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Tuesday's Notebook**BREAKING NEWS****FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY WAS TAKEN TO GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WITH CHEST PAINS.****METRO****IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, TOURISTS VISITED MOUNT VERNON. READ METRO FOR THEIR REACTIONS.****BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY****A HOWARD STUDENT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A TOP ACCOUNTING FIRM, PwC. READ BIZ&TECH FOR MORE.**

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Graduate Trustee Candidates Share Concerns

Brian Lipkins-Scott/Staff Photographer

Graduate Trustee hopefuls, Kiara Pesante and Marcus Ware, share their plans for improving university research facilities.

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Despite the low turnout at the Graduate Trustee speak out in the College of Medicine, graduate trustee candidates Marcus Ware

and Kiara Pesante spoke to the students about their platforms.

Important roles of a trustee are to approve university policy and monitor its implementation, raise funds for the university and make

decisions in the best interest of the university as a whole.

Even though there were only 6 students in the audience, the message and information was still shared on why they should elect

Ware, first-year law student, or Pesante, first-year master of public administration student.

"The issues of graduate students could be better approached with a new person, a fresh face," Pesante said. "Someone who is new to the student government."

Pesante seeks to update equipment and resources, and establish new relationships with the local community centers. Pesante would like to set new policies that will benefit Howard University as well as encourage all graduate and professional students to be accountable for the quality of work that they produce. She plans to increase and enhance existing university partnerships with major corporations and organizations.

With experience as a student leader, Ware said he is the perfect candidate for the job. With institutional knowledge, Ware plans to work with President Sidney A. Ribeau and deans to raise funds for each graduate and professional school. Ware plans to enact a resolution that will ensure that each dean will receive a specific portion of the tuition increase to spend directly on students. This would occur when the Board of Trustees raises tuition.

"What is best for the university is best for the students," Ware said. Other plans include

making improvements to Founders Library and other graduate and professional research facilities through the Independence Fund.

Both candidates mentioned that they would reach out to graduate students to hear their grievances and what they want to see changed. If elected, Ware said he would first address the facilities. "This is my number one priority," he said. "If Howard University wants to be considered in the top AAU research facilities, the university needs to have incredible facilities where graduate students can do efficient research. Part of my plan to tackle this issue is to present information to the Board and speak with the students."

Pesante said the number one issue is technology. In order to tackle this, she will bring it to the attention of the Board and find solutions to provide wireless connection across the university. "A student can step 10 feet from where they first were standing or positioned and lose Internet connection," Pesante said. "No major university can function without wireless connection."

"Although the attendance was minimal, I believe that Marcus and Kiara are two excellent candidates," said Angelle Brebner, final-year medical student. "I hope they will really get out there and reach out to the students."

Founders Library Seeks ImprovementsBY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

As the semester progresses, the administrators in the HU Library system are planning to make much needed improvements on facilities and research materials.

"If you have gone beyond the Founders lobby, you know that the physical structure cries out for repair, renovation or reconfiguration," said Arthuree

Wright, Ph.D, interim director of libraries. "In short, there are many challenges."

In addition, Wright said the administration also wants to make the libraries a place for the "exchange of ideas and sharing of information, as well as housing for books and other physical artifacts."

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NAACP Elects Youngest ChairBY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's oldest civil rights organization, decisively elected the fourth woman and youngest Chair of the Board of Directors. The vote to elect Roslyn Brock came at the organization's annual board meeting in New York City on Saturday.

Brock formally announced her candidacy in August, following the announcement that current Chair of the Board, Julian Bond, would not seek re-election. At 44, she joins Benjamin Todd Jealous, 35, as the two youngest people to hold the organization's highest positions.

Julian Bond, chairman of the board for 12 years, said, "I cannot think of a better person to pass the torch to than Roslyn M. Brock."

"She represents the next generation of civil rights leaders,"

said Bond.

Brock started her career with the NAACP more than 25 years ago, serving as a youth board member and Youth and College Division State Conference President. She is a graduate of Virginia Union University, the George Washington University and Northwestern University, and currently works as Vice President of Virginia-based Bon Secours Health Care.

Charles J. Trahan, II, a junior film production major and the membership chair of the Howard University Chapter of NAACP was pleased to hear of the new election. "I think it's great that the board has elected a young and driven individual," he said. "It speaks to the organization's ability to embrace its own ideals by electing a qualified woman to lead the board."

Thanking the national board for her election, Brock said, "We need to lead and leave it better than we found it... that's the huge challenge."



Bree Gant - Photo Editor

The Hip Hop Caucus, in conjunction with the Alliance for Climate Protection, will make its final stop of its bus tour in D.C. Wednesday. The bus tour seeks to promote new energy solutions and climate change awareness.

"Hip Hop Bus" Rolls Through the District

On Wednesday, the Hip Hop Caucus will bring its "Clean Energy Now!" Bus Tour to Washington, D.C. After touring the nation and meeting with thousands of young people in urban communities along the way, the Hip Hop Caucus Clean Energy Now! Bus Tour will bring its message of clean energy solutions to the steps of the Capitol building from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The location is set for the Capitol Reflecting Pool at 3rd Street and Maryland Avenue SW.

By offering food and music, the goal of the tour is to promote new energy solutions as well as environmental and climate change awareness.

The Alliance for Climate Protection, chaired by former Vice President Al Gore, is hosting this event in association with the Hip Hop Caucus. To accommodate Howard University students, two shuttles that can fit 100 students will be available to pick up students in front of Cramton Auditorium on Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. and will be departing at 11:15 a.m.

Special guest appearances at the event are scheduled, including DJ Biz Markie, actress Gloria Reuben, Lisa Jackson of the Environmental Protection Agency, hip hop artists and Congressional Caucus members.

The tour kicked off in New Orleans and made its way through Arkansas, Missouri, Ohio and will conclude in D.C.

- Compiled by Brandon Cahee, Contributing Writer

Libraries to Improve Materials

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FOUNDERS

Library System Advisory Committee (HULSAC) listed a number of strategic goals and objectives for the libraries. One goal is to help the libraries become recognized for critical research in health, education, public policy and database systems.

"Several millions of dollars will be needed to acquire access to the discipline-specific and multidisciplinary databases, full-text journals, electronic books and other digitized and print resources that students and faculty need," Wright said.

In a report by the HULSAC, a design to address how the library system should redesign its spaces

to better serve the undergraduate and graduate students include a graduate research room in Founders Library and smart viewing rooms in the media center of the Undergraduate Library (UGL).

Founders will also receive a smart classroom and media center, as well as satellite television access. The completion date is projected for Spring 2010. The HULSAC plans on benchmarking these plans by evaluating programs and updating existing assessment plans.

Graduate of the class of 2005, Evens Dure, chemistry major, said he still returns to Founders Library to do research. Dure said the research in the library is, "okay, but it can be a lot better."

"It can be a bit more organized," said Dure. "If students start to take more advantage of the libraries, I think the staff and administration would put more effort into making these libraries the best research facilities they can be."

Dure also believes little things, such as more outlets to plug in his laptop, could be improved as well.

"We see change on the horizon because more faculty, administrators, and increasing numbers of undergraduates and graduate students are mindful that the library should be a portal into physical and virtual collections in this information-based society," Wright said.

No Gloves Needed for CPNAHS Speak Out

BY KRISTEN LEWIS
Contributing Writer

Last night, candidates for the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences (CPNAHS) student council took to the stage, hoping to make lasting first impressions. "Welcome to the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences' first, last and only speak out for the year 2010," said Brittany Simmons, current CPNAHS Executive President and Elections Chair.

As a result of CPNAHS Executive Council candidates running unopposed for almost the first time in three years, "The Reform: Rewriting the Script" platform of executive board candidates utilized the speak out forum to notify constituents of important tenants and initiatives. The Reform executive slate not only plans to implement changes for the fall semester, but initiatives they would like to start executing this semester.

Rebekah Clark, junior health management major and candidate for CPNAHS Executive President, assured students attending the speak out that two major initiatives that they would like to implement starting as soon as they are elected into their positions are visibility amongst

the students and networking with graduate students, alumni and the Howard University Hospital.

"A major part of what we want to do as an executive board is address the shortcomings of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences and praise the positives," stated Clark.

UGSA candidates Travan Hurst and Dexter Williams, both sophomore health management majors, addressed concerns that they would like to resolve in the UGSA such as making the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences more visible in UGSA. "The health care reform initiative, 'Any Other Options?,' that has been initiated by HUSA, is geared a lot towards the students in CPNAHS and we could really help to make the initiative more visible to the students," Hurst said.

"We would serve as the liaisons for CPNAHS and be able to efficiently voice the concerns of the students of CPNAHS," Williams stated. Although the CPNAHS Executive Board and UGSA candidates are running unopposed, they have a plan to definitely "reform" the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences.

Tempers Flare, Students Storm Out at COAS Speak Out

BY CHELSEA BATTLE
Staff Writer

Passion was not the only thing that flared at last night's College of Arts and Sciences student council speak out. Bickering between audience members led to a heated altercation in the back of the room. The students involved rushed out of the room and continued to quarrel, while many other students followed them to break up the conflict immediately.

"There were obviously personal biases and opinions that got in the way and it turned into a personal attack," said John Saulters, sophomore human development major.

Aside from the unplanned uproar, the speak out ran smoothly and candidates addressed issues such as increasing the number of

teachers and advisors for COAS, building better relationships between student council and COAS students, fundraising initiatives, increased work study opportunities, and future renovations.

For many, the students running for executive positions seemed especially well researched and made lasting impressions. The UGSA candidates delivered adequate speeches, although some students felt that a few candidates were unsure of themselves.

"I think the executive candidates answered the questions a bit more readily but a lot of the undergraduate freshmen didn't seem as ready as they could be," said Ellwood Lane, an electrical engineering major.

Other students shared similar feelings. "Overall I thought the speak out was really good," said

William Roberts, a second-year law student and former president of COAS. "I thought they were well researched. They did talk about legislation a lot even though they didn't go in depth. I think it was good that it was on their mind."

While using different approaches to address problems within COAS, all candidates devised effective approaches to address the school's needs. Some of the major recurring themes amongst the platforms of the candidates ranged from better student advocacy, accountability, visibility, and effectiveness. Many candidates discussed creating more community outreach programs, raising awareness amongst students about internships and different programs within COAS, and being active within the student body of the greater Howard community.

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~Zora Neale Hurston~



Washington's Mount Vernon Home Commemorates Black History Month



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

In celebration of Black History Month, many tourists traveled to Mount Vernon, George Washington's Virginia home, with hopes of educating themselves about the African-American history that ties so closely to American history.

BY JESSICA HARPER
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As Black History Month unfolds, Americans seek events that dissect pivotal moments and movements in African-American history, especially slavery and its legacy.

One such event com-

menced in Northern Virginia on Sunday at Mount Vernon, the home of the nation's First President and Founding Father George Washington.

Hundreds joined a tour of Washington's sprawling estate. Guests, including singles, couples and families of every hue, gathered under overcast skies as early

as 10 a.m. to trek across the mud-splattered Bowling Green.

They explored historic sites such as the first POTUS' white and red tinted mansion, his Fruit Garden and Nursery and the Slave Burial Ground and Memorial ornately designed by Howard University students in 1983. In honor of Black History Month,

12 p.m. wreath-layings have been held at the slave memorial daily throughout February.

Alexandria, Va. resident Vicky Diccio visited Mount Vernon with her 9-year-old son. She said she expected the day to provide lessons for them both.

"My son is a fourth grader, and he's studying the colonial period right now," Diccio said. "I felt it was so important for him to come and me as well. There's so much history here."

Many attendees flocked to the Mount's Greenhouse at 2:30 p.m. to view a performance by an actor portraying Washington's manservant William Lee.

He spoke about serving as Washington's personal valet, discussed the first president's service in the Revolutionary War and provided information about Virginia's rich tobacco fields.

Mount Vernon has long been a tourist favorite. Washington spent almost 50 years perfecting the plantation, eventually expanding it to approximately 8,000 acres.

He and his family lived at the Mount until 1858. During that time, a foundation called the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association purchased nearly 200 acres of the land.

Though most visitors had little qualms with the tour, Chicago resident Yielbonzie Charles

Johnson disliked the guide's phrasing.

"He was very entertaining and informative, but I'm still amused that he used the word, 'slaves' as opposed to 'enslaved Africans,'" Johnson said. "They were people. They were human beings who were enslaved. Nobody is born a slave. The more you say that, the more you legitimize the practice."

Despite his misgivings, Johnson, a frequent visitor to the District, said he prefers Mount Vernon to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

Johnson's niece, a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, said she left the tour with a new bank of information.

"I've been here a couple of times for the wine festival and had seen the slave quarters, but the guides didn't explain to the extent that he did," she said. "I found it very interesting."

After the tours ended, guests flooded the gift shops, seeking remnants and reminders from a time in history long-passed but not forgotten. Whispers of what they had learned filled the late winter air, as they headed for their cars.

The Mount Vernon slave tours will continue once Black History Month concludes, but the wreath-layings conclude once the month ends.

Get to Know Area Schools: UMD - College Park

BY CHARDA STALLINGS
Contributing Writer

It is ranked number 410 amongst the best colleges in the United States, according to the 2008 edition of Forbes.com. The University of Maryland College Park Campus (UMD) is a public institution located in the heart of Prince George's County.

Within these large and culturally diverse grounds, more than 500 clubs and organizations are located on the campus, some of which are bound to cross the university divide and enter onto the neighboring campus of Howard University.

Howard University students and UMD students have found a way to intermingle and socialize through means of one particular organization which hosts programs and functions, the Black Student Union (BSU).

The Black Student Union

is one of the many Black Student Involvement programs that covers a wide gamut of assemblies from the African Students Association (ASA) to the Caribbean Students Association (CSA) founded on this campus. With the Black Student Involvement's mission stating that it "promotes and supports campus involvement and advocates for the concerns of students of the African Diaspora," the appeal of this organization to Howard University students is understandable.

BSU programs may catch the eyes of Howard students with its once a month "Juke Joint" functions. The "Juke Joint" is an event where UMD students and students from Howard University alike can come together and show off their talents related to the performing arts, ranging from singing and dancing to spoken word.

"I feel like it is a great opportunity for [UMD] students to socialize and get to know students from other schools [such as]

Howard University," said Ashley Reese, a sophomore public health and nursing major at UMD. "We get to see how other organizations work and share ideas and events from a Historically Black University."

"Howard University students are always welcomed as spectators," said Brandon Dula, associative director of Stamp Student Union.

Numerous events are hosted on this campus such as the Caribbean Fest and the PHC Step Show, held in the spring semester, in which many Howard sororities and fraternities go and support their fellow sisters and brothers of the College Park chapters.

Beyond the campus, the College Park area is lined with many local shopping and dining options that many Howard students may find appealing such as the Seven Seas Restaurant, The Jerk Pit and E.J.'s Landing Restaurant and Lounge.



Catholic Charities

Opening doors to help and hope.

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Organization Ends Foster Care Program in Protest of Gay Marriage

As the nation's capital moves toward approving gay marriage, Catholic organizations are threatening to suspend their services to the city. The Washington's Catholic Archdiocese has shut down its foster care program that operated for the past 80 years.

The National Center for Children and Families will take over the responsibilities. Due to this, 43 children, 35 families and 7 staff members are being transferred as the Catholic organization ceases its services.

"There are some things Catholic Charities can't do. And being true to our church tenets and teaching, [such as] abortion, we will not do some services that conflict with those teachings," said Ed Orzechowski, president of Catholic Charities.

The organization is not willing to comply with the city's gay marriage law that requires them to provide services to same-sex foster and adoptive parents.

- Genet Lakew, Metro Editor

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Student Explores Accounting with Top Firm

BY ALEXIS K. BARNES
Business & Technology Editor

Nykia Sizemore, a freshman accounting major, participated in PricewaterhouseCoopers' (PwC) "eXplore" event last week at Temple University in Philadelphia – a one-day program designed to "energize and interest diverse undergraduates in the possibilities that an accounting career can offer."

"eXplore is one way that PwC is addressing the challenges of attracting and retaining minorities in the accounting profession in a way that broadens the diverse talent pool and opens the minds of diverse students – many who wouldn't have otherwise considered a career in accounting – to the possibilities," said Channnda Dunbar, PwC market recruiting leader for Philadelphia.

Sizemore, one of 34 students from 10 college campuses in the area was the only representative from Howard University.

"I felt proud to represent Howard that night," Sizemore said. "There were students from all the big name schools in and around Philadelphia, yet I did not feel intimidated to be there alone."

Other participating schools included: Temple, Villanova, University of Delaware, La Salle, St. Joseph's, West Chester and Bloomsburg.

This one-day program offered a combination of interactive activities and training sessions aimed at developing teamwork, strategic thinking, creativity, problem solving and leadership skills.

Sizemore learned of the program through recruiters at the Philadelphia Metro office.

"I have a bit of a close relationship with them because of WorkReady, a high school program in Philadelphia," she said. "I had the opportunity to intern with PwC for the last two summers so I continued to keep in contact."



PricewaterhouseCoopers partners moderated eXplore, a program held in Philadelphia last week, to attract and retain minorities into the field of accounting.

Program moderators offered students information and answers to their questions; eXplore helped Sizemore gain confidence in her field choice.

"In high school, I knew I was good in math but did not know what kind of career I could go into," she explained. "After Tuesday's program, I'm very confident about my choice."

"The partners answered all of our questions and told us about the life and culture at PwC. Their insight on the audit and tax divisions was enough to get anyone excited in an accounting career," Sizemore said.

Formed in 1998 by two

London companies, PricewaterhouseCoopers is one of the largest professional services firms and the largest of the Big Four auditing firms.

They specialize in audit, tax and advisory services.

PwC audits 40 percent of companies in the FTSE 100 Index and 45 percent of the Fortune 1000 energy companies; some of these companies include: ExxonMobil, Kraft Foods, American Express and Nike.

"I would definitely encourage underclassmen to look into PwC's programs," Sizemore said. "The economy is not doing well right now and a lot of people still

are not hiring as many people as they used to, but PwC has not slowed down with picking up new people."

"Being one of the Big Four accounting firms, the fact that they want to invest money and time into the African-American community proves that they want to foster diversity in the office," she said.

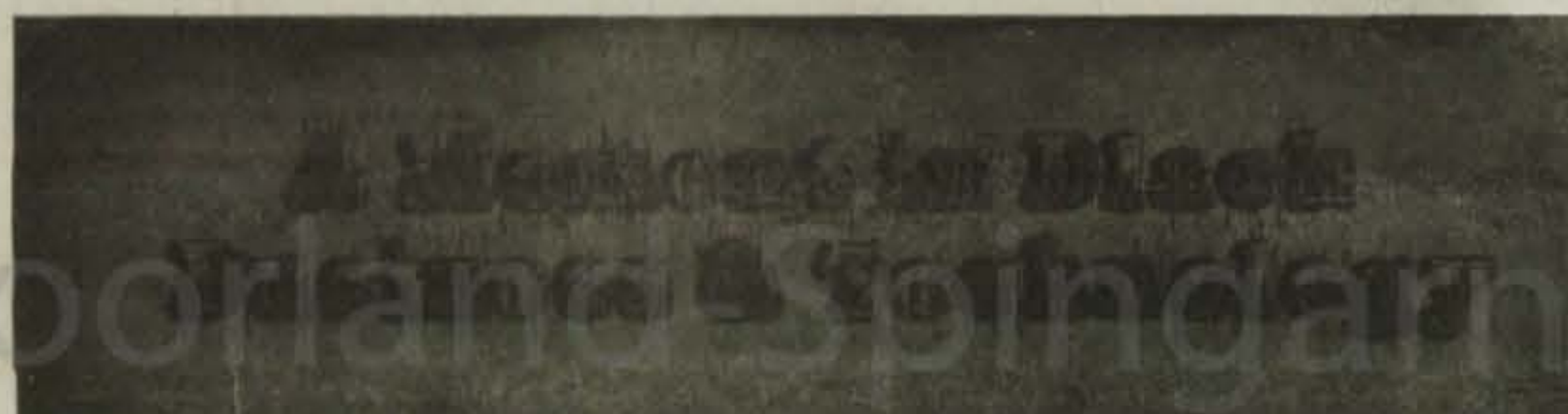
PricewaterhouseCoopers' ideal eXplore candidate is a high-achieving freshman or sophomore, undeclared major, or someone new to the school of business who is considering various career paths and majors within business.

This week on Howard's campus, PwC will host its "Personal

Brand Week." This national initiative will help students "learn more about the critical importance of personal brand and the right way to approach it."

Each day of the week of Feb. 22, PwC will focus on one of five elements they recommend that students master in order to develop personal brands that will prepare them for their job search or first day on the job including: your "elevator pitch," passion, network, online brand and being open to change.

For more information on PwC programs, visit www.pwc.com/us/PersonalBrandWeek or www.facebook.com/PwCUSCareers.



BY EVAN HOLLINS
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While much praise is given to famous inventors, the contributions of those who drafted patents for inventions are often overlooked.

Lewis Latimer's achievements as a draftsman, inventor, author and engineer are examples of why the work of those behind the scenes should be acknowledged.

Born in 1848 as the youngest of the four children of former slaves, Latimer passed away in 1928 in New York.

At the age of 15, Latimer enlisted in the Union Navy by forging the age on his birth certificate.

After being honorably discharged, Latimer was employed as an office boy for the patent law firm, Crosby Halstead and Gould.

While working in the office, Latimer began the study of drafting – learning how to use an L square, ruler and other tools.

Later, Latimer's boss recognized his talent for sketching patent drawings and promoted Latimer to the position of head draftsman.

Latimer drafted and co-patented multiple amounts of great inventions. In 1874, he co-patented the Water Closet for Railroad Cars, which was an improved toilet system for railroad cars.

In 1876, Latimer was employed by Alexander Graham Bell to draft the drawings needed to receive a patent for Bell's telephone invention.

Latimer was also employed by Hiram Maxim, who was known as the chief rival of Thomas Edison.

Hiram Maxim, who was the founder of the U.S. Electric Lighting Company and the inventor of the Maxim Machine Gun, hired Latimer as an assistant manager and draftsman.

While working for Maxim, Latimer received a patent for the "Process of Manufacturing Carbons," which was an improved method for the production of carbon filaments for the Maxim elec-



Lewis Latimer (pictured above) helped patent and draft many inventions including the blueprints for Thomas Edison's light bulb.

tric incandescent lamp.

Later, Latimer helped install the first electric plants and supervised the installation of electric lights in New York City, Philadelphia and Montreal.

Thomas Edison's Edison Electric Light Company hired Latimer as the chief draftsman and patent expert.

While working for Edison, Latimer co-authored one of the world's most thorough books on electric lighting, "Incandescent Electric Lighting: A Practical Description of the Edison System."

Latimer was also the only African-American member of the "Edison Principles," which was a group of people deemed responsible for helping to create the electrical industry.

"Latimer was essential in helping make Edison's vision and ideas of light reality," said senior print journalism major Nikole Pegues.

After working for Edison,

Latimer continued to devise ways of improving everyday life.

Latimer improved the safety of elevators, created locking racks for clothes and hats in public areas such as restaurants, and improved book supporters.

Latimer also created the apparatus for cooling and disinfecting, which was a method for making rooms more sanitary and climate controlled.

In addition to his many achievements as a draftsman and inventor, Latimer was a known philanthropist and worked to improve the civil rights of African Americans in the United States.

The achievements and contributions of Latimer are evidence of how hard work can pay off and why gratitude and acknowledgment should be given to those who are not as publicly known, but who were instrumental in developing significant innovations.

This Just In.....

- Toyota received a federal grand jury subpoena for documents relating to the unintended acceleration of its vehicles and braking systems in the Toyota Prius. According to CNN, Toyota company executives are expected to testify in Washington on Wednesday before the House Oversight Committee to discuss how the automaker and federal regulators dealt with concerns over unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles.

- The space shuttle Endeavour landed Sunday night at Kennedy Space Center after a two-week mission to the international space station. The 5.7 million-mile mission was the shuttle's 10th trip to the space station. The crew conducted three spacewalks, delivered a third connecting module, an Italian-built Tranquility node and a seven-windowed cupola to be used as a control room for robotics.

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Caught In Style

Because... she looks great in her ensemble comprised solely of American fashion staples.



Get To Know: Jazzmin Jeter, Atlanta, Ga., junior supply chain management major
Caught: Outside West Towers

Get The Look...

"Make Up Your Mind" T-shirt, H&M
Leather jacket w/mild shoulder pads, BeBe
Distressed jeans with black tights, Dylan George
Combat boots, Nordstrom
Diamond Studded Earrings, Nordstrom
Black & Gold bangles, H&M
Black cotton gloves, Target

Don't Be Afraid To... express yourself through your style of dress. It doesn't matter what others think. If you like it and you feel like what you have on says a lot about who you are then that's all that matters.

My Style Tells You... I'm very versatile. Some days I'm feeling edgy, and sometimes more conservative. My mood determines what I wear day-to-day.

Take It From Me (style tip): You cannot go wrong with a good pair of jeans, a fly jacket, and a bad pair of boots. Those 3 items can always add a lot to an outfit.

It's Always About... how you piece items together. Buy items that you can wear a variety of ways, contrast your colors and accessorize. The wash of a jean also is important and can make or break an outfit.

It's Never About... the amount of money you spend. Just because you paid more for clothes doesn't necessarily mean it's going to be fly. Remember expensive is not always better.

I Love My Style Because... I change it up often. One day I'm rockin' Uggs and a cardigan, the next a vintage blazer and a pair of thigh high boots. I never get bored.

Because... his outfit is a great mix of European and American fashions.



Get To Know: Kevin Hunter, Richmond, Va., senior audio production major
Caught: Outside School of Social Work

Get The Look...

Glasses, Opening Ceremony
Scarf, GAP
Trench Coat, London Fog
Jeans, Old Navy
Boots, YSL

Don't Be Afraid To... take risks. Shop places you may normally not go. When you go to stores that you have never been in, it opens your eyes to a whole new world of style.

My Style Tells You... it's not about being extravagant or over doing it. Simple looks can still make a statement.

Take It From Me (style tip): The only opinion that matters is your own. Confidence is the best accessory one can ever possess.

It's Always About... YOU, not what the trend forecasters tell you. Embrace your own style. Don't worry about what others say!

It's Never About... other people's thoughts or opinions of your outfit.

I Love My Style Because... It's classic and timeless, my looks can be worn now, and 5 years from now.

- Compiled by Aaron Randle, Staff Writer

Because... fashion is about unabashed personal expression and individuality. And that's her.



Get To Know: Genesis Nunlee, Dover, Del., freshman international business major
Caught: Inside Douglass Hall

Get The Look...

Hat and suspenders, bought in Taipei, Taiwan
Converse Ashland Sport shirt
Blue paisley tie, Thrift store
Cardigan, Urban Outfitters
Jeans, H&M
Black Converse Shoes
Vladivostok Russia coat of arms pin
Red iFrogz ThrowBax Headphones

Don't Be Afraid To... try something out of your comfort zone! You might be pleasantly surprised, and if not, at least you tried.

My Style Tells You... that I dress for myself and my mood. So many students dress so explicitly for someone else that they just look uncomfortable. People need to loosen up and dress how they feel.

Take It From Me (style tip): Kitsch is cool! I love the little things in outfits because they make an ensemble unique. Each pin, button, bow or patterned tie acts as an extension of the wearer's personality and can turn something old into something new, fun and awesome.

It's Always About... you! People should wear what's comfortable and feels right for them, not just because some external source tells you it's the cool thing right now.

It's Never About... trying to fit in. Sure you want to be up on the trends – no one wants to wear those swishy FILA track suits – but you also don't want to wear a particular style because it's "what's in."

I Love My Style Because... Though it is only my first year here, I have yet to see anyone who dresses exactly like me and I'm kind of proud of that.

Beating Winter Blues

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Recent weather conditions may seem to do more than put a damper in your plans, but also a damper in your mood. As remnants of recent snowstorms lie on the ground weeks later as a reminder that winter is still here, it doesn't mean you still have to resort to a glum mood.

While it may seem trivial to attribute the glum mood you have been in to the time of the year, The American Academy of Family Physicians reports that some 500,000 Americans experience a slight depression during winter months, called Seasonal Affective Disorder, more commonly known as SAD.

The Mayo Clinic suggests that common symptoms of this disorder include but are not limited to weight gain, oversleeping, anxiety, difficulty concentrating and processing information. This often under-diagnosed disorder is treated with light psychiatric therapy. An alternative to this therapy could be making sure you stay in as much light as you can.

While weather forecasters predict that temperatures won't reach 60 degrees until the end of March, there are still many things you can do to make sure these "extra weeks" of winter don't bring you down. Jasmine Hollis, a senior television production major, beats the winter blues by exercising at



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According to Gannet Health Services, nearly 25 percent of college students across the United States suffer from the "winter blues."

the gym inside of her apartment building.

"When I was snowed in, I took advantage of the fact that we have a gym in our building and I worked out," she said. "I found that if you can find something productive to do inside, you'll rarely ever feel down no matter what the weather is like."

There are also other entertaining options to staying positive during the winter months. Some people find new hobbies, such as writing or drawing. Howard alumnus and Recruitment Officer Brian

Johnson prefers indoor entertainment to keep him in a good mood. "I play Xbox," Johnson said. "If I'm not playing 'Call of Duty' or 'Madden 2010,' I catch up on shows I've missed on TiVo or On Demand."

These are just a couple of ideas to keep you out of the pits, but it is up to the individual to come up with creative ways to stay productive and happy during the winter months. Whatever it is that you find keeps you happy and sane, make sure you add a little extra light in your life.

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Are the Winter Olympics Really a 'White' Thing?

It's the most famed and well-known level of athletic achievement. Each year, hundreds of athletes from nations all over the world strive for the chance to reach a skill level high enough to be recognized or considered for participation in the Olympic Games, and possibly win some prestige for not only themselves as individuals, but more importantly, for their nation, the main identity Olympic athletes compete under.

Interestingly, the Summer Olympic Games seem to trump the winter games in audience interest (at least among the African-American community). Honestly, some black Americans might not have even been aware that a winter segment of the Olympic Games even existed.

Maybe this black disconnect with the Winter Olympic Games is because the sports characteristic of the summer games are traditionally more followed by the average sports fan (basketball, boxing, swimming, football and volleyball, among others). In all honesty, it could be in large part to the fact that black people aren't traditionally involved

in the winter sports boasted by the winter games – which include bobsledding and ski-jumping, among other events.

Regardless of the reason for this apparent lack of interest in the Winter Olympic Games, it displays a somewhat disappointing and

gold medal winner, and Figure Skater Aaron Parchem placed 13th for his skating performance with partner Marcy Hinzmann. Countless other blacks, both recently and in the past, have participated in and excelled at the Winter Olympic Games.

Days before the kick-off of the 2006 games, Bryant Gumbel compared the Winter Olympic Games to a GOP convention on his television show, "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel." The same year, he urged his audience not to believe that these are some of the greatest athletes, despite a "paucity of blacks." Unfortunately, Gumbel's comparison serves to exemplify the attitude that we disagree with. Blacks have been and are currently involved in the Winter Olympic Games, although to a much lower degree than our white American brothers. We'd like to give kudos to members of the black community that have broken the stereotype by competing in the Winter Olympic Games, and encourage the rest of the black community to do the same.

Our View:

The Hilltop would like to give kudos the blacks in the Winter Olympic Games.

narrow outlook. True, the cold weather sports are traditionally more of a "white thing" – on any regular slope on your average morning, you'd likely be hard-pressed to find a black guy hitting the slopes with his alpine skis or snowboard. Not to say that blacks don't participate in cold winter sports, it's just less common.

As recently as 2006, black Speed Skater Shani Davis won the gold medal in the men's 1000-meter race, making him the first African-American individual

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Perspective

Technological Addiction?

There's this recurring nightmare I used to have. It was set in an exaggerated futuristic world where everyone wore silver and rode in hovercrafts. I would wake up to holograms of my parents telling me to get ready, and be fed breakfast by robots. The harmless scenario would abruptly turn when the robots would no longer obey our demands. Our toasters would try to kill us. Our smart houses would hold us hostage. Essentially, robots took over the world.

Clearly, that is a bit extreme, and at the time was probably a combination of me watching way too many Jetsons reruns and low-quality Disney films. However, about ten years later, hints from the nightmare seem to carry from the protection in my sleep to reality.

Somewhere down the line, I think we forgot that we live in a world with other people. Yeah, I know Twitter and Facebook keep you connected with the world, but I'm talking about the REAL world, the one every-

one tweets about. The one we all exist in. We suddenly have no time for anyone else. Whatever we're doing has to be done or checked at that exact moment, no matter if we're in class, if we're in a conversation, giving a speech, etc. It's a bit narcissistic, and as someone who often takes a break from her own robotic addictions, it's troubling to watch.

Twitter is another phenomenon that I have yet to understand. I tried it for about a month and just found that people spend more time tweeting than they do actually living. When we reach a point where people are talking to each other on Twitter when they're in the same room, there's a problem. It's not a tool, something that makes life better, it's become an obsession.

Social networks, especially Twitter, thrive on the assumption that everyone cares about what you're doing or thinking every single moment of the day. Call me crazy, weird, an 80-year-old at heart (and trust me, you

wouldn't be the first), but I personally don't want to know about everything that pops into your head. There used to be a time when we didn't have an outlet for instant sharing, and therefore we had to think about what we said. We told people we knew who were somewhat close to us, rather than to all of our "followers." I mean... they're called followers for God's sake.

Don't get me wrong. I have my Tyra moments just as much as the next person, but we need to practice a bit more moderation. Pretty soon, we'll all just be solitary souls who only communicate through technology. I guess the world would be a lot quieter, but then again... what would be the point?

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