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Fans of the South African soccer team, which is hosting the 2010 FIFA World Cup, cheer Bafana Bafana on. This March, students from the School of Social Work will be able to participate in a service-learning program in the country.

## South Africa a Destination For Social Work Students

**CAMILLE AUGUSTIN**  
Staff Writer

Students and faculty members in the School of Social Work look forward to embarking on a service trip to South Africa during the upcoming spring break.

From March 11 to March 27, students and faculty will be in Cape Town, South Africa engaging in a service-learning program also known as the International Service Learning Program/Alternative Spring Break. Students will observe social welfare structures and visit oppressed communities.

The trip will host various programs. Students will participate in community projects and visit

prisons, orphanages and soup kitchens. Other colleges that will participate with Howard University are the University of the Western Cape and Huguenot College in South Africa.

"The students are extremely eager to go," said Cudore Snell, dean of the School of Social Work. "This trip comes with high anticipation, great expectation and numerous opportunities for growth and development." This is one of a series of programs that the Student Council Association and the School of Social Work have worked to bring to fulfillment.

Students approached Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Sandra Crewe, Ph.D, and

told her they would like to have international experience created the trip. As a result, students applied and had to answer questions in essay form explaining why they would like to participate in the trip and what type of experience would they get from it.

The application process began last semester and 21 students were chosen. Eight faculty members will also be traveling to Cape Town. The trip was funded through the net tuition revenue funds awarded to the School of Social Work. These funds are being used to advance President Sidney A. Ribeau's Students First

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## HU May See New Print Publication

*Student presents The Bison Times as 'alternative'*

**TAHIRAH HAIRSTON**  
Campus Editor

As Howard University students gear up for an election season, one student leader, Roy Montgomery, makes moves to start his own student-run news publication — The Bison Times Newspaper.

Just around the corner, the students at George Washington University have more than one student news publication, with the biweekly publication *GW Hatchet* founded in 1904 and the online publication *The Daily Colonial* founded in 2004.

Hoping to bring students more than one option, senior political science major Montgomery said the fact that "a number of students and members in my classes have come to the conclusion that *The Hilltop* attitudes and sentiments have become invalid with theirs."

"I sense that students are entitled to more than one option, like having more than one political party," Montgomery said.

Dissatisfaction with *The Hilltop* is part of the reason why Montgomery decided to advocate for The Bison Times. According to him, Montgomery met with *The Hilltop* Deputy Managing Editor Deontay Morris last semester to discuss a number of issues he had.

Morris said the meeting came out of Montgomery's interest in potentially publishing a column in *The Hilltop*, which resulted the response of "no." "He had some interesting things in there, but we didn't know where they came from and the rest of the management staff didn't really like his column for the paper," Morris said.

As *The Hilltop* has been in

existence since 1924, Morris said he recommends the competition, but he would rather see unity.

However, after reading a couple of issues of *The Hilltop* this semester, Montgomery said he became disheartened and the result was starting a proposal for the Bison Times. As students are walking across campus this semester, they might see flyers for students who are interested in becoming apart of the Bison Times, although the organization is not yet officially recognized by the university. Montgomery is currently awaiting administrative approval.

"If we gain administrative approval sometime this semester, the Web site will go up almost immediately," he said. With no funding, Montgomery is awaiting the agreement of two campus organizations to generate funding. With no place to convene, Montgomery has submitted a space organization proposal to associate director for information, research, and resources Arthuree Wright, Ph.D.

Montgomery said the first two years will be a development paper for the biweekly publication, with hopes to print during the fiscal year of 2011.

As of now, Montgomery is surveying students around campus on what they think of the future of the publication.

"I think that I am providing students with an option, increasing the avenue by which students can express themselves," he said. "The Bison Times will bring a scholarly, in-depth, much more aggressive investigative point."

He wants The Bison

> See **BISON**, page 3

## Star-studded Panel Yields Five-star Conference Turnout



Actress Tasha Smith, who starred in films such as Tyler Perry's *Why Did I Get Married?* and *ATL*, was one of the guest speakers to attend Wednesday's annual Woman-to-Woman Conference.

The conference was hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Girls from high schools in the D.C. and Maryland area were all invited.

"I think the girls got a lot out of it," said Grace Salvant, a senior public relations major and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. "We got a lot of positive feed back from [the girls]. I was excited and I know my linesisters were excited about it too."

Crystal J. Allen, Editor-in-Chief



## Judge Overturns Ruling For AKA President

**LAUREN GASPARD**  
Staff Writer

Natalia M. Combs Greene, associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia has overturned a civil case involving the first African-American Sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and 27th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated Barbara McKinzie, on Monday. The famous sorority sued to remove McKinzie from her position due to alleged excessive spending on personal luxuries with the sorority credit card.

According to the Washington Post, eight members of Alpha Kappa Alpha accused President McKinzie for spending lump sums of money on lingerie, designer clothing, jewelry, exercise equipment, and big screen televisions in June 2009. Her largest purchase was a 900,000 life-sized statue of herself in the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum in downtown Baltimore.

In addition, the board of directors were also accused of approving a 4,000 "pension stipend" when she retires from her

position, as well as a one million dollar life insurance policy granted to her by the sorority.

When made aware of the allegations, President McKinzie calls the allegations "malicious" saying they were "based on mischaracterizations and fabrications ... not befitting our ideals of sisterhood, ethics and service," according to the Huffington Post.

Judge Combs Greene dismissed the claims against President McKinzie, saying "This case is largely about several disgruntled AKA members disillusioned with what they see as an increasingly opaque, authoritarian and self-serving leadership in their organization," said Combs Green in the Washington Business Journal. "The question remains, however, whether such behavior warrants judicial intervention."

Second Vice President Melanie C. Jones of Alpha Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, in conjunction with other members of Alpha chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated declined to comment regarding this matter.



## LESSONS LEARNED

*Lesson: Let Howard  
Change You*



BY EDWARD WILLIAMS  
Contributing Columnist

Almost a year ago now, I remember sitting in my room in the East Towers, staring at law school acceptance letters and an offer from Teach for America. At the age of 18 or 19, I decided that I was going to become a lawyer, and rather it is because of my stubbornness or an early connection to possible careers, I had stuck with that vision. But now, with the decision literally in my hands to follow my childhood dream or to delay that dream for at least two years, I came to an undeniable truth, Howard had changed me.

I'm not sure if it was the run ins with the A building, or the professors I encountered, or my extraordinary peers, but one thing was sure, somehow over the past four years something had occurred within me that would cause me to wrestle between immediate service to my community and pressing forward with a vision from long ago. I now realize that having integrally involved myself in the fabric of Howard University and having genuinely embraced the ideals of my Alma Mater, something called out from within me to make a difference, to be the change.

This is not to say that I could not accomplish these goals after law school or even during, but the impact that I would have the opportunity to make by choosing service over self was evident. More than any other university alumni I have encountered, Howard University alumni are constantly begging the question of how to make a difference. It is clear in our career choices, our perspectives on world events, and our compassion for our fellow brothers and sisters of the Black Diaspora. Let me be clear that I am not charging that every Howard University student should join a post-undergraduate service program like Peace Corps, Teach for America, or City Year; nor am I deriding the ambitions of those who want to pursue law school, medical school, or even a career on Wall Street, but I am seeking to make the declarative statement that to be an alumni of Howard is to put service, truth, and leadership over your own less noble convictions.

If you are ever given the choice between helping the less fortunate and lining your own pockets, the bison within you should stand up and cause you to lend a helping hand. If you are ever challenged to compromise your values for the sake of acceptance, that good 'ole Howard spirit should ring aloud in your heart and mind. I would love to tell you that these are choices that you will never have to make but, having only been an alumni for 8 months, I have already encountered both of these circumstances. The reputation of Howard University is dependent upon the character of its alumni and its current students. If you leave Howard University the same way you came in, then you have not only wasted thousands of dollars and 4 or more years of time, but you have surely wasted the opportunity to embrace and realize your true potential. In short, I am simply saying let Howard change you. You will make the world all the better for it.

*Edward Williams is a 2009 Howard alumni and is currently serving with Teach For America.*

## A Graduating Senior's Guide to the Diploma

*As the time for graduation is only months away, graduating seniors make plans to finish.*

BY LAUREN GASPARD  
Staff Writer

After four years of classes, on-campus living and making friends, graduating seniors are preparing to enter a new world and make their exit out of Howard University.

Some are preparing to accept job offers and enter graduate school; while others are in disarray about exactly what the future holds after their undergraduate career.

For senior biology major, Leah Cardwell, the past four years have given her strength, wisdom and the ability to realize that anything is possible.

Cardwell came to Howard University from Detroit, Mi. with a legacy of Howard University graduates that came before her. Her older brother and sister had a huge

influence on her decision to attend the Mecca. "I feel like my siblings blazed the trail for my Howard experience," said Cardwell. "I honestly can't see myself being anywhere else."

She entered as a Laureate scholar, with tuition and fees paid for three of the four years of her college career. She continued academic success by maintaining her 3.4 grade point average and in the coming months, adding to the legacy of Howard University graduates in her family.

Though it seems like success comes easy to Cardwell, tragedy struck her junior year preparing her for the biggest test of her entire life.

One day Cardwell was having a regular day until she received the call that her mother died suddenly when she suffered an aneu-

rysm while at work. Her junior year instantly filled with sadness, having constant moments of grief and struggle while trying to maintain class work. "It was very hard," said Cardwell. "In fact, it took me the entire year to get through it because it was just entirely too difficult."

Now that she is a graduating senior, Cardwell has managed to not only maintain her scholarship, but make it through one of the most difficult times in her life with a undergraduate degree from a premier institution. "I've just learned that what doesn't kill you really makes you stronger," said Cardwell. "My situation could have gone so much different but I have managed to still be successful."

Cardwell stressed that the key to success for a graduating senior is to remain focused. With organiza-

tions, study time and an internship, she stresses that priorities are most important when it comes to time management. "I try to spend at least 15-20 hours a week studying," said Cardwell. "Of course I do socialize and party like the normal college student, but with my current situation and a scholarship, I have to remain focused."

After under grad, Cardwell has eventual plans to attend medical school. She plans to travel to Germany in August to do conduct scientific research in the molecular biological field. She will continue to live in Germany and become fluent in the language prior to returning back to the states. "I am too excited," said Cardwell. "Of course it's a bit nerve-racking and maybe even scary, but I feel as though Howard University prepares us for the world at a glance."

## Stay On Track: Graduating Senior Checklist

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*- The Checklist was compiled by Bernadette Williams, John H. Johnson School of Communications Academic Advisor*

## A LOOK BACK: 1999 HILLTOP ARTICLE

### Time For A Woman HUSA President?

BY JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV  
Former Hilltop Staff Writer

April Sylver and Terry Wade were the last in what seems to be a dying breed. When they were at Howard they took on many roles. They were students, leaders, revolutionaries, and most importantly they were the last female Howard University Student Association presidents.

Here, on a predominately-female campus, and in a time where Howard University students have been conditioned to recognize names like Hutto, Jacques, and Welch when referring to HUSA leaders, these women have faded from memory.

Wade, who now goes by the name Akua Zenzele was one of the most dynamic political presidents in the history of HUSA. While in office, she was responsible for or worked in conjunction with many controversial protests and political activities. One of the more famous events happened during President Bill Clinton's last trip to Howard. In 1992, Wade led a group of fellow students to protest the Administration's stance against on-campus vending.

Sylver was another revolutionary leader who left her mark on the Mecca. In 1989, Sylver participated in the famous protest over the appointment of Lee Atwater to Howard's Board of

Trustees.

There have been many attempts to reach the pinnacle that Sylver and Wade attained.

Michele Richardson, the current vice president of HUSA, ran for office twice (including a failed attempt at an all-female slate) before finally being on a winning slate with President Neville Welch. Richardson said that it is extremely important that there be a woman president.

"There is definitely a need for a woman HUSA president," Richardson said. "Woman bring a whole new perspective in running for office."

Richardson expressed disappointment that more women aren't interested in running for office.

"It's a shame that more women want to be Bisonettes or Miss Howard than HUSA president," Richardson said. "There's nothing wrong with being a Bisonette or Miss Howard, you need knowledge for both. But why not run for president of HUSA?"

Some students do not see the need for a woman president.

"What can a woman bring that a man cannot?" said Nzinga Mack, a sophomore biology major. "I don't see any outright injustices [indicating that] there is a need."

Some were adamant

about having a woman president.

"I think it's time for a woman HUSA president who will acquiesce to the needs of the entire student body," said systems and computer science major Akilah Bell. "However, it is more important that she is thorough."

Many students called for an effective president, gender irrelevant.

"I do not think there is a particular need for a female president," said International Business/Marketing major Margaret Kargbo. "Rather I feel there is a need for someone, male or female, who will really get the job done. If it takes a female to do the job properly, then now is most definitely the best time."

"I don't think it's necessary to have a woman HUSA president," said psychology major Sonja Phillips, president of National Council of Negro Women. "I think there is a need for an efficient HUSA president, instead of one taking the job for free tuition."

Males also had opinion about gender relating to HUSA president.

"I think there's a need for a good HUSA president," said sophomore psychology major Wesley Forte. "Your gender doesn't determine your performance on the job."

Belinda Watkin, Dean of Student Life and Activities, agreed.

"The female presidents we've had were very effective," Watkins said. "But it doesn't matter if the president is male or female."

This year, Howard students will have a choice whether they base it on gender or qualifications. The female candidate this year, Marilyn Hoosen, is now running for president with Terah Jackson as her running mate under the slate "Unity." Hoosen, a 24-year-old graduate student has served with various campus organizations, including a stint as the president of the International Student Association, and she worked with Operation Vote Bison. Vice president, hopeful Jackson said that Hoosen was qualified for the position because "she is very knowledgeable about student government."

"The time has come - there is a need for a strong woman presence," said Jackson, a philosophy major. "The brothers on campus can be supportive of a strong black woman without losing their masculinity."

*Editor's Note: This article was written in The Hilltop issue published on Friday, February 13, 1999. The last female Howard University Student Association president to take office was in 2006.*

## Got An Opinion?

Here Future Student Leaders at the 1st speak out of election season, tonight at 7 p.m.



## Program Permits Credit for Travels

continued from FRONT, AFRICA Initiative.

"I am really excited. This is the first Alternative Spring Break to South Africa the School of Social Work has done," said De'Orlean Claiborne, program coordinator for student council. "I hope to learn the social welfare aspects in a different country and become more knowledgeable about the culture; this is a great opportunity."

"Given the amount of work that the students and faculty are looking to do we decided to add an additional week," said Lucinda Acquaye, doctoral student in the School of

Social Work and overseer of the logistics for the trip. "It will be half-academic and half-service; students are really excited about this opportunity."

Dean Snell said the trip will be tied to students' curriculum so they will receive credit toward their major. Associate Professor, James Craigen, is one of the eight faculty members attending the trip. "This will be the first time to have a school wide investment of this nature," Craigen said.

Dean Snell said he hopes to continue this program and let students have the chance and experience to travel to other parts of the globe.

## Student Pushes for 'Options'

continued from FRONT, BISON

Times to an independent bi-weekly newspaper where students from any major who have interest in the publication are welcome to come out. Montgomery said at no point

does he plan to be paying editors and writers, as students should want to work for free and it speaks volumes about their purpose.

Senior print journalism Kendra Derosier, who started her own publication, 25 Magazine,

agrees with the start of The Bison Times. "I think it's good because most competitive universities have more than one newspaper," she said. "Howard is basically joining the ranks of other universities. Competition breeds quality."

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### FASHION DESIGNER & MALE MODEL CALL



The 2010 DX College Fashion Designer of the Year Competition will be a featured attraction at the Art of Urban Beauty Expo (AUBE). Students from HU will compete for over \$1,000 in cash, trophies, prizes and national exposure!

Top HU future fashion icons will showcase their new dazzling ready-wear designs (Urban Flair, Business Chic, After-5 Glam, and Outdoor Casual) that will appear in the 2010 Spring Edition of Diamonds Xcel Magazine. Partial proceeds will be given to the Haitian Relief Fund.

- **When:** Thursday February 4, 2010 / 5pm - 6pm
- **Where:** HU Division of Fine Arts (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- **Cost:** FREE!!!

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All potential fashion designer finalists must be HU students and complete at least two finished garments, and six fashion illustrations for pre-judging consideration. The illustrations must be copied and left with the judges on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Participating finalists can create all new fashion garments to present in the AUBE from those garments that are presented at the Open University Designer Call.

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# BriteTab.com Launches Interactive Resumés

EVAN HOLLINS  
Staff Writer

Online resumé service, BriteTab.com, recently announced that it would be launching a free version of its online resumé tool, Impression Lab, which is designed to give applicants the flexibility to customize their resumé to their individual skill sets.

Impression Lab is designed to help job-seekers stand out to employers by allowing applicants to include videos and images in highly customized digital resumés.

The content-rich resumés give jobseekers a better opportunity to convey their personalities and give employers a better idea of why they are the best fit for a particular job.

Employers are able to view all resumés once they are published by clicking a unique link.

While premium users can choose from several themes, create unlimited resumés, attach documents, and add videos and images, BriteTab.com's free version only allows users to create one resumé with images.

Current economic times have impacted the job market tremendously.

BriteTab.com's Director of Product Development David Rogers claims that the impact that the economic state has had on the job market played a major role in the development of BriteTab.com.

"During 2009, companies posted record layoffs and more and more businesses closed their doors," said Rogers. "The job applicant pool became overcrowded; now, hiring managers were finding

themselves flooded with thousands of resumés for single open positions."

Such an overcrowded applicant pool has increased the need for jobseekers to stand out more than ever.

"It is very important [to stand out], especially in the current state of this economy, let alone the job market. Now, more than ever, does every little thing that we once took for granted now matter when it comes to getting a job," said George Chapman, a broadcast journalism major.

Rogers assures that BriteTab.com is not only useful for older adults, but for college students as well.

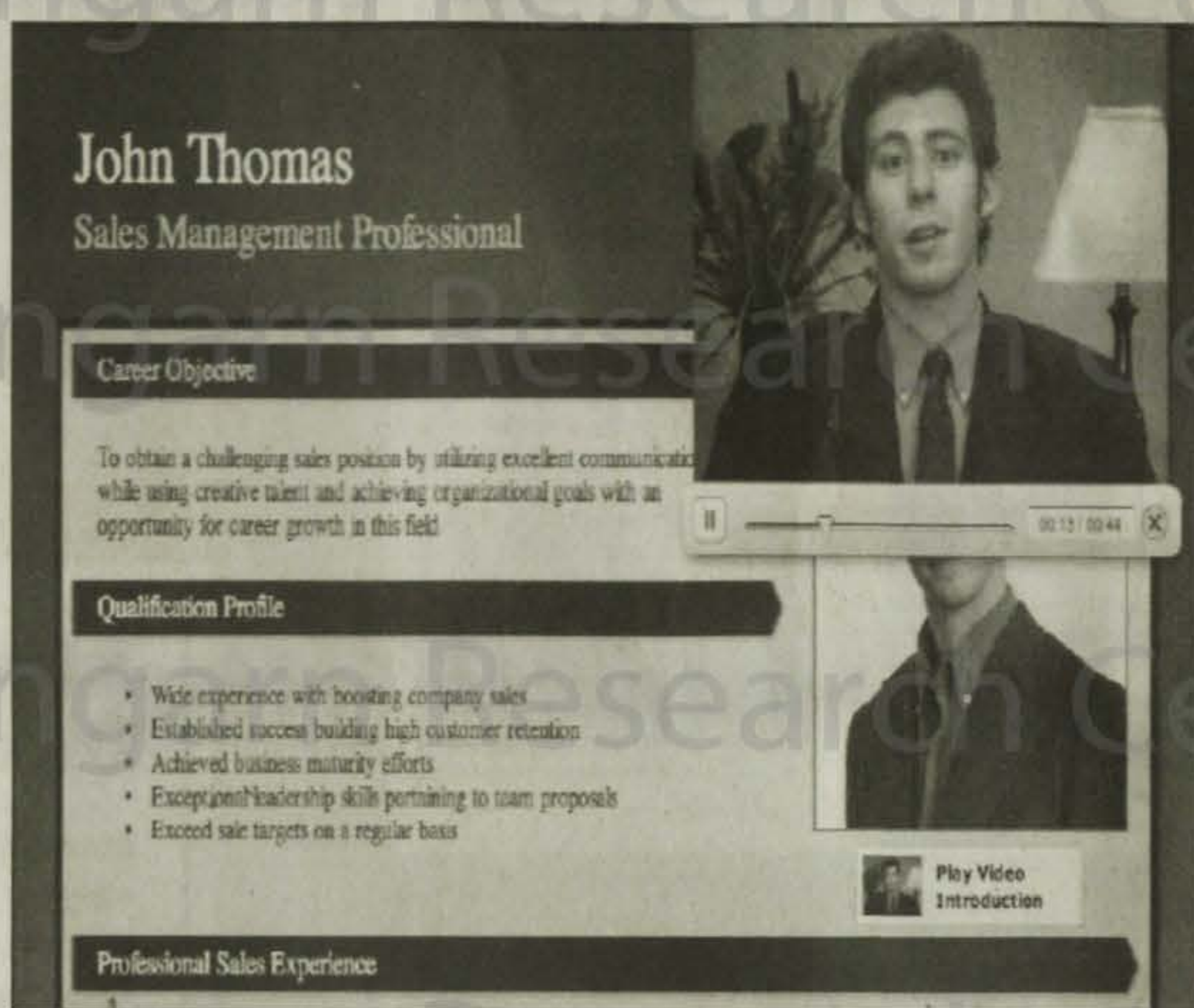
"For the employers, this meant a lot more work finding the right fit. For job seekers, it means you need to go above and beyond to get hiring managers to take notice," Rogers said.

"As they find themselves not only competing against other college students but already well-experienced professionals in the marketplace, BriteTab.com resumés provide the "wow" factor needed to help you stand out from the masses," he added.

The student-friendly factor of BriteTab.com appeals to much of the youth seeking employment, but intimidated by the process.

"When creating resumés, a lot of the time you have to worry about experience. With a resumé that allows employers to get a better idea of who you are as a person, it makes it easier for you to get over such intimidation," said Alex Barnes, a sophomore film major.

Representatives of BriteTab.



BriteTab, a student-friendly online resumé tool, offers an interactive, digital resumé that allows users to upload videos and images.

com are confident that such creative ways of seeking employment are the future of resumés. Rogers insists that jobs go beyond just the skills and that personality is an important factor in any hire.

"Resumés like those from BriteTab.com offer hiring managers the chance to see the person behind the skills to ensure they are a snug fit with the organization," Rogers said.

"Our generation is already very tech-savvy. As our generation matures, we will be the ones looking at resumés and we will be looking for this kind of creativity," Barnes said.

While Rogers expressed high hopes for the future of the digital resumés BriteTab.com offers, he also suggested that the age of traditional resumés may be over.

"The job market is currently

so competitive that the only people getting hired are those that are willing to go beyond traditional resumé submission. With BriteTab.com, job-seekers easily separate themselves from the competition and secure that next job."

## What's 'App'ening?



- Compiled by Gerron Jordan,  
Staff Writer

With the release of Apple's newest technology, the iPad, Apple users will have a greater selection of the already released 140,000 applications to choose from that assist users with traveling, shopping and even ordering food for pickup. Since the iPad won't be released until April, current iPhone users are finding comfort in their current applications.

Senior broadcast journalism major Sebry Nuru said his favorite application on his Apple 3G iPhone is "ESPN ScoreCenter." "It gets straight to the point," Nuru said. "I get a live feed of all sporting events, breaking news and a scrolling sports ticker. It's great," Nuru added.

According to Apple's iTunes Store, the application "brings you scores from hundreds of sports leagues around the world. With scoring alerts... it becomes easier than ever to stay on top of the results you care about most."

The app has proven to be a success with raving customer reviews that also attest to the app not being solely for sports fans. The ESPN ScoreCenter app is currently free. Users can follow the application's developers on Twitter @scorecenter for up to date information as well.

For more information on this app and more, visit the Apple iTunes Store.

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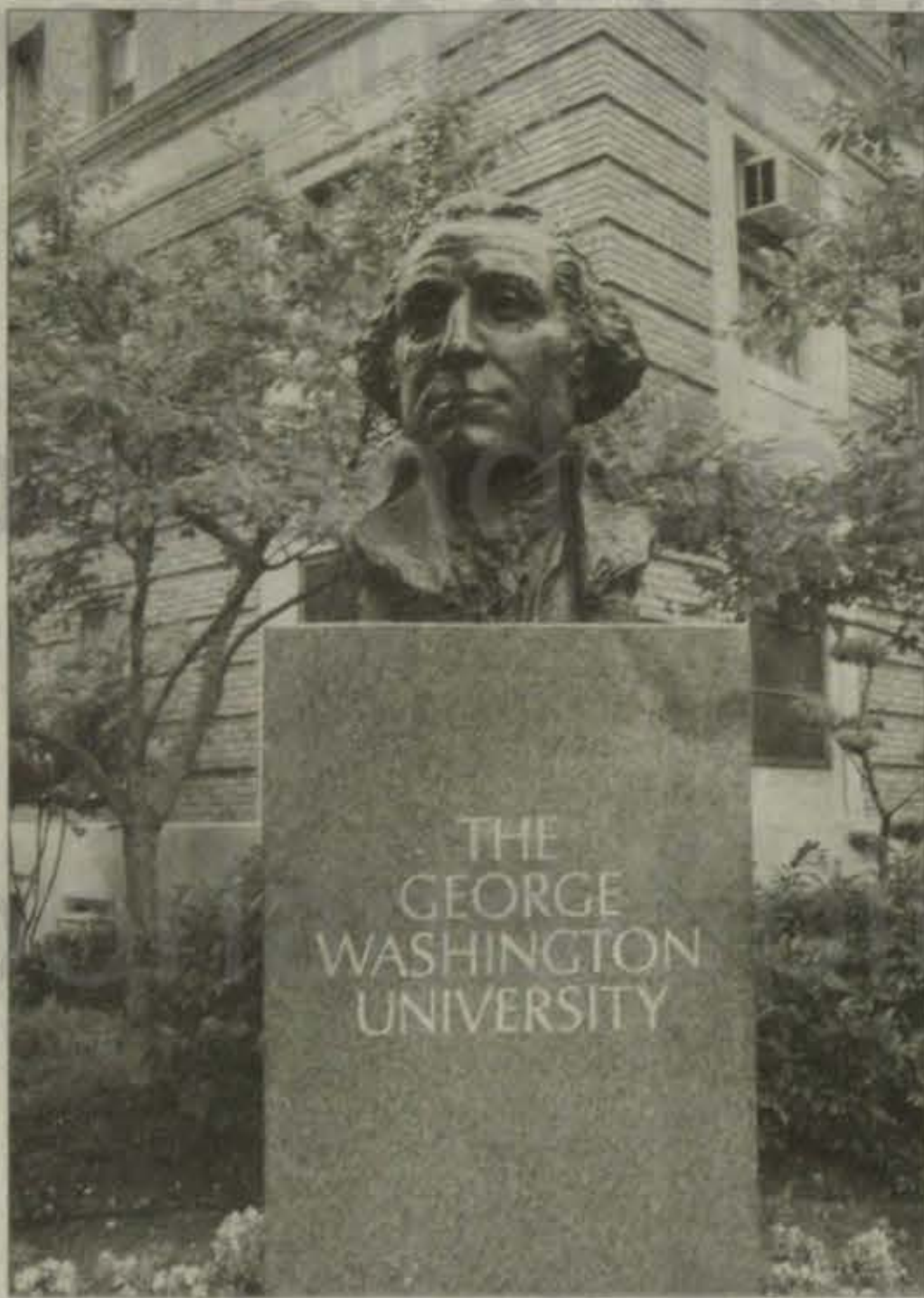
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## GWU Medical School No Longer on Probation

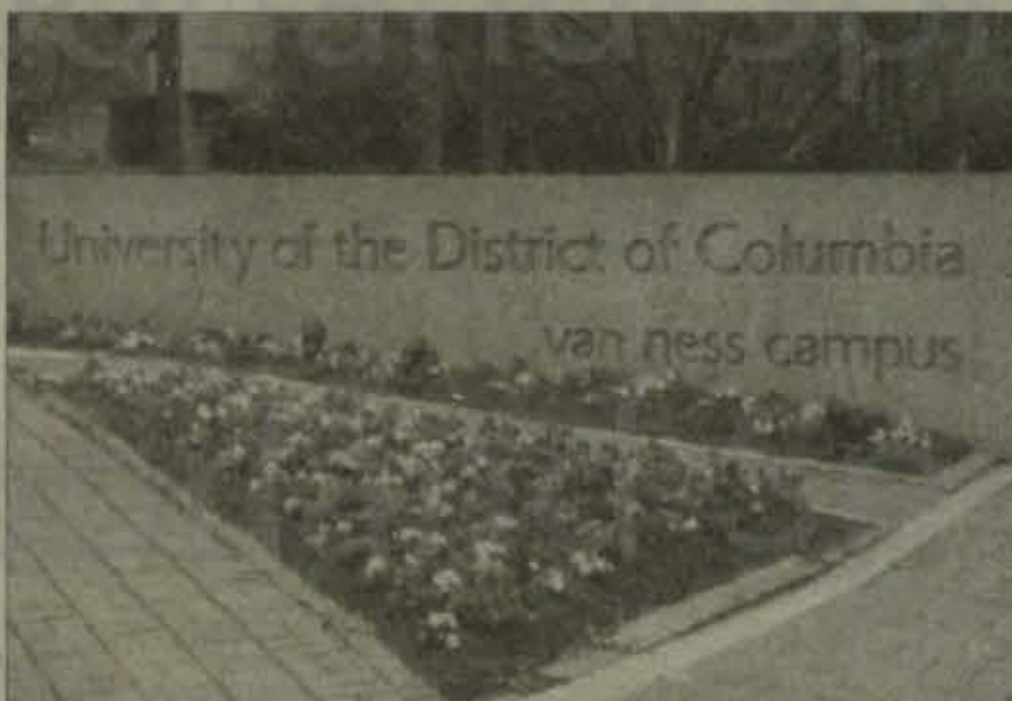
Last year, *The Hilltop* reported that the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences lost its accreditation. Now, the school has been taken off probation and its accreditation, extended for another eight years.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting agency, reviewed the school's progress again and found that the necessary recommended changes were put in place.

The medical school was placed on academic probation in October 2008, becoming only the fifth medical school to do so since 1994. The reasons cited were "curriculum management, lounge and study space for students and internal administrative processes." However, the school never lost its accreditation.

Dean James Scott said the review process has allowed the school to improve.

Genet Lakew, Metro Editor



Courtesy of stateuniversity.com

The University of the District of Columbia is a historically black college or university (HBCU). Although it is a four year public university, it does not have dormitories; students must commute.

## Get to Know Area Schools: UDC

BY JARONDAKIE PATRICK  
Contributing Writer

Ascending stairs of ceramic tiles of calm yellows, bold reds and blacks aligning the two escalators is just one of the signs of the new energy and initiatives taking place in 2010.

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) holds no restraint and has made huge moves within administration and faculty, in an attempt to keep its promise to students who may be beginning, continuing or transferring in order to gain a bachelor's or associate's degree.

Gloria Ingram, a transfer student from Trinity College, decided to continue her degree at UDC as a mass communications major. She said that her first class was quite interesting. Students were asked to write a paper about things they like to do and Ingram wrote her paper on singing.

"I had to sing in my first class." She laughed it off and

said, "At first, I was like no way, but I did it."

It was something new and different for Ingram who is set on working in public relations while also inspiring to become a radio personality.

UDC has many student clubs, including Greek organizations and honor societies. It currently has two newspapers circulating on campus. *The Trilogy* is the original school newspaper that circulates monthly. The other is *The Free Voice*, a paper created by the journalism department to involve students who are enrolled in journalism.

Vice President of Student Affairs Valerie Epps, Ph.D., prides herself on having a great relationship with the students, faculty and president of UDC. She is very excited about the new programs and activities taking place on the campus.

"New president, community college. We are on the move over here," Epps said.

The athletic department has hired new coaches — such as

## Southern Cuisine, Hospitality at Carolina Kitchen



There are currently two Carolina Kitchen locations in Maryland and there are plans to open one in D.C.

BY TYESHA ERVIN  
Contributing Writer

"Welcome, welcome, welcome" is the warm greeting and first taste of southern hospitality that hits you upon arrival at Carolina Kitchen.

The popular eatery recently expanded to the new Hyattsville University Town center and is quickly becoming a fan favorite among the nest of restaurants in the surrounding areas.

Patrons can shop at PG Plaza, catch a movie and then enter into the inviting atmosphere of the local eatery for its specialty meals, such as smothered chicken or smothered pork chops, baby back ribs, and "Mom's Meatloaf." All the meals are served with two well-portioned side items, and their famous sweet corn bread.

To some customers, Carolina Kitchen in Hyattsville can be described as one of the area's hidden treasures. The new restaurant features its first full bar, VIP section, and a jazz room for big parties or entertainment.

Despite not having much visibility from the main streets, the average number of customers has expanded each day since its opening. Carolina Kitchen also ranks at the top of all its local competitors in the Town Center area.

Lance London, owner of Carolina Kitchen, is not only an entrepreneur and self-made millionaire, but he is also a source of motivation to his workers.

Recently hired employee Ivory Dixon, who just graduated from culinary school, said, "He motivates me. Every day, I plan to have a successful career in restaurant business as a consultant chef."

In that role, she hopes to share ideas to help other entrepreneurs gain more business to make their restaurants more successful.

That business practice is something London utilizes in his

current business model. Many of the workers at the Hyattsville location are students from Howard University and the University of Maryland who live in the student apartments at the University Town Center.

London allows these student workers to have shared ideas. One successful event inspired by his student employees is the College Night Mondays, where students can have meals for \$6.99. This night has brought in more college students than ever before.

Natalie Robin, a student at Trinity University, said she "can't resist" Carolina Kitchen's famous macaroni and cheese.

"If I could afford it, I would come here every day. It just reminds me so much of home, like having a home cook meal," said Robin.

The restaurant's tradition of southern cooking traveled from the Carolinas and was inspired by London's Grandma Pearl. The restaurant has meals bearing her name. Carolina Kitchen prides itself in great food preparation, décor and attention to details.

One of the restaurant's signature items is its homemade ice-tea and lemonade served in glass-handle honey jars.

The restaurant has African American culture pieces, such as historically black trumpet players and pictures of African American Minor league baseball players, lining its walls.

It has received support from happy customers, not only for its cuisine, but also for the personal touch that is the mantra of the company. Carolina's workers have exuberant attitudes toward customers, especially first timers, by giving them the famous "Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to Carolina's Kitchen," and upon exit, cheerfully exclaiming, "See you tomorrow!"

London is often on hand to personally greet his guest and share tidbits about the history of the restaurant.

"Our culture is what sets us apart. I have always had a passion [for] developing leaders and making sure my staff is well in tuned with the business by being hands-on and making sure they are effective in customer care," said London.

London plans to expand to another location in the heart of D.C.'s downtown Chinatown and is currently making plans to open in Las Vegas.

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## Take It From The Top



BY CRYSTAL J. ALLEN  
Editor-in-Chief

This week, a friend of mine suffered a terrible loss. He's made many Howard students smile at least once, whether it be on a microphone or one-on-one, so with him being a bright person by nature, I was taken aback when I saw Jae Murphy wasn't smiling.

He lost a loved one over the weekend.

Grief is never easy for anyone, and does vary from person to person. Some people build walls around themselves, a facade as if nothing ever happened. Others, like myself, wear their losses on their sleeves for the world to see.

I know my friend wasn't the only person to suffer a loss this week, nor this year for that matter. And even though it hurts to do what may seem like reliving a terrible moment, besides prayer, the best thing we can do for ourselves is to talk.

On June 20, 2008, my aunt passed away. She was one of the most influential people in my life and, although I had become distant from her, it felt as though my heart was shattered to pieces when she passed on. But, instead of holding everything in, I decided to talk about it instead.

No, I didn't lay on someone's couch and pour out my heart and soul; I didn't curl up on my friend's bed and talk about all the good times I had with her, although all of these things can help each of us on our way to healing.

Instead, I wrote. I wrote down my thoughts, my feelings, my memories, my worries and my struggles. I blogged and used that as an outlet for my own self-expression and, believe it or not, it helped me to heal.

I talked to God. And, after awhile, I felt as if I was talking to her.

Expressing myself made my struggle that much easier, made the world seem that much better, made her seem that much closer. And of course, Father Time is the most awesome healer and teacher for us all.

Don't get me wrong – the pain never truly goes away. Sometimes, I feel sad and I mourn all over again. But, now I'm sure I don't walk alone.

So, if you're going through a tough time, try to work it out. Talk to someone. Write. Sing. Do what you love to do and express yourself like you've never expressed yourself before. It may make things a little better for you.

Remember, we may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.  
Be blessed!

**Submit your suggestion for "Tweet of the Week" to [meccanisms@gmail.com](mailto:meccanisms@gmail.com)**

**While you're at it, follow us @TheHilltop**

## Throwback Thursday

This edition of "He Said...She Said" originally appeared in The Hilltop on Sept. 12, 2006

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

By Jana Homes

It's impossible for Howard girls to be domestic.

Or at least, that's what I was told by a Howard man.

A) Do I smell a gross generalization, positing that any group can be reduced to a single, monolithic, and absolute idea?

B) Really?

For the sake of argument, I suppose one could work from an operational definition wherein the term is comprised of the various sectors of household life. These may include, but are not limited to, culinary arts, interior design prowess, custodial duties, and maternal instinct.

The last in that series may not have a particularly pragmatic application for a lot of the women at Howard, but the other faculties contained under the domestic umbrella can be and are exercised around campus.

Shortly after I was told that Howard girls aren't domestic, I started cleaning the office I was in [not as a response nor out of obligation or because of coercion].

My room has a clear color scheme, into which all of the decor elements fit. There are even items that I've handcrafted to increase the aesthetic properties of my domicile. I have additional seating to make it more comfortable to visitors, for goodness' sakes.

My kitchen is fully stocked with four informal place settings

and two formal place settings. I have three sets of pots and various gourmet tools. I know how to use them.

So, that lays to rest the original claim. It's not that a Howard woman can't be domestic, just that there may be other factors.

If someone should encounter a woman they don't see as an avid *Domino* or *Real Simple* reader, perhaps, they should consider the reason. Maybe she has 20 credits and a slew of extra-curricular activities and doesn't have time to plan and prepare a five course meal.

Or maybe, she doesn't like you enough to cook for you. And she would have to downright love you to clean up after you.

Besides the fact that you should A) be capable of doing these things for yourself and B) be willing to do them for her, since its out of consideration and obligation that she'd do it for you.

But, as we at *The Hilltop* were just discussing, having someone at your domestic beck and call is a costly endeavor. I know if I was to be someone's domestic goddess, I'd be in need of some attire befitting the title, a nice little car to get to and fro, a fly handbag to carry my coupons in, etc.

So if anyone is looking for a woman to perform all the trappings of domesticity, be prepared to equip her with the things she'll need to be "domesti-fab."

This week's issue:

### Domesticity

By Joshua Thomas

**Warning:** This is only intended for those who do not perform well in a domestic capacity. If that is not you, then this does not apply to you.

However, if you are domestically inept then take this as a charge.

As the popular saying goes, "The quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach." And the addition, "The quickest way out of a man's heart is through his stomach...wincing in pain and reaching for that Pepto!"

Cooking and other domestic skills are in a steep decline in women, namely young women, of today.

Currently we live in a world where gender roles are constantly blurred but there are some things that women (and men) should know.

One of these items includes domestic skills. Skills like cooking, washing clothing, ironing, sewing, and cleaning are essential to life in general and are things that everyone needs to know how to do regardless of gender.

Nevertheless, society often delegates these responsibilities to the fairer sex, placing added pressure on women to be proficient in these areas.

Although these are skills that everyone should learn and practice, in spite of gender, many men expect women to be more dexterous in domestic responsibilities than their male

counterparts and because of this, a woman's lack of these essentials is seen as a detriment.

The most notable of these skills would be cooking. Everyone, men and women alike, has to eat to survive. So, naturally, the ability to cook, or more importantly the ability to cook well, is a treasured asset.

After talking to friends of mine, the general consensus on cooking is: if a girl can not throw down in the kitchen, it is definitely a problem and she will undoubtedly be given a big minus in the wifey column. I am not declaring that a woman needs to be iron chef to please her man but she needs to be able to at least produce some form of edible nourishment that is somewhat pleasing to the taste buds.

While I am still on the cooking topic, let me forward some advice to men that my father instilled in me. It is important for us, as men, to know as a minimum, the basics of how to prepare a simple meal for a few reasons.

First of all, it's just a bad look overall for a grown man to be dependent on a woman (or anyone for that matter) to put some food in his stomach. Secondly, it is important to be able to do for self because you never, let me reiterate, NEVER want to eat some food a woman cooked for you while she's mad. It's just not smart.

## Overheard @ The Mecca

This edition of "Overheard at The Mecca" originally appeared in The Hilltop on September 12, 2006.

*Overheard off-campus campus....*

**Student 1:** I'm going to Michael Jackson's funeral.

**Student 2:** That's so random. Why would you go to Michael Jackson's funeral?

**Student 1:** I would go to Michael Jackson's, Prince's and Michael Jordan's funerals...they are so poppin' that they deserve my presence at their funerals. Plus, you know the afterparties are going to be off the chain!!

*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.

- How many people made plans for the Snow Day that never came?
- Why is Hampton banning leggings?
- Shouldn't they be banning video cameras instead? (If you know what we mean)
- Does anyone really think Taylor Swift deserved to win album of the year at The Grammy's?
- Speaking of Taylor Swift, do teenage girls not stuff their bra's anymore?
- Why did Jamie Foxx bring his sister out on stage at The Grammy's?
- How many of y'all thought it was Precious? Keep it real.
- Is everyone aware that this year's election season has started?
- Where are all the campaign posters?
- Is anyone else looking forward to the commentary on Twitter about the election Speak Out?
- Is there really only one HUSA slate?
- Who y'all got in the Super Bowl?
- Where is the HU Super Bowl party going to be?
- If the Lakers go to the NBA finals, wouldn't it be smart to invest in a Kardashians?
- Who Dat?!
- So did the Howard AKA's and Kappa's really take first place in both the male and female Sprite Step Off semi-finals?
- Why do Howard students win in every national HBCU competition?
- How many people are trying to get tickets to the Sprite Step Off finals in Atlanta?
- You know they're sold out, right?
- Valentine's Day or All-Star Weekend?

Compiled by The Hilltop Staff

### HILLTOP HISTORY 101: THE NAMING OF MECCANISMS

In 2006, The Hilltop asked the student body to participate in a naming contest for this page. The following is the entry from Kiona Ervin, a Freshman in 2006, who's suggestion was chosen as a winner of the competition.

**"NAME THE NEW PAGE" CONTEST WINNER!!** My suggestion for the new page's name is Meccanism. I chose this as a play on the word "mechanism" for several reasons. My first reason is that here at Howard, we are like a machine possessing many components, each, while of a different size and function, are equally important because they contribute to the functionality of the mechanism as a whole. My second reason for choosing this name was to incorporate the fact that we consider Howard to be The Mecca, the center of our universe, thus it seems only fitting that "Mecca" should be included in the name. Furthermore, as Howard students, we are all a part of The Mecca and the new page is comprised of contributions from various venues throughout the Howard campus, therefore the name of the page should reflect that concept. My final reason for choosing the name that I did was because, as previously mentioned, a wide variety of individuals will contribute to this new page their thoughts and ideas, which we all know can sometimes be classified as someone's "isms." In view of the fact that these "isms" will be from those at Howard, it is only fitting that the words "Mecca" and "ism" be distinguished to form the whole word "Meccanism." I hope that my suggestion is of help to The Hilltop staff. God luck finding that "it" name.



## WANT TO BECOME THE NEXT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OR BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE HILLTOP?

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## PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES



## Friends...How Many Of Us Have Them?

BY AARON RANDLE  
Staff Writer

After hearing from his best friend, Kwaku Oseibonsu knew something was seriously wrong. "Randy sent me a text asking 'are we still friends?' and I knew we had to have a talk."

Randy, who had been Oseibonsu's best friend since childhood felt as if their friendship had substantially dwindled since their separation as they both entered college this past fall. Like many students, they found a massive adjustment was needed in order to keep their friendship not only strong, but intact altogether.

Similar to Randy and Kwaku, many students are finding it hard to not only develop new friendships at college while still keeping a close relationship with older relationships back home. They are wondering how to fix things before it's too late.

Meeting new friends at college is no foreign concept; the almost certain development of amity as you begin to spend every day surrounded by thousands of different people from various backgrounds. "Some of your closest friendships happen here," said Carol Dudley, Office of Career Development in the John H. Johnson School of Communications, in reference to college.

A former student of the Howard University class of 1976, Dudley still maintains a fervent friendship with her close-knit group of girlfriends from her college days.

"Fourth floor Crandall. Me and about 12 girls are still the best of friends." The group, spanning New York, Florida, California and "a few other states" still can't wait each Fall when they will reconvene at Homecoming and attend all the reunion parties, galas, and events. "Not one thing penetrated our friendship," Dudley revealed.

While Dudley maintained strong rapport with her friends, this

is not always the case. All too often, students find themselves lost in how to keep friendships strong, and has many believe if it is even possible to remain BFFs.

Dudley believes the key is to lessen the technology and increase the personal interaction. "The key is communication and staying personable... You can't tell that someone truly loves you through a screen. Technology, while it is a great thing, impedes on social interaction."

Comparing the hallways of the Quad to an open street, Dudley spoke of a seemingly endless amount of openness, trust, and communication. Social Science and Communications professors Ben Rubenstein and Dave Crosby respectively have listed keeping in touch as the number one determinant in maintaining old friendships.

Ranging from keeping in touch to openly expressing gratefulness for a strong friendship, personal interaction is the clear common denominator; a concept which seems to be enforced less as technology (cell phones, text messaging, Skype, AIM, etc.) and the concept of social networking (Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.) continues to grow. Yet while those entities are a growing and impossible-to-ignore phenomenon, there is evidence that shows that replacing technology with people does seem to be a beneficial tactic.

"When I went home over Thanksgiving break, we talked face-to-face and set what our friendship was while we were away at college," Oseibonsu said. Making concessions for the possibility that they might not be able to speak as often, the precedence academics takes to their social lives, and admitting they were going to meet new, and potential best friends helped their friendship.

"It just took a talk," admitted Oseibonsu. "Our friendship bounced back quickly after that."

## 8 Tips to Maintaining a Healthy Friendship

Drs. Ben Rubenstein and Dave Crosby

### 1. Keep in touch!

It's pretty tough to maintain a friendship if you never have contact. Even if they live in a different city, give them a call every once in a while.

### 2. Do not allow gaps in your contact to create permanent resentment.

Sometimes it is not possible to have regular contact. Try to understand your and your friend's time limitations and don't allow these realities to limit your friendship.

### 3. Allow your old friend to evolve.

It is possible to love someone through his or her changes. Although you may not realize it, you've changed too! Just give some time for you and your friend to adjust.

### 4. Respect and learn to appreciate your differences.

### 5. Forgive past disappointments.

Do not let past fights rule your relationship. You wouldn't want to get into an argument about what happened two years ago! Don't live in the past, live for what's happening right here and now.

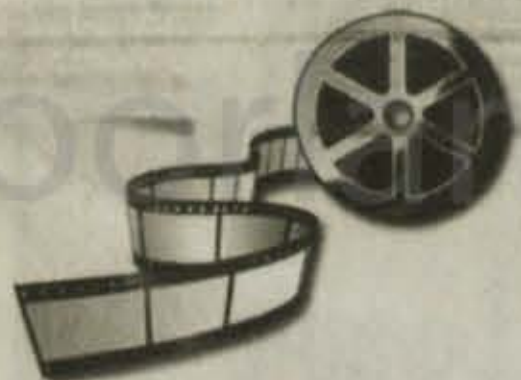
### 6. Adjust your expectations if they are not regularly met.

Don't expect the best out of others. Like yourself, they're only human. Forgive and forget the little things.

### 7. Regularly/openly express to your friend that you are grateful for the friendship.

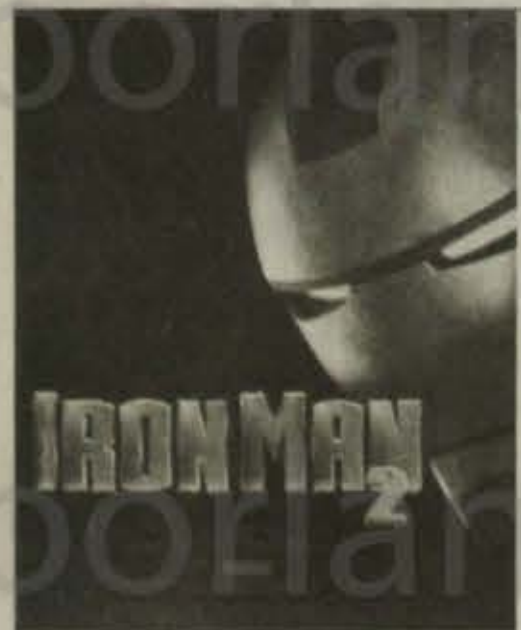
Don't let your friend feel like he/she is giving his best to you, while all your doing is taking. It's all for one and one for all.

### 8. Make an effort to know, remember, and embrace what and who else is currently important in your friend's life. Don't cut down the people that your friend loves.



## Coming Soon to A Theater Near You...

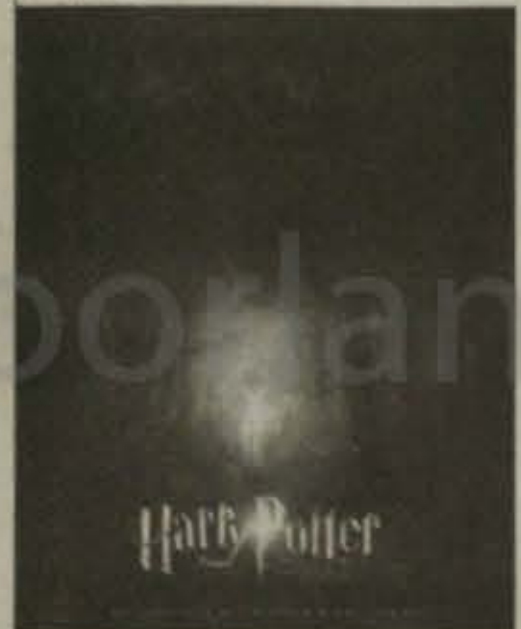
This year, the theater will be packed with action, detailed plots and sequels. Hollywood has truly outdone itself. Some of the industry's most talented and well-known actors have shifted gears, and now make directorial debuts with movies that promise to keep you on the edge of your seat.



### Iron Man 2

Release Date: May 4, 2010

This movie will display Iron Man with a better car, a new and improved suit and some unexpected sidekicks. Don Cheadle has taken over Terrence Howard's place and the movie and he will make the movie ten times better. Also, look out for some heightened action scenes and new nemesis.



### Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1

Release Date: November 19, 2010

Harry, Ron and Hermione go on search of the remaining Horcruxes all while running from death eaters. This movie will be the darkest Harry Potter movie to date.



### Alice in Wonderland

Release Date: March 5, 2010

Starring Johnny Depp and Anne Hathaway, the movie is a remake of Lewis Carroll's animated depiction of a young girl lost in a wonderland led on an adventure with new found friends.



### Karate Kid

Release Date: June 11, 2010

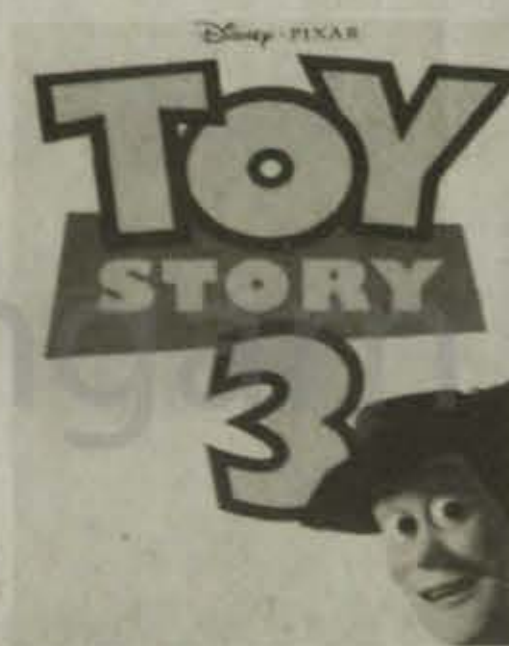
Featuring rising star Jaden Smith as young Dre and Jackie Chan as Mr. Han this movie is sure to top box office charts. The movie is a remake of the original but with a twist. Because of a work opportunity, Dre is forced to move to China with his mother. While there, the Dre begins to take an interest in karate and proves to be a promising student.



### The Twilight Saga: Eclipse

Release Date: June 30, 2010

In the third installment of the Twilight saga, Bella Swan is left to choose between her two lovers Edward Cullen and Jacob Black. Meanwhile, Victoria returns to get revenge. This will be the third movie to come out in two years, but it is highly anticipated.



### Toy Story 3

Release Date: June 18, 2010

The third part to the Toy Story series begins as Andy leaves for college and his toys are finding a new home. However they're unhappy at their new place so they embark upon a journey to get their old owner back.



### The Expendables

Release Date: April 23, 2010

Written and directed by Sylvester Stallone, the movie features Steve Austin, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jet Li. The movie depicts a group of soldiers on a mission to overthrow a South American dictator. This will definitely be an action movie filled with stunts and fight scenes.



### Why Did I Get Married Too?

Release Date: April 2, 2010

This time, the four couples reunite for their annual vacation in the beautiful Bahamas. However, everything is interrupted by an angry ex-husband determined to have his newly remarried wife back. Flaws are revealed and one couple cannot withstand the challenges.



### Sex in the City 2

Release Date: May 28, 2010

The sequel will be packed with love, fashion, friendship, and sex. There will be a trip to a far away land, and Samantha gets a new man. People cannot get enough of these women, so the show must "Carrie" on!



### Shrek Forever After

Release Date: May 21, 2010

After starting a family, Shrek becomes bored with his new domesticated life. He meets up with Rumpelstiltskin and his world is turned upside down. He is placed into an imitation Far Far Away land where Rumpelstiltskin is king and ogres are hunted. He must fight his way out and undo the mischief to get his family back.

-Compiled by Kara Singleton, Staff Writer





Department of Residence Life

## IMPORTANT RSVP ANNOUNCEMENT

Housing Information for 2010-2011

# 2 Days left to pay your Housing Deposit!!!

Students seeking housing for the 2010-2011 academic year are required to participate in RSVP.

Students who are validated for Spring 2010 will be able to make their \$200 Advanced Rent Payment online through February 5, 2010.

Payment instructions are under  
"Housing Deposit Payment" in BISONWEB.



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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All students with housing assignments for the 2010-2011 academic year MUST be validated prior to moving into the residence halls.

**NOTE: Your \$200 deposit does not guarantee you housing.**

*Continuing students who are recipients of the Presidential, Laureate, Capstone, Founders, Upward Bound and Hartford Scholarships do not have to submit a RSVP deposit, but must make an online selection.*





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## Supreme Court Removes Campaign Donation Limits

In a recent four-five vote the Supreme Court made a shocking decision that will radically alter the state of American campaigning. Reversing a previous federal mandate that has been in place for nearly a century, the Supreme Court has lifted limits on corporate and labor donations to campaigns.

This means that any corporation or organization can freely donate any amount of monetary support to a candidate running for office which will likely opening the door to further underhanded and unscrupulous behavior in the political arena.

Unfortunately, this behavior, and subsequently the ability to sway elections with monetary incentives, will now be totally legal.

Supreme Court justices are by definition required to be bipartisan (or neutral in political association). Understandably, their decisions are influenced by the liberal or conservative values they held before appointment. Interestingly enough, the five justices that voted in favor of this outrageous reversal were registered Republicans before beginning their terms as Su-

preme Court judges.

The argument held by these five justices was that limiting monetary funding that corporations and other groups can give candidates they support was essentially limiting these corporations and groups' right to free speech.

From a comprehensive view, this decision was secured by "previously Re-

publican" justices with conservative values, in an effort to promote greater Republican success in upcoming elections.

President Obama was fiercely opposed to this decision, referring to the controversial decision as a "green light to a new stampede of special interest money in our politics". Obama's resistance to the ruling was with good reason.

Without limits on campaign donations, candidates for office are able to promise tax breaks and future government assistance, in an attempt to secure more money toward their campaign efforts.

This renewed muscle will drastically increase the power of insurance companies and other loaded corporations that control large amounts of the national capital, and drastically decrease the influence of smaller entities and organizations, and subsequently, the average American.

It seems conservative justices that voted in favor of the lift were attempting to benefit Republicans in upcoming campaigning seasons, but in the long run, their decision will undoubtedly weaken the role of not only the Democratic party, but ironically, also the role of the Republican party.

With corporations now having a staggering amount of power to influence political outcomes, the decisions made by future presidents and members of Congress could possibly be guided not by what's in the best interest of the nation, but the best interest of big businesses and corporations.

### Our View:

*The Supreme Court has opened the door to even dirtier politics.*

## Perspective Equality for All

The article in the Feb. 3 edition of *The Hilltop* entitled "Have Gay Rights Become the New Civil Rights Movement?" offended me as an African American, as a woman, and as a lesbian.

The article in question seemed to imply that not only was the "Civil Rights Movement" stridently more difficult than the Gay Rights movement, but that it also trumped all others. I have put "Civil Rights Movement" in quotation marks because the author of the article obviously meant the African-American Civil Rights Movement, rather than civil rights as a whole. I will primarily address the civil rights movements of the 1950s through the 1980s, though it should be duly noted that though these were turbulent times, they were not the only times in which civil rights uprisings occurred.

The Civil Rights Movement in America included not only African Americans, but American Indians, Mexican Americans, Catholics, German Nationals, Women, and members of the LGBT community, just to name a few! It is insulting to any group that was forced to struggle to be excluded from the blanket term of Civil Rights simply because they are not African American. *The Hilltop* constantly seems to ignore the fact that though we are an HBCU, there are students here that are not of African American descent.

The article also makes it seem as if it is mutually exclusive to be both African American and gay, and if not that to be equally proud of both.

Who is to say that one facet of my person is more valuable than another? I would now like to address where the article implies that since you cannot control your heritage and therefore appearance as an African American, the struggle is more pertinent.

Since when is automatic visibility a criterion for civil equality? What about those of us who are light-skinned enough to pass as Caucasian. Do we not also belong to the movement?

The article goes on to passionately declare that since "gays weren't taken from the land of gays and brought to America" they have even less of a claim to equality. By that logic, since women were never taken from the land of women and brought to America, they don't deserve civil equality either.

The article goes on to describe many of the atrocities that have befallen the African-American community, with no regard to the struggles that members of the LGBT community have also had to face. What about Compton's Cafeteria?

What about Stonewall? What about Harvey Milk and Matthew Shepard? What about the shockingly

ignored phenomenon of lesbians who are the victims of "corrective rape"? What about a CDC survey that showed that gay youth are 3.41 times more likely to have suicidal thoughts? Just because someone is less visible does not necessarily make them more safe.

To bring safety into the debate, in 1969 the Federal Civil Rights Law was passed which protected individuals from persecution based on their race, color, religion or national origin.

It took until Oct. 22 of last year for provisions to be added that provided protections for crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

What I do not understand the most is why two marginalized groups cannot simply come together and fight for equality for all, instead of insisting on creating more divisions.

Finally, I am not saying that any civil rights movement is not comparable to another, because as soon as that is said, I would become just as bad as the oppressor. To put the previous statement in terms of the African-American Civil Rights Movement, I would be just as bad as the overseer.

Genesis Nunlee, freshman international business 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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