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Grievances Follow Election Day Announcements

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN Staff Writer

Campaign season is over, but grievances still linger.

According to the General Elections Commission, after reviewing the unofficial elections results, there were errors in the numbers of votes found in the of Communications Executive President and Vice President ballots, in which both candidates failed to meet the 51percent requirement. As a result, a run-off election will be held on Wednesday, March 10 with the same penalties, due to grievances, applying to the slates as on election day.

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New Bison Card May Ease Campus Life

BY CHELSEA BATTLE Contributing Writer

Bakari Ibrahim cats at Subway on Georgia Avenue at least five times a week. He pays for his meals in cash, often wondering why he can't use his dining dollars in a business located so close to his school.

"Having to pay for food all the time can definitely become a burden," said Ibrahim, a junior hospitality management major. "I was just talking to one of my friends the other day about how we should be able to use our dining dollars in here."

Ibrahim is not alone when it comes to his feelings about campus dining services. Like many other students, Ibrahim walks Howard University's campus daily with

cash or a credit card on hand, for use when necessary. But Ibrahim notes having to constantly go to the ATM to get cash before making purchases can be a hassle. With the introduction of the new Bison One Card, this will no longer be an issue.

The Bison One Card is a new system that will revolutionize the current ID system. The goal of the card is to maintain the current features of Howard ID cards, and offer a range of additional services for the entire student body to help make campus life easier.

"Howard wants to be on the forefront of this initiative," said Keith Miles, chief of staff and vice provost for the Office of Student Affairs. "Very few HBCUs have a card like this. Students won't have to use cash on campus; they can

just swipe a card. That's the goal."

The card will still be utilized as the official school ID, with better picture quality and a new design. It will be used for bookstore purchases, laundry services and for various stores and eateries on Georgia Average, among other things.

"A project of that stature seems like it would be very beneficial to students and very efficient as well," said Arika Bakkar, junior finance major. "It's very important that the bodies governing us make things more accessible to students. This will just make things easier for us because we won't have to carry cash or scramble for credit cards."

Junior broadcast journalism major Sheldon Murphy shared similar feelings. "I think the changes in the Howard ID would be convenient and alleviate a lot of multiple expenses."

It is important to recognize that all of the functions of the card will not be implemented at the same time.

"This will be a phased process," said Miles. "We're trying to launch the card in phases so it will take time to include everything we want to do. Meal services and dining will be in the first phase. Phase 2 will include building access and laundry services and we will continue to implement other services gradually."

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA), along with the Bison One Card Task Force is working to get the card ready by fall next semester

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Press Conference Leaves Little to No Sweet Talks Between Mayweather, Sugar Shane

BY DEONTAY MORRIS Deputy Managing Editor

Yesterday Floyd "Money" Mayweather (40-0 25 KO's) came to Lincoln Theatre on U Street for a press conference to promote his upcoming boxing match against Sugar Shane Mosley (46-5 39 KO's). There were large crowds and various media outlets on hand to watch the two boxers speak about their bout, taking place at the MGM Grand Casino in Las Vegas on May 1.

"I handle my business in the ring. I never duck anyone. I got here by hard work and dedication not HGH and steroids," Mayweather said.

The event was hosted by radio personality Big Tigger. There was a ton of star power at the event. D.C. Councilman Marion Barry, boxing legend Oscar De La Hoya and Paul Williams, a boxer with ties to the District, were among the attendees.

"If I hit him on the chin; he will go down," said Mosley, who hopes to be the first boxer to defeat Mayweather.

Most of the audience favored Mayweather because of his charisma and trash talking.



Famed boxers Floyd Mayweather and Sugar Shane Mosley held a press conference to promote their boxing match scheduled for May 1 in Las Vegas. Mosley has a record of 46-5, while Mayweather is undefeated.

He took plenty of verbal jabs at Mosley:

"When I beat Shane, they gon say 'he over the hill.' Men lie, women lie, numbers don't," Mayweather said.

Yesterday's press conference was the second of three planned promotional press conferences. During the first press conference Tuesday in Times Square, Mosley and Mayweather got into a shoving match.

The CEO of Mayweather Entertainment, Leonard Ellerbe, a Washington native, said, "Come May I, this bama don't know what he up against. Shane is going to get what he's been asking for the same way his boss (Oscar De La Hoya) got it."

The intensity and skill of the fighters are the main reasons this match is expected to generate a lot of revenue. Mayweather has generated over \$225 million in Pay-Per-View revenues. The

last time Mayweather came to D.C. to promote a fight was in 2007 when he fought De La Hoya. The fight was the highest grossing boxing match of all time. A total of \$120 million was generated. Mayweather earned \$25 million for his victory.

"The event was pure entertainment. It was like a movie trailer." said Matthew Smith, senior sports management major.

Drew Hall Residents Face Water, Internet Challenges

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON Campus Editor

After The Hilltop published a story on Monday about the problems Drew Hall residents had with hot water and their Internet connection, Residence Life is already making changes and looking to make improvements in the future.

On Tuesday night, Dean of Residence Life Marc Lee made a trek to Drew Hall to speak to some of the residents and hear their problems through Dean's Night Out. He said a major issue that caused the problems in Drew was communication when contacting the right people to fix a problem.

Lee said the communication break down should be from students to staff, then to administration and finally maintenance. It often does not go that way.

"Some things are handled by Residence Life and other things are handled by the university." Lee said. "Environmental management of Residence Life and Physical Facilities of the university collaborate to solve problems."

He said the job for Residence Life is to advocate for students. As a way to better communicate, there is ResLife Quick Fix, a new on-line way to send problems to maintenance.

For the hot water, the problem was with the build up in the pipes stopping the process from working On Monday through Tuesday, Residence Life worked to replace the valves so that the water temperature could be increased.

For the Internet connection, Lee said he communicated the concerns with ISAS (Information Systems and Services to bring better connectivity to Drew Hall with special concerns for residents who had to participate in RSVP Housing Selection.

"Contractors came out to look at the services students were receiving," he said. "Some people

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Organizations Revitalize Giving to Haiti and Chile

Student Organizations collect first-aid kits and donations for Haiti as well as Chile

BY CAROLYN SMITH Contributing Writer

Haiti is still feeling the devastation of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck the country in January, but as the media has moved its attention on to the next topic of public interest, Haitians are still in need of support. Thursday, several Howard organizations will band together to revitalize the spirit of giving to Haiti on campus.

The ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University Student Association

(HUSA), the Haitian Student Association (HSA), the Howard chapter of NAACP, the Political Education Action Committee (P.E.A.C.), and the Chapel Assistants will be making first-aid kits and accepting donations from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the lower section of Blackburn.

While Haiti will be receiving most of the benefits, a portion of the proceeds are also being donated to Chile, following the country's 8.8-magnitude earthquake in late February.

Following the drive, students will have a chance to experience the rich culture of Haiti at 12:30 p.m. in the Punch Out.

"I think they're doing a good job. Haiti needs a lot of help right now and for everybody to come together and give a helping hand, that's really good," said Donnique Mullings freshman marketing major.

This may be the first drive thrown by such a diverse group of organizations, but it will not be the last, Thursday's first-aid drive will also double as the kickoff event for "First Aid for Haiti: The Healing Campaign," an initiative to keep people aware of the daily Haitian struggle. "As long as Haitians are in need, we're going to be doing something. This is just the first of many! said Jessica Nwokocha, senior broadcast journalism major and member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Nwokocha said the reason the groups chose first-aid supplies is that "it's the easiest way to participate and it's beneficial

Sophomore theatre arts administration major John Miller said, "When a lot of people need help and you're in the position to help people, you should just do it."

All supplies collected will be given to the Haitian Embassy and, from there, sent to Haiti.

"We're only donating a portion of the proceeds to Chile because Haiti is so overwhelmed that they still need as much help as

possible. But since Chile happened so recently, we're still looking for a charity to give the money to," said Grace Salvant, logistics coordinator of the event.

When asked why it's so important for students to come out and support the first-aid drive. sophomore Tahir Alberga, member of the Society of Collegiate Black Men, said, "Because we're all a part of the black Diaspora so we need to make sure we're helping our brothers and sisters even if they aren't from the same country IIS US.

Residents in Meridian Look for Change

HU Students look for improvements in their dormitory conditions, no hot water leaves some students cold

BY MAYA RHODAN Staff Writer

As the sunlight beamed into the window of Adjoa Nyarko's Meridian Hill Hall dorm room last Tuesday morning, the sophomore English major stumbled about in a frenzy, frustrated by the series of events she had been forced to en-

Nyarko woke up, ready to begin her day with a steaming hot shower, but as she stepped into the shower nearest to her room, she was instead greeted with icy cold

"All I could do was call on the Lord and think about the people in Haiti dealing with worse," said Nyarko, whose dorm room was nearly infested with rodents at one point in the fall semester. "But it wasn't just an annoyance, it was an inconvenience. I had to go out of my way to find a way to heat up water that should be warm, on a floor without a working micro-

One fluor up, sophomore audio production major, Justin Fra-

zier felt Nyarko's pain. For nearly an hour, Frazier ran the hot water faucet, hoping for even the slightest raise of the water temperature. Only more frigid, glacial water spurted out.

"I felt like going downstairs in my shorts and going off on whoever I could," a visibly angry Frazier said. "A good shower sets the tone for your morning. You can't just take a cold shower and expect to have a good day."

For three days last week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Meridian Hill Hall's hot water supply belied campus residence slogan, "Res Life is the best life."

According to the Office of Residence Life, the hot water shortage in Meridian Hill Hall was due to a recent change to a digital gauge for the water heating system, intended to increase sustainability across Howard's campus. It's also part of the university's initiative to join the "Going Green" move-

The temperature gauge for Meridian's water supply reset and living in the residence halls at lings," he said. "It's unfortunate went into a manual mode, which

had to be reset by outside contractors. The "Going Green" movement has taken on many forms, but the most recent one has come with consequences that students are not at all fond of.

"We pay too much money to live in these residence halls to have to put up with this," said Frazier. "There are other problems that I can deal with, but my hygiene isn't something I ever want to play with. I don't know who needs to step in, but something needs to be done."

Residence life at Howard University is often filled with ups and downs. During the fall semester, The Hilltop reported that Slowe Hall residents experienced flooding and power outages. On Monday, The Hilltop reported that Drew Hall was also experiencing Internet and issues with their water

"Living in Meridian, I feel like I'm being cheated," Nyarko said. "I feel like I'm in an abusive relationship and I can't leave."

The frustration of students Howard runs deep, bur students are not the only ones dealing with the many inconveniences that occur in the dorms.

"I go through what the students go through," said Kenyatta Hobson, community director for Meridian Hill Hall. "And I respond to the problems much more quickly than you can imagine."

Hobson said he contacted Physical Facilities Management. They reset the gauge soon after the water was first noticed to be cold. But the setting did not hold until the contractor came out.

"Unfortunately, facility mishaps happen from time to time," Hobson said. "I am certainly appreciative of the response of all parties in this matter, especially in a situation that involved water sup-

Marc Lee, interim dean of Residence Life, has been working in residence life for ten years and has lived in almost every dorm on the campus. He argues the situation could be a lot worse.

"We have historic buildthat things break on a recurring

basis, but after continuous use, it's natural for mishaps to happen. Given the financial status of the university and the lack of resources we have in residence life, this has been a good year."

Lee feels that students should be more appreciative of the things that the Office of Residence life has done and continues to do for

"We give support, encouragement and provide opportunities for the students that live in our facilities and those who do not," said Lee. "These things are required for student success. We provide the community of this university."

Some students like Nyarko don't buy into that line of rationalization.

"Howard University students have become too complacent. Students need to take back some of the control," said Nyarko. "If we change things now, it won't just benefit us, it would benefit the future of Howard. That's what really matters."





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and an office has already been put in place to begin orchestrating the initiative. By 2014, the task force hopes to have all features of the card available to students.

"I'm really happy that HU is starting to make improvements and that we will be able to use our cards outside of the Punch Out and the C-Store," said Akia Dillard, junior psychology major. "Although we are late utilizing this, at least we are getting it done now for future Howardites."

The Bison One Card Task Force is comprised of students, faculty, and staff. The team decided to implement the card into the Howard community after a survey showed that over 200 students said they would like the Howard ID card to expand upon its current features. The task force is divided into 3 subcommittees including the process optimization committee, the technology committee, and the

research committee. Currently, the Task Force is looking for ways to fund the project.

"We're working on funding so that the card can be self-sustaining," said Jerome Joseph, vice president of HUSA. "We're trying to find alternatives to offset costs so we're exploring different options."

"We hope to get support from the COO of Howard, Mr. Troy Stoval," said Miles, "We are also looking for fundraising through

The Independent Fund Appropriations Committee (IFAC) includes a process that starts with the card being voted on and approved. The task force as well as HUSA is eagerly working to get as much funding as possible.

"We need to be competitive not just academically," said Joseph. "When you get students and administrators together, we can get a lot accomplished, and leave a mark on Howard's campus."

Votes Are in, Elections Still On

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Residence Life Reaches Out to Drew

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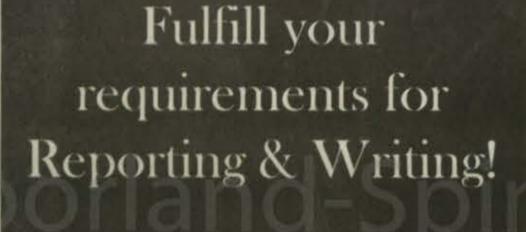
Freshman psychology major Brandon Adams said the conditions have improved for him. "As of now, I haven't had any trouble with the water. For me, the Internet has been fine," he said. "The problem was solved

quick. I was wondering why they just didn't do this in the first place without a hour and a half meeting"

Lee said every summer Residence Life looks at the dormitories to see what can be improved or replaced in the residence halls. "Some changes are subtle like painting, while others are larger like replacing

the water heaters in the Howard Plaza Towers."

Just this semester, Lee said he went with newly appointed Vice President of Student Affairs Barbara Griffin to look at areas in the dormitories that need improvements. He said they saw improvements needed in the game rooms, exercise rooms and utilizing space.



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LeDroit Park Receives a Safety Update

BY ODOCHI IBE Contributing Writer

The basement of Florida Avenue Baptist Church was filled with cheers and applause as the LeDroit Park Givic Association held their monthly meeting last week.

The civic association's mission is to get citizens involved in the community and to foster an open discussion about what's happening and ways to improve the overall image of LeDroit Park.

To the members of the civic association, the most important reason to speak out was the issue of public safety.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 3rd District Commander Jacob Kishter and fellow police officers came to update the community on the local crime report and to urge them to continue to keep the police abreast of any situation that occurs in the area and makes them feel unsafe.

In recent years, the crime in LeDroit Park has fluctuated with robberies and assaults plaguing the community, but increased foot police force and citizens calling in to complain has caused a steady decrease in crime.

"Thanks to the calls, e-mails and observations, we were able to secure a search warrant for a 'muisance property,' which was acting as a gambling house on 2015 4th Street NW. A warrant was issued and two arrests of persons living in the house were made," Kishter said.

"Please continue to call whenever you see or hear something that you think may be questionable. That is the only way we can ensure your safety."

Margot Hoerrner, a 40year-old resident of LeDroit Park, said. "I come because I want to be involved in the decision of my community. My main concern is public safety. I want to be able to see the police doing there job so I can feel safe and secure."

Sergeant Jackson of the Police Service Area (PSA) 305 reported that overall crime is down by 54 percent in LeDroit Park and there were only about 10 crimes - three violent and seven property crimes - from December 2009 to February 2010.



Photo From City Mean o

City Year volunteers engage in community service, chosen from 1,500 17 through 24-year-olds. The AmeriCorps organization was founded in 1988 at Harvard Law School, having served 1 million children since its founding.

AmeriCorps' City Year Volunteers Serve DC Youth, Around Nation

BY MONTRELLE GREEN Contributing Writer

The participants of Howard University's Blue and Gold Week journeyed to the Transition Academy at Shadd Elementary School, a special education school, to assist City Year in a day of service.

An AmeriCorps program, City Year was founded in 1988 on the belief that young people can change the world. This youth service corps program unites 1,500 young people ages 17-24 for a year of full-time community service, leadership development and civic engagement.

Throughout the course of the six-hour event this past weekend, the volunteers and City Year members painted more than 20 murals of well-known social figures including Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks and President Barack Obama. The paintings were accompanied by famous quotations.

Although City Year representatives have come to Howard on numerous occasions to promote knowledge of their efforts, students still do not have a widespread understanding of the organization.

"I've heard of City Year, but honestly I wouldn't be able to distinguish it from Jump Start," said Tony Johnson, a sophomore political science major.

Those who participate in City Year offer school-based service by serving as tutors, role models and mentors all the while participating in youth leadership and community transformation.

Each member is equipped with a T-Mobile cell phone, a uniform including Timberland boots, a metro card and a weekly stipend, but the City Year members goals go far beyond obtaining payment for their services.

Consistent with City Year's philosophy to unite children with "near peers," City Year team members like Justin Fogata, a graduate of George Mason University, and Adria Anderson, a Howard University alumna, believe in City Year's commitment to making changes in the lives of children everywhere.

City Year members work in diverse settings. Fogata, one of the team leaders for Saturday's community service, works as an advisor for HIV and AIDS awareness within the program. Anderson works as an after-school tutor in whatever subject necessary.

City Year's D.C. operation has become especially successful in recent years with the election of Michelle A. Rhee as the chancellor of D.C. public schools. Rhee has made an effort to support the program's involvement in schools.

"I have been pleased to work with City Year this year to provide more small group and one-on-one support to our students," Rhee said. "Especially in systems undergoing significant reform, I have seen directly how powerful quality one-on-one and small group support can be in challenging our students to higher achievement levels."

According to The Washington Post, in April of last year, President Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service act that has nearly tripled the size of AmeriCorps, the federal initiative which fuels City Year.

These funds assist City Year Corps members in raising graduation rates in public school systems by increasing the amount of tutoring and mentoring programs and staff to facilitate them.

"City Year is definitely not an easy job. You don't get paid as much as you probably would like, and it's definitely tiring. But the smiles on those kids' faces and the difference you make at the end of each day is definitely worth it," Anderson said.

Weekend Guide

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NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Silver Spring

BY YETUNDE ALABI Contributing Writer

Sultry sounds of jazz pulsate through the veins of the audience as a live band performs. Instruments ringing through the air, feet tapping and limber bodies dance to the rhythm of the city. Children chattering, car horns honking, droves of people fill the crowd. Flashing lights illuminate the town from the Majestic Theater and a sign reads: "Avatar' now playing in 3D."

"Welcome to Baja Fresh, may I take your order?" Silence in Borders as eager students crack open their favorite book for the first time, pages turning, eyes scrolling across the pages anxiously awaiting the next sentence.

The downtown area of the city has grown over the past few years, Silver Spring, Md. is approximately eight miles from the heart of the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Located in Montgomery County, it is the second largest city in the state of Maryland and is full of entertainment, culture, community centers and restaurants.

Home to over 82,000 people, the 9.2 square mile city is a developing area that many new professionals, business people and youth are moving to.

Some Howard University students are not aware of the opportunities and activities available a short ride from campus.

"Silver Spring - I could tell you right now that I know nothing about the area," said Darryl Whitfield, a freshman business management major from Lexing-

"This area has really grown up before our eyes. There is plenty to do and lots to experience," said Sara Cherner, program assistant at Caroll House Men's Shelter. Silver Spring is a thriving city for the middle class and the estimated median household income is \$71,606 annually.

Downtown Silver Spring has an array of new restaurants such as Cake Love, which opened its doors in 2006 and was voted Best Bakery of 2009.

Barbara Tillman, a psychiatrist in the area, headed over to the bakery to get a Red Velvet cupcake.

"I was over at Borders and decided to give them a try and it was delicious. This area has brought in jobs and the community has really sprung up."

Every week, an array of events are offered at the community's disposal. On Mondays, an acoustic open mic at the Austin Grill gives new artists an opportunity to get their feet wet and share their talent. For chess lovers, Wednesdays may be the best time to visit the Long Branch Library.

The chess club there invites people of all skill levels to play with each other or learn how to play for the first time.

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday last month, the American Film Institute Theater hosted a free screening of a film that was released in 1970, "King: A Filmed Record... Montgomery to Memphis."

The movie includes documentary footage of King in the Montgomery Bus Boycott and footage of his "I Have a Dream" Speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

To commemorate Black History Month, the White Oak Library participated in an African American book discussion group. "Stand the Storm" by Breena Clarke was the book of choice for discussion. The book was released last year and tells the story of slaves living in Georgetown before the Civil War.

WHBC News Corner

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY WHBC News Staff

What's up, HU? Your number one college radio station has been holding it down in 2010 with favorites such as Café Night, Howard's Hotteste Battle of the Sexes, and more. While Snowmaggedon shut down the campus, we kept it live with the best one-campus entertainment around. As we finish picking our housing assignments, midterms and moving into March and the Spring Break, keep it locked for what we have in store

After Spring Break, WHBC will be presenting it's first ever "WHBC Week." Many campus organizations have a week set aside when they present events and activities to the Howard University student body that represent their organization. This year we would like to introduce "WHBC Week," a week full of events and activities catered to our loyal listeners and our Howard University family.

One of the major events we have planned is the first ever Howard University Rockstar Awards. This event will benefit station accomplishments as well as honor fellow Howard students that share a similar hustle. These awards will showcase Howard students via ballots and present it in the form of an awards and a concert. Some categories we have planned are "Best Student Blog/Web site" and "Workaholic Award." To salute the campus artist poised to take the industry and world by storm, we have the "Most Anticipated Artist Award," Finally, you know almost everything on campus gets turned into a party so we also have the "Best DJ." "Best Party Promoter," and "Best Party Host Award."

As a frequent host of major artists and Meet & Greets, our awards show will include a nationally recognized recording artist, and participants from WHBC's monthly "Howard's Hottest" competition. Also, during the week we have major community service events planned and exciting takes on Howard classics such as "Café Night," "Battle of the Sexes," and "Howard's Hottest."

However, we have a lot in store before the upcoming Spring This weekend WHBC 830am Channel 51 is teaming up with the organizers at Alternative Spring Break (ASB) 2010 for the annual WHUR Radio-thon this Sunday, March 7 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Here students will form part of the bucket brigade, listen to live DJs from WHUR 96.3 FM, and have fun as we raise money for this year's community service team. Whether you're a member of WHBC 830am or ASB or not, we urge you to come out, show some support, and have a little fun.

Listen to us LIVE all day, everyday online at http://www.whbc830am.com or in your dorms on Channel 51. If you've got a request we'll take that too. You can provide feedback on Twitter @WHBC830am and @WHBCNEWS or call us at (202) 865-6598. We got it on lock!

TWEET OF THE

tweets from some of HU's funniest twits

Don't it start that Lil Wayne ish RF (a ReyRunWisdom: I loved, Im loving, I will keep on loving! - (love strings) 10:26 PM March 22nd - (a LilDuval

U know it would be finny if these all turned out to be the best elected officials in the past few years. Lets speak positivity into existence.

6.10 PM March 2nd from web - @ MoetroseZay

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

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

Meeting the Parents

This week's issue:

By Jada F. Smith

The way I see it, as long as you don't end up setting any backyards on fire, giving a woman a bloody nose from an intense game of volleyball or trying to extract milk from the family cat, there's few things you can do to mess up the first time you meet "the parents."

If they're nice folks, then they know how nervous you probably are; they know you want to make a good impression and they trust their child's good sense not to bring home a blatantly unfit mate.

So unless your boyfriend or girlfriend's father is as annoying as Phil Dumphy from "Modern Family" or if the mother is a butter-biscuit baking cross-dresser like Mama Payne from "Martin," then you'll probably be okay.

However, clearing your boo through the parents may be the easy part in comparison to the rest of the crazy family. All the cousins, aunts, uncles, siblings, big mamas, pop-pops, godparents and play-brothers may not be as welcoming - especially if you're introducing them all at once.

Is it because they don't like your new boyfriend? Maybe. Is it because they want to have a little fun by trying to intimidate him? Probably.

Before you get upset at your little cousin for begging your new boyfriend to play hide and go seek all day, or at your uncle for grilling him about his 5 and 10-year plan, remember how you acted when your older cousin first brought her boyfriend to the family reunion when you were a kid.

Standing at the doorway giggling or forcing your brother's girlfriend to let you play in her hair - you were annoying. It's all a part of the cycle.

If the guy or girl you're bringing home is worth anything, they'll smile the whole time your big mama tries to force him or her to eat chitlins. Because when you meet your mate's family, you'll have to do the same thing.

By Deontay Morris

Getting into a relationship can be very nerve wrecking. But that is miniscule when compared to meeting your significant other's parents. That point in a relationship is so crucial that it can severely strain a relationship if it goes bad.

It's just the first meeting. Hopefully, there will be many more. How much can you truly learn about a person upon first meeting them? At this point in our lives, we know what our parents like and dislike. If your dad doesn't like dudes that sag, I came up with a really good solution, don't date dudes that sag!

You know what your parents want in your significant other. If you are going against that, be prepared to deal with the consequences.

An important thing to remember is to be relaxed and have fun. If you are a good person, that will show, but if you have a skewed value system, that will show also. I've also noticed that sometimes the parents are not the worst people to deal with. It's the extended family that's the huge problem a lot of times, as Jada stated. Maybe your auntie that can't cook keeps trying to force them to eat the nasty dish they brought to the potluck. Or you could have a jealous cousin who can't keep a man.

The reality is you can't choose who your family is, but you can, however, choose who you date. I know everyone has heard the old cliche, "A ounce of prevention is worth a pound of care." Apply this to meeting the parents and the fam.

You should be careful about who you date and don't just settle for any ol' body that's interested in you. That will go a long way in easing the intimidation of meeting the parents.

What's your favorite part of Howard culture? Have you heard somebody say something outrageous on campus?

E-mail it to meccanisms@gmail.com

Overheard @ The Mecca

Overheard in Locke....

Girl 1: I'm going to have a wet party for my birthday.

Girl 2: WHAT!?!?!?!?

Girl 1: A wet party, because I'm a Pisces.

Girl 2: Ain't nobody gonna think about Pisces. They just gonna think you're nasty!

Girl 1: Yea, and that will make them come.

20 Questions

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

- Did you wish Howard a happy birthday on Tuesday?
- 2. Did you know that Howard receives funding from Congress?
- 3. Did you see that last question Hampton Institute students?
- 4. Is there really a FAMU sex tape?
- How long before they try to ban video cameras on college campuses?
- 6. Are we the only ones that hope there won't be an HU sex tape?
- 7. Will Lil Wayne EVER go to jail?
- 8. Why is he spending his last days shooting videos instead of time with his loved ones?
- 9. Why do all the libraries on campus only print on pink paper?
- 10. Where will all of HU be for Spring Break?
- 11. Are you one of those people who use Spring

- Break to get away from Howard people?
- 12. Has anyone else noticed how it's always cold during most of the "spring" semester?
- 13. So student elections are over... did you notice?
- 14. How many people wrote in #VanessaSmith for HUSA?
- 15. Why did a mock write-in for HUSA get 97 votes after one day of campaigning?
- 16. Seniors, aren't you SICK of the question "What are you doing after graduation"?17. Why did the Punch Out think macaroni and
- cheese pizza sounded appetizing?

 18. Do you think there is going to be a "We Are the
- World" part 3 for the people of Chile?

 19. Whatever happened to that massive tsunami
- that was supposed to hit Hawaii?

 20. Did you know that today, in 1877, black scientist and inventor Garrett A. Morgan was born?

Compiled by The Hilltop Staff

Caught In Style

Because... his clothes are as tailored and well put together as his professional mindset.



Get To Know: Peter Ramsumair, Trinadad and Tobago, MBA Student focus w/a focus in finance Caught: On Barry Place NW St.

Get The Look ...

Tan Oxford Lace Ups, Banana Republic
Navy blue fitted slacks, H&M
Light blue button-down collar shirt, TM Lewin
Charcoal Overcoat, Topman
Cashmere Scarf, Burberry
Watch with tan leather strap, Danish Design

My Style Tells You... to be mindful of what you wear. I honestly believe that your attire affects your confidence and other people's impression of you. It may seem far fetched, but dressing well can actually open a lot of doors for you. Even Shakespeare acknowledged that "the apparel often proclaims the man".

Take It From Me (style tip): (1) Focus on the fit of your clothes. (2) Be cautious of some blaring fashion mistakes [like the] color of your belt not matching the color of your shoes; a poor tie knot with the tie too short or too long...it should touch the tip of your belt.

It's Never About... focusing on brand name apparel to assert your social status. Don't get me wrong, I do like Omega watches and Ferragamo shoes, but I am more concerned with ensuring that when I meet new people, I come off as a smart, young student who is ready to learn and add value.

- Compiled by Aaron Randle, Staff Writer

Because.. it's a great mix of color and texture.



Get To Know: Odis Scales, Dayton, Ohio, senior political science major Caught: Drew Hall Dormitory

Get The Look ...

Glasses, Joseph Abboud Horizontal Striped Cardigan, Heritage 1981 White Boxed Tee, Heritage 1981 Stone Washed Skinny Jeans Nike CB34 Godzilla

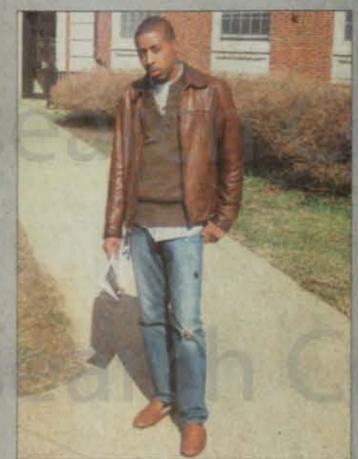
My Style Tells You... that I like to have fun. I kind of just put on anything I want, no matter what people think of it. I like to be comfortable and not do what is typical. I like to experiment.

Take It From Me (style tip): You don't have to spend a lot to look good. Most of my shirts and jeans are less than 20 dollars. Like many students, I can't afford to just spend, so I've perfected bargain shopping.

It's Always About... taking chances and using objects and colors around you for inspiration. Use style to express your creativity and imagination. How you look can make a world of difference in how you feel, so it's important to put some effort and time into my style.

It's Never About... matching in my eyes [LOL]. I think it's more about coordinating different pieces to give a bold confident look. Confidence in the things you wear go a long way.

Because... it's Italian Labels and American swagger.



Get To Know: George T. Gary III, Chicago, Ill., senior public relations major Caught: Outside Douglass Hall

Get The Look...

Jeans, Paper Denim & Cloth Shirt, Banana Republic Sweater, Thrit Store in Florence, Italy Jacket, Banana Republic Necklace, H&M Loafers, Gucci

My Style Tells You... it's not about what your wearing, but about how you wear it. If you wear things with confidence, people will look regardless of if it's there style or not. You may prompt others to take risks in there style.

Take It From Me (style tip): If you see you have too much of one color in your closet try to switch it up. Don't be afraid to take risks. Try various thrift stores and consignment shops.

It's Always About... Confidence! It can sell an outfit. Walking like you have a purpose, can turn heads. Also, I live by Calvin Klein's "Less is more" theory. I studied abroad in Italy, which is a fashion capital, and learned a lot from the Italians as far as mix and matching various brands and styles to make a look cohesive.

It's Never About... Matching too much! Being too "matchy" is very 1990's.

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Is Alice's Wonderland Too Much for Audiences?

The original was based on the 1865 novel by English author Lewis Carroll, and animated by cartoon favorite Walt Disney in 1951. Despite its generous sprinkling of supposed drug references, the film is regarded as one of Disney's greatest animations. "Alice in Wonderland," like other Disney films, features a certain level of longevity, demonstrated by non-traditional, and somewhat uncanny director, Tim Burton's bizarre adaptation of the controversial film nearly 60 years later.

Audiences tionwide have eagerly awaited the release of the film, which stars Johnny Depp, a renowned actor well-known for capturing extraordinarily colorful roles. Despite audience anticipation, many theaters have decided not to show the film, due to concern with its keen hints to drug use.

Although based on an old childhood favorite, and rated PG (for fantasy action, mild violence, and scary images and situations). Tim Burton's adaptation of the film isn't necessarily meant for, or being marketed toward young children.

captured by the colorful animation and logic warping of Carroll's brainchild in the early 50's, so the target market for an adaptation of the film was children when it was first released. This would separate the market audience as adults. Most children today wouldn't have any recollection or knowledge of a film

Our View:

It's a shame that some theaters are apprehensive to show this film.

that was popular when their parents were young, and before they were even born.

Granted, the original film, and subsequently Tim Burton's adaptation, features a myriad of assumed drug references, from a disappearing, grinning, Cheshire cat that believed to be a psychedelic vision, a white rabbit believed to symbolize cocaine, Alice eating a "magi-

cal mushroom," and even ex-Audiences were first periencing unexpected tears and emotional confusion after spending some disoriented time in "wonderland." Carroll, the original book's author, was rumored to have been using ecstasy and other hallucinogens while writing the book, which explains his creative method of what could possibly have been his attempt at describing the ex-

> periences of his mind on drugs.

Tim Burton's adaptation essentially picks up where the original film left off. Alice is 17 and on the brink of marriage when she finds her way back to "Wonderland." Even though the original book and

film display countless drug references, the 2010 version may or may not feature similar drug-related themes. It's a shame that theaters are considering not showing the film, and potentially preventing its market audience to experience Tim Burton's new take on the old, controversial favorite.

Daily Sudoku

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Perspective

"FUBU" Economics

Today is a one of those rare moments in time where I could sit in one place and ponder which of my dreams would come true. After three weeks on the business plan circuit with Tulane University in Louisiana, the Darden Graduate School of Business in Virginia and Morehouse College in Georgia, I accurately concluded that by 27, I will probably be a billionaire.

However, I wondered which one of my fellow Howardites would stand with me in that space? For the last two years it seems, Howard students have been less oriented towards mastering commerce and more invested in running short-term, "college-centric," pseudotakeovers of The Yard.

I can applaud the initiative towards activism to improve our university lead by our student leaders, but in the annually chartered and egoenabled noise of our student association and respective school offices, I see little real emphasis on preparing the attendees of Howard accordingly for tomorrow's social and economic complexities. On Tuesday of last

week, I was honored to be in the audience of John Hope Bryant's discussion on "Love Leadership." His recurring theme about economic empowerment and the utility of entrepreneurship resonated from one quote about our current global woes: "This is

not a recession, it is a reset." From my work as a fellow at Howard monitoring emerging policies with the Minority Business Development Agency, Small Administration and the newly founded Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation, I have seen the infrastructure to support minority business growth and prosperity established in a "FUBU" manner.

However, Howard's focus and push has yet to promote or produce a single Bison interested or capable of capitalizing on the opportunity to reclaim the wealth he or she has been historically separated from by less-pigmented presidents.

The fact is simple. Many students matriculating inside of our institution will one day be in business for themselves, but there is

no guarantee that on the perpetuity of the aforementioned opportunities.

As the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Howard alumnus Dennis F. Hightower stated at Morehouse last Friday, "[your] generations charge is addressing the unfinished business of Civil Rights Movement by securing economic stability for our people."

In this regard, I petition this university for new leaders in innovation - those who would recognize the awesome responsibility of financial success, and the acquisition of wealth gencrators to reinvest into our institutions as well as into our communities; to convert the corporate job into a mere stepping stone for corporate ownership, to re-brand "Black Ivy League" into the historic and prestigious "Ebony League," and to finally break even with America. What say you?

> Lawrence Elliott Ball, senior supply chain management major

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