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**Howard Graduate More Than Just a Pageant Queen**

**MARQUIS H. BARNETT**  
*Nation&World Editor*

It looks as though the list of well-accomplished Howard University Alumni can add one more member to the ranks. Proclaiming herself to be more than just a pageant girl, Miss Black USA 2009 Shayna Rudd has added another achievement to her already extensive list.

Born to a father who was addicted to drugs, the Philadelphia native said that she would lie in her bed at night and think of what she would say when she finally got to speak to Oprah. Dreaming always to be famous, Rudd told *The Hilltop* that she has always had a heart for humanity and, in fact, cried when Tupac died because she realized that his dream and his purpose would go into the grave with him.

Rudd, who graduated from Howard University with a joint degree in journalism and African-American Studies in 2007, has maintained that she is just at the beginning of her career, and there is no stopping her.

A strong advocate for her faith, she revealed that she believes that she was called for greatness, saying that "Shayna Rudd is nothing without God."

Starting her pageant career here at Howard, she won the title of Miss Black and Gold sponsored by the Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and then she went on to run for the title of Miss

Howard University. Her platform was "Project T.E.S.T.I.M.O.N.Y." which got her recognized by a Miss America representative who was in the audience and convinced her to try her hand at another pageant: the Miss District of Columbia Pageant.

Contrary to the tradition in pageantry, Rudd won the title of Miss D.C. her first try, and became one of three Black women to compete for the title of Miss America in 2008.

At a time that should have been the best in her life, her experience was overshadowed by the fact that she was in an abusive relationship. While the relationship never became physically abusive, Rudd maintains that verbal and emotional abuse can sometimes be even worse.

After not winning Miss America, and ending a relationship with a man who had no respect for her, Rudd says that she began to get her life in order and "get my swag back."

While she was working as a teacher in the Washington, D.C. area, she won another title; the title of Miss Black Pennsylvania. This propelled her into a national competition where she was crowned Miss Black USA 2009.

In her sophomore year at Howard, Rudd had the idea to start an organization that would help empower young women who were dealing with issues around campus

and in the surrounding area. It wasn't until her senior year, however, that LadyDiva Corporation was born. Now a registered non-profit organization, LadyDiva corporation operates under the motto "Having the Audacity to Dream."

Rudd is carrying out her term as Miss Black USA through a series of public appearances, and has also released her own book. After 11 months of writing, editing, and publishing, her dream of becoming an author finally came into fruition when her first book was released on Jan. 31, 2010. The book is volume one in the ten volume series, "Lady Lessons: The LadyDiva Guide to Embracing the Truth About You" and has gotten many positive reviews from critics and readers alike.

*The Hilltop* asked Rudd how she felt after completing her first published work and the smile in her voice was contagious. "I felt real, and human. I had finally allowed myself to be honest and it was like nothing I had ever felt before." Laughing about feeling like Carrie Bradshaw from *Sex and the City*, Rudd said the best advice she can give to Howard students is to "never let Satan rob you of your dreams, and never blend in."

The book is best described as a guide to self-worth, through loving yourself and realizing the potential within you. "Lady Lessons" is now available at [www.ladydivaforlife.com](http://www.ladydivaforlife.com).

Former Miss Howard University, Shayna Rudd, adds the title "author" to her list of accomplishments. She is seen above being crowned Miss Black USA.

**EPA Administrator Visits HU**

**DERRICK I. HAYNES**  
*Editorial Assistant*

While many viewed the Mid-Atlantic blizzard as a hassle causing mounds of snow and ice, the government used the severe weather to reignite the national debate about environmentalism.

The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) visited Howard's campus to debunk myths about environmentalism and highlight the critical role young people will play in increasing the community's understanding of "green" issues.

As a part of the seventh annual James M. Nabrit, Jr. Lecture Series, EPA administrator Lisa P. Jackson spoke on the topic before a packed audience in the School of Law. The lecture series honors Nabrit, who was a pioneering civil rights lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and former Howard professor of law.

During her speech, Jackson demonstrated the struggle of explaining environmentalism by sharing how difficult it was to inform her mother about her decision to work for EPA. She said her mother did not understand why environmentalism mattered.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, however, Jackson's mother became an unofficial environmen-



Lisa Jackson of the Environmental Protection Association spoke at the Howard University School of Law about getting youth involved in environmentalism.

talist who argued the value of natural defenses against flooding "much like a biologist".

"I could never sell environmentalism to my mother."  
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Tiger Woods has given new meaning to the old saying "from rags, to riches," and he has done so in just a matter of months.

After a December car accident in front of one of his Florida properties, Woods' infidelity and numerous affairs were revealed to the public when his mistresses began to come forward with their stories.

Today, after almost three months of solitude, Woods will make a public apology to his fans and explain his side of the story to the press.

The press conference is set to start at 11 a.m. EST. Those granted media credentials are under strict instruction not to ask questions.

-Royce Strahan, Sports Editor

**New Orleans Elects First White Mayor in 30 Years**

**RONESHA DENNIS**  
*Copy Editor*

Fresh off the city's first Super Bowl win against the Indianapolis Colts, New Orleans experienced another major change as Mitch Landrieu, brother of Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), won the city's mayoral race to become the first white mayor since 1979.

The last white mayor in the city was Landrieu's father, Moon Landrieu. The mayor-elect is Louisiana's current lieutenant governor. He attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans before moving to Washington D.C. to attend Catholic University. He then practiced law for 15 years after receiving his degree from Loyola

University of New Orleans. Landrieu has been involved in Louisiana politics for over 20 years and ran for the position four years ago with hopes of speeding up Hurricane Katrina recovery. He lost to the incumbent mayor in a runoff.

With 66 percent of voters behind him this time around,

Landrieu will replace term-limited Mayor C. Ray Nagin, who has been losing popularity from years of failed recovery efforts following the storm, and comments that New Orleans would be "chocolate at the end of the day." According to 2008 U.S. Census Bureau statistics, nearly 62 percent of the New Orleans' residents considered themselves

"black," while 34 percent identified themselves as "white." According to the statistics, in 2008, New Orleans' population of white residents was the second smallest in Louisiana.

Nearly five years into New Orleans' recovery, Landrieu's campaign site boasts that he will help the storm-ravaged city become  
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# Chicago People's Union Brings The Cool Kids

*CPU hosts its 9th Annual Talent Show and helps bring Chicago high schoolers to Howard*

BY CAROLYN SMITH  
Contributing Writer

It's a Wednesday night and the Engineering Auditorium is alive with music and people dancing on the stage. What looks to be a party is actually the Chicago People's Union (CPU) members rehearsing for their ninth CPU Talent Show entitled World War 3, taking place Saturday at 7 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium.

For the past eight years, CPU has put on a talent show to raise money for "Escape To the Mecca," a program that allows high school juniors and seniors from Chicago to visit Howard University for one week to get the full campus experience. "It's really important we sell as many tickets as possible. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the trip," CPU President Alexandria Hines said.

In the past, the group targeted high school students from the

inner-city, but this year CPU also will reach out to students who live in the suburban areas of Chicago. "Unlike most cities where the suburbs are nice, Chicago's suburbs can be just as bad. The ticket sales are really for the sake of the kids," Hines said.

For \$10, Howard students can get a ticket to see talent from their peers, the Cool Kids and Nikko "Youngsta" Rogers will also be performing live in Cramton Auditorium. The Cool Kids and Youngsta are both natives of Chicago. "It's a great opportunity for me to expand my fan base and show the people of Howard University what I have to offer," said Youngsta. He added how "blessed" he felt to have the opportunity to perform for the Howard community.

World War 3 also gives up and coming rappers, like Joshua Stapleton, a member of CPU, the opportunity to highlight their talents. "I'm trying to mark myself as

the top rookie rapper, and gain respect from my fans and peers," Stapleton said. He will be performing the song "Go In" from his mixtape "Family Business." By performing at the talent show music artists, like Stapleton, have a chance to get noticed by a music label like last year's performer Jeremih, who performed his single "Birthday Sex." Jeremih was signed from his appearance at CPU's talent show.

CPU had planned for World War 3 to end their themed week, Enemy of the States, but because of the unexpected snowstorm, the week had to be postponed. A little snow was not going to stop World War 3. According to Hines and Nick Jones, treasurer of CPU, this year's talent show has a bit of a different feel. "We put more planning into this year's talent show," Hines said. While Jones feels that with the Cool Kids performance, the club is reaching out to a younger crowd.

Even though CPU is in the



Photo Courtesy of <http://thehighsupremefiles.wordpress.com>  
The Cool Kids, a duo rap group from Chicago, will perform at the show.

running for their fourth state club of the year award, Hines does not associate the talent show with the award. "This talent show is for the kids. If we get it, it's a blessing, but whether we win or lose, we're still going to have this talent show to help the kids of Chicago."

# HU Participates in Engineering Conference with Other Colleges

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN  
Staff Writer

Howard University hosted the first National Web-Based Engineering Conference in the Blackburn Center Ballroom as engineering students were celebrated and received the opportunity to see what engineering projects other students around the country engaged in.

"I think it was inspiring to see a group of people come together and appreciate what engineers really do and how they contribute to the world," said Rachel Anderson, sophomore civil engineer.

The event is part of the National Engineers Week that takes place from Feb. 14-20. Leslie Payne, coordinator of the event and member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), said the event served to gather students from all over the globe and have a celebration of these engineering students.

"We want students to know that they can make a difference before they go out into the world," said Payne. "We want to acknowledge engineer volunteerism and show students different ways of making a difference."

The event was broadcast live via the Internet for students all over the world to view as well as videos of inventions that students created. Such creations were spray-can holders, a sock helper device for people who have a hard time bending down, as well as model solar cars.

Washington D.C. FOX news

television reporter Holly Morris, and Nate Ball, mechanical engineer hosted the event. Nate Ball is also the host of "Design Squad," a television program on PBS and WHUT on Saturdays. The theme of the show is to give young engineers challenges on how to make a certain task easier.

"I really enjoy celebrating students out there that make a difference and volunteer their skills," said Ball.

"I really like to give my time to celebrate great and smart students," said Morris who graduated with a degree in civil engineer. "This event really shows what students are doing now to make a change in the world."

Philip Utubar, junior civil engineer major, and president of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Howard University Chapter, said this was a great event and showed that engineers are actually people and not "nerds."

"The videos of other schools and the event as a whole showed how engineers are needed in the environment," said Utubar.

Demola Alabi, sophomore electrical engineer agreed with Utubar. "This showed me that there is something even bigger out in the world for engineers to explore," he said. "It was a cool event and I liked the fact that it was shown to engineers all over the country and that they chose Howard to host it."



Camille Augustin - Staff Writer

Philip Utubar, president of ASCE Howard University Chapter, tries out an invention that shoots out t-shirts to sports crowds.

## Campus Briefs

This Weekend

Today:

*School Of Divinity*  
From 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. The School Of Divinity brings the Howard community the first Fireside Chat of 2010 entitled, "At The Crossroads of Politics and Religion: Which Road Leads to Peace Street?" with panelist from *The Washington Post*, School of Divinity Faculty, and University of Maryland - College Park.

ASA

This weekend the African Student Association in conjunction with local activist and Ugandan artist will bring a Ugandan Art Showcase to Armour J. Blackburn Gallery. All the artwork is imported from Uganda and the proceeds from the show will go towards improving the hospitals facilities.

*Heart's Day Gala*

The Heart's Day Gala (which was postponed due to the snow storm) will take place at 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium and Ira Aldridge Theater featuring actress Lynn Whitfield.

Sunday:

Chapel

This Sunday speaking in Cramton Auditorium for Chapel service is Dr. Anthony Campolo, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Eastern University St. David's, Pa.

Monday:

*HUSA Speak Out*

The second HUSA Speakout with Graduate Trustees will take place on Monday, Feb. 22 in the College of Medicine.

### On This Day In Black History:

W.E.B DuBois organized the first Pan African Congress in Paris on this date in 1919.

John Singleton became the first black director to receive an "Academy Award" nomination in 1992 with two nominations for his film "Boyz In The Hood."

Vonetta Flowers became the first black gold medalist in the history of the Winter Olympic Games. She and partner Jull Brakken won the inaugural women's two-person bobsled event in 2002 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Information from: [www.floridablackhistorymonth.com](http://www.floridablackhistorymonth.com), [www.yonoba.com](http://www.yonoba.com)

"There are two types of worries - those you can do something about and those you can't. Don't worry about the latter"

- Duke Ellington



## Changing Politics in New Orleans

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"secure, protected by strong levees and a restored coast." Other goals on Landrieu's agenda include creating more jobs, better schools and safer streets in the city that experienced two murders within the first three days of 2010.

Tianny Sims, junior mathematics major and resident of New Orleans, said though Landrieu's choice to run for mayor seemed "shady" because he would be taking a position with less pay, his race was not something she considered.

"The color of his skin is nothing," said Sims, who intended to vote for another white candidate, John Georges. "The best candidates in this [election] were white. It's

not about their race; it's about who is going to get the job done."

Sims said she hopes Landrieu will use his political experience to make changes that are necessary for the city, unlike Nagin, whom she said "was more of a businessman than a politician."

"I hope he can improve the city and not be idle in his position," Sims said. Referring to Landrieu's agenda, she added, "If you're going to bring more business, then bring more business. If you're going to fix the school system, then fix the school system. Don't just sit idly. Fix the problems that need to be fixed, and improve the city."

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## Speaker Stresses Importance of Youth Environmentalism

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Jackson said, "It took a real-life incident to make her understand what environmentalism was all about."

Jackson said the hurricane's devastation was increased by the continued loss of Louisiana's wetlands. The reduced size of the wetlands is due to projects taking place around the state to benefit its oil and gas industries.

Throughout the lecture, Jackson addressed commonly held beliefs about environmental matters. She said environmentalism was not an exclusive concern for the "privileged," but affected the average person's neighborhood too.

"Environmental change will not come from the top; it's a grass-roots demand," she said.

While recycling was praised, Jackson said common practices such as covering cracks in doors and windows during wintertime

does more than cut back on bills; it has an additional, positive impact on a person's surroundings by decreasing carbon emissions.

Jackson said the poor are often burdened with low air and water quality, which leads to emergency room visits that most are unable to afford—a problem that in turn increases healthcare costs for everyone.

Jackson said the civil rights movement inspired the green movement.

"Environmental challenges have the power to hold back progress in communities," she said.

During the question and answer session, several attendees asked about the EPA's current plans. Jackson said the agency is going through a transition from the Bush administration, which cut billions from its budget.

The Obama administration recently announced plans to green light the construction of

## Controversy Arises Over 'We Are The World' Remake

MARQUIS H. BARNETT  
 Nation&World Editor

Exactly 25 years ago, musicians from every end of the spectrum came together to sing a song about the state of the world, and how to fix it. This year, in the wake of the massive earthquake that struck Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince in January, artists have united to remake "We are the World," adding a modern twist.

While none of the original artists were featured on the new track, original songwriter Lionel Richie and producer Quincy Jones were present when the song was recorded, in order to ensure a successful recording. Singer Janet Jackson sang alongside a recording of her late brother Michael Jackson's part in the original recording.

The culmination of new gave a new spin on an old school track. With popular artists such as Celine Dion, Jennifer Hudson and

Kanye West, the recording has a series of new sound elements, such as Auto-Tune, that were not present in the original.

Statistically speaking, the single has done better than its predecessor in terms of its chart rating. The 1985 single debuted on the Billboard top 100 Chart at 21, climbing to the number one spot after three weeks on the countdown. The most recent version, however, debuted on the chart at the number 2 spot and is showing promise to take number one soon.

The original song was the best-selling pop single of all time, until 1997 when it was surpassed by Elton John's tribute "Candle in the Wind" to Princess Diana.

Critical reception of the new version was more negative than anything. The use of Auto-Tune was a very large point of criticism from music critics from across the nation. Chris Richards of the Washington Post, criticized

the recording on dual levels. First, Richards said that he thought that the song was "horribly over sung," and that it was disappointing that there were "too few voices from the country, rock and Latin music communities."

Junior music business major Chovaun Evans feels that the artist selection was reflective of modern musical standards. "If you look at what music and artists are highly coveted in our society, the selection seems pretty accurate," Evans said. "Some of the artists were great though, and I'm glad that they were able to fund raise."

Regardless of all arguments, in a society where facts prevail over all else, the fact remains that the recording seems to be doing well in terms of chart placements and is well on its way to doing as well as, if not better than, the original.

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# Bison, Doyle Continue Shooting For the Stars

BY HEATHER ROBINSON  
Staff Writer

After winning her sixth Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Rookie of the Week award this season, it is safe to say that redshirt freshman forward, Saadia Doyle, is well on her way to quickly becoming a star of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Doyle splashed onto the scene recording 16 points and 12 rebounds in her first regular season game as a Bison. Twenty-three games later, the Bison are 12-12 overall and Doyle is averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds per contest, with a total of 14 double-doubles.

"Saadia has been successful because of her consistency," freshman forward, Kara Smith said. "She knows her role and without a doubt she brings it in practice and in the games."

Doyle, a 5'10" McDonald's All-American nominee from Atlanta, was a major addition of the Bison 2008 recruiting class.

However, while playing in a summer league game for the Bison, Doyle tore her Anterior Crucial Ligament, sidelining her for the upcoming 2008-09 season.

Nicknamed "Sadiez" by her teammates, Doyle worked frivo-



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office  
Saadia Doyle is on a roll and is impressing her peers in only her freshman year.

lously to make a strong comeback, setting goals of becoming the 2010 MEAC Rookie of the Year, with the hope of averaging 15 points and 12 rebounds per outing.

She has also made plans to become the 17th person in Howard basketball history to break 1,000 points and the fourth to record 1,000 rebounds. If Doyle is able to

achieve this feat during her college career, she would be the fourth person to do so.

"People should know that I am very passionate and that I put my heart and soul into everything I do," Doyle said. "Whether it be from developing my individual game to my personal relationships and all aspects in between the two."

Doyle is curious to know where basketball will eventually take her and attributes that curiosity as motivation in continuing to developing in her game.

She plans to improve upon her ball-handling and perimeter defense, in the hopes of becoming a better all-around player.

"With the track that Saadia's on, she can do anything" Smith said. "She can play in the WNBA or overseas. She's athletic and she works hard. Any coach would be more than happy to have her."

Doyle lives by the motto, "the sky is the limit, shoot for the stars, and land on the moon." Howard Lady Bison fans have the distinct privilege to bear witness to the flight of her game, as she does just that.



### Men's Basketball MEAC Pct Overall Pct

|                      |      |      |       |      |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|------|
| Morgan St.           | 11-1 | .917 | 20-8  | .714 |
| Delaware St.         | 9-4  | .692 | 14-10 | .583 |
| South Carolina State | 7-5  | .583 | 13-9  | .591 |
| Howard               | 6-5  | .545 | 7-18  | .280 |
| Bethune-Cookman      | 6-6  | .500 | 13-12 | .520 |
| Maryland-East Shore  | 6-6  | .500 | 8-18  | .308 |
| Norfolk State        | 6-6  | .500 | 7-17  | .292 |
| North Carolina A&T   | 6-7  | .462 | 10-16 | .385 |
| Hampton              | 4-8  | .333 | 7-17  | .292 |
| Florida A&M          | 3-9  | .250 | 6-19  | .240 |
| Coppin State         | 2-9  | .182 | 7-17  | .292 |

### Women's Basketball MEAC Pct Overall Pct

|                      |      |      |       |      |
|----------------------|------|------|-------|------|
| North Carolina A&T   | 11-1 | .917 | 17-8  | .680 |
| Hampton              | 9-3  | .750 | 14-10 | .583 |
| Morgan St.           | 8-3  | .727 | 13-11 | .542 |
| Bethune-Cookman      | 8-4  | .667 | 13-11 | .542 |
| Florida A&M          | 7-5  | .583 | 15-8  | .652 |
| Howard               | 7-5  | .583 | 12-12 | .500 |
| Maryland-East Shore  | 5-7  | .417 | 8-14  | .364 |
| Coppin State         | 4-7  | .364 | 9-14  | .391 |
| South Carolina State | 3-9  | .250 | 8-16  | .333 |
| Delaware St.         | 3-9  | .250 | 5-20  | .200 |
| Norfolk St.          | 0-12 | .000 | 3-18  | .143 |

## Sports Throwback Photo



Carl Lewis was an American track and field star who won multiple medals in the Olympics, including a gold medal for the long jump in the above photo in the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics. Lewis won 10 medals in his career and set several world records in track and field events.

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### Sports Trivia!

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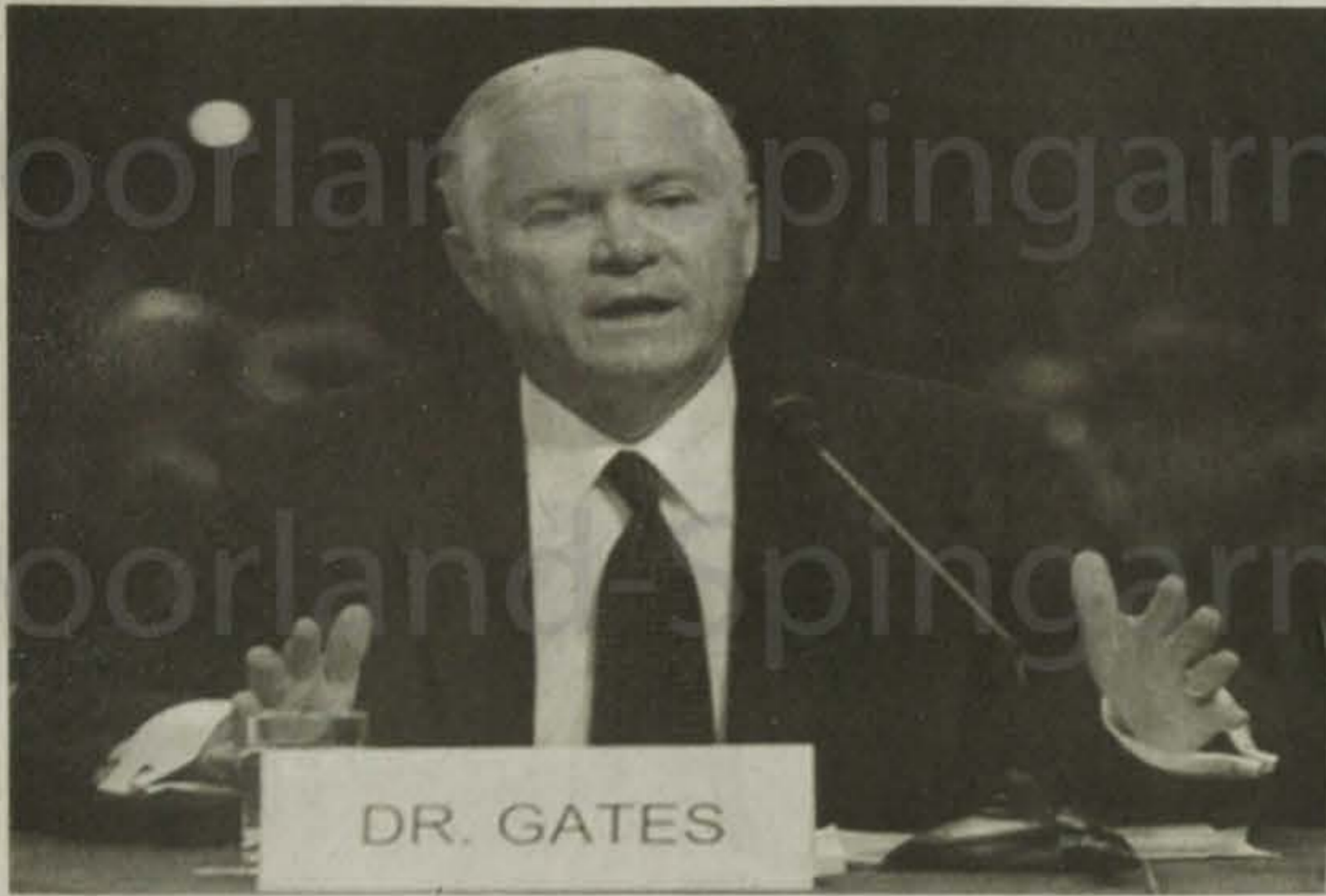
## TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

February 19, 1928

Second Winter Olympic games close at St. Moritz, Switzerland.

# Obama To End "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy

Plans are being made to cease a 17 year policy requiring homosexual soldiers to conceal sexual preferences



The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policy has been in place for more than a decade and has prevented homosexuals in the U.S. military from revealing their sexual preferences. President Obama is seeking to put an end to this policy.

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY  
Staff Writer

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" will be abolished if President Barack Obama can help it. Braving what he called "Snowmageddon" last week, the president promised to a standing ovation at the Democratic National Committee that he would abolish the controversial policy that bans homosexuals who are open

about their sexuality from the military.

The policy, which has been in place since 1993, is part of President Obama's first-term agenda and now he is working with the Department of Defense to repeal the law.

Starting fresh from his first State of the Union, President Obama called the law "just wrong," and views this year as the one to

tackle the issue. *The New York Times* reported that the administration did not want another polarizing debate in 2009 amidst two wars and severe efforts for healthcare reform.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the Pentagon will need about a year to study the effects of allowing openly gay Americans to serve the U.S. Military. Joining Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gates un-

veiled some of the administration's initial plans to carry out a repeal.

They also announced a new policy that the Department of the Defense has put into place that will help to protect the rights of homosexuals whose sexual orientation is not revealed willingly. The policy, which will not need to be in place if "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is repealed, will not take action to discharge members whose sexual orientation is revealed by third parties or jilted partners. A full repeal of the law requires an act of Congress.

Arguments have been raised that the president has begun to take on too many issues at one time, dealing with healthcare and the two wars in the Middle East. Despite the administration's immense agenda, sophomore architecture major David Glover is happy that the administration is addressing the issue now, as opposed to later.

"If gay people can't have all the same rights as other citizens, in terms of marriage and their families, then at least they'll be able to be themselves when fighting to protect this nation abroad."

Polls show that most Americans do support allowing openly gay citizens to enlist in the United States Armed Forces. A vast majority of Americans did not agree when "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was introduced and enacted 17 years ago.

Meanwhile, a 2006 Zogby International Poll suggests three-fourths of all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans are comfortable around

gay soldiers. Yet, the process to repeal the law is not expected to be quick nor easy.

Sophomore Clifford Dalsion III, a member of Howard University's Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) is in favor of efforts to repeal the law. He believes repealing the law would allow more people to join the military, especially those who want to do so post-high school or need more financial support to attend college. In Dalsion's opinion, it does not make logical sense for the government to limit service opportunities based on sexual preference.

"I don't think it makes a difference when it comes to the military's productivity and efficiency because whether your comrade is gay or straight, it doesn't make a difference if they're able to follow orders or their accuracy in shooting or anything like that," Dalsion said.

Arguments for repealing the policy include those saying that the rule directly contradicts the United States Constitution's statement that "we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal..."

Arguments against repealing the policy include those saying that the policy will create an uncomfortable environment in the military.

Both arguments have been heard time and time again. The road to repeal started with the Obama administration, and if all goes according to plan, it will be repealed before he leaves.

# U.S. Engineer Crashes Plane Into Federal Building

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY  
Staff Writer

A disgruntled software engineer who had conflicts with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) intentionally crashed a small plane into a federal office building containing multiple tax offices in Austin, Texas. Authorities identified the pilot as Joseph Andrew Stack, a 53-year-old Texas resident who also burned his house down and left a suicide note explaining his actions.

"If you're reading this, you no doubt have to ask yourself, 'Why did this have to happen?'" Stack said in the note. "The simple truth is that it is complicated and has been coming for a long time."

The suicide note was posted to a social media Web site, but was quickly taken down at the request of the FBI. In the note, he discussed his thoughts, "in light of the storm raging in my head."

Stack launched into a tirade against the federal government claiming it brainwashed children into a false belief that the government stands for justice for all or for freedom. He also spoke out against taxation without representation but said that people who truly stand up

for such a principle are labeled a "crackpot, traitor or worse."

In addition, the kamikaze pilot railed against the bailed out executives of General Motors who are "a handful of thugs and plunderers," as well as drug and insurance companies who are "murdering tens of thousands of people a year and stealing from the corpses of the victims they cripple."

Stack was also angry with politicians of all party affiliations and the IRS, which he believed unfairly provided tax loopholes to big corporations and the Catholic Church, but not to average Americans.

Stack admitted that he tried to exploit the same loopholes, but it backfired. He wrote that the "little lesson in patriotism cost me \$40,000-plus, ten years of my life, and set my retirement plans back to 0."

The note was initially posted Tuesday, but was modified yesterday at 6:42 a.m. According to local News Corporation affiliate MyFox-Austin, Stack set his home on fire, which was located six miles from the crash area. It was reported that his 12-year-old stepdaughter and another unidentified woman were

rescued by a neighbor from the burning residence.

Following this, Stack departed in a single-engine, Piper Cherokee airplane from Georgetown Municipal Airport, north of Austin around 9:40 a.m., but did not file a flight plan. He intentionally crashed the small single engine plane into the second floor of the seven-story Echelon office building around 10 a.m. local time (11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time).

The crash shook and shattered many of the buildings windows and knocked employees to the floor. Nearby buildings also shook as black and gray smoke billowed into the sky.

A witness named Cynthia told CNN the building "shook almost like an earthquake." She told the news outlet that she followed her co-workers as soon as they ran out of the building.

"People were on the second floor. They couldn't get out. They were hanging out the windows screaming for help," she said.

The federal building employed 199 IRS workers, two of which were rushed to an area hospital; one person was unaccounted



In an effort to commit suicide, Joseph Andrew Stack purposely crashed a plane into a federal office building in Texas.

for. Firefighters were able to control the flames and within 75 minutes the flames were dying out.

President Barack Obama was notified of the attack shortly after noon. In addition, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) scrambled two F-16 fighter jets from an air-

field in Houston to conduct air patrols in response. However, the Department of Homeland Security stated that there was no reason to suspect terrorist activity. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is sending staff from Dallas and Washington, D.C. to the scene.

## FRIDAY FOLLIES

This illustration demonstrates the widespread belief that Sarah Palin's most recent spoof of writing her speech notes on her hand as being hypocritical.

Where's the funny?

Palin remarked in the 2008 Presidential campaign about then-Senator Obama's use of teleprompter in all of his speeches. Fast forward two years, and she is now caught writing her speech notes on her hand. At least President Obama uses a form of remembrance that is accepted by every major news source in the world. Writing notes on her hand...that's something you do in junior high school. Think she'll run for president? It'll be an easy win for President Obama.

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## The "We Are The World" Remake Stuns Viewers

"We Are The World." Sales of the legendary charity track recorded in 1985 by the most musically gifted and influential individuals benefited the fight against hunger in Africa.

The chorus singers included various artists from throughout Hollywood, and there was no apparent theme in the selection of who would get to help remake a 25-year-old classic.

"lebrities" turned the charity track into a circus. Adding T-Pain to the endeavor, of course meant adding his signature—Auto-Tune...which didn't go over too well with the critics.

The song was written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, and co-produced by Quincy Jones. The release of the track raised more than \$10 million for charity.

There were a lot of celebrated artists in the remake that helped to take some of the attention off of

Maybe the production team was attempting to give the old classic a more contemporary flair by including more popular acts, and even a "rap" segment with cameos by Swizz Beats, Snoop Dogg, and even Nipsey Hussle (who performed at 2009's Yardfest).

**Our View:**  
*As the saying goes - If it isn't broken... then don't fix it.*

This year, in the wake of the recent disastrous earthquake that shook Haiti, Richie decided to revamp the classic in an effort to raise funds and awareness for victims of the natural disaster. The song, which debuted in the introduction to the 2010 Winter Olympics, got an unexpected response from viewers.

some of the obviously lacking parts of the production. Barbra Streisand, Gladys Knight, Earth Wind & Fire, and Kanye West were just a few of the artists that helped to make the production a success amongst all generations.

There were a lot of very creative aspects to the new song, like keeping Michael Jackson's part and adding Janet alongside him, but overall, *The Hilltop* editorial board would like to give Richie's remake of "We Are The World" the grade of a D.

Classics such as Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner and Diana Ross were replaced by less accomplished artists to include Justin Bieber, Keri Hilson, the lead singer of the Pussycat Dolls Nicole Scherzinger.

But the overwhelming number of unnecessary "ce-

While it was an admirable try, and it was done for a honorable cause; just as some things are better left unsaid, some songs are better left un-remixed.

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