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Moorland-Spingarn May Be Forced to Close

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Due to financial and structural setbacks, Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) may be forced to close its doors after 95 years of existence, according to MRSC Interim Director Thomas C. Battle, Ph.D.

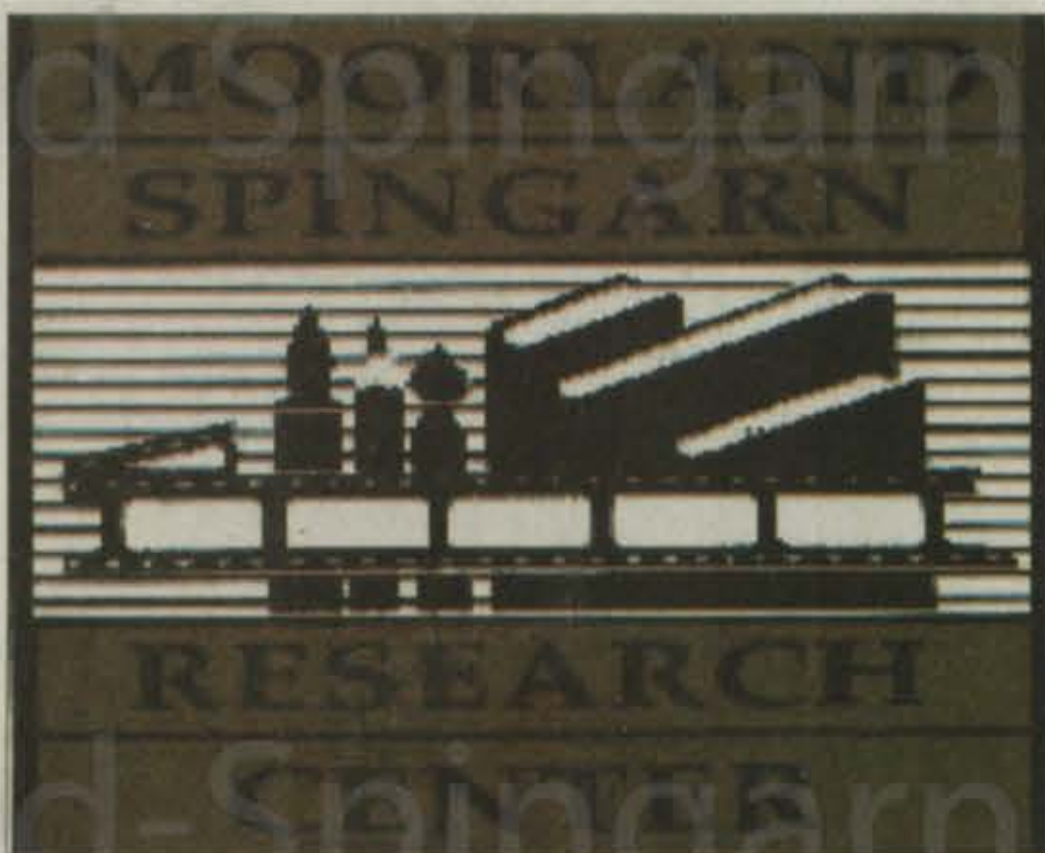
"The loss of 60 percent of its resources and the abolishment of some critical positions due to the Voluntary Separation Incentive Retirement Program (VSIRP) resulted in many problems," Battle said.

MSRC is recognized as one of the world's largest and most comprehensive repositories for the documentation of the cultural history of people in the African Diaspora, according to Howard.edu. The center that holds the Black Caucus repository, information of TransAfrica, documents pertinent to the formation of the Black Greek Lettered Organizations and Howard University administrative records is facing a cut back in hours of operation and loss of staff.

According to Battle, MSRC formerly had a staff of 50 or more people but now only 12 staff members remain in the library division. Battle said critical positions that are vacant are director, chief librarian, chief administrator and prints and photography librarian.

"This should be a greater outcry," Battle said. "This is the premier place to research black history and culture."

Battle, who had been the director of MSRC for 20 years, retired as part of VSIRP along with Jean Church, chief librarian. Battle



Moorland-Spingarn Research Center is located in Founder's Library on Howard's campus.

said they were asked to come back to the university to assist in running the research center.

By the end of this semester, no staff will be present in the Moorland-Spingarn Research Room resulting in its potential closure, Battle said. In addition, he said Moorland-Spingarn's budget was not increased and no plans have been drafted to direct or manage the facility or fill the vacant positions.

"I don't think many students even know this room exists," said Ciera Briscoe, a freshman business management major.

There is limited space for the manuscript division of Moorland-Spingarn for faculty to store inventory as well, Battle said. He added that much of the property

that the research center owns is in storage.

"There is a lot of information in this one room that not a lot of students utilize," said Aaron Gordon, a freshman undecided major. "I come here for independent research and get to know black history."

Gordon said he utilizes Moorland-Spingarn to research past Hilltop articles, such as past protests on Howard's campus. But many times Gordon has come to the research center to find it closed for the day.

According to Battle, the research center will remain understaffed and hours will remain shorter than usual. He described the research center as a "magnificent treasure of Howard University."

Accreditation Board Hears Student, Faculty Input

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

During an open forum with the Middle States Commission of Higher Education (MSCHE), one member of the accreditation team, Peter Englot, remarked that the strength of Howard is the communal bonds that have built a strong support system.

"The one thing most striking about Howard is the profound love students, faculty and staff have for this University," said Englot, associate vice president of public affairs at Syracuse University.

The point was driven home by Tricia Bent-Goodley, a professor in the School of Social Work, when she raised her hand and told the accreditation team that when they evaluate Howard, they should not forget the value placed on public engagement.

"It's our [faculty] love of the mission, of the students and who we are that keep us here," she said. "That shouldn't get lost in the conversation."

Financial hardships of the University led into a discussion regarding sufficient pay and salary for faculty and advisors.

"Howard is not able to compete, salary wise, with other institutions," said School of Business Student Council President Jewel Burks.

Burks went on to explain a story about her professor, who

has had a very positive impact on her students, making a mediocre salary. She could go elsewhere to receive more pay, Burks said, yet she chooses to stay at Howard University because she is an alumna and loves to teach others what she gained from her alma mater.

"One thing that we have heard from a number of faculty members and advisors here at Howard is that there is an extraordinary level of commitment and level of dedication and belief that faculty have here in their students," said Chairwoman of MSCHE Nancy Cantor.

Howard University is experiencing an influx of budget cuts due to the economic recession occurring across the country. Chairwoman Cantor and Englot assured the Howard community that this issue is not unique to Howard.

"The challenges that Howard is facing are the same problems that universities and colleges all across the nation are facing as a result of this economy," Englot said. "Howard's challenges are very familiar."

Cantor said she noticed the recurring theme of theft and building break-ins in on-campus buildings was the issue. The topic started when Burks highlighted that students have voiced their concerns with security within the School of Business.

Burks said the projectors in nearly every compatible classroom were missing, televisions within

the common lobby were taken off of the walls and "walked out" of the building and the only two computers that were accessible to the School of Business Student Council were stolen after a break-in through the office ceiling.

"The same thing seems to be occurring with the School of Architecture," Cantor said. "This is definitely an issue that needs to be looked into."

President of the College of Arts and Sciences Dorian Blythers addressed the issue with another issue over the lack of 24-hour facilities.

"I do understand that the School of Architecture and School of Engineering do have 24-hour buildings. The College of Arts and Sciences students do not have that liberty, making it difficult to have reasonable study facilities with no 24-hour library either," Blythers said.

Englot said he recognized that the source of the concerns was the deep pride people have in Howard and their desire to make Howard better.

"That's a strong message we're taking away from here," Englot said.

Cantor said Howard has to reevaluate how it is maintaining its students and critically look at the financial aid process. She said Howard has "to look at this whole

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Flu Hits Howard U

BY ASHLEY BRUCE
Special to The Hilltop

Howard University students with flu-like illnesses are flooding into the Student Health Center, creating longer waiting times and straining the facility's capacity to treat daily patients, the Center's interim director said.

Evelyn Treacle-Moore, M.D. said the Center has seen a 38 percent increase in student patients daily due to an average jump of 30 patients per day with flu-like symptoms. The increase has pushed the number of daily patients from an average of 80 to 115 she said.

"It has definitely caused a strain on the facility," she said. "Staffing is really pushed to the limit; the doctors, the physician assistants, the nurses, the front desk in accommodating the students, even the facility itself. We have a real space issue."

Wait times have increased into hours she said.

"The students with appointments have to be delayed because someone is coming in sick and has to be treated right away," Treacle-Moore said.

On Thursday, students with flu-like symptoms were crowded

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Shanneika Howell, (from left) Davida Creasy, Lettie Goldsberry and Maya Wyman, wait in the Student Health Center to be treated or receive shots.

NY Wins World Series

BY MICHAEL WATERS
Contributing Writer

Nine years later, the New York Yankees are back on top of the baseball world with their 27th World Series win. Baseball's most expensive team for the past decade has been through its share of ups and downs. However, this year the team came together and defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2.

The Yankees jumped out to an early lead in the second inning after Hideki Matsui hit a two-run homer. The Phillies responded in the third with a sacrifice fly from Jimmy Rollins that scored Carlos Ruiz. Matsui added two more runs in the third with a single that brought Derek Jeter and Johnny Damon home. By the time Matsui doubled to deep center in the fifth inning to drive two more runs in, the game was nearly out of reach. The Phillies scored two more runs, but their offense never really got into a rhythm.

"I knew the Yankees were going to win after going up three to one," said sophomore biology major Gerald Thornton, a New York native. "The Yankees weren't losing two straight games in New York."

Like many Yankee World Series victories in the past, Mariano Rivera was there to record the final out. In fact, it was the fourth time he has recorded the final out in the World Series. The 39-year-old longtime Yankee closer was with the team during the dynasty years from 1998-2000 and was just as important this year retiring the final five Philadelphia batters.

"The Phillies had a chance to come back, but it was over once Rivera came in," said Desmond Grant, a freshman marketing major.

Andy Pettitte, another late '90s era New York pitcher, was also instrumental in bringing the 27th

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The New York Yankees are officially the 2009 World Series champions.

Campus Briefs

WSSU Student Elected to City Council



Derwin Montgomery, a senior political science major at Winston-Salem State University, won the East Ward seat on the Winston-Salem City Council.

He will be sworn into office on Dec. 7.

(Information through Black College Wire)

Student Dies in Prairie View A&M Hazing



The Houston Chronicle—A 20-year-old Phi Beta Sigma pledge at Prairie View A&M University underwent systematic hazing—including a strict bread-and-water diet, paddling and mandatory rigorous exercises—that intensified until it culminated in his death, a lawsuit filed by his parents states.

Tree Falls on and Injures UNC students



The Daily Tar Heel—Tree at UNC topples over injuring two students and blocking traffic. Due to the saturated soil and rotted roots, the roots cracked causing the tree to fall as students were passing by. Groundskeepers have assured students that the other trees pose no threats to the students.

Discussion On Relevance of HBCU To Take Place at MSU



The Center for Civil Rights in Education at Morgan State University will hold a national dialogue on Nov. 12 to discuss the relevance of HBCUs in the 21st Cen-

Student Government Hopes to Murder Student Apathy

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

Decrying what they say is the apathetic tendency of students at Howard the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) has announced that the time has come to lay it to rest; they plan to bury it today.

In a symbolic gesture, student leaders will have a funeral for apathy. "We need to put it to rest," said Justin Thomas, sophomore biology major and programs director for the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA).

Beginning at 10 a.m., student leaders will collect final grievances from students in front of an open casket in Blackburn. Thomas said he could not say what apathy would look like in the open casket because "apathy has many shapes and forms." He did say it will not be as extreme as a student in the casket, but rather it will be grievances.

After grievances are collected,

a procession will lead the students from Blackburn to the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. Chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department Gregory Carr will open the funeral.

HUSA Vice President Jerome Joseph said apathy is defined by a lack of interest or concern about something otherwise seen as pertinent.

According to Thomas, student apathy prevents student leaders from being effective because students do not show up to programming. Very few students attended the forum the accreditation team set up for students to speak with the Vice President of Student Affairs candidates during the search tours.

HUSA President Bryan Smart said the absence of love is apathy. He said it is the absence of strong feelings toward events that should evoke emotion or compassion. He said it is indifference.

Thomas gave an example

of a student who had her laptop stolen and no one around her cared enough about the situation to help her get it back. She was left to fend for herself, he said.

Joseph said he has found himself being apathetic at times, but believes the time has come to show the world that Howard is not apathetic. He said we care not only about Howard, but also about our community.

Qyana Agina, junior telecommunications management major said, "There are a lot of issues at Howard that are often ignored... Any effort to address the issues gets ignored and it gets bigger."

Agina said she hopes the funeral will open the doors to a dialogue of action. Agina said apathy is the lack of sympathy.

Thomas said the funeral is a form of protest and can be viewed as a follow-up to the Sept. 4 events.

"There are a lot of different issues that haven't changed in my

three years at Howard, even the movement at the A-building. It was a really big thing for a couple of days, then people stopped talking about it," Agina said. Nothing was addressed and even if it was, it wasn't being communicated with us."

The purpose of the funeral is to leave students feeling empowered. "Once you stay silent, which is a form of apathy, you give up the power you do have," Thomas said.

Thomas said apathy is the representation of all forms of student negligence, ignorance and lack of awareness.

Agina said even though she is intrigued by the funeral she does not believe things will change.

HUSA has hopes to end a mental disease that has affected the way students view Howard for generations, through the lens of problems versus solutions.

HUSA Encourages Community Outreach

BY GLYNN POGUE
Contributing Writer

Taking to heart the popular adage "to whom much is given, much is expected," HUSA kicks off an innovative community service initiative today in The Punchout. Between the hours of noon and 2 p.m., the student organization will roll out "First Friday: Labor of Love," a service challenge aimed at enlisting Howard students, staff and faculty to commit 1,000 hours of volunteer work in the Washington, D.C. community.

The launch party will allow members of the student body to sign up for specific service projects at designated sites on a dedicated day—the first Friday of every month beginning in spring 2010.

HUSA Executive President Bryan Smart said the program was initiated because the 49th HUSA administration feels that it is essential for students to get involved in the community that surrounds Howard.

"There definitely seems to

be a disconnect between campus life and the community that surrounds it. We are a part of this community and anything we can do to make it better we should do," said Zoe Munlyn, a freshman marketing major. "I definitely plan on attending the launch event. I'm hoping there's a way for me to apply my interest in the arts to a community service project."

Representatives from local non-profits will be present at today's event to give first-hand information about community service opportunities in the area.

Coordinator and junior political science major Devin Prater believes this program will build a stronger bond between both communities.

"I think this initiative is so imperative to both the Howard community and the overall community. So many organizations on campus do community service, but it's not often recognized," said Prater. "This is a great way for all of us to unite our efforts and really make a difference."



Photo Courtesy of Jessica Lewis

'Permibus' Rolls By Campus

A green school bus parked outside of the Armour J. Blackburn Center with the purpose of bringing a green message to the students at Howard through a demonstration of sustainable living.

Delyla Wilson, project coordinator of the Skills for the Millennium Tour, wanted students to walk away from the bus with "the idea that they can do things in their own lives to make things more sustainable." She and her family live on the bus.

The bus runs on biodegradable fuels, has bamboo flooring and water that constantly circulates through the bus. As the water circulates, the pond scum brakes down the bacteria and their dog licks the grease from the water. The family also has three chickens that are fed by the garden system that runs from the hydroponic plants in the window of the kitchen to the chicken coop.

She said the bus provides all the comforts of home while minimizing the family's carbon footprint.

—Compiled by Jessica Lewis, Campus Editor

Student Health Center Sees Flu

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into the Student Health Center waiting to be treated. Some wore protective masks so they wouldn't infect others.

Sophomore psychology major Maya Wyman was one of those who suspected she might have the flu.

"I feel sick as hell," Wyman said as she held her head in her hands and coughed frequently into the sleeve of her hooded sweatshirt.

Wyman has received the flu shot in previous years but not this year.

"At this point, I will take whatever will make me feel better," she said.

Despite the increasing number of Howard students suspected to have the flu and reports of scores of deaths due to the flu nationwide, students here shun preventative flu vaccines. The Student Health Center offered vaccinations from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Blackburn Center and not one student showed up to receive a shot, Treacle-Moore said.

Students at the Health Center Thursday expressed fear and reservations regarding flu shots.

David Creasy, a freshman undecided major, said she was afraid of taking the shot.

"I'm scared of all the side affects," Creasy said. "After watching the YouTube clip of the woman walking backwards after she received the Swine Flu shot I said, 'Oh no. I will be just fine

without it.' I just do not want to take it."

To keep the flu away, Creasy said she washes her hands as often as possible and carries hand sanitizer when out in public places.

Lettie Goldsberry, sophomore supply chain management major, said she had to be removed from her initial room to a single room this semester as a precaution because her roommate had flu-like symptoms.

Still, she doesn't plan to get a flu shot.

"I don't see the point of getting any flu shots," she said. "I go through season after season without getting sick. I guess I just have high immunity."

Treacle-Moore highly recommends students get vaccinated against seasonal flu and H1N1, commonly called Swine Flu, but she said she is very familiar with students' hesitancy to be vaccinated for the flu.

"It's difficult to get vaccinations, period," she said. "Even with the University's required vaccinations and shots, students will fight until the last minute to get them."

Treacle-Moore said students shouldn't wait until they get the flu to be vaccinated.

"A vaccination is not a treatment," she said. "It is a prevention. We need to think on the lines of prevention."

Students have another opportunity to receive the seasonal flu shot today in Blackburn Center room 148 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



New York Yankees Win Championship

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championship to the brand-new Yankee Stadium. Pettitte earned his 18th postseason victory, a Major League Baseball (MLB) record. The left-handed pitcher started and won all three clinching games during the Yankees 2009 playoff run.

Yankees General Manager Joe Girardi faced increasing scrutiny prior to the game about his decision to only use three pitchers on short rest throughout the postseason. C.C. Sabathia had been solid throughout the playoffs,

but A.J. Burnett has been shaky and Pettitte had been quoted as saying he didn't have his "best stuff." The questions were quieted after Pettitte gave up only 3 earned runs in 5 2/3 innings. He had only given up one run before Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer in the sixth that barely cleared the wall.

Much maligned third baseman, Alex Rodriguez, a Yankee who served as the scapegoat for many of the Yankees' down years, finally managed to shake off his postseason slump. Rodriguez hit .365 this postseason and drove in 18 runs with 6 homers. He was perhaps

the best Yankee hitter throughout the postseason.

Despite the success of Yankee veterans like Rivera, Jeter and Pettitte and the vindicated "A-Rod," neither Yankee was crowned MVP. Matsui hit an incredible eight for 13 in the World Series. There were three homers amongst those eight hits and he drove in eight RBIs. His three hits and six RBIs, a record that ties with former Yankee Bobby Richardson for the most RBIs in a World Series game, was enough to make him the first Japanese-born MVP at the close of the World Series.

The Yankees have a difficult decision ahead. Matsui and outfielder Johnny Damon are both in contract years and the Yankees are only likely to keep one of the two. Damon gives them more flexibility for base running and fielding purposes. However, Matsui made a strong argument for a new contract in Game 6 with his bat.

The former defending champion Phillies will be disappointed, but can take some solace in knowing they will field a very strong team next year with World Series potential. Returning stars Ryan Howard, Cliff Lee, Cole

Hamels and Chase Utley will give them a great foundation for many years to come. Utley had a dominant World Series performance, tying the World Series home run record set by former Yankee Reggie "Mr. October" Jackson in the 1977 World Series. Utley hit 5 homers during the Fall Classic, driving in eight runs.

In the end, Utley and the Phillies could not overcome baseball's most recognizable and successful franchise, the Yankees.

Few Students Show for Accreditation Meeting

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purge thing" if it wants to fulfill its accessibility mission.

HUSA Vice President Jerome Joseph said special attention should be placed on international students because they really have issues in terms of the purge. He said these are amazing students with 3.7 GPAs who cannot afford to stay at Howard. He said it is a problem.

Cantor said, "I'm not surprised to hear that." She said it is a problem on college campuses across the nation.

Administrative Assistant in the Department of Institutional Assessment Ruth Franks said she left wanting to know more but they seemed pleased for the most part. She said they noticed the flaws and "got a real view of Howard," but they also noticed President Sidney A. Ribeau's commitment.

Franks said accreditation means a lot to her because she plans to be at Howard for a long time and sees her children being educated here. She said she has "something to look forward to."

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Traffic backed up for miles as people attempted to get into Fort Hood for a multitude of reasons. Following the 1:30 p.m. shooting, no one was allowed into the Fort and no one was allowed out.

Ft. Hood Shooting Shakes, Rocks the Nation

BY AMIRAH BEY
Staff Writer

On Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. Central Standard Time, shots were fired on Fort Hood, Texas, the largest military base in the world. The shooting left 12 dead and 31 wounded – including a Department of Defense contracted female civilian police officer.

"It is a heartbreaking tragedy," said Folasade Falana, a junior speech-language pathology major, from Dallas, Texas, 160 miles south of Ft. Hood.

"To think these people risked their lives for this country, only to be killed in an act of senseless violence," she said.

The initial shooting took place in the Soldier Readiness Pro-

cessing Center (SRP), a building where soldiers preparing to deploy go for check-ups on medical, dental and financial paperwork.

"All casualties took place in the initial incident that took place at 13:30," said Commanding General of 3rd Corps and Ft. Hood Lt. Gen. Robert W. Cone in a press conference.

One of the gunmen, Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, a 39-year-old military psychiatrist of the Darnall Army Medical Center at Ft. Hood, Texas, was shot and wounded. Hasan was initially believed to have been killed but it was later reported that he was at a nearby hospital.

"... [The shooter] was not killed as previously reported. He is currently in custody and in stable

condition," said Cone.

Initially Hasan was believed to have been the primary shooter of a group. Yet after questioning over one-hundred eye-witnesses, officials now believe that Hasan was a lone gunman.

"There was a single shooter that was shot multiple times at the scene," said Cone.

"Initially three [suspects] were held, all have been interviewed, and at this time we believe the evidence indicates a single shooter," he said.

One question raised was how a gunman could shoot 43 victims in such a short period of time.

"It's a very enclosed area and that's why I think you get that high number of casualties," explained Cone.

Furthermore, due to the high number of victims, many speculated as to what and how many weapons were used in the attack.

"Those were the initial reports from the scene that he had two [handguns], one was a semi-automatic weapon which might explain the rate of fire he apparently obtained."

Hasan's motives remain uncertain. Some believe the shooting was intended to make a statement against America's ongoing wars.

This belief is in part due to the location of the incident. Several units preparing to go to Iraq and Afghanistan were in the SRP where the shooting took place.

It is also said that a deployment was in the primary shooters near future. Sen. Kay Bailey

Hutchison (R-Texas) reported in a television interview that Hasan was scheduled to be deployed to Iraq on Nov. 28, and was "pretty upset" about his deployment orders.

Although the intentions of the gunman remain unclear, the loss to Ft. Hood and the military is evident.

"These are men and women who have made the selfless and courageous decision to risk, and at times, give their lives to protect the rest of us on a daily basis," said United States President Barack Obama.

"It's difficult enough when we lose these brave Americans in battles overseas," he said. "It is horrifying that they should come under fire at an Army base on American soil."

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FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread opinion of ground control for the Northwest Airline flight that crashed recently.

Where's the funny?

It has been revealed that someone was not paying attention to what was going on in the control room and that led to the crash. Some have speculated that the control room officials were watching YouTube videos while the pilots of the plane were attempting to make a connection with air traffic control.

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

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Full Court Pressure Placed on Former NBA Star

BY TYLER DRAGON
Contributing Writer

For most all-star and super-star caliber athletes, being broke is a rare possibility. However, during the past few years, there has been a trend of a few of these athletes filing for bankruptcy.

According to various sources, including the *Boston Globe*, former Boston Celtics all-star Antoine Walker has filed for bankruptcy and can be added to this growing list.

Thirty-three-year-old Walker retired from the NBA a little more than a year ago. During his 14-year NBA career, Walker made nearly \$110 million.

Many people who have known Walker both during and after his NBA tenure claimed he has been known to frequently spend large sums of money and has used limos as a regular form of transportation.

Known for sporting a new suit for each day of the playoffs, it is said that Walker has been supporting 70 friends and relatives.

"It's a shame that he has to support his family and friends," D.C. native Travis Otis said. "They need to be able to provide for themselves, but it's partly his [Walker's] fault for making the decision to support all of them."

However, Walker now has more than family and friends to worry about.

In July, Walker was arrested in a Lake Tahoe Nevada casino for writing bad checks totaling more than \$800,000. Walker is now being pursued by several financial institutions for debts totaling more than \$4 million.

However, Walker's mother

claims all is not lost for Antoine Walker.

His mother, Diane Walker, defends her son's excessive spending. "Antoine doesn't owe anybody any explanation," Diane Walker told the *Boston Globe*. "He's trying to live his life peacefully. That's all he's doing. My son is young. Why can't he just enjoy life and go where he wants to go?"

Sadly, Walker isn't the only celebrity who has filed for bankruptcy in recent years.

Boxer Mike Tyson, track and field star Marion Jones, Death Row records owner Suge Knight and rapper MC Hammer are some celebrities who have all filed for bankruptcy in recent years.

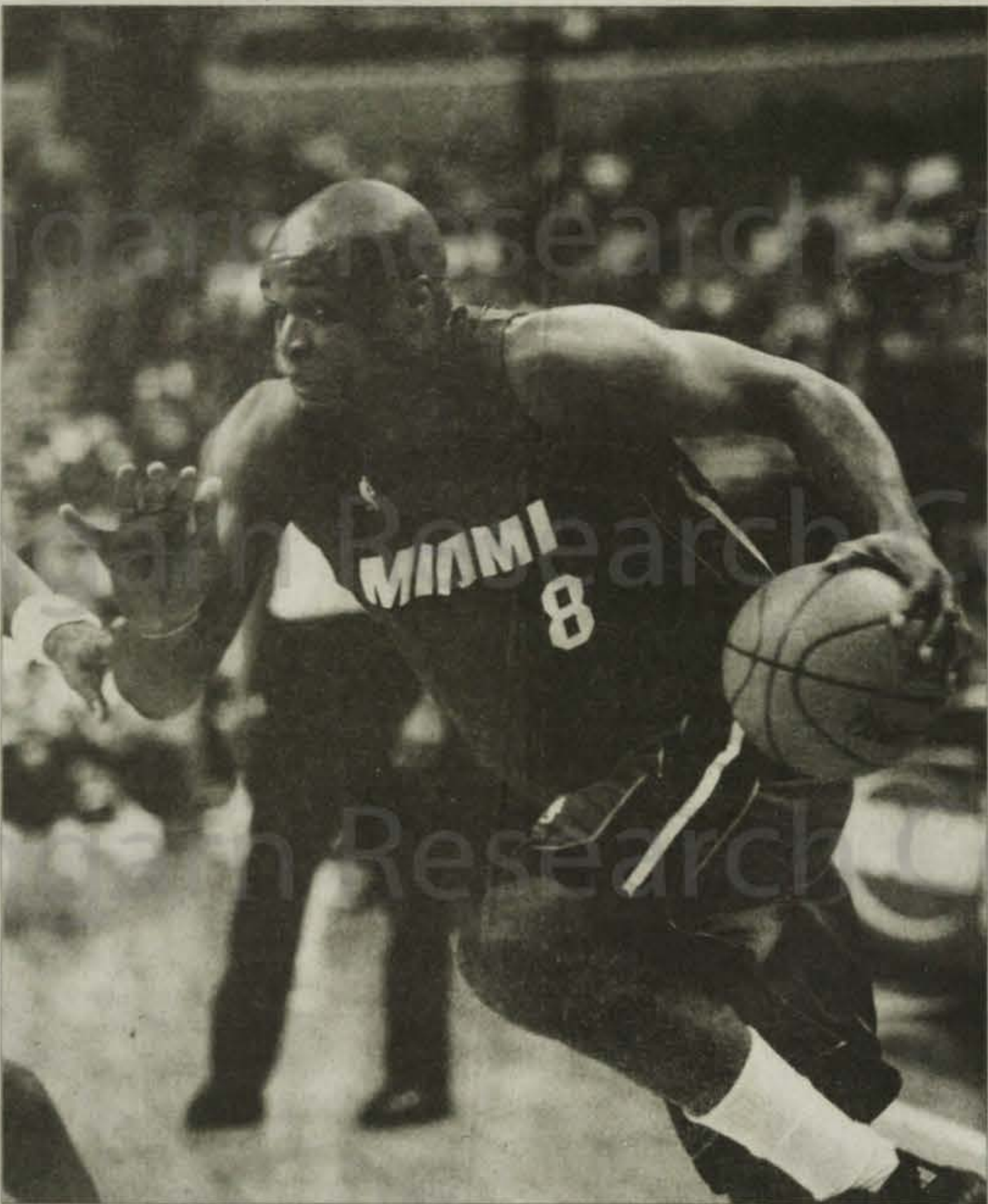
Many Howard students and D.C. residents have drawn their own unique conclusions on how and when it's necessary or unnecessary to spend money.

"It's really sad that a lot of athletes and celebrities just blow their money as though the money's always going to be there," junior Jacquelyn Ross said. "Cases like Walker's show that the money will not always be there."

Others agree with Ross. "People who are fortunate to have lots of money need to learn how to take care of it, and spend it wisely," D.C. native Melvin Haynes said.

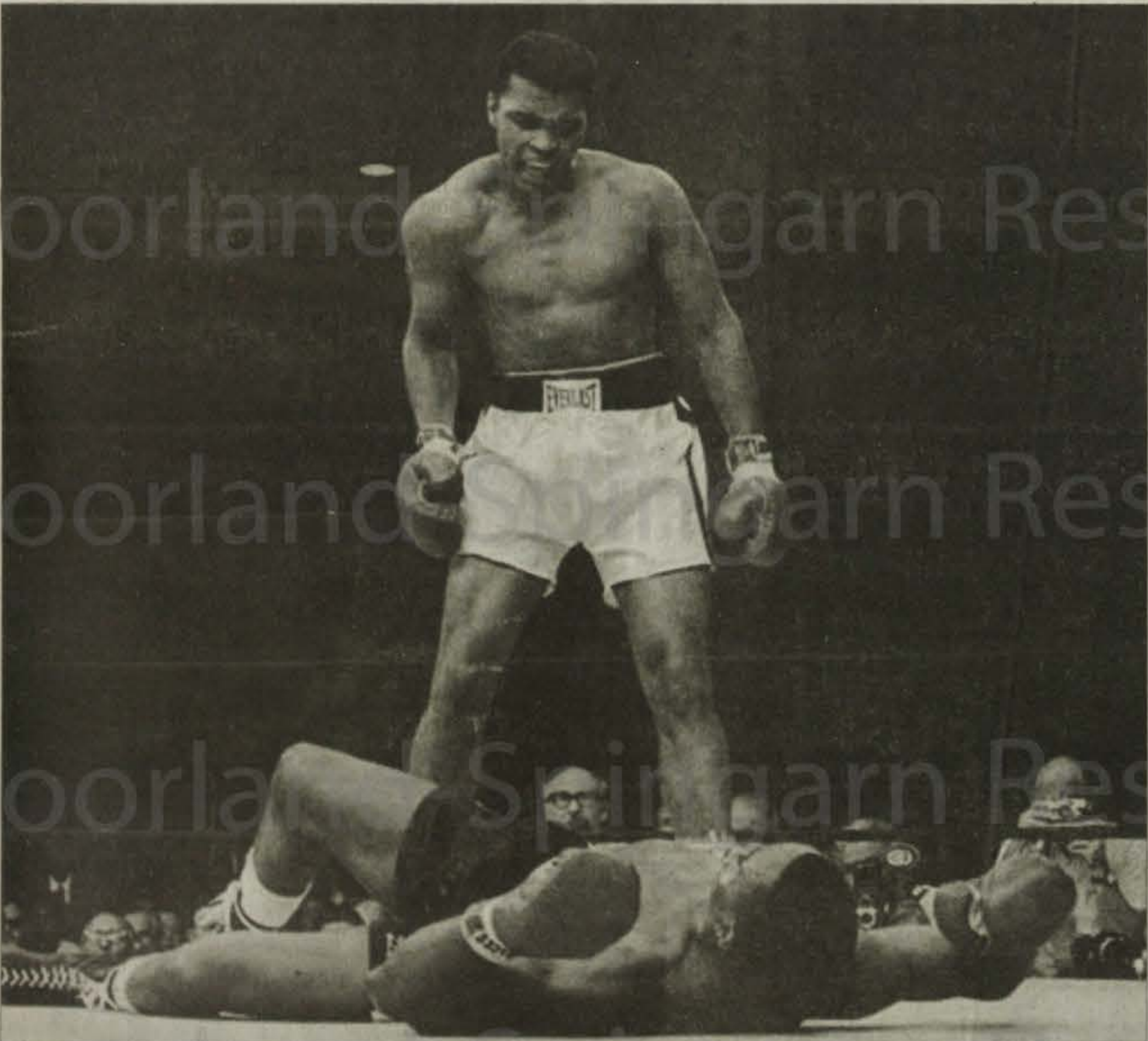
Perhaps senior Phylicia Smith said it best.

"People with money should invest some of it in stocks and bonds, and put their money in the bank instead of spending millions on material things," she said. "Maybe they could spend more giving back to people of poverty."



Former NBA star Antoine Walker filed bankruptcy recently and is said to be in financial straits after earning more than \$110 million in his professional career. Some claim that Walker's financial problems are due to excessive spending.

SPORTS THROWBACK PHOTO



Boxing great Muhammad Ali knocked out Sonny Liston and later became known as one of the greatest boxers of all time. Ali, who was known as Cassius Clay before converting to Islam, is a three time heavyweight champion and was the first boxer to win the lineal heavyweight championship three times.

Upcoming Men's Basketball Games

Date	Opponent	Time
NOVEMBER		
Sat 7	@ Marymount Washington, D.C.	7 p.m.
Fri 13	@ Indiana Bloomington, Ind.	8 p.m.
Tue 17	@ Central Fla. Orlando, Fla.	7 p.m.
Fri 20	@Niagara Dayton Beach, Fla.	11 a.m.
Sat 21	@Georgia State	11 a.m.
Sun 22	@Akron Dayton Beach Fla.	11 a.m.
Wed 25	@ Fairfield Washington, DC	7 p.m.
Sat 28	@ Canisius Buffalo, NY	3:15 p.m.
DECEMBER		
Tue 1	@ American Washington, D.C.	7:30 p.m.
Sat 5	@ Hampton New York, NY	8 p.m.
Sat 19	@ Loyola Baltimore	1 p.m.
Tue 22	@ Tenn. State	7 p.m.

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Is the 'Bystander Effect' Really an Excuse?

For nearly two hours, a 15-year-old is gang raped, and subsequently beaten in a dark alley near her high school by roughly 20 of her peers. Some of the perpetrators participate in the heinous act, while others observe. A couple of spectators have the nerve to take photographs of the assault. Others just laugh. A high school homecoming dance turned out to be a nightmare for this young, teenage girl.

Allegedly, the victim, as well as a number of her aggressors were under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. Suffering impaired judgment at the hands of alcohol is no excuse for this appalling act.

So what initiated this situation? Why was it allowed to occur? More importantly, how was it humanly possible for bystanders to watch, let alone laugh at and document the assault? Any normal person would undoubtedly take control of

the disgusting situation immediately, and end it or at least call the police...right?

Criminologists and psychologists are referring to this situation as an unfortunate psychological phenomenon known as "the

this currently hospitalized high school sophomore, it resulted in a prolonged, vicious and undoubtedly embarrassing and traumatizing attack.

There have been countless recorded incidents of this occurring throughout history - from murder at the hands of a serial killer in Queens, New York City in the early sixties, to a bar rape in Bedford, Mass. in 1983.

Fortunately, in the state of California, failure to report a crime involving a minor after witnessing the incident is against the law.

Five suspects have been taken into custody, and California law enforcement is anticipating more arrests. The "bystander effect" is no excuse for what this high school student was forced to suffer at the hands of her peers.

Our View:
Nearly 20 bystanders at the scene of the gang rape of a California teen are all to blame.

bystander effect."

The MSN Encarta defines the "bystander effect" as the reluctance of members of a crowd to intervene in an incident they're witnessing. Essentially, the more people who are around, the less that gets accomplished.

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