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MSCHE Reviews Findings

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

After a week-long examination of every aspect of Howard's educational program by a 13-member team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), students, faculty and administrators are eager to learn the university's accreditation status.

According to a letter signed by President Sidney A. Ribeau, the MSCHE evaluation team will report their findings to the MSCHE within the next few weeks. The findings will be made public in the spring.

In order to receive federal government student loans and to complete its mission of providing accessible education, the university has to be accredited by the MSCHE. This accreditation also determines the value of a Howard degree.

The Hilltop was asked not to report on the final summary given Friday morning that concluded the MSCHE visit, due to MSCHE regulations. However, the strengths and the weaknesses discussed throughout the visit and the open student forum on Thursday mirrors the evaluation given by Howard University in the Self-Study report.

Chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department and member of the Faculty Senate Gregory Carr, Ph.D., said everything he heard from the accreditation team throughout their visit reflected Howard's uniqueness, values and culture. However, he said since this visit is his first time dealing with accreditation, he does not know if the report will highlight things the team did not touch on while on campus.

Student leaders were heavily involved in the meetings and interviews with the evaluation team. Howard University Student Association (HUSA) President Bryan Smart said he felt the overall site visit was a great success, and the information received was vital to Howard University.

"Some don't realize that the good thing about accreditation is that you are able to see both strengths and weaknesses," Smart said. "These points are both highlighted so we can find ways to build from them in the near future."

One of the issues touched on during Thursday's session was the need to reevaluate the purge process at Howard.

Students commended the MSCHE evaluation team, led by Syracuse University President Nancy Cantor, for the amount of time and detail they took in studying the university.

"MSCHE did an outstanding job of digging in and getting to know Howard University before they just rendered a decision," said Corey Briscoe, student advocacy director for HUSA. "It was like they became a part of the Howard family."

Carr said one thing he heard from the evaluation team that stuck out to him were Cantor's words that Howard is more relevant now than it has ever been since being founded. He said since Howard was founded after slavery, it was almost "daring us to embrace our culture."

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Tree Lighting Event Introduced

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

For the first time, students are preparing for the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) Holiday Tree Lighting event, buying ornaments to decorate the tree.

Ornaments can be purchased in the lower level of the

Amour J. Blackburn University Center until Friday.

According to Chastidy Alexander, a senior biology major and director for special projects in the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), 100 percent of the proceeds from the purchase of these ornaments will go to a charity to adopt a family. Students will partake in decorating the tree as well.

"The idea of the event came about with the mindset to unite the Howard University community and the greater Washington, D.C. community," Alexander said. "There are not a lot of events that Howard students and D.C. residents interact with each other, so hopefully this one will set an effective trend."

"This is a very, very good program," said Melech Thomas, Mr. Howard University 2009-2010 and senior communications and culture major. "Rarely is there an effort made to reach out to the D.C. community, and the fact that HUSA is reaching out demonstrates the caliber of

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Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

Some staff members were surprised to discover the impact they had on students. Testimonials made them aware of their significance on Howard's campus.

Howard Staff Honored for Dedication

BY ASHLEY THOMAS
Contributing Writer

Five outstanding Howard University faculty members were honored in a staff appreciation ceremony on Monday.

The brothers of Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted the ceremony in efforts to recognize staff members for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the student body.

According to Talon Hurst, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, the honorees are faculty members who go far beyond the duties of what the average faculty member does for students.

"They help us out when it comes to writing letters of recommendation," Hurst said. He said the faculty members provide students with a "shoulder to lean on — they give us that extra push and help us succeed in life as well as our

college years."

The honored guests included Lisa Reeves, the associate director of the Office of Student Activities, Keith Miles, chief of staff for the interim vice provost for Student Affairs, Kevin Reed, assistant director of the Office of Student Activities, Joseph Emanuel, special assistant to the dean in the Office of Residence Life and Roberta McLeod, director of the Armour J. Blackburn University Center.

Jamil Holden of Phi Beta Sigma, who hosted the ceremony, began with a prayer and after a few musical selections from The Band With No Name, he and other members of his fraternity took turns sharing how each honoree has made an impact in their lives.

"I was honored when I was told I was receiving this plaque. I'm pleasantly surprised," Emanuel said. "Working at Student Affairs is an experience I wouldn't change

for the world."

Reeves, who was honored for being a mother and friend to every student who comes into the Office of Student Activities, said she didn't understand the impact she had on so many or why her actions were deemed as so out of the ordinary.

"I'm not sure why I'm being honored, because all I do is wake up and go to work to do the job your paying me for," she said.

Tears were rapidly flowing throughout the dedication to Miles, as memories of his mother who recently passed from a stroke were recalled.

"Wow, I'm so overwhelmed. Lost my mom last year, and I'm an only child," Miles said. "I'm not ashamed of the tears I shed, because I have an angel, my mother, up above. I stand as a strong Howard man, with pride, perseverance and honor."

Justin Poindexter, also a Phi

Beta Sigma member, shared how Reed has constantly looked after him.

"He has stayed on me and been a mentor and a father figure," Poindexter said. "Even just with daily advice on how to approach situations, he's been there."

Working at Howard for the past 29 years, McLeod was honored for being a friend and confidant to all those she reaches and shared how proud she was to be a Phi Beta Sigma Dove. "Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma, you are the best!" McLeod exclaimed.

Special guests included members from Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Phi Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Special musical guests included The Band With No Name and the recently crowned Miss HBCU and Miss Howard, Kendall Isadore.

Technology Savvy Students Put to Test

BY GERRON JORDAN
Staff Writer

Student computer programmers from universities around the world have been battling for a spot to attend the World Finals of the 34th annual Association for Computer Machinery (ACM) International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) in Harbin, China for months, and this past weekend Howard students got their chance for the top spot.

"I heard about the competition, but I didn't really know much about it," said Danielle Johnson, a sophomore information systems major. "Even though I didn't know

much about it, I think that it is cool that Howard was represented and had the chance to possibly travel to China."

Four teams of three students each represented Howard in IBM's Battle of the Brains Competition Saturday at the regional competition among institutions such as the University of Maryland, University of North Carolina, Norfolk State University and Duke University.

Each team was challenged to use their programming skills and reliance on mental endurance to solve complex, real world problems under a grueling deadline. Tackling the problems is said to

be the equivalent of completing a semester's worth of computer programming in one afternoon.

The team that solved the most problems correctly in the least amount of time won a coveted spot on the World Finals roster.

"I think that the competition is perfect for computer engineers," said Joseph Ignatius, a sophomore computer engineering major. "As computer engineers, it is important for us to be able to solve problems quickly and efficiently and that is exactly what the competition calls for," he said.

The University of Maryland Terps came in first place, receiving the highest percentage of

correct responses to total questions attempted and solved, and defeating the Bison.

Howard did, however, beat out the University of North Carolina, American University and Virginia Tech.

This year, regional competitions have yielded tens of thousands of students from universities in approximately 90 countries on six continents for an all-out "battle of the brains."

Once all regional competition rounds have been held, 100 regional champions will meet in a culminating competition Feb. 1-6, 2010 in Harbin.

Moment

of
Clarity

Tell The Truth



BY ANDREW JONES
Contributing Columnist

The biggest issue that the Howard community should find with elected student leadership this year is that they are truthful. The truth is dangerous. Or, better put, the partial truth is dangerous. From the very start of the school year, some may speculate even earlier, the student body has allowed its leadership to get away with spoon-feeding us the convenient truth, the easy truth, the partial truth.

It is convenient to always blame the administration for our problems, and to perpetuate this image that we have of our administrators and board. We assume they are all elite fat cats, sitting high in their offices conjuring up ways to make the student experience worse. We think that they don't do anything at all, besides waste money and lose paperwork. Then the student leader gets to come in on a white horse to speak for that helpless and abused student body.

It is easy to speak only in terms of what "they" need to do, not what "we" need to do. Of course we can criticize the complacency and mediocrity of university leadership, without even mentioning the complacency of the student body or the mediocrity of our very own student leadership practices. That's easy. This process, in a discourse, is called *othering*. Describe what the others do wrong, which leads to the implication that what you do is right.

The partial truth is that offices are understaffed, facilities are run-down and services are underfunded. In short, the vast majority of our concerns with Howard are partial truths. The offices are understaffed here because some would rather have financial aid, heat and a professor than a 24-hour library. Facilities are bad because alumni leave Howard with the resolve to NEVER give back, which perpetuates the lack of capital investment. Services, like financial aid, are underfunded because of the simple yet harsh economic law of supply and demand.

That partial truth is dangerous; it portrays the situation as much worse than it actually is. Should we expect administrators and board members to perform better? Of course! Should mediocrity and complacency be unacceptable standards for our university officials? Absolutely! Should understaffed offices, run-down facilities and underfunded services be improved? Definitely! But if student leaders don't level with the students about the full picture, these problems will only be perpetuated and worsened in the future.

Some conditions at Howard are indeed unacceptable. However, where is the talk of the improvements that have been made? Where is the appreciation for those administrators who actually perform above and beyond their job requirements? What are students doing to improve conditions, besides complaining and blaming?

This university is one community, one family. The community, our family, has some serious problems. Alienating, blaming or ousting members doesn't solve family problems. Everyone working together, being mature and telling the whole truth solves them. From now on, let your criticism not be destructive or self-constructive, but universally constructive.

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Showtime Band Competes at Showcase

BY NECOLE JACKSON
Contributing Writer

For the first time, Howard University's Showtime Marching Band accepted the invitation to participate in the "The Road to Honda." Every year, bands from 43 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) are asked to participate, but only eight bands are chosen to perform at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta for the Honda Battle of the Bands.

According to a Press Release from Honda, "The Invitational Showcase not only serves as a platform to highlight and showcase the heritage and showmanship of the HBCU college marching bands, but it also serves as the only national music scholarship program of its kind."

Each of the 43 participating bands will receive a \$1,000 grant

for their music programs, with an additional \$20,000 awarded to the eight institutions selected to advance to the 2010 Invitational Showcase, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

"The Showtime Marching Band has made the effort to be more creative with the music, dancing and marching drills everyone enjoys during the games," said band member Kenneth Burnett. Students were able to vote for bands to participate in the International Showcase until Oct. 30 and bands were notified from Nov. 6 until now to find out the status of their participation in the Showcase.

There are three voting categories that each count for one-third of the bands total score. The other votes come from participating band directors and presidents of participating universities. Presidents and band directors were not allowed to

vote for their own school.

Howard University participated in the MEAC division along with nine other schools including Bethune-Cookman, Delaware State, Florida A&M, Hampton, Morgan State, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T, South Carolina State and Winston-Salem State. Other participating categories were Independent, SIAC, SWAC, and CIAA.

Unfortunately, Howard was not one of the eight bands chosen to participate. The eight colleges and schools chosen to participate in the International Showcase are Albany State, Clark Atlanta, Florida A&M, North Carolina Central, Tuskegee University, Virginia State, Southern University and Prairie View A&M.

"I feel just a little sad and hopefully we will try again next year," said member of the Showtime Marching Band Bethanie

Fisher. "I feel like we didn't get picked because we are a little band and people overlook us so a lot of people didn't vote."



Sean Romain - Staff Photographer
Howard University Showtime Marching Band was one of 43 bands to compete.

HU History Corner

BY AURORA ELLIS
Contributing Writer

For generations students have complained about outdated and crowded facilities, but if a Howard student opened the August 1933 edition of *The Crisis*, he or she would read W.E.B. DuBois' argument that a great black university is made not by the physical facilities of the institution, but by the teachers and the students.

For DuBois, the function of a university, more specifically a black university, was to not only teach African-American students the basics but to prepare them to face the reality of living in America and the world as a person of African-descent.

In order to carry out this mission, it was necessary that universities have "two things and only two things - teachers and students. Buildings and endowments may help, but they are not indispensable. It is necessary first to have teachers who comprehend this program and know how to make it live among their students," DuBois wrote.

However, this belief may not stand the test of time as the focus of education has shifted away from providing basic knowledge needed to strengthen segregated communities to an education needed to compete in Western civilization.

Professor in the Philosophy Department Joel Ojelade said the situation in DuBois' time was different than today's. He compared DuBois' belief in the student and teacher with the ancient traditions of philosophy, where a teacher would sit down and teach a student wherever space was available.

"In this modern day environment, facilities remain important because now what determines your growth is technology. Technology plays an important role in education," Ojelade said.

DuBois put more value on conscious teachers, who drew lessons from the black community, and academically-driven students than the actual physical properties of the institutions itself.

Similarly, Malcolm X wrote in his autobiography, "A school is not four walls and a roof. It is whenever you get one person willing to teach and one who's willing to learn."

In the contemporary context many Howard students agree with DuBois' view.

"I was a little taken aback by the facilities because they were not up to par with certain standards like the Ivy Leagues or even Hampton University, another HBCU, but you can still excel here even though our facilities are not A-plus," said Lillian Warren, a sophomore marketing major.

During the Middle School Commission on Higher Education visit, team members often remarked that the strength of Howard University is the communal spirit among the teachers, students and staff.

Ashton Charles, a sophomore political science major, emphasized that Howard University still has much to improve in terms of renovating facilities, but for him that is not what determines a quality education.

Charles said he recognized the importance behind DuBois' claim, "even though Howard facilities aren't all that great, you still have amazing students coming from here so it's coherent truth," he said.

Chaztan Pettiford, senior advertising major, said, "My problem is with the libraries. When I first came here, I didn't know where the books were. I thought the lack of materials in the library was a real inconvenience. We have a lot of old and dusty books."

Pettiford's comments are not unusual and have been expressed during two 2009 protests. Complaints range from lack of access to adequate technological equipment, like printers and internet connection, to subpar educational resources and buildings.

"I do think that good facilities push you to do more, but



Photo Courtesy of Library of Congress
W.E.B. DuBois' *The Crisis* is now the official magazine of the NAACP.

our ancestors didn't have a lot and they did more than we do now even though we have access to greater resources. In today's world, I do think that better facilities are necessary, but we shouldn't make it the focal point of success. You can still be successful if you don't have good facilities," Lewis said.

Even today, Howard's mission statement places emphasis on developing "students of high academic standing and potential" through a cadre of faculty committed to the "development distinguished, historically aware and compassionate graduates."

Students Sell Sweet Treats to Support



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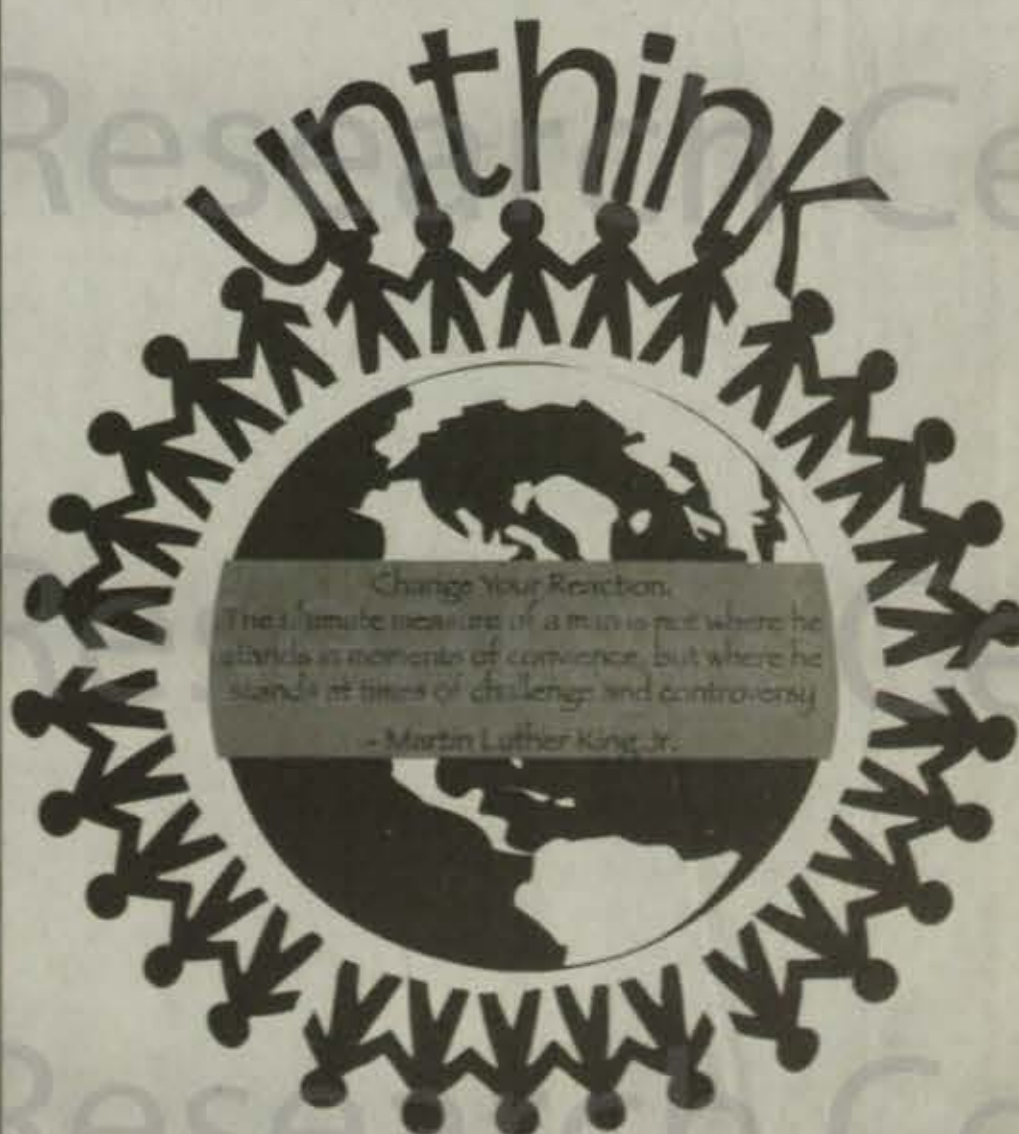
Home-baked cupcakes, cookies and brownies were sold at a Bake Sale by the Department of Occupational Therapy to help raise money to send students to their annual conference in April, according to the Occupational Therapy Graduate Organization president Vanesha Barnes.

With 23 first-year students and 16 second-year students, Barnes hopes to raise money to help all of the students attend the conference or at least money to help them out. Registration for each student is \$300 not including airfare or the hotel stay, she said.

"It's important that we learn about the technology that is advancing and new techniques to help people," Barnes said.

Other fundraisers the department plans to host are raffles and fish fries.

-Compiled by Tahirah Hairston, Campus Editor



Change Your Reaction.
The future is the result of a moment where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Accreditation Under Review

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"If you can't get excited from that, there's no hope," Carr said.

MPA Candidate and member of the Middle States steering committee Victoria Kirby said she feels the MSCHE appreciated the candidness of Howard's students and faculty.

"Accreditation judges you on what you say you are," Kirby said. "At that point, they begin matching it up with what they've seen. We have always considered The Mecca as our 'national treasure' and now the evaluations can attest to what we mean."

During Thursday's forum, MSCHE evaluation team member Peter Englot told The Hilltop

he was impressed by how much students loved Howard University. He said the concerns expressed came from a deep-seated pride in the university and a desire to make it better, as *The Hilltop* reported on Friday, Nov. 6.

Carr said the inability of students to say anything negative about the university without prefacing it with "I love Howard, but..." said a lot to the MSCHE team.

"The students impressed MSCHE by how caring and how honest we were about our own university," Undergraduate Student Trustee Nnamdi Anozie said. "Howard is in no way in danger of losing accreditation, but maybe faculty can begin to pay more attention to certain issues as we will continue to strive for excellence."

Smart said he felt that the

honesty was a direct reflection of how both students and faculty feel about the university as a whole.

"We have a vested interest in our university," Smart said. "Since we told the truth, we should take whatever was said into consideration."

Carr said he would like the university to consider harping on the culture the evaluation team took time to highlight. Carr said the evaluation team did not even scratch the surface in terms of really looking at Howard's potential to claim a space as the leader in Africana Studies. He said Howard should continue to build curriculum centered on the problems facing the African-American community.

"With no new hires and reallocation of resources, Howard can immediately become the global



Brian Hopkins-Scott - Staff Photographer

Students criticized the university, but also expressed love for their alma mater.

leader in the interdisciplinary studies of Africana," Carr said. "I hope the final report reflects Howard's achievement and the candor of those three days."

Kirby, Ribeau's graduate assistant, said Ribeau has expressed

sincere determination in having a plan and implementing change all across the campus to correct the issues that the university is facing.

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HUSA To Host Tree Event

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leadership."

Thomas said not only do they show a heart to serve but also a heart for the people of the D.C. community.

The tree is recyclable and will be decorated with energy-saving lights. Students can purchase ornaments for \$5 for one, or a group of 10 for \$40. Alexander said this has never been done before and encourages that this event be an ongoing tradition at Howard University. This is the first time any HUSA administration has conducted such an event.

"I hope that students and children enjoy the event," Alexander said.

Howard alumna Pharah Poliard said she is elated to see HUSA bringing Howard and the D.C. community together. "When you think about it, Howard is not just in its own community," Poliard said.

HUSA President Bryan Smart said this idea was completely Alexander's and is a great initiative to bring together the Howard and D.C. community, since many students complain about the relationship with the surrounding community. As a result, residents and students alike will be able to participate in the ceremony.

Smart hopes that this event will become a part of Howard.

"If you don't celebrate Christmas or Kwanzaa, this is just a way to fellowship with your peers and the D.C. community," Smart said.

The Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Nov. 20 on top of the Undergraduate Library (UGL) at 4:30 p.m. The tree will be set for the remainder of the semester.

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U.S. Primary Lender Files for Bankruptcy

BY RONALD TOLSON, JR.
Contributing Writer

After months of trying to fend off bankruptcy, CIT Group Inc., one of the nation's primary lenders to small and mid-sized businesses, filed the fifth largest bankruptcy by assets in history in an attempt to reduce its debt while trying to keep loans flowing to thousands of businesses.

Last week, CIT filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection asking the U.S. Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York for a swift approval of a pre-packaged reorganization plan after a debt-exchange offer to bondholders failed.

CIT hoped that the plan will significantly reduce its total debt by \$10 billion, which would allow it to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection by the end of the year.

"I have been following this story for a while now. I just hope that this does not mean more people will lose their jobs," said Bukky Ojeifo, a junior business management major.

Jeffrey Peck, CIT's chairman and CEO, said that none of its operating subsidiaries will be affected by the filing, allowing it to continue daily operations and to provide funding to its customers.

In the bankruptcy filing, CIT said it had \$71 billion in assets and \$64.9 billion in liabilities which is one of America's largest bankruptcy cases to date.

Its collapse is the latest in a string of business failures - only General Motors, Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual and WorldCom had more in assets when they filed for bankruptcy.

Although this comes as no surprise, it does however come as a blow to the U.S. government, which invested \$2.33 billion in CIT in December through the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP).

CIT is the first recipient of TARP to disappoint after being rescued by the government bailout.

CIT sought a second federal bailout in July but was rejected. However, it was able to obtain a \$3 billion loan from its bondholders to stay afloat for a short while.

In an effort to secure its sustainability, CIT was then able to make a deal with Goldman Sachs to lower its debt payments, received \$4.5 billion in credit from its own lenders and bondholders and negotiated a \$1 billion line of credit from billionaire investor and bondholder Carl Icahn.

However, it failed to convince bondholders to support its debt-exchange offer; a measure that would have shaved at least \$5.7 billion from its overall debt resulting in giving CIT more time to repay what it owes.

The debt-exchange offer offered bondholders the opportunity to exchange debts up for collection for new bonds with later maturity dates and preferred stock in the reorganized company.

Although the debt-exchange plan was rejected, majority of CIT bondholders who voted approved filing for bankruptcy, CIT said.

Under the bankruptcy plan, CIT expects to reduce about \$10 billion of its \$30 billion in unsecured debt.

CIT bondholders will only recover 70 cents on the dollar in new bonds and preferred equity in the newly restructured company.

The government, who recently investment will probably recover little if anything at all.

"This sounds great for CIT Group and its bondholders but do they plan on giving any reparations to those businesses that might be affected by its bankruptcy," said Chris Caraway, a senior public relations major.

Although CIT claims to see the light at the end of the tunnel, its bankruptcy could have a ripple effect as CIT provides loans to about 1 million companies; many of which are already feeling the pressure of this economic downturn.

CIT believed that its reorganization while not affect any of the

businesses that it supplies loans to.

In order for companies to survive they must have the confidence and support of lenders and its customers.

Although CIT's long-term survival is uncertain at the moment it believes that it will continue to thrive and to support the many businesses which rely on it.

Top Eight Chapter 11 Bankruptcies in U.S. History

1. Lehman Brothers
Pre-Bankruptcy Assets: \$639 billion
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2008

2. WorldCom
Assets: \$103.9 billion
Date Filed: July 21, 2002

3. Enron
Assets: \$63.4 billion
Date Filed: Dec. 2, 2001

4. Consec
Assets: \$61.4 billion
Date Filed: Dec. 18, 2002

5. Texaco
Assets: \$35.9 billion
Date Filed: April 12, 1987

6. Financial Corp. of America
Assets: \$33.9 billion
Date Filed: Sept. 9, 1988

7. Refco
Assets: \$33.3 billion
Date Filed: Oct. 17, 2005

8. Global Crossing
Assets: \$30.2 billion
Date Filed: Jan. 28, 2002

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WHAT'S 'APP'ENING?

Your baby won't stop crying? There's an app for that.....



iPhone claims to be able to translate the cries of a baby according to ABC News.

The new application allegedly can determine in 10 seconds or less whether a baby is tired, hungry or annoyed among other hardships.

Bilooop Technologic, S.L., a Barcelona-based company, claims that the Cry Translator uses sound analysis technology to identify one of five emotional states: hunger, fatigue, annoyance, stress or boredom.

"There is a tremendous amount of research supporting that babies who are responded to consistently and appropriately will cry less and develop stronger social and cognitive skills," said Pedro Barrera and Luis Meca, the application's creators, in a statement.

The company boasts a 96 percent success rate. "There are five distinct cries that have common frequency patterns, regardless of culture or language," said spokeswoman Lori McKnight.

"A mother learns these over time, but this can help speed up the learning curve, and also helps dads and caregivers."

The application costs \$29.99 and is available online.

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Georgia Avenue Stores Feel Economic Crunch



Stores on Georgia Avenue such as Up Against the Wall have seen a decline in sales, due to these bad economic times.

BY ERICA LYNCH
Special to The Hilltop

They are the stores where Howard University students have shopped for years — Up Against the Wall, Susan Fashion, Last Stop, Sports Zone and The Beauty Supply and Fashion Store.

In fact, they depend on Howard students for their livelihood. And like the rest of the nation, they are hurting.

Store managers said sales have dramatically dropped, as much as 30 percent, in one case. And as students have felt economic crunch, so have they.

"Since we are right near a college campus, students are our most popular customers," said Al Hebron, manager of Up Against the Wall. "However, being a col-

lege student means having less money and having less money means less shopping. With tuition increasing, students are tending to buy less, and use what they have. They are also taking on other alternatives, like going to thrift stores. They are bargain shopping."

The stores are located in the one block stretch on the west side of Georgia Avenue between Bryant Street and Barry Place.

The stores' business peaks usually when students receive refund checks or during special events, such as Howard's Homecoming or the holidays.

Not so this year, managers said.

"We have seen a 35 percent to 40 percent decline in purchases, but as of now, our business is steady," Hebron said. "But in this economy, if you can keep the

doors to your business open, it's a good thing."

Store manager of Sports Zone, Thomas Washington, said he has certainly seen a decline in sales.

"Students are not buying our apparel like they used to, and we don't get too many non-students," Washington said. "The store used to have more business, but not now."

The faltering economy has had a huge impact on Last Stop, said George Jackson, district manager.

"Not only has the economy being low affected the sales in the store, we have cut back on hiring new staff and cutting down the hours of our employees," Jackson said. "Times are hard, so we see the aftermath. No business equals no money and the decline of the establishment."

Angie Lee, store manager of The Beauty Supply and Fashion Store, said her store has seen a drop, but not a significant one.

People will spend money to look good, even in tough times,

Lee said. So, they come to her store for products for their hair and bodies.

"The sales in our store have pretty much remained steady," Lee said. "Business is good on some days, and slow on others, but the sale patterns over the past years have remained similar."

Paul Sing, store manager of Susan Fashion, said business has slowed some, but it has been largely steady.

"The economy affects the world as a whole, and many people in different ways," Sing said. "The customers who shop here at my store don't seem to mind though."

Haben Mebrahtu, 19, a sales associate of Susan Fashion said that though business in the store is slow, many women predominantly African-American women, will spend money even in the dwindling economy.

"Girls come in here all the time," Mebrahtu said. "They may not come here everyday or excessively, but when they do, they spend a large amount of money."



HU students and community residents alike visit the U Street Flea Market on 9 & U St. for jewelry, books, DVDs, art and perfume at affordable prices.

Affordable Buys at U St. Flea Market

BY JACQUELYN ROSS
Contributing Writer

The bright, yellow sign immediately grabbed Sidalia Reed's attention as she walked down 9th Street on her way to the Metro. Suddenly intrigued, she detoured her trip to Pentagon City Mall to stop and visit the U Street Flea Market.

A wire fence divided the flea market from the rest of the activities on 9th and U Street. A navy blue van blasting Reggae-ton music sat in the middle of the marketplace.

More than 20 fold-up tables covered by blue tents were placed side by side as vendors displayed their treasures for customers to see.

Books, perfume, art, fruit, CDs and DVDs were among some of the items available to shoppers.

A jewelry table finally caught the eye of Reed as she roamed the flea market. A lover of classic and vintage fashion, Reed browsed through the bracelets, earrings, rings and necklaces. A pair of royal purple, emerald and gold encrusted earrings were a must have item for Reed.

"It was funny because I was actually on my way to the mall to buy jewelry," said Reed, a junior nutritional science major. "I saw these earrings and knew I had to get them. Flea markets are definitely places to find great pieces for a great price."

Flea markets are historic staples of almost every city. The original concept dates back to the late 17th century, in the northern suburbs of Paris where "rag pickers" exchanged their findings for a small sum.

"I think flea markets are great," said Aleia Woods, a sophomore print journalism major. "Being from New York, I grew up going to the flea market every Tuesday with my grandmother. You'd always find the unexpected."

Today, no city is excluded from these "street markets." Usually open only on weekends, flea markets carry a wide range of antiques, collectibles, hand-crafted art and jewelry and vintage furnishings and clothing.

Flea markets can be compared to a large yard sale, in which many of the vendors just want to get rid of items, Howard University has its own nearby with the U Street Flea Market.

Managed by Mama Pearl, the flea market is a fairly private vicinity preferring to stay away from the publicity of the press.

Reed is just one of the hundreds of city dwellers who visit the U Street Flea Market in hopes of finding that one special item.

Abubakari Zuberi, 24, said that he frequently visits the marketplace on his free weekends.

"Collecting books has really become a hobby of mine," said Zuberi, a native of Philadelphia.

"I've found that this particular flea market is really good for finding books that aren't always in stores like Borders or Books-a-Million. It's pretty cool."

Appealing to many for its one-of-a-kind merchandise and low prices, the market is filled with loyal customers while continuously gaining new ones.

It is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Metro Briefs

Man Catches Fire, Dies While Pumping Gas in Md.

A man filling up a tank of gas at an Exxon station in Frederick, Md. caught on fire and died on Wednesday. Ainsley Gordon of Germantown, Md. was flown to the Washington Hospital Center. At the burn unit, he received treatment for the third-degree burns to more than 90 percent of his body. He did not make it and died within a few hours.

It is unknown what started the flames as Gordon pumped gas at 4 a.m. A vehicle and fuel pump were also damaged in the process.

Highest Arrest Rate for Marijuana Use in D.C.

According to the Marijuana Policy Project, the nation's capital has the highest arrest rate for marijuana smoking. About 677 out of 100,000 D.C. residents are charged for illegal marijuana use.

In 2007, 3,985 were arrested. The report says that last year, 15.7 percent of District residents smoked marijuana within the past year. Within the past month, a little under 10 percent of residents did. Young people and African Americans are most likely to be arrested disproportionately for such charges on the national level.

Washington, D.C. surpasses New York and Kentucky to have the most arrests for marijuana possession.

Carbon Monoxide Emergency at Md. Church Service

A church service in Prince George's County, Md. was abruptly interrupted Saturday night. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide led to the hospitalization of a woman and two children.

A call was made to police from Saint Bernard's Church around 6:30 p.m. after someone complained of faintness and dizziness. Several more people started experiencing some of the same symptoms.

Firefighters and paramedics arrived at the scene to treat and transport them to the hospital. Ten others were given oxygen. CO readings revealed a level of 1,300 per million. The normal level is 0 to 30. The gas leak was caused by a church boiler, which received work last week.

Restaurant Owner Found Dead Last Monday

The co-owner of Coppi's Organic restaurant was found dead in her home last Monday night.

U Street restaurateur Nori Amaya was discovered unconscious and unable to breathe at the 3600 block of 16th St. NW. Officials have ruled the death as a homicide and said the cause is strangulation.

The 38 year old owned the organic restaurant with her brother Carlos Amaya since 1993. No one had heard from her in the last two days.

The restaurant was open and back in business by Tuesday night.

—Compiled by
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Electric Car Charging Station Comes to D.C.

BY MAQUITA EATON
Contributing Writer

Those who have made alternative choices in their method of vehicle transportation are finally being accommodated in the District.

In mid-October, GreenlightAC, a D.C. based company dedicated to providing safe equipment for electric vehicles (EV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV), along with Mayor Adrian Fenty announced that an electric vehicle charging station will be installed in the U.S. Green Building Council parking garage in Northwest.

D.C. is the first place that GreenlightAC's ChargeBar™ will be installed.

"GreenlightAC decided to roll out the ChargeBar™ first in D.C. for a few reasons. [One reason being] EVs and PHEVs are expected to be introduced in D.C. in large numbers over the next several years. This makes D.C. a strong market for the ChargeBar™," said Sara Conneighton, a representative in the marketing and communications department of GreenlightAC.

The city already has an organization dedicated to promoting the use of electric vehicles to protect the environment.

The Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington, D.C. (EVA/DC) has been established for 29 years; some members own electric vehicles themselves while others do not.

Charlie Garlow is the vice president of EVA/DC and is excited about all the possibilities the installation will bring for D.C. and the surrounding areas.

"I think the [electric vehicle charging stations] are a wonderful idea. I'm glad to see Mayor Fenty is supporting. It's quite apparent that there is a need," Garlow said.

Howard University transfer student from Atlanta, Alonzo Heard, also agreed that it is a good idea but is afraid the government may eventually try to capitalize off of the people trying to protect the environment.

Garlow also works for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as an attorney. He enforces clean

air legislation and sues companies on behalf of the USEPA for violating clean air legislation.

The environment and clean air are at the top of the list of beneficiaries resulting from the ChargeBar™.

"In addition to our primary goal of providing EV and PHEV drivers a place to plug in easily, safely and reliably, we at GreenlightAC are committed to reducing carbon emissions and creating green collar jobs," Conneighton said, "which are two additional ways in which we can have a broader impact."

With installation of electric charge stations, there is a hope that other people will be inspired to purchase electric vehicles or plug-in electric vehicles. In fact, there will be more models coming out in the next few years.

"A lot of people are seeing electric vehicles as something they need to promote. American and foreign car companies are all discussing having electric models coming out in the approaching years," Garlow said.

Heard has been driving for five years but feels the pain of gas prices.

"I will get an electric car when I can buy one. If it saves money on gas, it's the best thing since sliced bread," he said.

According to Garlow, there are many incentives and benefits to having an electric car, and saving money on gas and less pollution are just a few.

This one charging station in D.C. is just the beginning of electric vehicles coming into the forefront. In about 10 years, electric charging stations like the ChargeBar™ and electric vehicles could be as common as gas stations.

"There are 20 million EVs and PHEVs anticipated on the road by 2020 — and the owners of these vehicles are going to need a place to safely and conveniently plug-in," Conneighton said.

"Governments across the country are beginning to recognize that there is going to be a great need for an electric vehicle charging network in order to support these vehicles."

D.C. sniper John Allen Muhammad will be executed today. He's receiving the lethal injection for the 2002 killing of Dean H. Meyers in Manassas, Va.

Did you know?

- Tyler Perry's "Why Did I Get Married?" has a sequel: "Why Did I Get Married Too?" It hits theaters April 2, 2010.
- D.C. native Wale's album "Attention Deficit" hits shelves today.
- Janet Jackson is releasing her forthcoming *Number Ones* compilation on Nov. 17, and the following day, Janet will air an hour-long prime time special on ABC, Nov. 18.
- Rihanna's album "Rated R" is set to hit stores Nov. 23. Chris Brown's "Graffiti" comes out Dec. 8.

- Compiled by Life & Style Editor Cierra Jones Courtesy of Concreteloop.com

Women Make First Move

BY JASON CLARK
Contributing Writer

Girl goes out with friends to a bar. Guy walks into the bar. Guy walks over to girl, buys girl a drink, maybe a dance and strikes up conversation. Guy asks girl for her number and the rest is history if the two strike it up.

The social norm for most of the 20th century has been that it's the man's responsibility to make the first approach and initiate contact. While this may be the case, it is not uncommon in today's dating scene to see the reverse, a woman making a first approach and initiating contact. Kate Day, a junior international business major, finds this OK even though she would rather be approached by a man.

"It's a new day and age; we are in a time where women are very independent," Day said. "We go after what we want. Whether it be a new job or a good-looking man."

It may be noticeable in today's culture that more women are approaching men, but not everyone is on board the train. Dating chat rooms and online forums are full of women asking the question of whether it is OK for a woman to approach a man. There are worries about whether they will come off easy or desperate and even possibly scare off the man.

Chynna Cole, a junior ac-



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Some men said that they would like it if the woman approached them and made first contact every now and again. It shows that the woman is interested.

counting major, said she feels that today's dating scene has drastically changed from a few decades ago, and it's OK for women to be the initiator. According to Cole, there are some circumstances that a woman

Cole is all for chivalry, and even though things have changed, she feels that men should be the primary ones to initiate contact. She said that women can help men feel a little more confident in doing so.

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- Stephen Knox

should not let slip by.

"I would approach a guy if he looks as if he has the primary requirements that you are generally interested in," Cole said. "You do not want to pass up the opportunity to get to know him and see if his personality compliments his other attributes."

"A subtle gesture to a male is enough to show him that he does have a chance to approach you," she said. "Something like a sweet smile or interested glance."

Stephen Knox, a senior broadcast journalism major, said he wants women to feel more at ease about approaching men.

"I'm all for it," Knox said. "It let's me know off the back she is willing to put forth some effort."

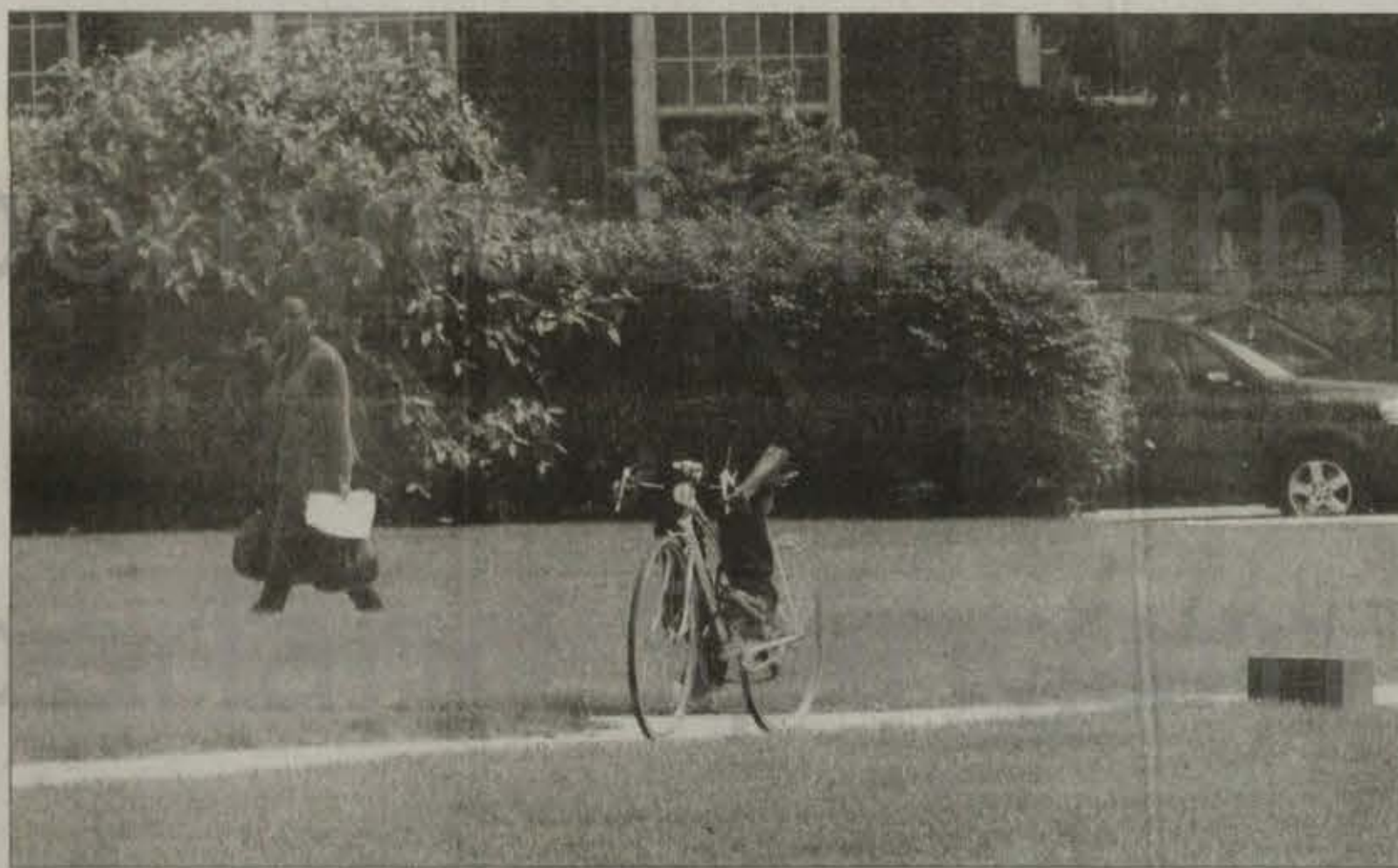
Cole said he feels most men would actually enjoy being approached.

"It can boost their ego," he said. "And they probably feel that the playing field is being evened out."

A panel on NPR radio discussed that social options for men are essentially unlimited. The 2000 census found that about 51.3 percent of the country is female while 48.7 percent is male. At Howard, according to collegeboard.com, the ratio is 68 percent female and 32 percent male.

"The odds seem to be in our favor, and that's not just at Howard," Knox said. "I guess it just allows us to be a little more relaxed, more selective."

Bicycles Become New 'Black'



Sean Robinson - Staff Photographer

Raymond Brown, a senior biology major, is seen above riding his bicycle on Howard University's campus.

BY AARON RANDLE
Staff Writer

It's an invasion.

Amid the hustle and bustle of Howard students grinding their busy days, as red-heeled Christian Louboutins, UGG Boots and Nike Dunks pound the pavement of the Upper Quadrangle, you're sure to see another, more foreign object making its way across the Yard. The bicycle.

In the last two years alone, Howard has seen itself transformed from a locale where you're more likely to see a Benz than a bike, to one where the bike is an accepted, and almost preferred, method of transportation.

Rachel Tarver, a junior political science major, doesn't ride a bike but has noticed the change. "I definitely think people have become more receptive to the idea of riding a bike around campus," Tarver said.

"People have shown that you can still stay fashionable and ride a bike. It's like 'hey if I have the swagger to pull [riding a bike on campus] off, why not do so?'"

There are no set statistics for how many students around the country ride bikes. However, it is clear that biking isn't as foreign of an activity to all schools as it is to Howard and other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

"There are hundreds of bikes at this school. It was so crazy to come from a place like Spelman,

where no one rides bikes, to UCSD where I feel like I'm the weird one for not riding a bike," said Passion Hemphill, a junior English major from Spelman College, an all girls' HBCU in Atlanta, currently attending the University of California-San Diego via a domestic exchange program.

The health benefits are abundant. After a recent national college survey conducted by the scientific research organization, LiveScience concluded nearly half of college males and nearly 30 percent of females are either overweight or obese; bike riding stands as the

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-Rachel Tarver

most proven and easily accessible weapon a college student possesses against obesity and various heart diseases, cancers and other ailments Americans so frequently encounter.

The bike is one of the most recommended forms of exercise for college students, and while students at Howard know biking is healthy, many students still ask: "Is it hot?"

Apparently yes.

Andre Foster, a sophomore sociology major who takes his biking and fashion seriously, attests to the cool factor of "the cycle":

"The most fashionable know that bikes are a preferred method of transportation, even at times, to driving. You can look at the infamous Sartorialist blog, Style.com, or even a more urban site like Karmaloop.com and see that bikes and fashion go hand-in-hand," Foster said.

"I look just as good arriving to class off my bike, than I would if I were walking," Foster believed in the 'fashionability' of the bike, but there are still some skeptics.

Amber Nicholas, a junior criminal justice major, said she doesn't know if she's ready to accept the bike as the "it" thing just yet.

"Some of the things I wear, especially on my most fashionable days, I just don't see me putting through the hassles a bike might present," Nicholas said.

"The sweating, the risk of [the bike's] effect on my clothes, the fact that I might fall! They all make it a risk I don't think I want to take."

Some students are convinced the bike is the new 'black', while some see it as nothing more than a retro staple trying to make a comeback. Whatever the case, one thing cannot be denied: There is a little thought being acknowledged that the bike just might be vogue.

"People definitely have started noticing," Foster said. "They're wondering, 'hmmm, maybe I need to get a bike!'"



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Wale's album "Attention Deficit" comes out today. The album has tracks such as "Chillin'", "90210" and "Mirrors."

Get Ready to Pay Attention to D.C.'s Very Own Wale

BY AARON RANDLE
Staff Writer

Wale has been waiting for this moment for a very long time. Since his 2006 "Dig Dug (Shake It)" debut, Wale - and virtually all of the DMV - have been waiting on his arrival as the mainstream representation of hip-hop, a moment that has finally come with his debut album, "Attention Deficit."

Having coined the term in reference to the crumbling hip-hop music industry, that in his opinion has resulted in a lack of interest and faith in the genre, Wale looks to assert himself, the DMV and hip-hop into the minds of the masses.

While educating America on D.C. culture through powerful go-go infused beats, veiled under witty, thought-provoking, fresh lyrics, Wale has produced a magnum opus debut that would make even the most seasoned of rappers content.

Opening with the boastful "Triumph," Wale issues a disclaimer to all doubters who either don't believe in, or have simply ignored his abilities ("I ain't trying to be politically correct/ But I won't rest 'till I'm given my respect"), that he is here to stay and has no intentions of leaving.

"Attention Deficit" continues on with the solid Kool and the Gang sampling "Mama Told Me" and "Mirrors" the latter featuring hip-hop royalty Bun B. It is here that the album goes from ordinary to outstanding.

The Cool & Dre produced "World Tour" featuring R&B songstress Jazmine Sullivan, where Wale discusses his many world travels, is a mind-blowing hip-hop-funk track only made better by Sullivan's booming voice and addictive scattling. Wale gets real with "90210," as he tackles the self-destruction many face in their hopes of one day being stars and living Hollywood lifestyles.

The album's surprising standout track "Shades" featuring Chrisette Michele follows "90210." Over sultry-smooth production, Wale tackles the tough intra-black issue of light versus dark skin, and the strains it has caused himself in his own personal relationships.

He then departs from seriousness for more witty, playful wordplay, an action that subsequently lowers the album's quality. With his lead single "Chillin'" featuring Lady Gaga and "TV on the Radio," Wale goes commercial and loses his audiences' attention.

"Attention Deficit" doesn't, however, end on a sour note. "The Prescription" shows Wale at his thought-provoking best as he proclaims himself the "past, present and future of rap."

"Nobody pays attention, and I'm trying to change that," Wale raps.

Wale wants to be a shock to the industry, a beacon champion for his city, and a formidable force in the rap game.

He has done just that.



Confusion Arises Over State of Moorland-Spingarn

Many students and alumni were shocked to discover this week that one of Howard's greatest landmarks, The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, was in danger of being closed due to structural issues and financial difficulties being experienced by the university.

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center serves as one of the world's largest and most comprehensive sources of documentation of the culture and history of descendants of Africans and it's located right here on Howard University's campus.

The center is filled with more than 175,000 books and thousands of journals, periodicals, manuscripts, artifacts, photographs and more; it is regularly used by countless researchers from all over the world, including Howard students.

Although the center is used by Howard students and located on Howard's campus, its scope reaches far

beyond the borders of Washington. It's a treasure for all descendants of Africa. So undoubtedly, the discovery of the Moorland-Spingarn Center's financial troubles, which have turned out to be detrimental enough to result in its closing after nearly 100 years, came as a huge shock and disappointment.

Confusion arose from the fact that the public, including Howard students

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Students and alumni care and deserve a chance to help.

and alumni, had no idea. According to MRSC Interim Director Thomas G. Battle, Ph. D, the university has no intentions of allowing the center to close, regardless of the dire state of staff cutbacks and financial resources.

The outcry following

last week's article published by *The Hilltop* has even prompted the university's Chief Academic Officer Alvin Thornton to make a formal statement to the Howard community, vowing to never allow the center to close.

Although the administration is obviously working diligently to ensure this historic treasure remains open, there is a way that the hostile and bemused reaction from students and alumni could have been avoided.

When the university first recognized that the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center was in such dire financial condition, they could have informed alumni and students about the situation.

Of course, people would've still been upset but both alumni and students would have been willing to do anything they could in order to help ensure one of the world's largest collections of our history stayed open—by any means necessary.

Perspective

*Excuse Me, House N*****

It is important to realize and comprehend that slavery is over. I, in no way, approve of the tactics nor execution of slavery but as in those times, there are two basic types of blacks; house n****s and field n****s.

Since slavery, in the physical sense, has ceased to exist in America, it is also very vital to know the definition of a house n**** or a field n**** is not solely defined or characterized upon skin tone, but rather, more importantly, ways of thinking.

According to W.E.B. DuBois, each and every black person has a dual-conscience, black and American. In the American conscience, blacks have concerns, considerations and pride for being an American. In the black conscience, blacks have concerns, considerations, and pride for being black/ descendant from enslaved Africans.

Basically, your conscience mind fights over which conscience to follow;

culture vs. the establishment. For the sake of the length of this argument, the establishment will be considered your American conscience and your black conscience will be black culture. A house n****, in these times, is an individual of the black Diaspora who values the establishment over black culture.

For example, a house n**** carries an umbrella on a sunny day to prevent themselves from getting darker, because American society says the lighter you are, the more socially acceptable you will be. A house n**** is so caught up in chasing equality that they overlook their own people's potential supremacy.

A house n**** determines beauty from the standards of American society instead of finding beauty in their own culture. A house n**** is offended by the word n****, because they truly believe and live by the standards and definitions of American society. A house

n**** has forgotten the four girls in Birmingham. A house n**** neglected the events in Jena. A house n**** doesn't care about Derriion Alberts.

I write this not to change you of your ways. I write this to offend you. If you are offended, consider yourself a house n****. Instead of anger, find the closest field n**** and ask them what you must do to be saved.

As a field n****, I inherently love all blacks and could care less about the establishment, but the fact that I walk the halls, sit in classes, live and eat next to stubborn house n****s is going to kill me faster than the U.S. government's many attempts.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I go to school with house n****s. If you don't believe me, check out the bleaching crème in the bookstore.

- Bryant Brown
junior political science major

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- Zora Neal Hurston, Co-Founder of The Hilltop Newspaper

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