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Security Officials Respond to Bethune Annex Break-in

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

As a semester filled with dorm break-ins, a shooting and school burglaries comes to a close, students find themselves worried more than ever about security in all campus facilities.

Chief Leroy K. James said he wanted students to know Howard University Police Department (HUPD) has taken note of these instances, and they plan to be more vigilant about ensuring that the people walking through the doors of residence halls reside within the residence halls on campus.

Instances such as the intruder showering in the dorm of a female resident's bathroom in the Howard Plaza Towers East and the man tasered, beaten and escorted out of the Annex Wednesday morning have left many students feeling insecure, despite the statistics bolstering that crime has been cut in half.

"This is all very scary. All of the precautions they take in terms of safety that inconvenience us, and yet it still doesn't help out crime. That means some things need to be re-thought. I suppose I should feel safe, and I did. But after hearing

about some foreign man with a blade walking around in the Annex, I can't feel that safe at all, especially as a girl," said Cachanda Evans, sophomore biology major.

Although this is a security responsibility, James said he wanted others to be more active in protecting themselves.

"Safety is not just about security; it also involves students and faculty," James said. "We all need to be knowledgeable in playing a role in our own security."

An immediate problem that has caused crimes, including the intrusion on Wednesday, is ineffective doors on the various buildings. James said the only way things can be repaired is if students are reporting these problems.

"When students notice these deficient doors, we need them to report these things so PFM (Physical Facilities Management) can come to fix them," James said.

Beyond the dangers inside the dorm, the pending case of the sophomore shot in the leg after Homecoming Yardfest is still fresh in the minds of students. "We have no update on this particular case because it was off campus, therefore Metropolitan Police handles cases like this," James said.

James said HUPD has been in contact with the Interim Dean of Residence Life Mark Lee to implement a comprehensive way to secure the dormitories on campus, using technology.

The Tubman Quadrangle is the only dormitory that utilizes the scan card system on Main Campus. The scan card system generates records of entrances into the building, enabling authorities to go back and retrieve information about who entered the building and at what time.

A default in the system is when people enter directly after the student and no one checks IDs at the door. The Hilltop has entered into the Quad five times using this method as part of "Dorm Check" inspections.

However, Ayo Davis, freshman print journalism and resident of the Quad, said, "I feel very safe in the Quad. I've been in the Annex before, and it's not that I didn't feel safe, but I feel like it would be much harder to sneak in or intrude into the Quad because of our set up and security."

James is pushing for technological advancement within

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Former Ambassador Speaks on Ethnic Conflict

BY DERRICK HAYNES
Editorial Assistant

President Barack Obama's intentions during his presidential campaign to sit down with Iranian and North Korean governments in an effort to promote peace and prosperity through face-to-face dialogue were criticized at the "Ethnic Conflict in Obama's World."

As a part of the Liberal Arts Education Roundtable series, the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society hosted retired U.N. Ambassador John W. McDonald to discuss ways to resolve global conflicts caused by tensions among ethnic groups and the impact of President Barack Obama on U.S. foreign relations.

In the lecture entitled "Ethnic Conflict in Obama's World," McDonald started his presentation by outlining the current outlook of social unrest. McDonald said Russia alone faces 70 potential ethnic conflicts because of the government policies that sought to "destroy" the identities of the different ethnic groups in Russia, including Chechens, whose quest to separate from Russia has resulted in



Photo Courtesy of Steve Jurvelson

President Obama has been praised by some for his policy on conflict.

bloody confrontation.

Eleanor King, a professor in Howard's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, described ethnic conflict as the conflict between two or more ethnic groups who define themselves as different based on culture in an interview with *The Hilltop*.

"There are many ethnic groups across the world. Some

groups are able to coexist peacefully, but many cannot," she said.

King said the animosity between groups can be attributed to colonialism throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

"Colonial powers often deliberately mixed within one country[s] people of different

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Hundreds Gather for Science Forum

BY MAX REDDICK
HU News Service

Department of Commerce Deputy Secretary Dennis F. Hightower praised Howard University and five other historically black colleges and universities for their work in increasing the number of scientists of color as he opened the fifth biannual NOAA Educational Partnership Program Forum.

Hightower, whose department includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), returned to his alma

mater Thursday to begin the three-day conference and told the nearly 500 students gathered in Cramton Auditorium that the world needs them to reverse climate change and protect the environment.

Every two years, NOAA hosts students from across the nation studying science, technology, the environment and mathematics at one of its five Cooperative Science Centers to discuss the latest research in oceanography and atmospheric.

The students also demonstrate their own research.

Joining Hightower for the opening session were U.S. Reps.

Elijah Cunningham (D-7th MD) of Baltimore and Donna Edwards (D-4th MD) of Prince George's County.

Cunningham told the students that the nation needs them "right now" to provide the new research and leadership to mitigate issues caused by climate change such as rising sea levels, beach erosion, increased rainfall and flooding.

"We are talking about scientists who are going to have a profound impact on the country and the world," he said. "The work

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Schools Unite for GM Visit

BY RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

On Thursday, students visited one of General Motor's (GM) most talked about hybrid transmission plants. Students of the School of Engineering's EcoCar Program paired up with the School of Business' 21st Century Advantage Program (21 CAP) GM Team for a site visit to GM's White Marsh plant in Baltimore, Md.

This is a continuation of a long relationship GM has with Howard University.

"It's a good opportunity for exposure to the GM Company, the

products that we represent, the technologies and the innovation. GM and Howard have had a long-term relationship and we want to maintain that."

The students toured the facility and spoke with recruiters and specialists regarding hybrid cars. Many of the students were able to drive two of the newest hybrid cars manufactured by GM, courtesy of GM's Project Driveway Program.

Howard University is the only HBCU of the 17 universities

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Photo Courtesy of Nina Price

School of Engineering and School of Business students gather together with factory employees and GM representatives.

Basketball Team Begins Road to Redemption

BY HEATHER ROBINSON
Staff Writer

After finishing the 2008-09 season with a record of 8-23 and going 0-15 on the road, the Howard University men's basketball team has an opportunity to begin the path of redemption on the right foot against Indiana tonight in Bloomington, Ind.

"I think that I can do a good job rebounding, defending the basket, stopping the opposing team's inside presence, and scoring as well," center Charles DeCosta, one of six freshman on this year's team, said.

Scoring will be the least of the Bison's concerns, as last season they allowed their opponents to score 70.5 points per game, shoot more than 45 percent from the floor and were out-rebounded by 6.3 rebounds per contest.

"We have worked hard in practice on our defense, because we believe that defense will help us win games," senior forward Kandi Mukole Tshimuanga said. "Our objective is to [reach] the NCAA tournament, and I hope to help the team by playing good defense and rebounding."

The defensive prowess of the 2009-10 Bison team was on full display on Nov. 7 in an exhibition against Marymount, as Howard won 64-47, allowing their opponent to shoot only 35 percent from the floor and causing 24 turn-

overs.

During the Marymount win, the addition of a talented freshman class was on full display, as Anton Dickerson and Mike Phillips combined for 16 points, and Tyreek Johnson and Gary Lawrence scored 5 points each.

"[The recruits] will provide us with depth that we did not have last year when players got hurt," Tshimuanga said. "Last year we had great individuals, this year the threat can come from anybody on the team which will really help. It can make this team unstoppable."

The Bison will depend heavily on the same balanced attack they received in the Marymount game against an Indiana Hoosiers team that underperformed last season, ending the year with a 6-25 record.

Prior to the 2008-09 season, the Hoosiers had won nearly 20 games every season since 2001 and had made an appearance in the NCAA tournament 3 years in a row.

In their two exhibitions before tonight's game, the Hoosiers averaged 95.5 points per game and shot 50 percent from the floor.

"I believe we can put ourselves in positions to win," Tshimuanga said.

The first, all-time match-up between Howard and Indiana will take place Friday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.



Brian Lipkins-Senti - Staff Photographer

The HU men's basketball team prepares for the season in Burr Gymnasium.

Charges Made Against Employees for Stealing Newborns in Mexico City Hospital

BY LE'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

Mexican authorities have arrested five hospital personnel accused of stealing newborns at a private hospital and selling them, said the Mexico City attorney general's office.

Three doctors, Victor Manuel Mancera Gonzalez, 74, Jorge Adalberto Guerrero Bustos, 55, and Alfredo Ortiz Rosas, 52, were arrested, as well as nurse Maria Guadalupe Castro Morales, 58, and hospital receptionist Leonel Rodriguez Mondragon. Each suspect was charged with trafficking minors, using false documents and organized crime.

According to the authorities, the doctors and hospital personnel would tell the parents of the stolen babies that the babies died.

On Thursday, one of the abducted babies was reunited with her biological mother.

Through genetic testing, authorities were able to confirm the identity of Diana Fernanda Castillo, 1, and handed her over to her mother, Vanesa Edith Castillo Guzmán.

An excerpt from the Mexico City attorney general's office official statement says:

"Castillo told officials that her daughter was born at 5:11 p.m. Oct. 25, 2008. She never saw her but heard her cry. The mother repeatedly asked Ortiz Rosas to let

her see her daughter, but he told her it would be later, once she recovered from the anesthesia and Caesarean section surgery she had undergone.

Later, Mancera Gonzalez told Castillo that her baby had been taken to the 'Moctezuma' Infants Hospital. The next day, Ortiz told her, 'Your daughter died. There was nothing that could be done for her. She was born with insufficient respiratory ability. I tried to save her, but she died.' He also told her the body had been cremated."

According to Castillo and the attorney general's office, Castillo received an email from the clinic owner's son who stated that her daughter was alive. This led authorities to the arrest of a mar-

ried couple and a psychologist on the charges of buying two newborn girls and registered them as their own offspring, one being that of Castillo's.

Both families were sold babies born in Mexico City's Hospital Central de Oriente.

"It's a shame that people can't even trust the word of doctors anymore," said sophomore economics major Saidah Anderson. "It is astonishing to know that someone of that authority could be so heartless and conniving just to get a couple hundred in their pocket."

Junior international business major, Ashley Marshall, said that the individuals charged should be banned from working in the public and holds high expectations

of the Mexican government for prosecuting them.

"The Mexican government is now challenged to bring proper punishment against not only these individuals but the hospital in which they work and the health care system in which they work under," Marshall said.

"Anything less than a full investigation will prove that the Mexican government is not willing to protect the children and innocent people of the country," Marshall added.

Prosecutors are still investigating whether other newborns were stolen at the hospital.

Howard Students Partner With U.S. Car Company

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participating in the EcoCar Challenge, a collegiate advanced technology engineering competition. At the end of the month, challenge participants will receive one of GM's hybrid cars and are expected to take parts out and replace them in an effort to create a more fuel-efficient car, which is an exciting opportunity for students to gain more insight into GM's focus on fuel alternatives.

"We like to spread [fuel-efficiency] ideals to all types of communities— increase visibility, empower people and educate people in K-12 and around campus about what we're doing with EcoCar," said Kamal Wright, senior mechanical engineering major and EcoCar outreach coordinator. Because GM

is focusing on a more fuel-efficient product range, the visit was centered on the production of GM's Hybrid 2MODE transmissions.

The 21 CAP GM team also benefited from this site visit. This is a part of a yearlong process for them, which includes a formal team adoption, awards ceremony and the introduction of various projects. The School of Business is nationally known for its retention programs' long-lasting relationships with top companies such as GM.

"One of the benefits is that the School of Business brings in companies like GM so that people have a wider range of companies to be exposed to," says Jessica Garner, sophomore accounting major and team leader of the GM Team. "But the visit was very informative

because it wasn't just centered around business; the students had exposure to other areas of GM."

Before the conclusion of the site visit, Gallagher was able to express his thoughts on the expectations that GM would soon repay taxpayers for the bailout money. "We would either pay it back in cash or allow them to monetize or gain value for a share in our company. The key is, GM as a business must be successful—we have to sell product. Long-term, we want to regain the confidence of the American people."

GM has already reduced their amount of nameplates from 50 to 34, including the discontinuance of Saturn and Pontiac vehicles. Gallagher says that GM hopes to meet this goal through more initiatives created through the research of hybrid car technologies.

Participants from Across the Nation Gather for NOAA Event

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you are doing directly affects my family, my community and others."

Edwards, vice chair of the congressional Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee and a member of the Science and Technology Committee, said the nation, namely Congress, must match its ideals with money.

"If we want to be the leader in information technology, climate change and new energy technology, we're going to have to put the money up to do it," Edwards said. "The problem is that many of the ideas won't come to fruition for 20 years or more, and it's hard to get politicians to think long

term."

Many of the students attending Thursday through Saturday are studying for their master's and doctorate degrees at one of the Cooperative Science Centers which are located at Howard University, North Carolina A&T State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Florida A&M University and City College of the City University of New York.

A large part of the program's effort is to increase the number of African-American and Latino scientists. So far, it has yielded great success. For example, Howard University, with \$20 million in funding from NOAA and \$12

million in other funding, has become the nation's largest single producer of minority atmospheric scientists, more than doubling the total number nationally.

The NOAA Center for Atmospheric Science at Howard University has contributed to groundbreaking research on how dust storms, originating from the Saharan Desert in West Africa, affect the weather, climate, coastal ecology and human health in the United States and the Caribbean.

Students will be displaying posters and giving verbal demonstrations of their work today in the Browsing Room in Founders Library.

Ambassador Discusses International Conflicts

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backgrounds," she said. "A lot of the nations formed in Africa were formed from many different culture groups—some have even been traditional enemies."

McDonald said his involvement in Kashmir started in 1995 when Pakistani and Indian military generals visited him over the issue of Kashmir, a disputed region that has sparked three wars between the two nations since 1947.

"Within in seconds of meeting, they asked me to solve the Kashmir problem," he said, "but, I couldn't do that."

The generals hoped that the Institute of Multi-Track Diplomacy (IMTD), co-founded by McDonald, would be able to assist them. IMTD was established in 1992 to promote conflict resolution based on nine different tracks. The nine tracks involve the participation of government, non-government organizations and ordinary citizens uniting for the peace process.

"We only go where we were invited by people, not governments," said McDonald, "We do what

most governments don't do. Listen. We ask what their needs are."

In Kashmir, McDonald implemented the third track of multi-track diplomacy which involves the role of businesses in fostering peace. With the aid of Indian businesspeople, McDonald said they were able to change minds by bringing members of conflicting ethnic groups to together, face-to-face, and provide training for them to spread methods of resolving conflict peacefully.

McDonald said IMTD planning to launch a project in Liberia to the address the issue of child soldiers.

"Former child soldiers are roving around Monrovia [Liberia's capital] among the people," he said. "We have proposed a nine-month program to bring child soldiers to school in the morning and teach them football and soccer in the afternoon. We use sports to bring them into school and teach them the kind of skills they need to be better prepared for life."

After President Obama won the presidential election in November, McDonald made four suggestions he would like Obama to carry out. The four suggestions

include closing down Guantanamo Bay, change the U.S. laws of torture, lift the 50-year old trade embargo against Cuba, and change the national security agencies by "putting it back under the constitution."

"I was quite on target," said McDonald, "He's started work on all four of them. President Obama has changed the image of the United States in ten months. The world views us completely different than it did under Mr. Bush and that's so important in anything we do."

Attendees including Alain Plaza, a junior political science major, were impressed by McDonald's continued presence on the global stage.

"He has done [well] by collaborating with different organizations and many presidents to make a difference in the world," said Plaza, "He's still affecting peoples' lives to this day reaching out to people in countries in the middle of conflict."

McDonald represented the U.S. as an ambassador to conferences held by the United Nations under the Reagan and Carter presidencies.

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Chicago School System to Change Requirements

BY Le'DIA J. SMITH
Staff Writer

The socioeconomic statuses of Chicago neighborhoods will now play a factor in students' admission at one of Chicago's selective-enrollment elementary and high schools, and magnet schools in the city.

Officials hope to maintain racial integration while enhancing economic integration by using socioeconomic factors to allocate seats to applicants after a judge's September decision to abolish the use of race to decide admission to some of the city's most elite schools, and the 2007 Supreme Court ruling it unconstitutional for schools to admit students based on race.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) CEO Ron Huberman said in Tuesday's press conference that he hopes the proposed procedures would "simplify the system and make it more equitable and fair" for the integration of Chicago's magnet and selective-enrollment schools by using socioeconomic factors rather than race.

The new process would place applicants in one of four economic tiers based on the median income and other socioeconomic factors of their census tract, including adult education level and the percentage of single-family homes and homeowners.

The census tracts will be ranked and divided into four tiers in which the school officials will use to integrate nearly 80 magnet and selective-enrollment schools.

At magnet schools, all open seats would go to siblings of the current students. Half of the remaining seats would go to children in a neighborhood lottery, and the remaining half would go to those in a citywide, socioeconomic group-based lottery.

Under the old process, 45 percent of open seats were set aside for siblings, but the new proposal grants siblings the first pick at all open magnet seats.

"Just because you're my sister does not mean you should automatically be accepted into the school I attend," said Sierra Wallace, a junior legal communications major and graduate of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

"When I was accepted into Whitney Young, I was considered 'low income' and I felt out of place, but I was able to compete with everyone academically. I believe it is a good idea to allow top students from each tier to be accepted, but magnet schools should be based on academics, not whom you are related to."

At selective-enrollment elementary and high schools, half of the openings will go to applicants with the top scores and the other half will be divided evenly among the top scorers of the four socioeconomic groups.

The policy will be used for a year, and officials will assess the results.

"I also think it's important that this plan is only being proposed as a one-year policy affecting the incoming classes for next school year," Huberman said. "The reason that is, is that it's very hard to predict how this plan will work. It's brand new."

The district also announced that it would temporarily cease the practice of magnet school principals selecting five percent of their students. Principals at selective-



Chicago students may soon see a change in the way that students are selected for admission into some of the city's most prestigious magnet schools, such as Whitney M. Young Magnet School, pictured above.

enrollment schools would still be allowed to pick students; however, they will be required to sign an affidavit saying their picks were not based on "undue influence" by a third party.

The CPS system will also change the number of elite schools students gain admission to. Eighth-graders can list their top four college preparatory preferences, but they will be accepted by only one, unlike the current process where students can be accepted by up to four college prep schools. By next fall, students will order their preferences among the nine college preps,

and will be selected by one.

The nine college preparatory high schools are: Brooks College Prep, Jones College Prep, King College Prep, Lane Tech, Lindblom, Northside College Prep, Payton College Prep, Westinghouse and Whitney M. Young Magnet School.

Edward Reese, a junior information systems major and graduate of Brooks College Prep, said he disagreed with the proposed policy, and believed that this process will not be fair to students.

"It is already hard to get in the top tier schools in Chicago,

and a student will have a lot harder shot with only being allowed acceptance into one selective-enrollment school," Reese said. "It eliminates the choice a student might have in their future, and it can force students to travel long distances to the school that accepts them."

Wallace also agreed that students should not be limited to gaining acceptance into only one school.

The plan still faces public hearings and a Dec. 16 School Board vote, and will be reviewed for possible improvement next year, Huberman said.

Sports Trivia Answer:

Oscar Robertson was the fastest in 247 games with the Cincinnati Royals and the Milwaukee Bucks.

FRIDAY FOLLIES



In this Friday Folly, we see an illustration demonstrating the widespread belief that the Grand Old Party (GOP) is standing in the way of Health Care Reform in America.

Where's the funny?

The Democratic Party recently introduced a 2,000-page Health Care Reform bill to Congress that is currently pending approval. The elephant pictured above is symbolic of the Republican Party, as many believe that it is the Republican Party that has a problem with the proposed bill. There is some truth behind that...most democrats are behind the bill so the hold up lies in the GOP.

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

Find something funny?
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CORRECTION: Last Friday's "Friday Folly" stated that the flight in question had crashed when, in fact, the plane merely missed its target landing by 150 miles. The pilots were accused of "distracted flying," while the air traffic controllers were merely accused of not notifying the pilots of their oversight.

Howard Brothers Give Team an Extra Punch

BY MICHAEL WATERS
Contributing Writer

When Phillip Samotshozo arrived at Howard, Master Summory Alpha saw something special in him. "I knew he had potential," Master Alpha said.

Master Alpha took an interest in his new student and worked an extra hour after practice with him. The hard work paid off and Samotshozo flourished as a Tae Kwon Do champion.

Now decades later, he sees some of the same potential in twin freshmen, Ernest and Wardell Samotshozo.

Their parents, Phillip Samotshozo and Laura Bonner, are both products of the Howard University Tae Kwon Do Club. Despite the club's relatively low profile and lack of recognition from Howard's administration, the Tae Kwon Do Club is one of Howard's most successful programs.

The twins' parents and their current teacher, Master Patrice Remarck, were some of the club's most celebrated competitors.

However, when Ernest and Wardell Samotshozo first heard stories of their parents' skills in Tae Kwon Do, they were skeptical.

"We didn't believe our dad was a black belt," Ernest said.

However, after continually hearing tales of the championships and competitions their parents had won, they finally started to believe.

Martial arts and Tae Kwon Do have been a major part of Ernest and Wardell's lives since they were young. Their parents were a major influence in their interest in the sport.

They began participating in karate at the age of 7 in Botswana. When they moved from Botswana to Virginia in 2001, they followed in their parents' footsteps and started practicing Tae Kwon Do. The twins spent their first two years practicing Tae Kwon Do at Tiger's



Ernest and Wardell Samotshozo are inspired by their parents' accolades at Howard University and continue to impress individuals with their Tae Kwon Do skills as freshmen. Both brothers began participating in Tae Kwon Do when they were younger.

Eye Tae Kwon Do in Fairfax, Va. They took to the new sport and earned their black belts by the age of 11.

Ernest and Wardell soon started training under a new teacher who his parents were very familiar with, Master Patrice Remarck. Master Alpha called Remarck "the most feared Tae Kwon Do competitor in America" during his days at Howard and in Tae Kwon Do competition. Nevertheless, Phillip Samotshozo was formidable competition for Remarck.

Master Alpha said that Samotshozo was the only competitor to not only knock down Remarck, but also chip his teeth. Training with Master Remarck at the Remarck School of Tae Kwon

Do brought the twins even more success as they began competing in Olympic style Tae Kwon Do.

It did not take long for them to begin placing in competitions. Ernest and Wardell started by winning local tournaments and moved up the ranks quickly. They soon moved onto national competition. They have participated in the U.S. Open since 2006, and in 2008 Ernest earned a bronze medal, while Wardell earned a silver medal.

In 2008, they participated in the Mexican Open. Wardell earned a gold medal, and Ernest won the silver medal. They also competed in the 2009 Dutch Open. In that competition Ernest was able to win the gold medal. Always supportive, the twins said that at least one par-

ent comes to every competition.

When the twins arrived at Howard, they had the opportunity to train under the same person who trained their parents in Tae Kwon Do. They did not take the opportunity to train with Master Alpha lightly.

"I was a little intimidated," Wardell said.

Ernest described Master Alpha's style of drills as "old school Tae Kwon Do" and enjoyed hearing the many stories that Master Alpha has about his parents. Wardell believed that Master Alpha took it a little easier on them than in the days of their parents.

Master Alpha sees a few similarities between the twins and their parents. Alpha who nicknamed

their mother "Happy," sees the same quality in Ernest, who he says is always smiling and joking. Wardell said Master Alpha has inherited his father's tenacity and is "relentless in sparring" similar to his father.

"They are great learners, great fighters and the family has great qualities," Master Alpha said.

Both twins share the desire to continue their parents' and Howard's rich legacy in Tae Kwon Do. Their early success puts them on a path to the highest levels of competition in the sport. The next step for the 17-year-old twins is the adult national team.

"I definitely want to be an international champion," Wardell said.

The twins' mother is a constant supporter for them, and she has the experience to advise them on how best to succeed in Tae Kwon Do. Master Alpha said their mother is "highly dedicated" to her sons' success both academically and in the world of Tae Kwon Do.

Both she and their father graduated on time despite training heavily for Tae Kwon Do. The twins plan on continuing the family history of academic achievement as well. Ernest is an architecture major and Wardell majors in computer science. Still, traveling for competitions can provide some conflict with demanding college schedules.

"Mom used to say 'everybody likes a winner,'" Wardell said. "If you win, teachers will understand."

Master Alpha said that they are surrounded by people with the same vision, the Howard vision of National Champions, and he expects them to be Olympians with constant training.

Lady Bison Set to Rebound From Last Season

BY HEATHER ROBINSON
Staff Writer

With only a few hours before the tip-off of their 2009-10 season, the Howard University women's basketball team appears focused and ready to prove their doubters wrong. Their first challenge comes in the form of an intercity rival, the American Eagles.

Last season, the Bison finished with a record of 9-22, and although a star emerged in Zykia Brown, the feeling of losing left a foul taste in their mouths.

Being voted to finish eighth in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), this season in a preseason poll voted upon by the league's head coaches and sports information directors, did little to rid them of that distaste.

"It's just another reason to prove people wrong and set a positive standard for Howard University women's basketball," Brown said. "The strongest aspect of our team was our defense. We finished 3rd in the MEAC defensively. This season we want to improve the offensive aspect of our game."

Brown finished last season averaging 17.3 points, 4.6 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game for the Bison, earning herself a spot on the preseason MEAC second-team for the upcoming season.

However, unfortunately for the Bison, Brown was the only player to average double-

digit points last season and was relied upon to play more than 35 minutes per game.

"The recognition I do put more weight on my shoulders, but more so makes me want to get better and work even harder. I hope to contribute more to this team with vocal leadership," Brown said. "The new recruits will bring a lot of energy, talent, athleticism and diversity to the team."

Brown will be counting on the addition of eight freshmen to take some of the offensive load off of her shoulders.

One newcomer who is sure to make an impact is Saadia Doyle, a 2008 McDonald's All-American nominee who was forced to red-shirt last season due to a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee.

"I believe I bring heart, passion and a desire to win to the team," Doyle said. "Last year, many of our games were lost on the boards with teams getting second and third chances at the basket. In the game versus American, my mind set is to defend and let my offensive game come to me."

The Bison will undoubtedly have their hands full with an American team that went 19-12 last season and forced Howard into 33 turnovers in a 77-50 win for the Eagles.

In an exhibition on Nov. 8, American routed Virginia Wesleyan 98-34, shooting 60.3 percent from the field and out-rebounding their opponent 48



Amanda Edwards and the Lady Bison are looking to improve on their 9-22 record of last season with new additions to the team.

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"The best thing about being a freshman on the court is that you are virtually a nobody," Doyle said. "Your high school credentials don't matter anymore. You get to make a name

for yourself and ultimately become 'somebody' in a sense."

The Bison begin their re-energized effort on Nov. 13 as they play host to the Eagles in Burr gymnasium, with tip-off being rescheduled to 3 p.m.

Upcoming Women's Basketball Games

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NOVEMBER		
Fri. 13	vs. American Washington, D.C.	7 p.m.
Mon. 16	vs. Fairleigh Teaneck, N.J.	7 p.m.
Sat. 21	vs. LIU Washington, D.C.	2 p.m.
Wed. 25	vs. Jacksonville Washington, D.C.	3 p.m.
Fri. 27	vs. Maryland College Park, Md.	7 p.m.
Sun. 29	vs. Radford Radford, Va.	3 p.m.
DECEMBER		
Sat. 5	vs. Hampton Washington, D.C.	2 p.m.
Sat. 12	vs. George Mason Fairfax, Va.	2 p.m.
Sat. 19	vs. Central Michigan Mount Pleasant, Mich.	2 p.m.
Tue. 29	vs. Monmouth West Long Branch, N.J.	2 p.m.
Wed. 30	vs. La Salle West Long Branch, N.J.	2/4 p.m.

Sports Trivia!

What NBA Hall of Famer recorded 5,000 points and 2,500 assist in the least amount of games?

Search The Hilltop for the answer!

TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

November 13, 1977

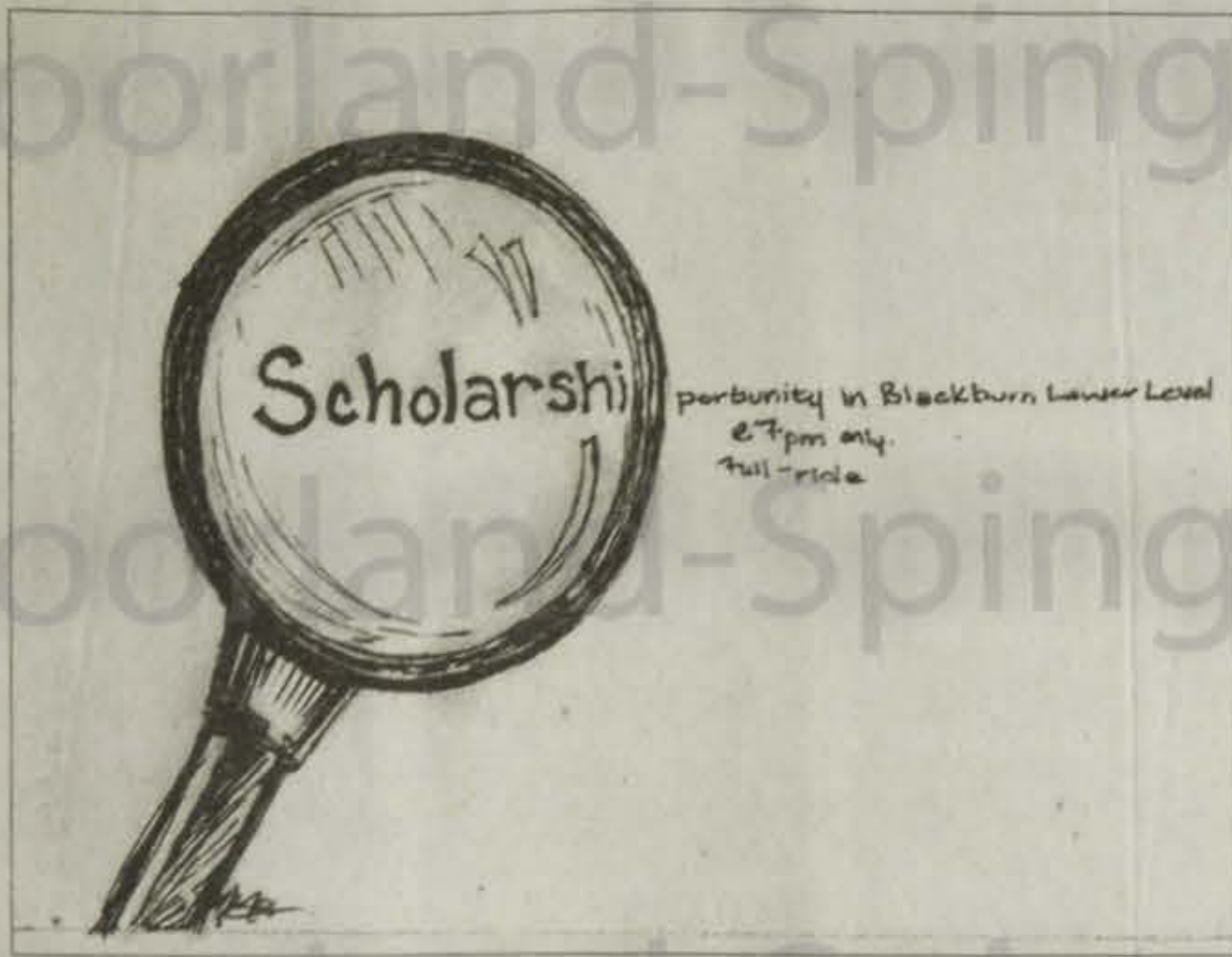
Riddick Bowe beats Evander Holyfield in 12 rounds for the heavyweight boxing title.

*"No matter how far a person can go
the horizon is still way beyond you."*

~Zora Neale Hurston~



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Don't Students Deserve to Know What's Going On?

"The ability to use institutional research capabilities to quantitatively and qualitatively assess where a college or university is with respect to all aspects of its operations is the only way to chart where the institution needs to go, and how to get there."

This quote comes from Dr. Michael Middaugh, the assistant vice president for Institutional Research and Planning at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. The quote was included in the power point presentation published by the Howard University Self-Study Survey Steering Committee as a record of findings and information gathered by the self-study last year.

Although Middaugh doesn't officially represent Howard University, his words definitely represent the stance the university needs to take when considering processes of accreditation and the equally pressing issues presented by students and faculty concerning the state of our great university.

Recognition (or assessment) of an issue is the first step in its being solved. As stakeholders of Howard University, students, faculty and even administration do an excellent job of constructive complaining and calling attention to the things that need to be addressed on and around campus.

Students are often detached from the later progression of the deal—the end result of all the complaining.

Interestingly enough, the fault may not lay exclu-

sively with the students in this case.

It seems as though in many cases in the past, important campus events (namely vice presidential and provost tours, and accreditation summaries) were either purposely or accidentally scheduled at times that were inconvenient for students to attend, or majorly not publicized so students weren't aware.

The recent accreditation summary, an overview of the results of the university's recent accreditation results, was held last week

Our View:
Students deserve to be aware and informed about important things that affect us.

in the School of Business. The overwhelming majority of students were totally unaware of the summary's existence, and those who did know about it weren't aware that it was even open to the student body.

The provost tours were held this summer when the majority of students (except student leaders) were away for the summer holiday. Last year, vice presidential tours were held both during Homecoming and midterms. This presents a pretty disturbing question. Are these important events being scheduled at times when students are almost guaranteed not to attend, or being under-publicized? A

search through the Howard University newsroom and events calendar on the site resulted in a failure to find any mention of any such events.

Noted, the majority of the student body is good for complaining, but proves apathetic to actually being involved in the processes necessary for change.

But what about the handful of students interested in and passionate about the betterment of the university, who might actually want to attend these events and be informed?

Even if these events have to be scheduled at times that are blatantly adverse to the average student's schedule, the university should make it a point to ensure students are at least aware of them.

Some students receive sporadic text messages from the university alerting them to emergency situations around campus, and other pressing information.

That same text message system could be used to inform students about important events such as accreditation summaries, among other things.

Students could even be alerted through our Howard e-mail system, as well as other methods, would posting fliers or making an announcement in *The Hilltop* really hurt?

Just because the subject matter of particular events is potentially controversial doesn't mean students shouldn't have the option of attending them. As students and stakeholders of this university, we deserve to be both present and informed.

Perspective

Freedom and Flight

The thing with the world is that we sleep walk. Our minds function only to get by in our own little ways. Our hearts are wide and filled with cloudiness, hindering us from ever understanding the possibilities of freedom and flight. You may have Freedom, but if you don't move, you are just... free.

Freedom in mind, body and spirit. Freedom in self-affirmation and determination. Freedom in all possibilities that plant seeds in our bones to move away from deceit and dysfunction and towards our purpose.

This freedom that propels one higher than imagined, that helps one feel more and learn more and grow more and pray more... Even in your dreams have you tied down the weights

that bring in a sickness of incurable pain. Even in your mind have you limited yourself from ever truly being carefree.

To fly is to let down your baggage and use your prosperity as wings: the one thing that misses from your tongue. Your freedom may be plentiful and touchable, but freedom is nothing but a stagnant fire in a furnace—without the ability to fly.

Flight in your spirit so that you can feel in your heart, through your life and out your mouth. Flight so that your body is no longer a closed temple but a sponged vessel of experience and ever-growth. Flight so that your mind is not controlled by your situations of sight but by your determinations of blood, of history, of love, and of self.

You are not who you say you are, only who you are and choose to be. The actions of your character are like trumpets in your theatre, loud and boisterous. Shall you listen, you will have that freedom of flight.

Freedom and flight being the twills in your cloth and halves to your whole. Unless, you conform to your surroundings and forget your instinct. Forever is the time you will spend in search, trying to conceptualize your insecurities, your weaknesses and your ignorance. Until the reflection comes: Freedom and Flight.

The thing with you is that you sleep walk. Wake up.

Riley Wilson,
Junior Marketing
Major

Daily Sudoku

Directions:

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

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Correction: On Nov. 9, the professor profile on Dr. Elka Stevens was written by Justin Amey.

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There may be a ticket left waiting for YOU in the Office of Student Activities for your chance to attend a free screening for **BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS** on November 16, 2009. Go to the office NOW for your chance to attend! Ticket quantities are limited and are distributed on a first come- first serve basis. Each winner will receive one "admit" ticket to a special advance screening at a DC-area theater.

HUSA Presents...
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Monday, Nov 16th
in Blackburn Ballroom
7pm

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Get your voucher today from Blackburn Suite 110 before you stop by Cramton

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Care for AfrAKA:

"Pennies for Pins"
Saturday, November 14, 2009

12pm-3pm

Blackburn Recreation Center

\$5 in advance, \$6 at the door

All are welcome.

Proceeds will be donated to Africare.

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