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Obama Delivers Historic Address

DERRICK HAYNES
Editorial Assistant

While surveying his first year in office, President Barack Obama's first State of the Union address focused on continuing job growth, a freeze in government spending, education reform and reconfirming campaign promises.

"When I ran for president, I promised I wouldn't just do what was popular," President Obama said, "I would do what was necessary."

The bank bailout was singled out for its unpopularity among Americans, but the President said the economy would have continued to free fall without the controversial legislation.

To shore up job growth, the President called for a new job bill that would use the \$30 billion bailed out banks have repaid the government to increase credit to small businesses. Additionally, President Obama proposed a new small business tax credit and a tax incentive for all businesses to stimulate job creation.

The increasing cost of higher education did not go

unnoticed. Obama proposed to increase Pell Grants and give a \$10,000 tax credit to families with college students. Another proposal would limit the student loans' interest rate to 10 percent and forgive their college debts after 20 years. If a graduate pursues a career in public service like education, their student debts would be forgiven in 10 years.

Throughout his presidency, there have been repeated appeals for bipartisanship between Democrats and Republicans. However, President Obama criticized Republicans for their obstruction without providing any solutions.

"Just saying 'no' to everything may be good short-term politics, but it's not leadership," he said, "We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions."

The president backed his plan to freeze government spending in 2011 with a threat to veto its passage, but the freeze will not affect all government programs. Exceptions to the freeze on spending include national security and welfare programs.



Sean Robinson - Photo Editor

Brazile Reaches HU

Political strategist to speak for annual lecture

CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Democratic Political Strategist Donna Brazile is scheduled to lecture at the annual Charles W. Harris Lecture in the Blackburn Center Auditorium today at 11:30 a.m.

Brazile is the author of the best-selling memoir "Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics." She began her political career at the age of 9, when she worked to elect a city council candidate. The candidate promised to build a playground in her neighborhood. As a result, the candidate won and the playground in her native New Orleans, La. was built.

Brazile was the first African-American to direct a major presidential campaign and is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She was also responsible for assisting in the rebuilding process of New Orleans, post-Hurricane Katrina.

"She is such a prominent person," said Candace Smith,

a junior broadcast journalism major. "I am very excited to see her. Hopefully, I get to meet her."

Smith said Brazile is the type of woman she would like to emulate. She also said Brazile is opinionated and relevant.

"I just got her book and just getting to see her will be a wonderful experience," Smith said.

Past speakers include Law Dean Christopher Edley Jr. at UC Berkeley, and former Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Deputy Director John Brittain.

Brazile received her honorary doctorate degrees from Louisiana State University and Xavier University of Louisiana. Xavier University is also the only historically-black Roman Catholic institution.

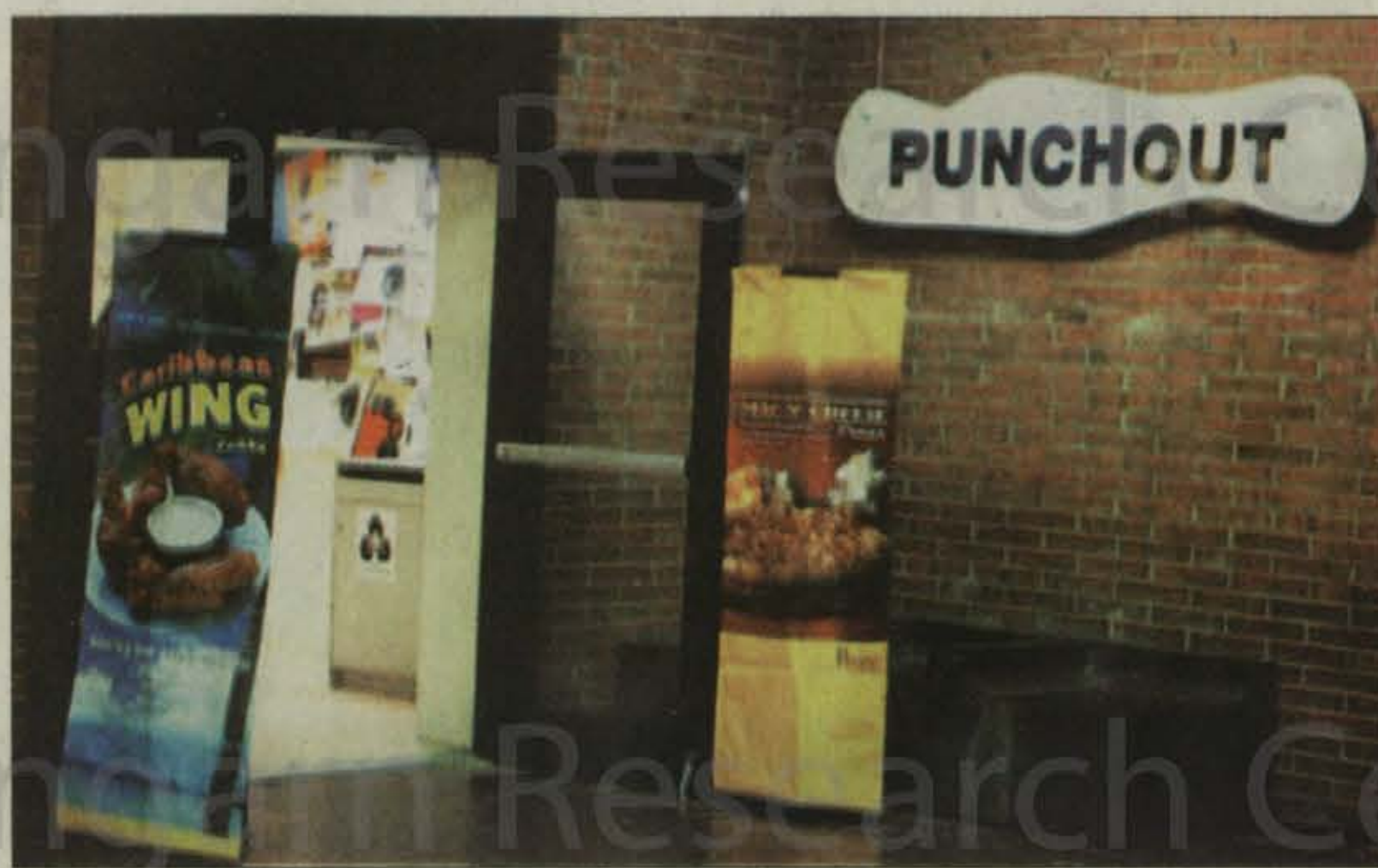
Brazile is the founder of Brazile & Associates, LLC., a grassroots advocacy and training firm based in Washington, D.C.



Political Strategist Donna Brazile will speak in the Blackburn Center.

Food Options to Be Revamped

Sodexho works to change the food choices for students in the Punch Out



Oluyomi Sodunke - Staff Photographer

Students will likely have a different selection, like Asian-inspired cuisine, in the Punch Out next semester.

RODNEY HAWKINS
Contributing Writer

The menus in the Punch Out have been consistent for some years now, giving students the choice of three different places to eat, but soon those selections may change.

Recently, Sodexho surveyed the student body to see what types of food they would like to see added.

"I'm not Jamaican, but I love their food. That or Chipotle would be good," said E'lan Brewer, an undecided major.

Last week, Sodexho administered online surveys in Blackburn and got more than 300 student responses. On the survey they had many different options from sushi to fried chicken.

The survey has not yet been tallied. However, café General Manager Eric Brown said there was an overwhelming response to

Subway and Asian-style concepts.

According to Sodexho's Web site, some of their signature brands include Subconnection, which they describe as having "enticing subs made with high quality meats, garden-fresh produce and freshly baked breads," and also Mein bowl, an Asian selection including Sushi.

"That would be a good idea if they had decent sushi," public relations major Europe Guy said. "I like the idea of a Subway or Popeyes better than the Chick-fil-A."

Sodexho also does the dining services for George Washington University, but said they have completely different options than Howard because students are able to use their dining dollars off campus.

"We have a Chinese restaurant that has the basic Chinese food with different sauces but the same stuff," Kelly Stokes, a student

from George Washington University said. "They also have sushi that people say is pretty good."

With the new changes about to occur, that doesn't mean many of the problems that happen from day to day will cease. Recently, the cash registers were not able to take credit cards.

After the surveys are tallied, they plan on recruiting students for focus groups in early February. The purpose of the groups is to dwindle the potential food selections down to a few choices.

Once the choices have been narrowed, Sodexho will conduct a presentation to the student body and faculty later on in the semester with the new concepts.

According to Sodexho, the new foods should be seen in the Punch Out next year.

Howard Students to See Tuition Raise, Meal Plan Increase

LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

The Tuition and Rates Advisory Committee (TRAC) met on Jan. 12 to address the raise in cost of attendance for Howard students. The two primary issues discussed dealt with the increase in room and board, and the 18-percent aggregate increase in meal plans for dormitory students.

TRAC was an initiative put in place by President Sidney Ribeau. According to the presidential initiatives presented on Howard.edu, "TRAC was established to ensure that the views of a cross section of the University community on tuition and other rates charged to Howard students are considered and presented." The committee meets annually to discuss the tuition rates and charges, changes and consulting advice on how tuition will affect those in the Howard University community.

Deans, students and members of enrollment management are acting members of the committee. Student Affairs and Auxiliary Services develop recommendations in regards to housing and meal plans, and the effect that

these components can have on the total cost of attendance for incoming and continuing students.

Once reviewed, the Board of Trustees reviews the recommendations, giving the President of the University the power to approve the final fees, unlike previous years.

The initial plan proposed was to increase meal plans for students in order to remedy insufficient funds to continue renovations within the eating facilities. Since both the Blackburn and Bethune Annex cafeterias have undergone complete changes, the last facility to be renovated is the Punch Out, in the Armour J. Blackburn center.

Sodexho, the current food supply company of Howard University, previously agreed to paying for renovations of the eating facilities with an annual contract renewal. According to HUSA Vice-President Jerome Joseph, after the two cafeteria projects were complete, Sodexho did not have enough funding to complete the Punch Out.

When the voting took place, all four student committee members (Ashlee Hamilton, Yas-

min Gabriel, Deshonna Collier and Bryan Smart) voted against raising the meal plan.

According to Roy Montgomery, director of Policy and Planning for HUSA, other members, consisting of administration, voted in favor of the issue, and the deans who sit on the committee voted to abstain on their voting. Once the issue was in the hands of the majority, the issue passed and students will now pay an 11-percent increase in meal plans and total cost of attendance.

Jerome Joseph served as a proxy for a number of TRAC meetings.

Joseph said he believes the system can be "upsetting" at times because of the faculty to student ratio in reference to the number of committees that students are able to sit on. "As students, we can present a strong agreement at times to sway votes, but most of the time it goes the way of the majority which is in favor of the administration."

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., the provost of Student Affairs, had not responded at the time of press.

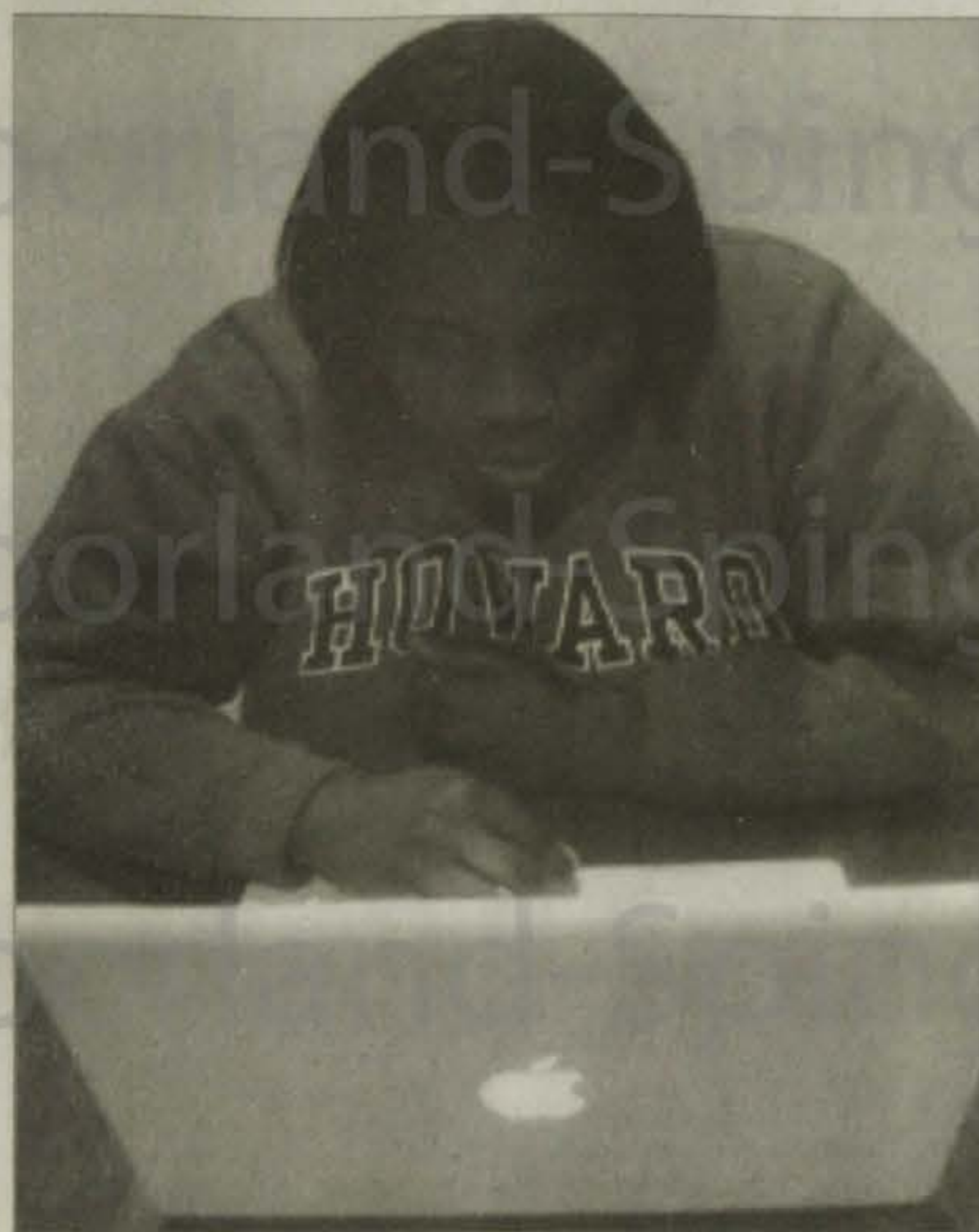
"It's no use of talking unless people understand what you say."

~Zora Neale Hurston~



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Apple Sees Most Profitable Quarter Ever, Debuts iPad



Senior television production major Aallyah Rainey thinks Mac products are so successful because of superior customer service and lack of viruses.

BY ALEXIS K BARNES
Business & Technology Editor

Mac-toting Howard students stand proudly by their computers, and with recent iPhone and Mac sales, Apple Inc. has experienced its most profitable quarter ever.

Following a large increase in sales during the holiday season, the company's net income increased almost 50 percent.

Senior sociology major Yasmeen Warner is a proud owner of both an iPhone and a Mac laptop and chooses Apple products for their reliability.

"I've had [a] Dell for the past three years and I gradually began having problems and issues getting it repaired," said Warner. "I haven't had any viral problems with my Mac and when I did need a repair, Apple did it free of charge with no problems."

Howard's John H. Johnson School of Communications equips almost all of its labs and classrooms with Apple technology and software.

Although iPhones and Macintosh computers are on the rise, iPods suffered an 8 percent decline.

With Apple's new, much-anticipated Tablet software debut yesterday, technology fans and investors are excited.

"The new products we are planning to release this year are very strong, starting this week with a major new product that we're really excited about," CEO Steve Jobs said in a press release.

The public anticipated Job's event so much yesterday that by 7 a.m., three hours before the Pacific start time, one mobile television studio and eleven TV satellite trucks lined the blocks surrounding the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, Calif.

The Apple CEO announced a device called the iPad that reportedly offers 3G, Wi-Fi and is the link between a smart phone and laptop.

iPad will also run applications through Apple's App Store and display books and magazines similar to Amazon's Kindle.

The much-hyped touchscreen tablet computer is a half-inch thick, weighs 1.5 pounds and has a screen size of 9.7 inches.

Using its virtual keyboard, future iPad owners can zoom in and out of Web sites and read e-books.

New Mac owner, senior print journalism major Makula Dunbar, is content with her traditional Mac laptop.

"The hype over Apple's unveiling was crazy — news outlets were counting down," said Dunbar. "I'm happy with my Apple product; the iPad will most likely be super expensive... but worth it."

Apple's net income increase is due in part to the iPhone's debut this past year in China and South Korea.

The company earned \$3.4 billion in its most recent quarter, over \$1 billion more than last year's \$2.3 billion, Apple reported to CBS News.

Sales of computers increased 33 percent while 8.7 million iPhones — double the amount of last quarter — were sold.

Aallyah Rainey, senior television production major, chose a Mac over a PC for Apple's customer service.

"You always discover something new with Macs," said Rainey. "They're not bulky and there's rarely software or viral problems."

Rainey also uses the technology for her major utilizing its Final Cut software and scriptwriting tools.

"I am not a big fan of touch screens because they're sensitive and seems like it could easily be damaged. Apple is known for being innovative, but I can't imagine typing an entire paper on it."

-Zaria Poem
junior print journalism major

"The hype over the iPad was crazy. I heard it was going to be \$500 and at first, I heard it was called the iSlate."

-Phillip Jones
sophomore jazz studies major

What do your peers think about the iPad?

"Apple is very innovative. The fact that they've created an iPad doesn't surprise me at all. I think it's cool but would take a lot of getting used to for people like me who are on #teamblockberry."

-Courtney Mims
junior broadcast journalism major

"The iPad sounds [like] the latest hype in Apple world to me. It's going to undoubtedly be a great product because all Apple products seem to get nothing but praises."

-LaJoyce Denson
junior music education major

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Student Shines in Local Poetry Spotlight



Candice D. Iloh

Photo Courtesy of Candice Iloh

Above is the cover of Iloh's first chapbook, a collection of her personal poems. It was released on Nov. 5 and has sold about 125 copies to date.

BY GENET LAKEW
Metro Editor

When she graduates in May 2010, Candice Iloh will walk across the stage a completely different person from the conformist freshman girl she was when she entered Howard.

That Tuesday was the day when her final portfolio was due and she was scheduled to take her senior portrait. As she sat inside the Howard University Bookstore Starbucks, the graduating senior carefully assembled the portfolio, filling the laminated pages with all of her public relations projects to date.

"I was religious; I was really conservative; I was judgmental; I was close-minded," rattled off Iloh of her former 18-year-old

self.

She was raised by a Nigerian father. After Iloh reached age two, her African-American mother left the family. Her mom has been a crack cocaine addict for the last 20 years. She is also an alcoholic.

But Iloh's mother did not venture too far away from home. In fact, she stayed in the same town, even experiencing homelessness at one point. Iloh says she used to see her mother around sometimes and still occasionally runs into her. The last time she saw her was at a family reunion this past summer.

"She had liquor in her hand 90 percent of the time that I saw her. She looked like she hadn't been sleeping. She spazzed on me on numerous times. She threatened to hit me," Iloh recalled.

The family's numerous efforts to encourage her to seek counseling, get off drugs, and change her life for the better have continuously failed. Iloh says her mother is resistant to such offers and her state is only getting worse, not better.

"I don't want her to be my mom. When you're 22, you don't have the room to all of a sudden have a mother when you didn't have one before. The day you get better is the day you decide to get better," said Iloh.

Instead of harboring resentful sentiments toward her absent mother, this experience actually made Iloh grateful. She has accepted her mother for who she isn't and learned to appreciate her father for who he is.

"Neglect left enough room for/ Me to grow/ Left enough room for me to know/ Who I am without your self-hatred," read lines from Iloh's original poem entitled "Thank You."

She is a daddy's girl, not by default but by experience. "When I think of my mother, I become thankful for my father," said Iloh.

Her father lived up to his responsibilities as a parent and fostered a path for success for Iloh and her siblings.

After attending elementary school in Chicago, Ill., Iloh moved to the suburbs of Milwaukee, Wis. There, she grew up in a strict and conservative environment.

"I don't have a very positive view of where I come from. Milwaukee is very drab... most people in Milwaukee have a similar way of doing things. It's a conservative city."

Church on Sundays, modest dress, tamed hairstyles and upholding Christian values are the norm in that community. Iloh was a perfect fit to that puzzle.

"I was just who Candice is without exposure. I had lived a very sheltered life growing up so what I knew was what I was taught," said Iloh.

Come the college applica-

tion process during senior year of high school, Howard University was far from her first choice of schools. Instead, Iloh had her heart set on Oral Roberts University, a Christian-based business school in Tulsa, Okla., of all places.

After a woman at her church, who attended but did not graduate from Howard, recommended she apply, Iloh did and was accepted. In a split last minute decision, she ended up in Washington, D.C.

Looking back, Iloh is proud of her soon-to-be alma mater. In May, she will waltz across the graduation stage with a public relations degree in-hand and a satisfying sense of self.

For a big chunk of her freshman year, she continued with her traditional demeanor. But towards the end of that first year, something clicked.

"I started going natural the end of freshman year, and started going to poetry venues end of freshman year."

Poetry. This artistic form of expression served as the platform and the outlet through which Iloh grew into herself.

During the summer, she landed an internship at Disneyworld, which granted her even more freedom and exposure.

"Everybody has an ugly phase right before they come into their own where they're rebelling, they're loud about it, they're angry because they're angry, you know, if they feel like they've been lied to their whole childhood. They're frustrated, they don't know how to express themselves. I was all of those things at the beginning of sophomore year," she said.

This was Part I of Iloh's story. Turn back to the Metro section on Tuesday, Feb. 2 for Part II.

UPDATE Michelle Rhee

On Wednesday, D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee addressed the controversial comments she made, published in Tuesday's Hilltop.

"I got rid of teachers who had hit children, who had had sex with children, who had missed 78 days of school. Why wouldn't we take those things into consideration?" said Rhee in an interview with Fast Company magazine.

Rhee clarified and said that only one of the 266 laid off teachers had sexual interaction with a student. Six teachers used physical force against their students. Two others were penalized for being absent without permission on numerous occasions.

In addition, Rhee said that not all of teachers were involved in misconduct and performed their jobs in a proper manner.

Although she did not apologize for making the comment that stirred teachers and parents, she did apologize for letting the controversy continue for too long.

"If we had put something out on Friday, that would have been better," she said in a Washington Post interview.

-Genet Lakew, Metro Editor



Superior Court Judge Entangled In Love Affair Gone Wrong

D.C. Superior Court Magistrate Judge Janet Albert is going to court against her ex-girlfriend, who stalked her. Taylar Nuevelle is accused of breaking and entering into Albert's home and essentially setting up camp for almost 24 hours in the attic.

Judge Albert found herself on the other side of the bench on Tuesday, testifying to a jury and expressing fear about her ex-lover's behavior. Albert said she was worried about the safety of her 9-year-old son.

Nuevelle went into Albert's attic, where she was later found unconscious. Now she faces charges of burglary, unlawful entry and stalking.

The couple broke up in 2008 after two years together. Soon after, Nuevelle began exhibiting strange behavior, bombarding Albert with excessive text messages, e-mails and telephone calls.

If found guilty, Nuevelle could get up to 15 years in prison.

-Genet Lakew, Metro Editor

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He Said...She Said Viewpoints from Both Sides of the Gender Divide

By Jada F. Smith

A side jawn, a boo thang, side piece, "that boy I talk to" or whatever you call your "not-quite-boyfriend-but-a-little-more-than-a-friend," we've all had one or been one.

But if we've learned anything from previous "We Said's," we've learned that a major source of hurt feelings in relationships comes from confusion and miscommunication.

Basically, nobody knows their role or how to play it. Thus, the whole show is ruined by somebody going off-script.

I propose this: when casting the major characters in your love life, make sure they know their role.

Don't lose your star because they thought they were just an understudy. Don't let your understudy mess up the entire production because they can't handle being second string.

So for those of you ask yourself, daily, what you are to the person you're talking to, I've devised a little acronym to help you out. B.O.O. = Boy Other Option.

If she won't call you her boyfriend, it's because you're her B.O.O. Just in case the guy she really wants won't ever start acting right (because she'll give the guy she really wants a million chances

to mess up before she cuts him off), you're just the other option.

When she's bored, mad at her first choice, broke and hungry, when she needs a self-esteem boost or when she's all alone on Valentine's Day, then it's all you B.O.O. And that's it.

Girls, same thing. When a guy wants everything BUT a relationship, he's calling his B.O.O. (Broad Other Option).

Attention B.O.O.'s: don't fall in love!

Don't spend all your money, don't ask a bunch of questions, don't expect to meet their friends, don't go physically farther than your emotions will allow, and never try to come up to them when they're with another person.

You will lose. And get embarrassed. And you're feelings will be hurt.

We're young and many of us have lots of options to choose from when it comes to being in a relationship — especially the guys on campus — so I can't blame them for testing the waters before jumping into commitment.

But the key to being a good boyfriend/girlfriend is first being a good B.O.O. Play by the rules folks, and you will win. The End.

This week's issue:

Boos vs. Boyfriend/Girlfriend

By Deontay Morris

Jada had to choose a very difficult topic for this week. Boo's vs. Boyfriend/Girlfriend (instead of saying boyfriend/girlfriend every time I'm going to say "official"). These roles are very different.

A boo is in my world is someone that you genuinely like. You like their company, you like talking to them, you don't mind your friends knowing that you talk.

But in no way shape or form is a boo similar to being a relationship. Also I know for some people a boo is basically a term for side chick or dude.

An official is something much more substantial and long-term than a boo.

If you have an argument with your boo you have no obligation to make up or to fix it, but if you have an dispute with your official you have an obligation to stick through it. You can get over a boo in a few days maybe a week. But an official boyfriend/girlfriend takes months to get over.

The biggest thing is to know where you stand. You will know if you are an official girlfriend/boyfriend or if you are a boo. If you are confused.... you probably

are a boo, sorry! You mad? Something else I would like to stress is listening. When someone says they don't want to be in a relationship or don't want a serious relationship you should listen to them! Don't spend your time trying to change their minds or their feelings. It typically leads to nothing but pain, heartache and lost time.

Most people that graduate from Howard will get into at least one serious relationship during their time (including dating people that don't attend HU).

Knowing your role and honesty is always the best way to ensure nothing bad happens.

I have been single and been in a relationship during my time at Howard. I can honestly say that the highs experienced in a relationship are second to none.

Even though we are no longer together I've grown leaps and bounds because of that experience. I'm also happy to say that we still have a good friendship. With that being said friendship is the key to sustain any relationship with your boo or someone your official with.

What's your favorite part of Howard culture?
Email it to meccanisms@gmail.com

Overheard @ The Mecca

Overheard somewhere on campus....

Girl 1: I'm just so excited that my boyfriend is coming to visit me for Valentine's Day! It is going to be so much fun.

Girl 2: I just love young black love it is just so beautiful because.....

Girl 1: Wait my boyfriend is WHITE.

Girl 2: Ohh..... (Awkward Silence)

Overheard somewhere on campus....

Person 1: You can't just shoutout albinos. It's a mutation not a race

Person 2: The what else can I call white people!?

Overheard one of your fellow Bison say something crazy? Send it to meccanisms@gmail.com!

20 Questions

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

- How many people were at the Membership Intake meeting?
- Did you boo Ms. Jackson at the meeting?
- How many people tried to get recommendation letters from Ms. Baker?
- Did you see the sign on her door?
- How many people watched President Obama's first State of the Union Address?
- How many people are fronting like they watched Obama's speech but really just read twitter?
- Why is Charles Gibbs playing real life musical chairs with his jobs?
- Did you see the rush signs in Student Activities?
- How many people are trying to get an Apple iPad?
- Are you going to "ball out of control" with your government-issued refund check?
- Was Wale in your class yesterday?
- How inappropriate was rapper XO at the Haiti Benefit concert last week?
- How many people got the new Corrine Bailey Rae CD?
- No but forreal who shot Wacka Flocka???
- How come whenever you have something unpleasant to say about somebody, you're hating?
- Can't we just have an opinion?!!
- Do you think student government is dead, just like hip-hop?
- Why won't people stop frontin' on Twitter? You aren't that deep in real life.
- Do YOU think Black Greeks are still relevant?
- Where is @MOETroseZay?

Compiled by The Hilltop Staff

TWEET OF THE WEEK

tweets from some of HU's funniest twits

This big girl just said, "When I bend over to tie my shoes, I count those as crunches." Real indignant like!

7:11 PM Jan 25th from @bertwitter
- @lovemissjade

Not this KFC commercial after the State of the Union Address.

10:01 PM Jan 27th from web
- @MelechT

HEY! did you RT something funny this week? Send it to Meccanisms@gmail.com so it can appear here!

Spring Essentials 2010

The air is frigid, pea coats are abundant, and heavy-duty winter boots seem to be everywhere. But make no mistake, springtime is just around the corner, which can only mean one thing: it's time to start getting that spring wardrobe together! So before it's too late, The Hilltop thought it was a good idea to give both our guy and gal readers a short list of essentials and trends worth noticing for this upcoming season.

CLASSIC MUST HAVES

The Boyfriend Blazer



Photo Credit: sheknow.com

The only piece in recent memory to go from a trend to a staple almost instantly, coming on strong in the spring of '09, the oversized (almost slouchy) blazer serves as a perfect complement to any outfit. Whether paired with jeans, over a simple tee or dress, or even, for the daring, over nothing a la Kate Moss, the boyfriend blazer is a must have. Great fabrics to try out are tweed or Italian wool.

White Tee



Photo Credit: google.com/images

Shhh! Wanna know a secret?... Come close... Don't tell anyone, but guys actually like it when you keep things simple from time to time. Drake said it best. And with that, make sure you invest in quality whites for the spring. Whether an oxford, blouse, or a simple Hanes V-Neck. Every woman needs to have a plain, white top.

The Oxford



Photo Credit: google.com/images

No matter what your style, everyone needs an oxford shirt in their wardrobe. Not only is it one of the most versatile pieces in existence, but it also adds an air of sophistication and maturity to your look. You're in college, and you are a man (gasp). Time to act, and dress, like it.

The Ray-Ban Wayfarer



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A wise woman once said: "Ray Bans are like heels... for guys. They just enhance you." And with that, a love affair was born. To prevent looking utterly ridiculous squinting and struggling in the sun, every man needs shades, but not just any shades. First designed in 1952, The Ray-Ban wayfarer (along with the aviator) is considered to be the most popular male sunglasses of all time. With its unique shape, plastic composition, and extreme utility and durability, the wayfarer is an easy way to be cool in more ways than one this spring.

Levi's Denim



Photo Credit: jeans-direct.com

501, 514, 520, etc. Just know when you see Levi, you stop. You buy. You'll be happy. There are many great purveyors of denim out there: Lee, A.P.C., FUBU - okay, maybe not so much - but when one is looking for affordability to match durability, Levi is the way to go. With various different types and cuts (boot cut, skinny, low rise, shrink-to-fit, etc.), there is literally a jean out there for every guy.

Trend Alert 2010

Rounded Hard Bottom Shoes



Photo Credit: RachelConey.com

Okay, I admit, this isn't really a Spring 2010 trend. Hard bottom shoes have been around for a few years now, but odds are you've been ignoring them. Hard bottoms are great in that they go well with not the traditional trousers or slacks, but also with rolled up denim, corduroy and basically every other pant fabric out there. When buying a hard bottom, you can rarely go wrong with color. A brighter pastel shoe goes great with the spring look, and of course, a brown or black can be used with nearly any ensemble. Just make sure you go for the rounded toe. No square ends, #weoffthat.

The Tomboy Look

Listen closely and you can hear the sound of tomboys around the world uniting in harmonious fanfare. Headbands, stripes, visors, even tube socks all made cameos on the runways and are sure to make their way into the mainstream very soon. Harder-edged fabrics like stonewash and jersey are also going to be popular.



Photo Credit: fashioning.com

The Varsity Jacket



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Consider this the only time in which it is totally acceptable for you to channel your long-abandoned high school sense of style. Look closely and you will notice that some of the well-dressed guys on campus have already been sporting the varsity jacket this school year. In a homage to the good old days of cheerleader girlfriends and Senior Skip Day, the varsity jacket is an urbanwear trend that any guy can pull off. Throw on jeans and a tee, and you're there.

- Compiled by Aaron Randle, Staff Writer



Cheating an Unfortunate Temptation to Avoid

In the face of cheating scandals rocking colleges and universities across the nation, students are recognizing the serious repercussions of academic dishonesty. As students, and intelligent young adults, of course we know it's wrong to cheat. But does that stop the average student from occasionally glancing at a neighbor's scantron, or asking for a little more help than they should on a homework assignment?

It's not just a select group of students at Howard who may be guilty of cheating. It happens all over this university, all over other universities, the corporate world and throughout life in general. Everyone doesn't do it, but dishonesty to get ahead is definitely prevalent in the real world.

Some of the most notable athletes in the world, including Marion Jones and Barry Bonds, have admitted to steroid use in an attempt to get ahead in their respective sports. As last year's explosive Wall Street scandal demonstrated, executives such as Bernie Madoff have been guilty of fraudulent behavior. It can even be a political issue. Remember Karl Rove's stint as Deputy Chief of Staff during the Bush Administration, and his alleged manipulation of terror-related information to make presidential candidate John Kerry look bad?

As college students,

there can be a plethora of reasons for deciding to cheat. You legitimately might not get it. You could've had a long night studying for an exam worth 30 percent of your overall grade, and had no time to complete an assignment. Or you could simply be looking for any easy way out. Regardless of the reason, the academic climate at Howard might lend a hand in explaining why it happens.

As Howard students,

Our View:
No excuse can justify cheating to get ahead.

we're bred to believe that we are the cream of the crop, and as a general rule, the student body does its best to live up to that standard. We get amazing grades, participate in campus organizations, volunteer our time to the community, etc. The résumé of the average Howard student rivals those of many older, working professionals.

But what happens when you mistakenly devote too much time toward working for your school's student council, or even your weekend job at Pentagon City? What if you decide that a couple hours of socializing

on the yard outweighs much needed library time? You might run into something of a problem – and subsequently, something of a decision to be made.

We as Howard students seem to have a desperate desire for success – short-term academic success, which will hopefully translate into long-term success in a professional setting after graduation. So when you're back's up against the wall (whether it's your fault or not), and you have the chance to make a decision that makes the difference between your failure and success – the risk seems insignificant. There's a slim chance of getting caught and suffering the consequences. But there's a better chance that you'll make a great grade, and not have to sacrifice your precious time or stress to achieve it.

Even so, there's no explanation that can justify cheating. It's wrong. It exploits the hardworking and honest. But does it happen? Of course. As students and productive members of society, we should be able to rise above the temptation to take the easy way out, and approach academics with a more productive attitude – or prepare to deal with the consequences and repercussions.

Perspective:

Haitian Requiem Pacem

In observance of what is now a running tradition associated with my loyal Chapel presence, at last Sunday's "Mass For The People of Haiti," Dean Richardson spontaneously asked me to come up and invoke the opening statement of The Purpose for the occasion.

Without the benefit of prior preparation, my best effort was to rely on the knowing expression of Dylan Thomas to acknowledge that, "Words crack and crumble under the strain of capturing the enormous solemnity of our being called to Rankin Chapel at such a time as this."

Our being there was not only for a high mass and a requiem, but also in celebration of an "Easter moment" for all of the individual lives terribly and unceremoniously banished before the coming of the cameras.

This hurriedly organized artistic event was in the best tradition of our entire university community to react to such an unspeakable human loss by reaching out with our music, thoughts, contributions and prayers to enabling the fallen to live again in our midst.

Had I enjoyed the

luxury of forethought, I would have added that the penultimate insult of the tragic events in Haiti has been to force the whole world to witness conditions that so profoundly violate the elementary notions, we, as a humane people, have grown to honor and expect, for the departing lives of innocents – no hushed bedchambers surrounded by benevolent voices and affections attended them.

No comforting music was offered to muffle their transition. No time for last minute tidying adjustments were allowed before unwilling farewells.

No final rites of spiritual commendation were to be pronounced in the presence of witnesses. And no time was even given for the funeral recitation of their proper or Christian names while above the soil.

Howard University and J. Weldon Norris can be especially proud of having conceived and orchestrated such a heartfelt, dignified and consummate event. It opened with a stately Silent Procession by the University Choir, punctuated by the Dean's Invocation.

Next came The Silence and the Breaking of Silence with the Choir's soulful

acapella rendition of Thomas A. Dorsey's "Precious Lord," then burst forth the triumphant Schubert "Mass In G Major," with the Choir surrounding magnificent female and male soloists, all masterfully accompanied by a highly professional Chamber Ensemble, complete with formal concert attire.

Finally without the indulgence of applause beyond well-earned smiles of satisfaction between themselves and the audience, there flowed the Retiring Procession to the rear of the Chapel.

For those who missed this sublime occasion and performance, for whatever reason, you owe it to yourselves and the people of Haiti to get this commemorative compact disc and generously contribute to this exceptional Easter moment and cause in the combined life and history of Rankin Chapel.

The cultural dimensions of Rankin have run deep and wide for more than a century. As of Jan. 24, 2010, it has added new dimensions in both taste and caring.

Timothy Jenkins
LA '60

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