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# Bethune Annex Sees Blood, Intruder



A male was found trying to enter through the side door of the Bethune Annex (above), which remains locked from the outside.

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE  
Staff Writer

According to several Annex residents, a 300-lb. male intruder with dreadlocks was caught on the West Side of the Bethune Annex by the Howard University Police Department, after being asked several times to leave. The intruder was tasered by the police according to Annex resident sophomore public relations major Jazmin Watson-Booth.

"I was fearful of my life. I was unsure of what was going on. I came down to get my food that I ordered. The campus police stopped me and told everyone to go upstairs. The man was laid out on the first floor of the West side," Watson-Booth said. "I saw him get tasered then someone escorted me down to the lower level of the Annex to get my food. I heard people saying he ran upstairs with a blade. The

police escorted him in the Washington D.C. police car. The man was cursing and rambling on. What really creeped me out was when I saw the blood on the first floor."

Sophomore pharmacy major Devin Hawkins said the intruder was forced out of an off-campus party organized by Howard students and was made to leave the party by Metropolitan police.

Hawkins said the intruder had been drinking and touched a girl inappropriately at the party. This led to an argument and his escorting out by the police. "I'm assuming he then went to the Annex afterwards to catch up with the young lady," he said.

After making his way to the Annex, the man walked onto the elevator without being checked with two residents and when the two residents realized he was not a student they ran for help, according to Resident Assistant Alize Beal.

Beal said after she told the intruder he could not enter the building, he went upstairs anyway. Beal then rushed downstairs to inform the security guard. Following several attempts to remove the intruders, HUPD were finally able to man the intruder out of the building.

In an email to *The Hilltop*, Howard University Police Department Chief James released a statement he said, "During the early morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, a male subject entered an unsecured door at the front of the Bethune Annex, but was spotted by the security guard on duty who challenged the individual. The security guard called the HUPD for backup and several officers responded and confronted the intruder, who was arrested and charged with unlawful trespassing, after a brief scuffle with the officers."

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## HBCU Relevance Up for Question

BY GLYNN POGUE  
Staff Writer

Today on the campus of Maryland's Morgan State University, presidents of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), prominent Civil Rights lawyers and some of the nation's greatest Black thinkers like Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, will engage in a national dialogue about HBCUs and their continuing challenge to be comparable to and competitive with peer Traditionally White Institutions (TWIs). It's a conversation that takes place almost daily among students on campuses of HBCUs.

Just this week, a group of students at Howard were expressing their fears about what the outcome could be of the University's recent re-accreditation review.

"I'm worried that Howard may have problems with accreditation the way many Black colleges have had recently," said Opal Dillard, a hospitality major. "Look at what happened to Morris Brown College. As Black students we have to be twice as good when we go to get jobs, and our colleges have to be just as good, too."

Last week the Evaluation Team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education conducted a three-day site visit as part of its review to determine Howard's accreditation status. The results of Howard's accreditation review will be made public in the spring.

At today's Morgan State conference, organized by The Center for Civil Rights in Education, presenters will explore the impact of disparities in higher education for African-American students attending HBCUs. The findings from a recent study, according to The Center for Civil Rights in Education, suggests that HBCUs are not sufficiently funded to carry out both missions, although helping under-prepared students earn a bachelor's degree is disproportionately more important at HBCUs than at TWIs.

Indeed, the historical premise for HBCUs was, and is, to provide

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## HU Sees New Year of Who's Who



Bree Gent - Staff Photographer

The recipients for the Who's Who Among Colleges & Universities awards were honored on Tuesday evening, with guest speakers and performers.

BY BRITTANY JACOB  
Contributing Writer

A group of 90 Howard students were brought together to celebrate their dedication to their community, academics and leadership roles as college students.

"[The students selected for Who's Who] are a true representation of what a Howard student is," said Lisa Reeves, associate director of Student Activities.

The students who were elected to be a part of Howard's Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges were selected from more than 150 applicants, according to Reeves. Some of the requirements included community service, campus involvement and grade point average. The honorees in the room exemplified the well-rounded Howard student, ranging from members of student councils,

HUSA president and vice president, members of sororities and fraternities and even members of the Undergraduate Student Assembly.

The theme of the event, "Making an Impact on the World," was apparent in both the performer and speaker for the reception.

Miss HBCU and Miss Howard University Kendall Isadore, astonished the crowd with

her solo rendition of the black national anthem.

One of the honorees, Brittney Hicks, topped off the performance with her original poem called "Bison Dream." In the poem, Hicks said, "Don't let our swag take you away from our intellect, because besides our fashion, our intelligence deserves respect."

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## Anna, Tropics Touch Down at HU

New play brings drama, 'jealousy and lust' to students at the Mecca

BY ASHLEY THOMAS  
Contributing Writer

For all the Howard students who don't have enough love, drama, infidelity, jealousy and lust in their own lives, "Anna in the Tropics" will serve up the perfect dose to cure the blues.

Araba Brown, junior acting major who plays Conchita, believes "Anna in the Tropics" has all the makings of a good soap opera. "It's a really good story that hasn't really been told about our Afro-Cuban culture," Brown said.

The play will take the audience back to 1929 in Ybor City, Fla., to witness a brief time in the lives of five Afro-Cubans working in a cigar factory, whose lives are all changed when a new lector ar-

rives to read to the workers during their shifts.

Professor Tamera Izlar, director of the play, says the biggest thing is seeing the lives of the people in 1929 and witnessing how strong the traditions were back then.

Conchita, the daughter of the cigar factory owners, Santiago and Ofelia, is married to Palomo, a factory worker who she believes is cheating on her.

When the lector, Juan Julian, begins reading Tolstoy's Anna Karenina, jealousy sparks as ladies begin to swoon over him. Conchita decides she then needs to start an affair of her own.

"Sometimes I can't help the guilt," Conchita admits to her

husband after he asks her what it's like to be with Juan Julian. "His room became a theater, his bed a stage and we became actors in a play."

With divorce out of the question, Conchita is stuck between lust and love as Palomo works to win her back while Juan Julian continues to seduce her into deeper bliss.

Meanwhile Santiago and Ofelia fight to keep their marriage alive as he confronts his gambling problems and she decides tough love may be the best way to get him back on track.

Cheché, the long lost brother of Santiago, who is from the North, wants to bring about change to the factory and with his

resentment of lectors; his hatred towards Juan Julian grows more intense day by day.

As his eyes close in on Marena and the workers begin to rally against him, there's no telling when Cheché will finally snap and go crazy.

"The play is relevant to students who are working to create change," said Nijel Porter, junior acting major, who plays Cheché.

Porter says students should come out not only to support the arts but also to learn about a culture that many don't know about.

The play will be showing Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Students' admission is \$8.50 and general admission is \$15.00.



# 'Afro-Cubanidad' Educates HU Students

BY ALEISE POLK  
Contributing Writer

Students, professors, and visitors crowded the Blackburn Center Forum as they learned about the Afro-Cuban culture from theatre students.

"Afro-Cubanidad: A symposium on Afro-Cuban History, Culture and the Cuban Revolution" was presented by the Howard University Department of Theatre Arts Tuesday night.

Nubia Kai, organizer of the event, wanted to inform the community on the positive contributions the Afro-Cuban community has made, and their influence on today's society.

"I want people to know the richness of the culture, the history of the people, from slavery to their

contributions to dance," Kai said. "I want to correct the image that has been framed around Cuba and [Fidel] Castro."

The event, which began at 6:35 p.m., was held in conjunction with the play, "Anna in the Tropics," written by Nilo Cruz. The Pulitzer Prize winning play can be seen starting Wednesday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 15 in the Ira Aldridge Theatre.

The story captures the Cuban culture through the portrayal of cigar factory workers living in Tampa, Fla. in 1929.

Quito Swan, the assistant professor of history at Howard, served as the moderator and spoke of the Cuban Revolution from 1868 to 1958. He stressed the need to make people of African descent more visible, and to get them rec-

ognition for their contributions.

Ian Smart, a professor in the World Languages and Culture department, spoke of the Yoruba sacred science, Santeria. The religious practice, which derived from West Africa and has strong musical ties, is still prevalent in the Latin American culture.

Professor Algris Bolton drew from her Panamanian heritage to share her knowledge of the strong influence African traditions have had on Hispanic culture, particularly dance.

"Rhythm is the center of every artistic expression," Bolton said.

"Dance is as much a discourse as is the spoken word," Swan said three times, reiterating the pervasiveness of dance and its significance to the community - a

point that was emphasized in Bolton's presentation and a prominent theme of the night.

Sandy Waters, a Cuban-American and freelance photographer, also highlighted the historical and cultural significance of music and dance. The salsa is a prominent dance that evolved from Cuba and that is influenced by African culture.

She shared films she produced that celebrate the Afro-Cuban culture. One video showed the vibrant dance moves of her 89-year-old mother and some of the theatre arts students, both who were in the audience.

Water's mother even excitedly shouted, "That's me! That's me!" when she saw herself on the screen.

The remaining time was

left open for audience members who had questions about the Cuban culture.

Kai was pleased with the crowd's interest and large turnout, which resulted in audience members sitting on the stairs, standing against the wall, and crowding the doors.

"I think it gave people a different perspective. I am pleased with the turnout," said Kai.

Smart left audience members with thought-provoking words.

He said, "We have to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery, right here at Howard University. We need to see what the problem is, right here. You can't fix anything anywhere else until you fix yourself."

## Through the Eyes of a Homeless Man

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE  
Staff Writer

He sits outside of Starbucks, hands out as if he savored every drop of rain that poured down. In the slowest way possible he stutters "Excuse me, do you have a dollar?" Giving him a glare of disgust with arms folded, a female walks by shaking her head, as if he were inhuman.

"Yeah, right," the female said.

Standing at 6'3" 250 pounds, "he" is Reginald David a 64-year-old man, who despite not having a home or loving family, still manages to find joy in life.

"He doesn't bother anyone or give us any problems. He's very harmless and rarely asks for anything," said Starbucks employee Eugene Marshall.

"I like to come out here and soak up the sun, every now and then. At the present time, I'm waiting on my friend to come by. He's

a boxer," David says with excitement, as he balls his fist.

Growing up in Washington D.C., David was a boxer in his younger years. He used boxing as a means of protection because segregation was on the rise.

"Me and fighters have a connection. Boxing was a necessity when I was coming up, or else!" he said jokingly while puffing his second cigarette.

The look of his yellow and brown moustache revealed a story in itself. Continuing to smoke, he begins to open up like a book. Spilling out information, as if he'd been waiting for someone to talk to.

"See young lady, I grew up on 11<sup>th</sup> street. I attended a vocational high school where I studied painting and decorating. After high school, I worked on trade. I had to deal with inhaling fumes and things all day. I retired after a while. I take it easy now and do what I can. The Bible helps me spiritually," he said as he pulled out his Bible.

As he turned to the book of Matthew, a man who appears to be around the same age as David comes over and taps him on the shoulder.

"Long time no see man," said Alvin Johnson, David's old friend.

Johnson and David attended Shaw Sunday School together. Dressed in a vest, creased jeans, several gold rings, and a hat cocked to the back, one can be led to believe Johnson may have been in a better financial state than David.

"I've known this man for over 31 years. We've come a long way. Things were much different when we were coming up," Johnson said, looking away as if he were reliving his past in his head.

The two men get on the subject of children. While David has no idea where his children are, Johnson's child died at age 41 due to a chronic illness.

The two men say their good-byes, but David remains seated.

"See that man can talk, can't he?" said David as he reached for another book.

"Have you read *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. DuBois? I want you to read this."

Although he may not be the most financially stable person, the money he does have, he sometimes spends on books.

"I live in a shelter right on New York Avenue. Whenever I get bored or stressed, I just read."

A frequent customer walks by with an eye of curiosity. "I come to Starbucks all the time, and I always see him here. I can look at him and tell he has a story. I never thought to ask him about his past though," said Howard student Alize Beal.

Despite David's physical appearance, living conditions, and lack of money, he still manages to find happiness and joy in nature. Continuing his quest to make each day better than the last, David lives each day with a smile.

### Homeless In D.C.

- 6,044 homeless single persons and families were counted in January 2009 enumeration.
- The number of homeless people has increased by 5%.
- The average age is 49.
- 11% are U.S. military veterans.
- 582 have been victims of domestic violence.
- 20% of homeless have chronic health problems.
- 113 persons are living with HIV/AIDS.
- 1,264 suffer from chronic substance abuse and 521 are severely mentally ill.
- About 13,000 single adults and 530 families use emergency shelters every year.
- The 22nd annual Homeless Walkathon is on November 21, 2009.

-Information from [www.downtowndc.org](http://www.downtowndc.org)

## REPRESENT FOR THE CARIBBEAN



Justin Thomas

Born in Trinidad, life was a little bit slower for sophomore biology major Justin Thomas than his life has been as a college student in D.C.

Thomas said while life back at home was not as fast paced, the school system in Trinidad helped him make a successful transition to America.

"My school focused a lot on English, reading, and science," he said. "So when I came to America, I had a good foundation."

He said that having an outside perspective to America helped him appreciate it.

He said it was difficult at first because people couldn't understand his accent, but now he is used to it.

"Coming to Howard, I felt at home because there is such a large Trinidadian population," Thomas said.

The go-go music here, he said, is very similar to the music in Trinidad, but with different lyrics.

Thomas said one thing he misses about his hometown is sailing. "Water sports is something we have that you don't have in most cities," he said. His favorite food from Trinidad is Roti.



Nykeeba Brown

Junior public relations major Nykeeba Brown came to Howard from Jamaica.

She said since Jamaica was already so Americanized, adjusting to life at Howard wasn't extremely difficult. She also had friends from Jamaica who went to Howard.

Brown appreciates her school for preparing her academically for Howard. She said in Jamaica, high school is set up in two portions with the last portion lasting only two years.

"The last two years of my high school was very similar to the work load at Howard for the first two years," Brown said.

Brown said nothing in D.C. reminds her of Jamaica, especially since there aren't many students from Jamaica who went to Howard when she first came here. Brown said she used to go home as often as she could because she was homesick.

"This semester, there are a lot of Jamaican students," she said. "We created our own home."

What she loves about Jamaica is the vibe and the patriotism. "I always tell people if they were to cut me, I would bleed black, green, and gold."

## Recipes From Trinidad Recipes From Jamaica

### Roti

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon milk or water
- 1/2 cup olive oil or ghee

### DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt, mixing well. Add the milk or water and stir until combined. Knead dough for 1 to 2 minutes. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Place dough on a lightly floured surface and divide into 8 equal portions. One at a time, roll each portion out as thinly as possible, into an 8-inch circle. Using a pastry brush, brush off any excess flour from the dough.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil or ghee in a large non-stick skillet or griddle over medium-low heat. Place the dough round in the skillet and cook until golden, about 1 1/2 minutes per side. Wipe skillet clean and repeat with remaining dough and oil. Cover the roti bread and keep warm until ready to serve the filling.

Recipes by [find.mysrecipes.com](http://find.mysrecipes.com)

### Jerk Pork w/ Hard Dough Bread

- 3 lb. of boneless pork loin
- 6 sliced scotch bonnet peppers (jalapenos may be used if scotch bonnet peppers are unavailable)
- 2 Tbsp. thyme
- 2 Tbsp. ground allspice
- 1 Bulb of garlic, finely chopped
- 3 Medium onions, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 2 Tbsp. salt
- 2 Tsp. ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- Juice of one lime
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 to 2 Tsp of the following (to taste):
- ground cinnamon
- nutmeg
- ginger

### DIRECTIONS

Place first 15 ingredients, in a blender or food processor, and process until smooth.

Slice pork lengthwise, cutting to, but not through, other side. Open halves, laying each side flat. Slice each half lengthwise, cutting to, but not through, other side; open flat. Combine pork and green onion mixture in a dish or large zip-top plastic bag. Cover or seal; marinate in refrigerator 3 to 24 hours. Remove pork from dish or bag; discard remaining marinade.

Prepare grill.

Place pork on grill rack, coated with cooking spray; grill 8 minutes on each side or until meat thermometer registers 160° (slightly pink).

Don't Be Tardy For The Party.

Remember the Last Day to Withdraw From Classes is November 20th.



## Intruder Caught at Female Dorm, Alerts Students

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"The arrested intruder was removed from the building and transported by MPD officers for processing at the Third District. The subject that was arrested was determined not to be a student at Howard University, and a joint investigation between the HUPD and MPD is continuing."

This incident has many students questioning their safety in the dormitories at Howard University, in addition incident with another male intruder in the East Towers in

October.

"Is our dorm life really secure? This is where we lay our heads down. Personally, I don't think the security guards have any type of restraints or reinforcements. Half of the time they are sleeping. This really concerns me," said sophomore biology major Brittany House.

Chief James said all authorized personnel entering the residence hall facilities are required to display their identification cards.

"Our security guards in particular have been asked to step up enforcement of this policy at all

times," he said.

He continued, "As a precaution we are asking all students and staff residing within the residence halls, to pay close attention to the entry doors as they enter or leave to make sure that the doors close properly. If a student or staff member observes a deficient door, we are asking that they immediately make a notification to the Residence Life staff, or the security guard, so that we can make a notification to Physical Facilities Maintenance to respond and correct the deficiency as soon as possible."

## Some Question Place of HBCUs

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higher education to minority students who may not have been able to attend college otherwise. The Higher Education Act of 1965 defines an HBCU as "any historically Black college or university established prior to 1964, whose principal mission is the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association." The act recognizes that HBCUs "have contributed significantly to the effort to attain equal opportunity through post-secondary education for black, low-income and educationally disadvantaged Americans."

Today, however, some historically Black colleges now have non-Black students, most notably West Virginia State University, whose student body has been close to 90 percent White since the mid-1960s. And just last year, the valedictorian from Morehouse College's graduating class was a White male. While these developments were not the original intent of Black colleges, the greater threats to their tradition is the fact that larger numbers of Blacks are choosing TWIs over HBCUs. Many non-state supported HBCUs are struggling

financially due to the increased cost of delivering private education to students and declining financial aid as well.

Freshman biology major Nia Henry says most of the black seniors from her New York high school never entertained applying to an HBCU.

"They thought the education would be inferior. They weren't impressed with the physical look of the schools and the quality of their equipment, and they worried their degrees wouldn't hold as much clout after graduation when they went to get a job," she explains. "My brother graduated from Hampton, and I always wanted to attend an HBCU, but the only ones I applied to were Howard, Hampton and Spelman. They have a rich, respected legacy that opens doors in the workplace, and they appear to be stable."

According to a 1994 study by the National Center for Education Statistics, the most current data on the subject, the increase in Black enrollment at HBCUs between 1976 and 1994, which was 21 percent, lagged behind the 40 percent rise in Black enrollment at other colleges, and that gap is continuing to widen. But Uwingabye Cunningham, a freshman English

major at Hampton, says she chose to attend an HBCU because "after attending a predominantly white high school, I wanted to experience more of my culture and be around successful Black people," echoing a recurring theme about how being in an environment where the student leader, the best debater, the brainiest student and the most talented artist are all Black. Cunningham says she's not that worried about getting a job out of school, because the alumni network coming out of Hampton is strong. She adds, however, "I will probably attend a prominent White university for graduate school to add to my marketability."

Maya Bell, a business administration major at Virginia State University, has great appreciation for the extra effort she believes the faculty makes to help all students succeed.

"Our classes are small, and you really get to know your professors," she says. "You really get the sense that they genuinely care about your growth and education, and if you're falling behind, there are extra classes and support to shore you up. I'm not certain you're going to get that at a black student at a majority white institution."

## Who's Who Seeks, Finds HU's Finest

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The reception included a speech by a 1975 Howard alumnus Donald M. Temple, Esq. Temple founded the campus organization Ubiquity in 1973. His speech encouraged the audience to simply "think."

He said, "The condition of black people is an issue" and "it is more than the college degree that counts."

The mood of the room was very positive and encouraging. The honorees felt the support in the room from audience members such as senior accounting major Brian Cox, who attended last year's reception. Cox said although the reception was short, it met his expectations and was

"better than last year."

Andrea Giddens-Bolden, the mother of an honoree, said she was very impressed with the talent and the outstanding young people at the reception. She said, "I can't wait to see all of them one day doing big things."

Aside from being honored as Who's Who recipients, special awards were given to certain honorees. The award for Exceptional Citizenship & Service was given to Cristen Moore; the awards for Outstanding Leadership went to both Hayley Mason and Marquis H. Barnett; the Superior Academic Achievement Award went to Elijah Adedire and lastly, the award for Exemplary Academic, Leadership & Service went to Jessica Nwokocho.

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# Indianapolis Students Sued for MySpace Pictures

BY CHELSEA BATTLE  
Contributing Writer

Two sophomore girls sued their school district for punishing them after posting sexually explicit pictures on MySpace.

The pictures were taken during their summer vacation and had no connection with the school.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a federal lawsuit on behalf on the girls two weeks ago.

They argued that the school went too far and claimed that Churubusco High School, the school in question, infringed upon their freedom of speech rights.

The two girls, who were athletes, were not only banned from extracurricular activities, but were also forced to undergo counseling and apologize to an all-male coaches board, causing them public humiliation.

"I think it was appropriate to sue the school district because the pictures had nothing to do with the school. School was not even in session," said Akia Dillard, a junior psychology major. "Maybe if they were wearing school apparel, then the school should take action because they would obviously be a representation of their school but they weren't."

Many child advocates argue that schools have a right to play a role in monitoring or regulating students' behavior when they are minors.

Howard University adheres the "In Loco Parentis" code of conduct which allows people or organizations, namely schools, to take on the function and responsibilities of parents in the absence of parents.

According to Howard's Code of Conduct "Judicial action against any student committing a violation of the Code off-campus will be considered on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of the filing by a Complainant of an Allegation of an Off-Campus Violation of the Howard University Student Code of Conduct form."

In addition to this, the U.S.

Supreme Court has ruled that "students can be disciplined for activities that happen outside of school, so long as the school can prove the activities were disruptive or posed a danger and that it was foreseeable the activities would find their way to campus."

In this particular case however the girls had no knowledge that their pictures would find their way back to school officials.

The pictures, which were taken during a slumber party over their summer break, showed them posing in lingerie while they pretended to lick a penis-shaped lollipop.

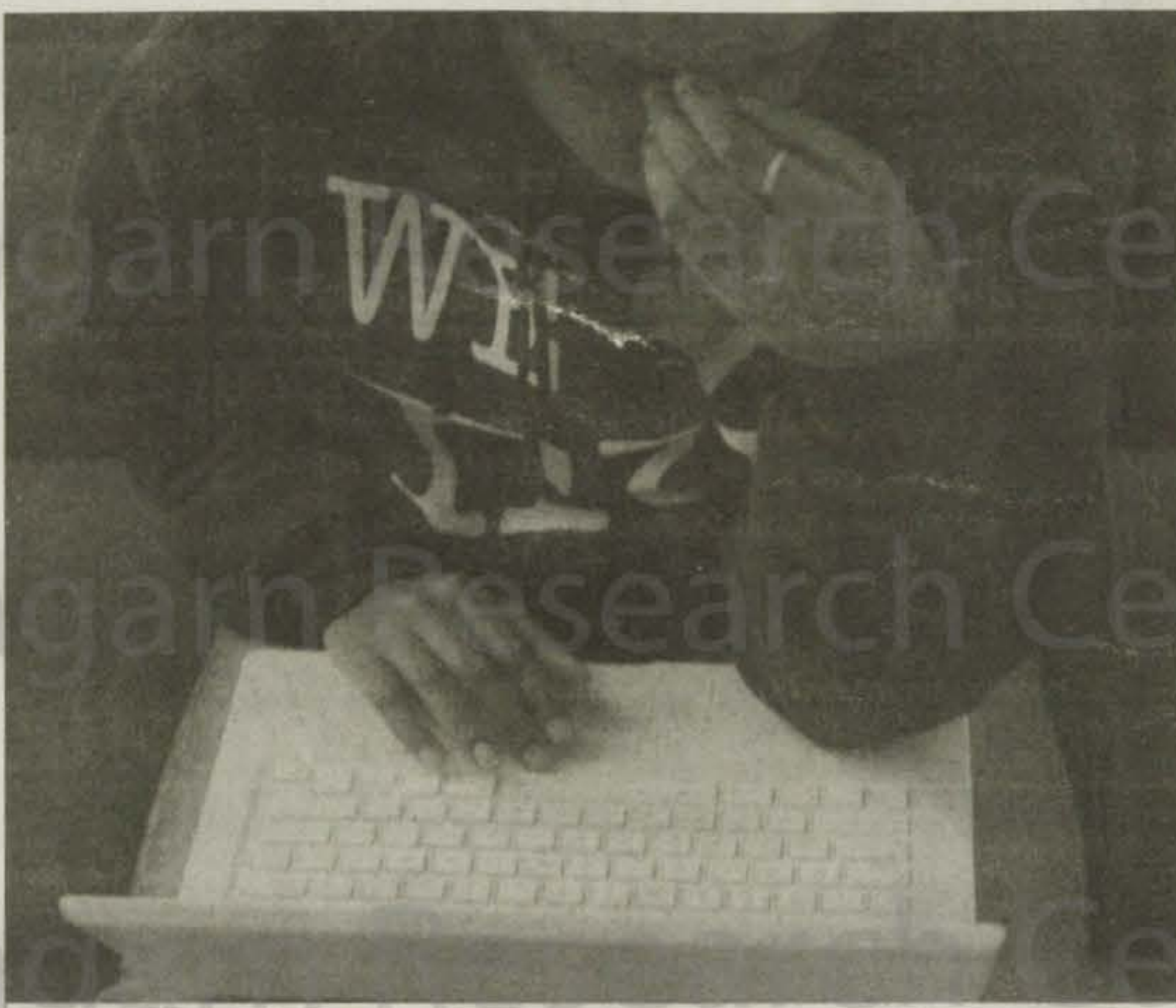
The photos were intended to be a joke designated for friends only. While trusting that their privacy control settings on Myspace would allow only their friends to see the pictures, an unknown source copied and pasted the pictures and shared them with school officials.

"People have to be careful because you never know whose checking or looking at your page," said Dr. Chukwuka Onwumehili, a professor of communication and culture. "Whatever students or anyone posts can be socially and professionally damaging," he continued.

Austin Couch, the principal of Churubusco High School, and the district argue that regardless of whether or not opposing groups feel that school officials went too far with the punishment, they were adhering to the school's athletic code which bars student athletes from any school activities if their behavior "creates a disruptive influence on the discipline ... moral or educational environment at Churubusco High School."

Junior human development major Briana Barnes said that she feels that if it was the personal choice of the girls to make themselves look bad then they should be held accountable for their own actions, especially since the incident was not school related.

"I feel like if it was only meant for their friends and it was some-



Faraday Okoro - Photo Editor

Two high school girls, both school athletes, were banned from extracurricular activities because of inappropriate photos of them placed on the social networking Web site Myspace. The pictures were shown to school officials.

thing that didn't have anything to do with the school then that's their personal business," Barnes said. "I feel like the school is wrong. But at the same time, as athletes, they do have a certain image to uphold because they represent the school."

Ariana Green, a junior biology major, shared similar views. "I feel like the school shouldn't have been involved because the pictures weren't taken at the school, and they weren't wearing anything representing the school."

When it comes to social networks, such as Facebook and Myspace, many college students use these Web sites to make contacts and to socialize for personal or professional gain.

Posting pictures helps to facilitate the networking process but at

some point, the wrong type of photos can severely damage students' professional careers and jeopardize their safety.

Dr. Velma LaPoint, a professor of child and adolescent development said, "They are warning people about these social networks. Once your picture is in cyberspace it can go anywhere and be put in illegal, immoral and questionable situations."

She continued to say that she felt the school took the "punitive" approach to the situation, or rather they were more concerned with taking action or implementing punishment than addressing the incident as a safety issue.

In her opinion, safety is the biggest issue and she definitely understands both parties' arguments.

"My concerns would be the safety of the girls. They could have been targeted for sexual exploitation or even blackmail," LaPoint said. "Even though pictures were intended for a closed audience, there is always a risk when using social networking sites that an unintended audience can get access and share it with others. I don't necessarily agree with the actions taken but these circumstances raise the question of school jurisdiction and punishment."

As of late, no hearing has been scheduled. By law, schools do have the right to regulate students' behavior off campus, even if it is online. The court however will have to decide whether or not the girls' freedom of speech rights were violated.

## iPhone Arrives in China Missing Key Feature

Want Wi-Fi on your \$1,000+ iPhone in China? ... There's no app for that.

BY JUSTIN AMEY  
Contributing Writer

After two years in the American market, the iPhone finally arrived in China, the world's biggest mobile phone market, lacking Wi-Fi, a major feature of the iPhone, and priced much higher than iPhones in America.

Apple Inc. has partnered with China Unicom, a major provider of wireless telephone service.

In China, the iPhone 3GS costs 6,999 yuan (\$1,025) in stores, and although they don't have Wi-Fi, more than 200 customers waited for its release in stores.

Chinese merchants are also selling unlocked iPhones with Wi-Fi at street markets for about 5,7000 yuan (\$835).

The iPhone offered in China is not equipped with Wi-Fi because the technology has been banned from China since 2007 when Apple Inc. promoted a rival Chinese system.

The ban is part of the technological and regulatory difficulties faced by Apple Inc. in bringing the iPhone in China.

Wi-Fi is a popular feature of the iPhone and can use free wireless in cafés, offices, and other locations to download the latest applications.

Despite these challenges, consumers in China are still willing to buy iPhones from China Unicom.

Many customers are fans of the Apple brand and have consistently bought Apple products.

Others don't trust the quality of phones from street markets.

The iPhone released in China is the iPhone 3GS, the third generation of the iPhone and features a faster system, a better camera, video recording and voice control.

China Unicom believes customers will

buy their iPhones because of the post sale support they'll receive.

This support includes insurance and technical support.

The high price of the iPhone is a direct result of the demand created for the product in Chinese markets.

Chinese consumers were well aware of the Apple brand and the iPhone but could not buy it before the ban was lifted.

"It's all about supply and demand. People want stuff that they can't have. Since it's the newest generation of iPhone, there's a great deal of excitement around it," said Johnetta Hardy, executive director of the ELI Institute.

When the iPhone was first released in America, it was priced at over \$600 and has gradually decreased.

The same iPhone 3GS that currently costs \$300 in the U.S. is being sold for over \$1,000 in China.

"Everybody should have equal access to updated technology. But I do feel that [consumers] overseas are being exploited because of a lack of access," said junior justice studies major Jessica Stevenson.

China Unicom and Apple Inc. have other difficulties to deal within the Chinese market.

China Mobile, the market leader with 508 million mobile phone accounts, plans on offering another smart phone by the end of 2010.

China Mobile will offer seven models, and market the line as the "OPhone." Its market share is over 75 percent.

China Unicom only has a 20 percent market share of the mobile phone market, and the Wi-Fi issue must be addressed quickly if the demand for the iPhone is to be maintained.

There will still be a demand for iPhones in China. They're very tech savvy and have more needs than the average user," said senior business major J'Naia Madden-Spells.

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# Divinity in the District

## Students Search for a Place to Worship in D.C.



As students arrive to Howard University, they often search for churches, mosques and synagogues to attend away from home.

BY LAUREN WARD,  
Contributing Writer

Originally when Ashley Thomas, a freshman fashion major, came to Howard University, she was not intrigued by the chapel service until one Sunday when she decided to attend and listen. "Sometimes I used to think home was the only place I could worship at, but now I think differently," Thomas said. She worships at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel every Sunday and says she enjoys the service.

The pastor asked the congregation how much they praise the Lord and how many times a day they speak to the Lord. This caught Thomas' attention right away because she realized she was not praying anymore.

At that moment, and at that service, her eyes became extremely watery because she recognized her mistakes. Although the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel was not her church back home, it still had the same effect on her, and she was not expecting that.

Local churches provide free transportation for college

students, such as Reid Temple A.M.E. Church located in Glenn Dale, Md., Ebenezer A.M.E. Church also in Maryland, and Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church in D.C.

The First Baptist Church of Glenarden of Upper Marlboro, Md. also welcomes students.

The shuttles travel to Bowie State University, Howard University and University of Maryland for pick-up. Reid Temple also offers free transportation for students who would like to worship on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

"I love Reid Temple Church. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming like a family. I still miss my church back home, but I am glad I found a new family to worship with because it reminds me of home," said Bria Smith, sophomore biology major from Bowie State University.

Smith has attended Reid Temple A.M.E. Church since her freshman year.

"I recommend every college student to attend this church because the pastors Rev. Dr. Grainger Browning and Rev. Dr. Joann Browning are so inspir-

ing. I will always remember Rev. Grainger's sermon about the best is yet to come," said Smith.

She has observed since her freshman year that many students worship at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church. Smith wants all college students to know that worshipping anywhere is great as long as one worships somewhere.

"Every student should find a place to worship, but a good place to start is at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel," said Dean Bernard Richardson.

Richardson explained how there are a variety of people from different backgrounds and nationalities that come to Rankin to speak.

"The speakers or ministers are very diverse and they always give a powerful message," Richardson said.

Also, Richardson has witnessed some students coming to Howard's Carnegie Hall to discuss the services with him or Rev. Fay Acker. Some students do take advantage of chapel, but others do not because they don't think it is a "real church."

"Student's perspectives would be different if they attended Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel because of the different faces that appear every week and the experience they will receive will not duplicate anywhere else in the world," said Alexander Pullen, senior political science major.

Some Howard students feel Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel is the perfect place to begin worshipping.

"The role of chapel is to help affirm one's individual spiritual and theological progress and to expose students to the oneness and wholeness of all religious experiences," said Melech Thomas, senior communication and culture major. "I would encourage all students to find their niche within the ministries offered by Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel or anywhere else."

"At first I did not think chapel was the place for me, but now I do and I have been to local churches too, so I think students just need to try it out, and see for themselves," said Brittany Porter, freshman broadcast journalism major.



Tony Lee is the pastor at the Community of Hope in Prince George's County, Md. As a youth, he smoked, drank and partied. Eventually, he turned his life around and is now helping D.C. area youth do the same.

## A Transformed Reverend Reaches Out to Area Youth

BY NICHOLAS NELSON  
Contributing Writer

Indian philosopher Mohandas Gandhi once said to "be the change you wish to see in the world." For Reverend Tony Lee of the Community of Hope A.M.E. Church in Hillcrest Heights, Md., these words couldn't be more fitting. Born in Southeast D.C. and raised in Prince George's County, Md., Lee said his path has not always been one of righteousness.

"I grew up angry. I smoked my share of weed, drank my share of alcohol," Lee said openly.

"There were crews in the area, fighting one another to maintain the rep of their neighborhoods. Some of my friends were major killers," Lee reveals. "It was very counterproductive to our community."

Though he managed to stay away from major criminal activity, Lee brought his anger with him to the University of Maryland, College Park.

"I was in college, a place of opportunity and possibility — somewhere a lot of my friends couldn't get to, but still acting 'thuggish,'" he said.

After almost being kicked out of school and getting arrested, his brother, the Rev. Bill Lee stepped in to help and eventually led him to Christ. He is a former graduate assistant at Rankin Chapel and helped to initiate Wednesday Night Live.

"My brother took me to Ebenezer A.M.E., and I heard God talked about in a way I had never heard before," Lee said, crediting the ministers at Ebenezer with being able to effectively reach out to his generation.

Accustomed to being taught about God as a rule maker, the more relatable teaching method from Ebenezer brought about a change in Lee.

"I began a shift in my life. I started to grapple with my anger issues, with my alcohol issues, with my attitudes toward women, and through that growing and learning process, I realized that God had a purpose for me."

That purpose, Lee found, was to build up his community. After serving as a youth minister at Ebenezer A.M.E., Lee founded Community of Hope A.M.E., which he describes as a vein to communicate the gospel

to younger generations.

Described as the church "where everybody has a chance," Community of Hope shapes its worship experience to meet those needs.

Kini Spady, graduate assistant in Meridian Hill Hall and member of Community of Hope's ministerial staff, appreciates Lee's efforts in the church and the community.

"People who don't ordinarily come to church are drawn to his ministry," said Spady. "I'm grateful to work with someone not caught up in the traditionalism, but more concerned with today."

Senior legal communications major Michael Bruins can attest to Lee's and Community of Hope's unique approach.

"It's very different from what I grew up experiencing," said Bruins, recounting a go-go remix of a gospel song he heard his first time going. "It's definitely a more laid back environment, and everyone is free to be themselves."

Another one of Lee's non-traditional efforts is his Club Ministry, which ventures out to area clubs and distributes HIV/AIDS information and condoms. Considering D.C.'s AIDS rate is ten times the national average, Lee sees this as "the church dealing with an everyday reality."

Lee's ultimate vision is to reestablish the church's voice in the community, especially among the youth.

"The church has a major image problem with our young people. It's not able to communicate to this generation the relevancy of Jesus and the power of life transformation."

But with a Sunday morning radio show on WPGC 95.5 FM, Lee is taking steps to restore the church's presence in the hip-hop generation by "using the strength of the generational influence to reach the world."

Lee also commends the Howard University community for its impact on his ministry.

"Howard people have a track record of greatness, and that gets me excited," he says, especially praising Mr. Howard University 2008-2010, Melech Thomas, on his efforts toward ending gun violence.

He said, "Y'all Howard people get down!"

## HUH Fights the District's Growing HIV/AIDS Epidemic

BY SYMONE WILSON  
Howard University News Service

Tucked away at the end of a long, still corridor of white walls and tan and gray tiles on the first floor of Howard University Hospital is a cramped, unassuming office. Its wooden door is adorned with posters that read, "Know Your Status, Get Tested" and "Free, Free, Free!"

Nearby, a navy blue and white placard reads "HIV Screening."

It doesn't look like much, but this year, more than 2,000 people have visited the office and had their cheek swabbed to find out if they were carriers of HIV or AIDS.

In a city with the highest HIV/AIDS rate in the nation, one in which the percentage of residents with the disease is higher than some African nations, that is a very significant number.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the District of Columbia has an infection rate of 148.1 people per 100,000 residents, more than 10 times the national rate of 14 per 100,000.

Those figures beg the need for greater testing for HIV/AIDS among District of Columbia residents, said Dr. Goulda Downer, principal investigator for the National Minority AIDS Education

and Training Center (NMAETC) at Howard University College of Medicine. Testing has a direct relation to a reduction in the spread of the disease, Downer said.

"Testing is crucial," she said. "When people know their status, 93 percent will protect their partner."

Sixty percent of those who are HIV-positive are responsible for 100 percent of new infections and 50 percent of them do not know they are HIV-positive, she said.

Howard University Hospital's Comprehensive Area Resources, Entitlements and Services (HUH Cares) offers free HIV testing weekdays in that first-floor office in the hospital.

Additionally, the hospital offers routine HIV/AIDS screening for inpatients and patients who come through the outpatient clinic and emergency room, said Maya Holt-Brockenbrough, deputy director of the Women's Health Institute. More than 33,000 people have been tested since testing began October 2006.

Davene White, director of HUH Cares, said the hospital has been trying to increase awareness of the disease through testing booths at health fairs, and more recently, getting the message to Howard University's incoming freshmen during orientation.

Meanwhile, NMAETC

has been working to eliminate the stigma associated with the disease, particularly in minority communities where the HIV/AIDS rate is highest, Downer said. The stigma associated with the disease, especially among medical personnel, makes it difficult to have everyone tested and to provide proper care for those afflicted with the illness, she said.

"Stigma is the permanent scarring of a person's identity," Downer said, "and when it happens among clinicians, it is a death sentence."

NMAETC has trained over 38,000 clinicians, primarily in the inner-city, geographically remote, rural communities and on Native American reservations, to battle the various factors that cast a cloud over people with HIV/AIDS, Downer said.

The hospital has improved its testing efforts, in large part due to the swab test instead of testing the patient's blood. The current test takes an about 20 minutes to complete, White said.

Howard University's Center for Infectious Disease Management and Research also offers counseling services to those tested HIV-positive. Holt-Brockenbrough said.

"We make sure it's not just a test," White said. "We give results, we give support, we give referrals."



## JAE MURPHY

"The initial moment I realized I really wanted to host and be an on-air, I dreamed of hosting *Yardfest*," says Murphy. "I was so proud of myself because I know that Howard is a very diverse and competitive crowd. Anybody can't just get up on that stage. It's got to be a certain person to keep the

Murphy and DJ Big Will continued to host and DJ house parties together throughout his

Despite popular belief, Murphy's life involves much more than just hosting parties and events.



Photo Courtesy of Jae Murph

Jae Murphy balances school and various activities with a growing career.

"I'm not just a party animal. I'm not just here to party," laughs Murphy. "I have a 3.4. It's about grades."

"He has this sense of professionalism about him," says Dean Watkins, junior broadcast journalism major. "He just seems so calm and cool when he's on the stage, like he's been there before."

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- Compiled by Aaron Randle, Staff Writer

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## Take It From The Top



BY CRYSTAL J. ALLEN  
Editor-in-Chief

I had a long talk with my friends on Wednesday about relationships and our expectations of such, at such a delicate age. In short, I think we expect too much.

A lot of us are in serious relationships. Some of us are 20 years old, living with our significant others, sharing bills, food and everything else us college students typically hold sacred to us. If you're one of these people, more power to you. But if you're not, I'm telling you, don't rush it.

We have all our lives to find a husband or wife. A lot of us were told we would "find" our life partners in college and, whether we know it or not, a lot of us have. But I strongly feel that the expectations we place on our relationships and our significant others are sometimes unrealistic.

For a 21-year-old guy to not party and have fun, regardless of how many females he has "fun" with, is absurd to me. We should all be doing the same thing — tactfully, of course. None of us should be "tied down" right now. If you are reading this, there's a big chance you're in your prime. These are the best — the absolute best — years of your life. They really don't get any better than this.

We hang out on weekdays, skit through classes (some of us), take over parties, create exclusive cliques and our own little worlds. If we have no money, we use our dining dollars to eat in the Punchout. If we don't have dining dollars, we "bum" off someone else's.

None of this will exist after Howard. Dining dollars when we're hungry? The closest equivalent to that would be welfare. The life we live right now will be fantasy once we leave.

We can all learn from one another, have fun together and the like. But when it comes to actually settling down, honestly, if done in this particular setting, you may just find yourself settling. Chances are, one of you — if not both you and your partner — is not ready. Let's not fool ourselves.

I'm not saying we shouldn't date. We absolutely should! It's how we learn about our likes and dislikes, what we'll accept and what we simply won't stand for. By playing the field and "accepting applications," we are all able to construct a list of what we want in a life partner. That's forever.

So, relax. Go with the flow. If your "boo" is texting someone else or acting up, let it slide. Where do you see yourself in five years? Ten? Is that person there? If not, there is truly no reason to get shaken up about anything. Right now, the only person who matters is you (and your family and biggest supporters, of course). Focus on yourself and don't look for that "special someone." When it's time, that person will find you. Believe it.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

tweets from some of HU's funniest twits

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- Domenico Smith, junior public relations major  
(@mybroVAandME)

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2:21 PM Nov 9th from Echolon  
- Chris Munn, senior finance major  
(@ChrisMunn)

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## He Said...She Said Viewpoints from Both Sides of the Gender Divide This week's issue: Communication

By Milan Kunin

Many times lack of communication in relationships stem from not being clear about the dynamics of the relationship from the beginning.

A lot of times college students rather just let things "go with the flow" in order to not make things awkward rather than asking the questions that need to be asked.

When the right questions are not posed people begin to assume that the other person knows what they want out of the relationship.

I have picked up on the fact clear, concise boyfriend-girlfriend relationships are rare at Howard University. With this being said the first thing that needs to be established is the intentions of both participating parties.

Many times females assume that overtime their efforts will reap some sort of benefit like a possible relationship or boo thing.

Guys on the other hand are content with allowing things to just happen with no sense of direction or plan for the future of the relationship. I believe this is due to the fact that guys are able to separate the physical form the emotional while usually females can not. While it may seem difficult to explain this there is a very scientific reason for this.

When men are performing the action they are using an external feature while woman on the other hand are in a vulnerable position allowing a man to enter her personal space. Take a second to think about it.

After discussing the intentions of each person the next needed step is to discuss what "un-written rules" of the relationship.

You all have not decided to have an official title what does that allow each of the respective participants to do outside the time they spend with you.

I feel like guys use not communicating as a strategy to be able to do whatever the hell they please. Because Howard women tend to hold themselves to a higher standards than most.

Most of us would not be sleeping with more than one guy at a time. Shouldn't this mean that he isn't allowed to have multiple partners as well?

For those unsure of the answer let me say it as clear as possible. Investing your physical energies in more than one woman at a time is morally and ethically wrong.

If not in a committed relationship you can have as many "friends" as you like as long as their not getting all of what im getting I suppose its ok.

My final disclaimer is this, men are trifling and weak as hell and you can force your boo or your man to read my perspective or the perspective of the many intelligent women who have come before me but the truth of the matter is they will continue to play stupid until the end of time.

The key is to be the one to initiate the needed communication and to vow to hold out on given it up until you get the answers you want!

A lack of communication in any relationship is a choice made by two individuals; it is not forced. The idea that people are able to blame the negatives of their situations on "lack of communication" is a means to cope with unfortunate reality. Understanding true reality and the natural actions of humans, one will also understand that we tend to create alternatives when we don't like the ones given.

For example, everyone knows that the "right" thing to do in a sexual relationship is to stick with that person or to, at least, acknowledge when you're "venturing out," yet, people rarely do this. What happens is, someone in the relationship will mess around but won't actually bring it up as a topic of discussion. A monogamous relationship is a monogamous relationship. When it comes to purely sexual relationship, as a rule of thumb, unless both individuals agreed that their sexual relationship is only temporary, the only default option is a monogamous sexual relationship. Women are in control more than they portray. They typically know what a guy is going to assume before he assume it. Don't play the victim; to avoid the drama and complaints, use communication as the only option.

My perspective: sex is a binding contract. Under the law of the United States,

a valid contract must be lawful, have an agreement, consideration, and capacity. Pay attention closely, because if you've been playing the "lack of communication" card — you may very well be fined or "hopefully" arrested for negligence.

When you sign a contract (have sex) you agree to continuously please each other. "In exchange for your promise to continuously 'you know what' I promise to continuously 'you know what' monogamously" sounds like a valid offer to me. You accept as soon as you send "LOL." I believe that engaging in sexual activity is sufficient enough consideration to be enforced by law. Marriage is only one type of contract. Unless otherwise changed within the lines of the oral or written contract, you are binded to perform that action to them and only to them. Not doing so is like all of a sudden paying the AllState insurance guy for car insurance when you still have a binding contract with the Geico lizard! You didn't tell him. You didn't cancel it. You just decided to discontinue your service, without communicating your cancellation. There are consequences for that. A reasonable person wouldn't have had sex in the first place if they didn't want to enter into a relationship (i.e. a contract).

## Overheard @ The Mecca

Overheard on the shuttle...

**Girl 1:** I wanna volunteer in a soup kitchen.

**Girl 2:** You need to get a job before you be living in a soup kitchen!

Overheard in the Cafe...

**Boy 1:** She was cute wasn't she?

**Boy 2:** Yea, but she didn't have the whole package. Picture a green stinch in the form of a fist and punching you in the nose.

**Boy 1:** You were right to abort mission.

Overheard in the Quad...

**Girl 1:** I'm about to lie to all my teachers and tell them I have swine flu!

Overheard one of your fellow Bison say something crazy? Send it to [meccanisms@gmail.com](mailto:meccanisms@gmail.com)

## 20 Questions

...because we know you were wondering the same thing.

1. Didn't the Veteran's Day Holiday screw up your weekly routine?
2. Why did Katt Williams get arrested for burglary, trespassing in Georgia?
3. How many people broke out their summer clothes for the nice weather this week?
4. Were you the only person who didn't go to Station 9 on Tuesday night?
5. Why did the Target in Columbia Heights not have Wale's new album "Attention Deficit" on Tuesday?
6. Why did Interscope ship like 10 copies of Wale's new album? How much do you think he's going to sell?
7. How many people listen to WHBC radio shows? (you should).
8. Why did Rihanna throw Chris Brown under the bus in all her interviews?
9. Who else wishes there were hidden cameras in the car to see what really happened?
10. Is Lil Wayne really going to have to cut off his dreads when he goes to jail?
11. Is it us or did the School of 'C' try to get brand new for accreditation?
12. Why did UGSA go so hard for Student Apathy funeral... an actual casket though?
13. We wonder how many people are plotting for campaign season in NOVEMBER??
14. You know you're thirsty right?
15. Is it us or does the weather have tourettes?
16. How many people knew Obama's Healthcare Bill passed through the House of Representatives?
17. You know all your friends are about to disappear in the spring, right...?
18. What HU student has the most followers on Twitter?
19. Next week is the last meccanisms of the semester; are you going to miss us?
20. Do you know the creators of HU twerk team and B.J.I?

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## Yeah, He Was Wrong – But is Rihanna Trying to Play Us?

Last week, media sensation Rihanna granted an interview with Diane Sawyer on “20/20,” speaking out for the first time in detail about the violent Chris Brown scandal that occurred earlier this year.

Absent was the pop singer’s usual striking make-up and daring attire; instead she was outfitted in noticeably demure clothing.

As she relaxed in front of the camera, Diane Sawyer asked the difficult questions, even reading word-for-word from the police report Rihanna filed on the night of the assault.

Maybe interviewing isn’t Rihanna’s strong point. Perhaps her publicist thought it a bad idea for her to speak out too soon after the incident. There’s even a possibility that she didn’t know that October was National Domestic Violence Month.

But, interestingly

enough, Rihanna chose to grant her first interview to the media a couple weeks before the release of her third studio album. The interview timing reeks of a publicity campaign to promote album sales.

Although Rihanna claims that she wanted to speak out as a way to educate

**Our View:**  
*Rihanna’s “20/20” interview seemed inauthentic and manipulative.*

girls in similar situations, her interview seemed inauthentic and staged — like she (or her image consultant) was determined to convince the audience that she was the totally innocent victim.

Her answers seemed very scripted and calculated, and she even managed

to contradict herself on a couple of occasions. Even diehard Rihanna fans recognized what seemed to be a blatant attempt at audience manipulation.

Maybe it would have been different if she had used the situation and the publicity it received to do what she claimed she was doing with her “20/20” interview all along — before her album was set for release.

Unfortunately, her less than personable attempt at her first interview came off as calculated and inauthentic.

Of course, Chris Brown was nothing but wrong for putting his hands on a woman. Celebrity or not, and provoked or not, he was wrong.

We are in no way condoning domestic violence, or trying to make any excuses for Chris Brown’s behavior but come on Rihanna, don’t try and play us.

## Perspective

*Excuse Me? House N\*\*\*\*?*

As a high school senior, I was more than enthusiastic about joining the legacy that is Howard University, one of this country’s most well-known, respected and prestigious black institutions of higher learning.

Needless to say, I expected to come here and be surrounded by the best of today’s intelligent and driven black youth.

However, since enrolling as a student, I have found that not all of us are so intellectual; in fact, some of us are downright ignorant.

In his *Perspective* article, a junior political science major shared his definition of a “house n\*\*\*\*” and attempted to call out “individuals of the black diaspora who value the establishment over black culture.” While I understand the point this gentleman was trying to make, I do not agree with much of what he had to say, nor do I appreciate his use of the term “house n\*\*\*\*.”

We all know that white people separated our enslaved ancestors into two categories — House Negros and Field Negroes. The House Negro lived in the house with master and generally dressed and ate bet-

ter than the Field Negroes because they were granted the family’s leftovers. The House Negro loved his master because he was well taken care of.

In today’s society, however, the term “house n\*\*\*\*” has been adopted to describe those black men and women who seem to value white supremacy over their own self worth. I do not believe the term fits today’s use of it because white people are not giving us anything! Moreover, we are not n\*\*\*\* — we are free individuals with human, constitutional [and] civil rights.

Here, the junior political science major from [Tuesday’s] article would call me a “house n\*\*\*\*” because, according to him, “A house n\*\*\*\* is offended by the word ‘n\*\*\*\*.’” I would then tell him, “Yes and you need to be offended by it too, n\*\*\*\*!” Your use of the word only perpetuates and upholds ideals set in place by “the establishment” you claim to denounce. I believe we as a people should remember the origins of that word and stop using it so loosely or as a replacement for a term of endearment. There was no love

when master said it, and you would likely be the first one ready to fight if you heard your friend at Georgetown use it.

Mr. Political Science might also label me a “house n\*\*\*\*” because he says, “A house n\*\*\*\* is so caught up in chasing equality that they overlook their own people’s potential supremacy.” What? I’m sorry. I thought “chasing equality” was a good thing. Shouldn’t we want to continue the fight for our rights and advancement in this country so that we can make our potential a reality? That’s what I was taught.

I am going to continue working hard so that I can dispel the low expectations and stereotypes that white America has placed on our community. I will live as an example for young black girls after me, and I will continue to give back, build up and fight for my people. But I guess, in your eyes, I will not be down for the cause until I bend over and pick some cotton.

—LaRita Williams, sophomore chemistry major

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**Correction:**  
**Friday, Nov. 6**

**Friday Follies said the plane crashed, but it only overshot its target destination.**



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