still continue to fight until they reach their ultimate goal of a seat in Congress.

Representative Barney Frank encouraged students to stay steadfast in their ideas once in Congress and suggested

maintaining partisanship. Many politicians are advocating bipartisanship as a way to pass major effective legislation such as the health care bill. But Frank says, unless you want to water things down, the progressive way would be to maintain a partisan path to the completion of the bill.

The Youth Leadership Speaker Series continues every Wednesday for the next six weeks and is free and open to the public.

NBA Season Kicks Off to a Running Start

BY TYLER DRAGON
Contributing Writer

The NFL season is at its halfway point. Professional baseball is in the midst of the World Series. The track and field championships have concluded, and this year's PGA tour majors are over. It's now the time of year when sports fans will gravitate toward the NBA season.

"It's my favorite time of the year," D.C. native James Saunderson said. "Basketball is my favorite sport, and I love each year. [I'm] looking forward to a new season." Many fans across the nation share Saunderson's enthusiasm about the opening of the 2009-10 NBA season and their favorite teams.

"I'm anxious to see if the Lakers are going to repeat," Lakers fan Jackie Lewis said. Since the Lakers won the NBA championship one year ago, much has changed throughout the league with teams making moves to strengthen their rosters and chances of ultimately clinching the NBA championship.

The Cleveland Cavaliers is one of the league's strongest teams with LeBron James on its roster and had the best record last season in the NBA. The team has recently acquired Shaquille O'Neal, Anthony Parker, Leon Powe and Jamario Moon.

The Boston Celtics added Rasheed Wallace to compliment their big three of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen. The Orlando Magic traded for Vince Carter, and the NBA champion Lakers may even improve their team with the acquisition of Ron Artest.

Allen Iverson has found a new home with the Memphis Grizzlies while Tyson Chandler of the Charlotte Bobcats has swapped places with Emeka Okafor of the New Orleans Hornets. These are a few among many players who have changed teams since last season.

"This year is going to be a good one," Howard alumnus Peete Obinna said. "All of the great teams from last year have gotten even better, and some mediocre teams have improved also."

With the start of each NBA season, fans of each team are hoping for better results than the previous season.

"I hope that the Wizards can be competitive in the Southwest division," Howard student David Hill said. "Hopefully, [they can] even win the division and do well in the playoffs."

Some fans are even more confident about their respective teams. "The Cavaliers are going to win the championship this year. We have the best player in the NBA in LeBron James, and now we have added some more great players like



LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is thought to be MPV of his team for the second year in a row.

Photo Courtesy of Keith Allison

Shaq to an already talented roster," Arthur Washington from Virginia said.

However, many other fans are expecting the same results from their teams.

"I want the Lakers to repeat their success, but as a fan, it's difficult to expect them to with so much stiff competition in the league," said Aaron Fleming, a political science major.

"I hope that the younger

talented players like Andrew Bynum and Shannon Brown perform better, so that Kobe Bryant and Paul Gasol don't have to do so much."

Since the NBA season is officially here, many fans often tend to view ESPN to see what the analysts project about each of the league's teams, season awards and the NBA championship caliber teams.

This year, ESPN.com has projected that LeBron James will

repeat as the MVP and the Lakers and the Cavaliers will represent the league in the NBA finals.

"ESPN is always a good source to see what the so-called experts say, but it's hard to make accurate projections about sports," Saunderson said.

Nobody can predict for certain what will happen this year; however, fans can all sit back and enjoy another NBA season.

HPV Vaccine Causes National Uproar

Gardasil, the No. 1 selling vaccine for the Human Papillomavirus, comes with certain risks that disturb many people



Merck Pharmaceuticals Company produces the HPV vaccine known as Gardasil. The vaccine comes with certain associated risks including miscarriages and fevers.

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

The health industry is in an uproar again as top pharmaceutical companies, Merck & Co. and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), continue to fight over market share. For more than five years, both companies have been going neck in neck

to see who can gain the most ground when it comes to large distribution of a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections. Even though there are more than 100 strands of HPV, strands 16 and 18 are known to cause more than 70 percent of new cervical cancer cases, according to the Na-

tional Cancer Institute.

Because Merck and GSK are at the forefront of providing vaccines for HPV, they have a major opportunity to gain profit.

Merck's Gardasil vaccine was approved by the Federal Drug Administration in 2006 for the vaccination of girls and women ages 11-26.

Since then, Merck has main-

tained a dominant position in this \$1 billion industry. Merck is most commonly known for the controversy with Vioxx, an arthritis-treating drug. Vioxx was recalled in 2004 after it was confirmed to increase risks of heart attacks and strokes.

There have been a few deaths and side effects attributed to the vaccine, including miscarriages among pregnant women. Yet, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still maintains that these are safe drugs. Dr. J.R. Briggs of the women's Wellness center is in support of the vaccines.

"The benefits outweigh the risks. We see all these young girls. We don't even bother testing them for HPV because we assume they have it — anyone who has been sexually active," Briggs said.

GSK's Cervarix was recently approved to provide immunization to females ages 10-25 as well, making the company an official competitor in the U.S. Cervarix is already cleared in 100 countries, including Japan.

Most women who are sexually active already have some form of HPV; only a fraction of women who contract the virus actually develop cervical cancer. The "risk," much like many vaccines and drugs today, makes this vaccine bankable to pharmaceutical companies.

"That's kind of typical of pharmaceutical companies and big business; it's extortion," said Lau-

ren Oxner, a senior Spanish major. "I just think it's another way for companies to take money from the public. It needs to be regulated."

Even though Merck announced it would stop lobbying state legislatures to make it mandatory for young girls, Texas along with Virginia and other states, has already begun requiring 11 and 12-year-old girls to be vaccinated for HPV — increasing the demand for the vaccines. Parents are able to opt out of the vaccine for religious beliefs.

Professor Deneen Long-White of the Health department, has spent 18 years in public health and said that consumers ultimately decide whether to use the vaccine or not, not the government. "The use or obtaining of a vaccine is one's personal choice, but people should look into it — the side effects. The consumers' choice should be based on their perspective, not the perspective of others," Long-White said.

Gardasil and Cervarix are both vaccines designed to prevent cervical cancer in women, which may be one of the primary reasons why Merck is now venturing into the market for boys and men as well. The Federal Drug Administration recently "approved Gardasil for preventing genital warts in boys and men ages 9 through 26," according to an article from Reuters India.

Sports Trivia Answer:

Roberto Clemente was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973.

Obesity Continues To Plague Globe

BY BRITTANY J. HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Junior administration major Brandi Best said that people tend to think of obesity as an American problem, but that may not be as true as some may think.

Paul Mason spends his days and nights in the confinements of his Ipswich, England bungalow practically immobilized. At 48 years old, Mason is incapable of performing tasks that one would presumably consider simple.

In order to complete daily tasks, like taking a shower or using the restroom, Mason needs the assistance of a team of personal caregivers. Weighing in at 70 stones, or 980 pounds, Paul Mason is believed to be the fattest man in the world, and doctor's say he doesn't have long to live.

Mason's recent health prognosis has sparked worldwide attention to a growing epidemic that continues to plague nations of people around the globe: obesity.

Although Mason's case may seem extreme, morbid obesity is not uncommon in the United Kingdom. *The Guardian* recently reported that there are more than 1 million morbidly obese people living in England.

"[Obesity] is actually turning into a worldwide epidemic," said Best.

Physicians define obesity as an excess proportion of total body fat. A person's body mass index (BMI) is used to measure obesity. One is obese when he or she weighs 20 percent more than their normal weight, or has a BMI of more than 30.

Morbid obesity is defined as weighing more than 50 to 100 percent more than one's ideal body weight or having a BMI of more than 40.

In recent years, that which was once referred to as an American problem has made its way around the globe, especially in developing countries.

Obesity has become a major

health concern for Australia and New Zealand, where the World Health Organization reports a quarter of all adults are considered obese. Dr. Paul Kowal, an Australian expert, recently said in the *Sydney Herald* that he attributes the threat of obesity to the recent accessibility and availability of fast food and soft drinks in developing countries.

Currently, the islands of the Western Pacific have the highest concentrations of obesity. With approximately 80 percent of the adult population being obese, Nauru has the highest population of obesity in the world.

Consequently, Nauru also has the world's highest rate of diabetes. According to a report in *Endocrine Today* based on figures from research done by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), 30.9 percent of the adult population is living with the disease.

"The data from the latest edition of the IDF Diabetes Atlas shows that the epidemic is out of control," Jean Claude Mbanya, Ph.D. said in a press release. Mbanya is also the president of IDF and refers to diabetes as a "global health emergency."

Currently, 285 million people worldwide have diabetes. As the current rate of growth continues to rise, IDF anticipates more than 435 million people will be living with diabetes.

But obesity and diabetes will not only impact the health of people around the world. According to IDF, diabetes is also taking a toll on the global economy. IDF predicts that by 2010, diabetes will cost the world economy at least \$376 billion, 11.6 percent of the total world health care costs.

"Governments, aid agencies and the international community must take concerted action to defuse the threat now, before the time bomb explodes," Mbanya said. "No country is immune."

FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread belief that Fox News is only making a spectacle of President Obama's public disapproval of the network's news-worthiness.

Where's the funny?

Many people believe that the president should have never entered into what has been referred to as a "war" with Fox, because the network has only chosen to denounce the president's remarks, saying that his administration is acting outlandishly. Representatives from both sides of the aisle have advised the president that, while Fox is enjoying the benefit of all of the attention, the president's image is being tarnished.

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

Find something funny?
Submit your Friday Folly to
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A Bison You Should Know: Master Alpha

BY MICHAEL WATERS
Contributing Writer

Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art that loosely translated means "the way of the foot and fist." It is also arguably the most commonly practiced form of martial arts in the world today, but Master Sumorry Gbassay Alpha sees it as much more.

"Tae Kwon Do is not really a sport, or martial art, or skill, it is a way of life," Alpha said.

Tae Kwon Do has been an integral part of his life since he arrived at Howard as a transfer student in 1977.

"Prior to Howard, soccer was my passion," Alpha said.

Alpha played on the Howard soccer team in 1977 and 1978. However, when he arrived at Howard he saw an opportunity to participate in a sport that had captured his interest in high school, Tae Kwon Do.

He said that his interest in martial arts is inspired by what he describes as the "Bruce Lee era" when he arrived in America from Sierra Leone as a 17-year-old in 1970. He never had a chance to take up the sport before because of the high costs of taking martial arts privately. His family suggested that he wait until he arrived at college, which he did when he joined the Tae Kwon Do Club that was then advised by Dr. Dong Ja Yang.

Alpha quickly excelled at the new sport and received his black belt by 1979. He successfully won the Tae Kwon Do National Championship six years straight, from 1977 to 1983, and in 1978, he became the National Collegiate



Master Sumorry Alpha has been a member of Howard University's staff for more than 10 years and once walked the halls of the university as a student in the late 70s. Alpha said he was inspired to try Tae Kwon Do when he arrived at Howard in 1977.

champion. Alpha finally retired from competition after winning the Silver Medal in The Collegiate World Championship in November of 1983. The medal was the first international medal in the history of Sierra Leone. Alpha would continue his work in the world of Tae Kwon Do, albeit in a different role, as an international referee.

"When you retire from competition, then refereeing is the next level," Alpha said.

He rose through the ranks quickly once again, becoming the

highest-ranking non-Korean official in the world. He served for 10 years as the Pan-American Referee Chairman from 1991 through 2001 and then stepped down to pursue another venture. Alpha became the chairman of the arbitration board who solved disputes in scoring in Tae Kwon Do matches and still holds that position today.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree from Howard in public administration, Alpha continued to work at Howard under Dr. Dong Ja Yang while working as an office

manager at a non-profit organization. Dr. Yang had to travel often and thus had to select a substitute to teach his classes. He chose Alpha and eventually selected him as his assistant, despite the fact that he was the most recent black belt. Alpha said he had to learn how to teach on the job and looked at Tae Kwon Do as "leadership development."

For nearly 10 years starting in 1995, Alpha taught Tae Kwon Do classes unofficially at Howard in Dr. Yang's absence. He was finally

brought on as a full-time employee in 2005.

Alpha took over the Howard University Tae Kwon Do Club, the same club that gave him his start in the sport 32 years ago. He expressed the fact that Howard has a little known, but rich history in Tae Kwon Do. In fact, Howard has produced about 25 percent of all American athletes competing in international Tae Kwon Do competitions.

In addition, Alpha said that the majority of Tae Kwon Do leadership in this country and in the surrounding areas has come through Howard. The current head of the Tae Kwon Do Federation of Trinidad & Tobago is Howard graduate and former Tae Kwon Do club member, Anthony Ferguson. Recently at the Maryland Invitational, Howard competitors earned nine first-place finishes and one second-place finish in sparring and 10 first-place finishes in form with only 10 competitors. Two members of the team are scheduled to participate in the Pan-American Junior Championship next month.

For the students in his Tae Kwon Do and Judo classes Alpha said he would like to see them leave the class with an appreciation for martial arts and the life lesson it can help teach. Alpha believes that martial arts can teach people to overcome obstacles that they would otherwise find insurmountable. "It is a means of finding yourself," Alpha said.

Zelena Williams-Photo Editor

Sports Trivia!

What year was MLB Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente inducted into the Hall of Fame?

Search the Hilltop for the answer!

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

October 30, 1956

Dodgers sell Ebbets Field to a real estate group. They agree to stay until 1959, with an option to stay until 1961.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT RECORDS

General Registration

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).

Preparing for Accreditation

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Introduction

Howard is classified in the top overall category for research universities with medical schools under the current Carnegie classification system revised in 2005.

In the 2009 U.S. News and World Report rankings, the University ranked 102 out of 240 universities.

Howard ranked 36th among the Top 50 "Best Value" National Research Universities when both quality and cost factors were considered.

Ribeau's Vision:

- Maintaining the commitment to an environment of academic freedom.
- Sharpening academic offerings and quality.
- Increasing attention to graduate programs.

- Developing a more robust research agenda and increased productivity.
- Expanding service to the nation and the world.
- Improving the gender balance in enrollment, retention and graduation.
- Increasing internalization of academic and research activity.
- Diversifying and strengthening academic, public and private sector partnerships in the United States and abroad.

Ribeau's vision promotes advancing Howard to be included as one of the nation's top 50 leading research universities with a focus on STEM disciplines. This strategic vision will require identifying niche academic areas.

Like many other institutions throughout the United States, Howard faces a number of contemporary challenges, the 2009 Self-Study Report states.

- Increased competition from Traditionally White Institutions and HBCUs for the best and brightest of African-American students.
- Graying of the professoriate, which requires the development of succession plans for the faculty and the University's leadership.
- Increasing tuition rates to keep pace with cost of education while increasing need-based aid.

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Design and Methodology

In addition to the reaffirmation of accreditation, the ultimate goal of this Self-Study Report was to produce a living document that provides a "snapshot" of the University for its relevant stakeholders to assist in defining and securing Howard's future within the context of its past and current standing.



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Accomplishments

qualitative measures of student learning.

Concern #3

The University should develop a better balance between full deliberation on policy issues and a timely adoption and implementation of policy.

Concern #4

The University should expand and deepen its research program.

Concern #5

The University should continue to take steps to assure future financial stability.

The Federal appropriation to the University over the past five years has averaged approximately \$230 million per year. The University's enrollment has remained relatively stable. Tuition rates have risen moderately. Efforts have now been made to bring tuition rates up to levels comparable to other research universities without excluding students from its core constituency.

Over time, tuition rates are expected to approach market value for the Washington Metropolitan Area with the caveat that more need-based aid will be made available.

Concern #1
The University must closely review its mission in light of changing times, specifically the nature of the undergraduate and graduate/professional studies.

Concern #2
The University must formulate a comprehensive program to evaluate institutional effectiveness, including clear quantitative and

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Mission & Goals

ing black students. Further, the University is dedicated to attracting and sustaining a cadre of faculty who are, through their teaching and research, committed to the development of distinguished and compassionate graduates and to the quest for solutions to human and social problems in the United States and throughout the world.

Mission Statement:
Howard University is a comprehensive, research-oriented, historically black private university providing an educational experience of exceptional quality to students of high academic potential with particular emphasis upon the provision of educational opportunities to promis-

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With the Federal appropriation remaining flat for the last six years and current expenses increasing by 4.8 percent and revenues by 2.5 percent annually, achievement of strategic goals has been difficult.

Goal #1
Strengthening Academic Programs and Services

Goal #2
Promoting Excellence in Teaching and Research

Goal #3
Increasing Private Support

- Alumni participation was in-

Planning

creased from 12 percent to 17.4 percent. The national average is 12.4 percent.

- Alumni gifts to the Capital Campaign represented 32 percent, the second largest category.
- First HBCU to launch and successfully complete a Capital Campaign.

Goal #4
Enhancing National and Community Service

Resource Allocation

1. Howard's tuition should not be lower than tuitions at other premier HBCUs. For non-HBCUs, Howard should over

time move into alignment with other Research Level 1 private universities and/or "out-of-state" tuition for public universities.

2. Access to a Howard education must be preserved. This goal is most properly measured by the number of well-qualified students able to attend Howard regardless of their family's financial situation.

The Budget and Resource Allocation process was not aligned with the academic and research priorities of the University.



Sean Robinson- Staff Photographer

Compiled by Lauren Gaspard and Jessica Lewis. Chapters 14 through 19 coming soon.

6 Institutional Resources

Howard's Sources of Revenue:	Investment Return
Tuition and Fees	3.9 percent, \$20.2 million
39 percent, \$117.3 million	Faculty Practice
Contributions	7.1 percent, \$36.9 million
1.5 percent, \$8 million	Grants and Contracts
Sales: Auxiliary Enterprises	12.5 percent, \$64.4 million
12 percent, \$61.8 million	Sales: Educational
Federal Appropriation	0.3 percent, \$1.7 million
39 percent, \$201.7 million	Other
	1 percent, \$5.3 million

More information about the Self-Study Report and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education can be found at www.howard.edu/selfstudy.

Next week, *The Hilltop* will test students' knowledge in each school. Who will come out on top?

Four Days Until Accreditation

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Administration

tion, learning, and research and support the institution in achieving its mission and goals."

Within the chapter, there is an organizational chart breaking down each cabinet of the University from President Ribeau on down. A description is also given of the hiring process of administrators, how President Ribeau must first gain approval from the Board of Trustees. From this point, potential hires are then sought through national searches and interviews.

Within this chapter, one can find out how Howard University's administration is broken down into different administrative and academic units dealing with the everyday operation of the University.

The Self-Study Report describes the administrative services that are used to "enhance instruc-

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Institutional Assessment

Chapter 10 contains a number of charts, and is dedicated to the institution's overall evaluation by students, faculty members, and others.

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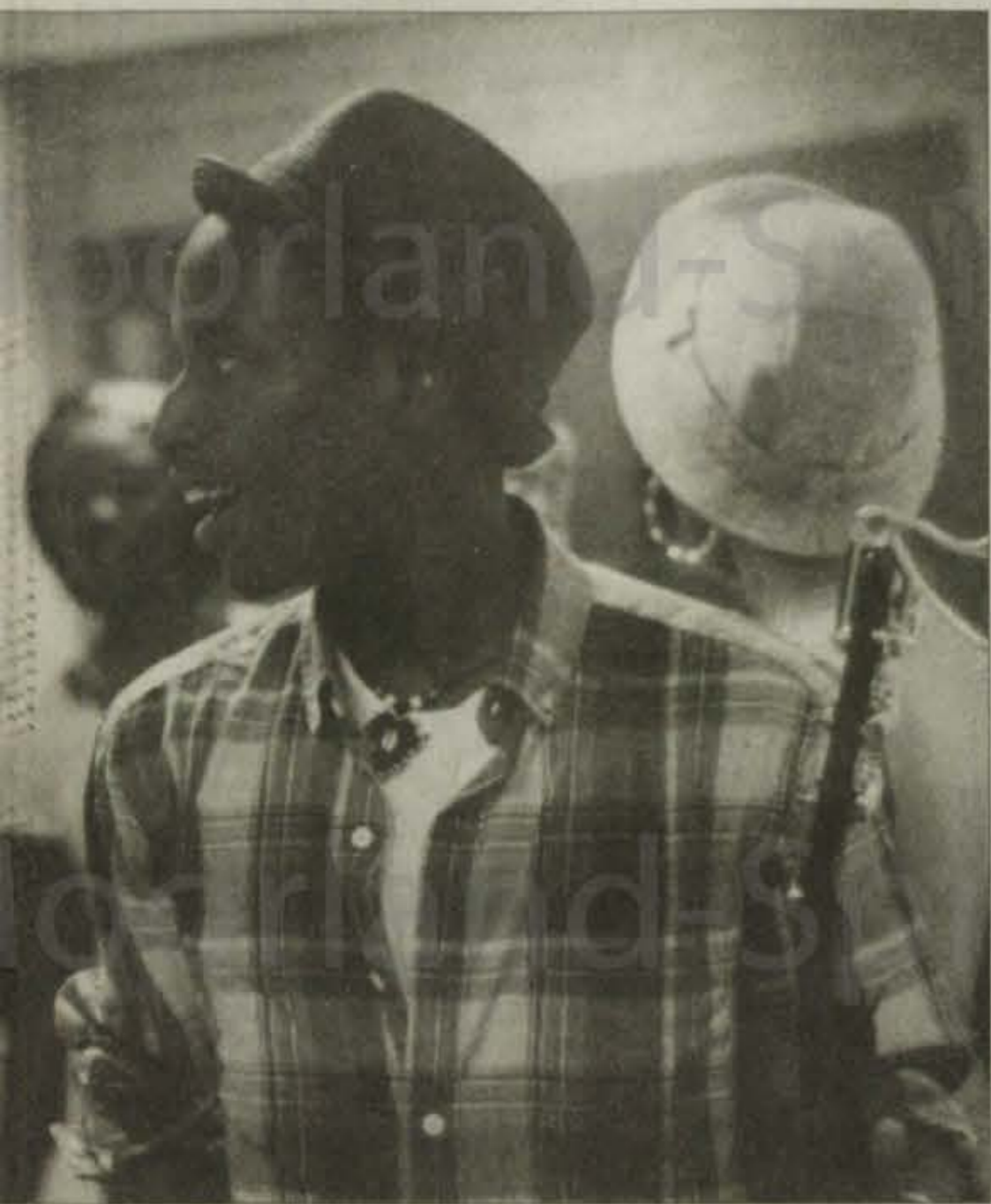
Support Services

Chapter 12 breaks down how Howard University defines the facilities on campus, in terms of condition, accommodation and expenditures.

Howard University has spent \$9.9 million in total on libraries on campus, in comparison to George Washington University spending \$23.2 million and University of Maryland at College Park spending \$24.1 million. The quality of on-

campus residence halls is also addressed in the 12th chapter by a survey conducted asking students' opinions. Thirty-seven percent of students polled said that the facilities were "fair", while another 26 percent of students said that facilities were "poor".

Thirty-eight percent of students rated campus police as "poor", while another 31 percent rated them as "fair."



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

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Admissions

goals and academics skills are aligned with its mission."

Recruitment efforts are executed in a number of ways including recruitment sessions in cities around the country, specialized recruitment events, including luncheons and overnight and weekend events, Open House sessions and others.

Most of the statistics that are included within the report are from 2001 to 2008. In the fall of 2008, 49 percent of applicants were offered admission to Howard University. By

May, half of that percentage decreased in reference to matriculation. Statistics such as these can be found throughout the chapter within charts and graphs.

Financial background is also included in this chapter. According to the report, Howard University's tuition increase grew to 8 percent, higher than average for private four-year, public four-year in-state and out-of-state institutions nationwide. In addition, 68 percent of Howard students are receiving financial assistance by way of loans.

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Integrity

"Integrity" pulls out the many facets of how Howard University is held accountable for the academia, working environment and communication entities. It is described as "transparency, fairness, clarity, accountability, effective and accurate communication, academic freedom, and institutional honesty."

Academic Integrity is a large focal point. In summation, the section discusses that students must maintain and uphold the values of education within the University. It is encouraged for those who chose

to "overachieve" to stay within the policies and guidelines of the University. Workplace hiring is done carefully with usage of PeopleSoft, a human resource application, and placing the affirmative action law in place to limit hiring discrimination.

Integrity is also highlighted through the Office of University Communication. Each publication: *The Hilltop*, *Bison Yearbook*, *Hbook*, *Howard University Facts*, *Howard University Service and Scholarship@Howard* goes through the Office of University Communication before disseminated to the Howard University community and its visitors.

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Faculty

Howard currently has 1,064 full-time employees and 456 part-time faculty members. A detailed chart located within the chapter gives reference to each position that is occupied within the faculty according to male and female, within the fall 2008 semester. Seventy-one percent of the faculty is African American, 19 percent white and 8 percent of island decent.

It is also highlighted that a

number of faculty members are distinguished themselves, serving capacities dealing with research and scholarship. Studying faculty's involvement and commitment to the students is also assessed.

Faculty compensation, salary, promotions and benefits are all included in the evaluation of a faculty member within the accreditation process.

The report describes the chapter as "a profile of the faculty, reviews the University's faculty recruitment and development efforts and summarizes the faculty's research and scholarship achievements."



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Leadership

The Board has 35 authorized members.

Faculty within the University consists of 12 committees that contain professors, administrators and various other employees. The Self-Study Report describes this body as having "the responsibility to assist Howard with the fulfillment of its mission and vision through the development and implementation of policies that will advance the University's educational mission." Faculty members also have decision-making abilities when discussing the University's operating budget and tuition rates.

The support staff, also known as Howard University Staff Organization (HUSO), is standing

as the official staff representative body, while Howard University Student Association, Undergraduate Student Assembly and Graduate Student Assembly and school/college student councils represent the student body. There is also student representation on a number of committees such as the Presidential Search Committee, University-Wide Self-Study Steering Committee and others.

Lastly, the acting President of the University is given the power of decision-making and governance but still provides substantial opportunity and student consultation with appropriate legal authority clearly vested in the Board or delegated by it to the President.

Chapter seven addresses the governing bodies of the University, their functions, and how each group plays a part in the decision-making process for the University. The Board of Trustees is the leading official of Howard University keeping "performance accountabilities for executive, academic and administrative levels." The report describes the Board as being the "ultimate authority" and responsible for "controlling and directing the affairs, property and interests of the University."

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Whatever Happened to The Student Protest?

Early in September, hoards of angry students gathered around the Administration building, led by student leaders of Howard University Student Association (HUSA) to call attention to the issues plaguing them within their first weeks back at Howard following the summer break. Campus was alive with the raw energy of a community ready for change - a change that would benefit every student currently enrolled at Howard and those in generations to come.

After the initial excitement of the student uproar wore off, students were presented with another issue. What ever happened? What was the actual outcome of the student protest? There was supposed to be another protest held following the first, wasn't there?

It's been nearly two months since the protest, and the only visible signs students have seen of actual progress was financial aid's extended hours in the week

following the demonstration and the subsequent purge date extension. So the big question is what happened to the protest?

After speaking with HUSA President Bryan Smart, we were able to get some answers as to what happened as a result of the

Our View:
The student protest was successful; we've got the administration's attention.

student protest.

According to Smart, the second protest has not occurred simply because student leaders are currently working closely with President Ribeau and administration to address the issues of the students.

Apparently, the president and his office have been very receptive and respon-

sive to the demands and suggestions of students. Besides the extension of the purge date and financial aid hours, the university released a bid for a new student dorm and a student fitness center earlier this month, as well as a major door replacement for nine different campus buildings. Also, a campus-wide ADA-signage project has begun and should be completed by April 2010.

According to Smart, the student body has the attention of the administration in a way not seen in many years.

The protest was not about President Ribeau, but the issues that have been plaguing this university for decades.

Student leaders decided to take a stand and ensure that future students don't have to go through the same things we have.

According to Bryan Smart, if nothing else was accomplished, students have gained the respect of every individual in the administration building.

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Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

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8	6	9	4	3	5
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6	9			4	5
1		5		6	
	9	8		7	1
7					1
1	3		5	2	

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Perspective Stability

There is no such thing as stability. Our minds are born when we're young, externally developed and torn for non-reasons too complex to grasp.

As human beings we feel compelled to solve, compelled to increase our current situations' positives, however negative they may be to others.

The hunger to rationalize life is not developed in the body; it is taught to the child. Step two and speak once - you're done, because you are no longer a child; you are cognizant.

Soon like everyone else, you will convert to unconsciousness. You will have no choice but to walk with blind guidance, talk with informed ignorance and live with exaggerated sentience.

There is no such thing as stability, because what one

sees is not always what one receives. The energy devoted to neutralizing your lives will continue to drain you, and in the last moment of your breath, when you think you've surpassed your inability to grasp the circumstances of your turmoil, you will find the death of reason and survival of acceptance.

As people of intricate minds, we plague ourselves with the questions of existence and reason, when reason is only a figment of our imagination. Reason is a creation dedicated to the maintenance of the failure to accept.

Reasonably, how could someone survive after being diagnosed to die? Reasonably, how could a child run, when predicted to live in a chair? Unreasonably, how could people be the victims of a new virus every

decade? There is no such thing as stability, because we are born to live and die. Your mind is your foundation; your mind is your resource, but your mind is not a crutch.

In the dawn of day, you will not look ahead to walk. Instead, you will look within yourself. Since self is the abiding being, your understanding and tool, your responsibility - self is your only means of assurance.

When struggle begins to clamber to your heels, self increases your resistance and propels you forward.

Dependency on man's weak terms of endearment will not suffice.

Riley Wilson,
junior marketing major

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Pronunciation:

\a-pə-thē\

Function: noun

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2. lack of interest or concern : indifference

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