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CEACS Town Hall Builds New Proposals

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

The College of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences (CEACS) student council and students drew up blueprints on how to make their school safer and enhance equipment at a town hall meeting in the Howard E. Mackey Architecture auditorium.

The town hall meeting is part of "I Love CEACS" week. One of the main topics of discussion was increased security of the Lewis K. Downing Engineering Building and the architecture building. A security proposal was written and submitted to LaWanda Peace, Ph.D., assistant dean for student services in CEACS.

The proposals that were approved were fixing the locks and replacing all doors in the architecture and engineering buildings. A master list of all CEACS students names will be submitted to Campus Police, so when the buildings are being used after hours, only students can occupy the building, not intruders.

"This was a very important meeting because we got to discuss the issue of security in our buildings," said Ameer Baker, junior chemical engineering major and grievance chair of the CEACS student council. "Security is a big problem in the CEACS buildings and for students to hear our proposals and what is being done is a good thing."

Holographic stickers will be given to CEACS students to put on their Howard University identification cards. This will allow Campus Police to identify CEACS students who use the buildings late at night. In addition, only CEACS affiliated organizations will be able to reserve rooms within the buildings beginning fall 2011.

As a result of repeated incidents, the architecture and engineering buildings will open at 6 a.m. and have "quiet hours" at 10 p.m. Campus Police will close both the architecture and engineering buildings 3 a.m.

Students were also able to have the opportunity to view the biographies of the three candidates for the position of dean of CEACS. At the end of the meeting, students were able to write on an index card which candidate they think would best fit the position. Council members gave feedback on the three candidates to further give an understanding of the candidates.

Tena Hunter, junior chemical engineering major, said the town hall meeting was a good first step in the right direction to implement change. "We have to start somewhere and this is a good positive start. I am just upset that no administration was present and the percentage of the student turnout given our large student population in CEACS," Hunter said.

Ashley Graham, sophomore architecture major, agreed with Hunter. "This town hall meeting was a really good idea because it gave us, the students, a chance to be heard," Graham said. "I want to see the changes implemented before I graduate and I think with this town hall meeting, our voices will be heard to the University and administration."

Improvements in Financial Services to Alleviate Strife

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Changes are on the horizon for the Office of Student Financial Services as they seek to improve their systems.

One change made was to make the first deferred payment deadline for July 1 for the upcoming fall semester. This recommendation was accepted by the Board of Trustees and was created by the Tuition and Rates Advisory Committee, which is comprised of students, faculty and staff.

The basis for the change is to provide students and their families with a sufficient amount of time to determine their financial status before students

are dated to arrive on campus. The Office of Financial Aid said the July 1 deadline will provide for greater course availability and more available housing.

In regards to the purge system, federal regulations mandates that Howard University officially report each officially enrolled student. This takes place shortly after the add/drop period. As a result, this requires the university to remove the course schedules and charge those students who have not attended and have not made satisfactory payment.

As a result of removing course schedules, the Office of Records/Registrar is allowed to open spaces in each course. By opening these courses, there

might be a decrease in the need for students obtaining override forms.

Khamal Patterson, a senior political science major, said after doing some research, he noticed that Howard University was the only school in the area with a purge system. "Some students come from different social and economic backgrounds and are not always able to come up with the set amount of money they need to be prevented from being purged," Patterson said. "But with the university pushing back the deferred payment date, it shows their commitment to their students by showing us they want us here."

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BET Panel Welcomes Student

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

While some students are cramming for midterms and others already have their minds on spring break, for one Howard University student, Ashlie Williams, today will be a dream come true as she inspires the minds of young women.

In celebration of Women's History Month, Black Entertainment Television (BET) will put on a two-day women's summit, here in Washington D.C., entitled "Leading Woman Defined," with various panels, workshops, and a special performance by Chrissette Michele. Today at the Mandarin Hotel, senior television production major Ashlie Williams will serve as a panelist on the "Generation Next: Young, Black, and Gifted" panel along with various other women in the entertainment industry such as actresses Tatyana Ali and Raven-Symone.

According to Williams, one of the panelist from BET on the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Woman to Woman Conference last month thought she would be a good person to represent young women on the panel and invited her to be apart of it. "It is was a really humbling experience especially the fact that I will be sitting on the panel with women like Tatyana Ali, Raven Symone, and Tasha Smith," Williams said. "It makes you feel really appreciated but it also makes you want to work harder to get on the level that they are on." She said the panel will focus on "mind, body, and soul" topics from relationships and AIDS awareness to career goals.

As she will be amongst some of the most well-known people in Hollywood, nervousness is not a thought. "I always pray and ask God to speak through me," Williams said. As she prepares to speak, dressed in a fushia blouse, black and white high-waisted pencil skirt, and Michael Kors shoes, Williams stands in the shoes of a woman who has grown a lot over the past four years.

Transferring from California

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Bree Gant - Photo Editor

Counseling Center Warns Breakers

"You can have any STD you want. Go ahead. Spin the wheel," the young woman from the University Counseling Service said. Wesley Meyer, senior music composition major hesitantly stepped up to the table to take a spin. The Substance Abuse table, which also had a "Choose Your Drug" wheel, was one of several tables set up in Blackburn Ballroom available for students to take screenings, surveys, pamphlets, and even candy.

Miami was the theme of this annual pre-spring break fair hosted by the University Counseling Service. Students meandered around the room with free "mocktails" in hand. After collecting ten signatures from exhibitors, participants were eligible for a free meal.

"You know this is a really great event," Cella Benvenuti, junior biology major said, bouncing to the DJ, "free HIV testing, free food, and I learned something."

Women's Tennis Team Remains Undefeated

BY TRAVER RIGGINS
Managing Editor

With their 7-0 win against Towson University Tuesday, the Howard University Women's Tennis Team has solidified a strong start to this season going undefeated in their first four games.

"This is probably one of the best teams — talent-wise — I've had in a few years," said Larry Strickland who is entering his 25th season of coaching the men's and women's tennis teams.

Strickland said depth is an indicator of a good team, and with this year's influx of fresh talent compounding the returning strength of veteran players, depth is exactly what he thinks he has.

The teams three top players are new to the team this season: sophomore Michelle Brown who

transferred from Georgetown University, freshman Brittney Morgan and sophomore Anne Akhimien who transferred from No. Akhimien transferred from Charleston South University in South Carolina.

Brown, the No. 1 singles and doubles player, is part of a Howard tennis legacy, her brother Christopher is a junior on the men's team and her brother Kenneth played for the team as recently as 2005.

"Coming out of California, I knew she was going to be a tremendous player, and she's lived up to it," Strickland said.

He looks to this reinforced team to continue success through the season.

"We considered last year



Bree Gant - Photo Editor

Brittney Morgan and Michelle Brown are two of the women's tennis team's top players. The team won against Towson University Tuesday (7-0).

to be a rebuilding year," Strickland said of the team, which he said is much stronger this year. He said he sees the

"We're coming a long," Strickland said after Tuesday's match. "We still have a little ways to go before we're where I want to be, but we're still very early in our

season."

The team's next match is at University of Maryland Baltimore County on Thursday, followed by the first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) match on Friday against University of Maryland - Eastern Shore at home.

HU Student to Sit on BET Women's Panel

In honor of Women's History Month, BET is hosting a women's summit entitled "Leading Women Defined," in which senior Ashlie Williams was invited to be a panelist for one of the discussions.

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State University - North Ridge to Howard University for her sophomore year of college, Williams said Howard made her grow up.

"I was in a serious relationship in high school which is why I didn't come straight to Howard after my senior year, but Howard really helped me to find out who I was suppose to be," she said. "I don't think if I stayed home I would have been the same person that I am today. Howard really teaches you how to be a hustler."

As a young woman, Williams said she tries to be a role model to young women through giving young girls someone to look up to and encouraging them. As far as women that Williams looks up to, her mother was the first person that she mentioned. She said that she finds qualities in other women that she admires from celebrities such as Oprah's business style and Beyonce's presence to

Howard University students such as senior and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Cristen Moore's "swag" and representation of her organization.

What Williams does see as a problem for women, especially women at Howard, is the hesitance in going after what you want to do whether it be in leadership positions or relationships. She said this issue could come from women tearing each other down instead of building each other up. "If we did more of supporting each other, I think this issue wouldn't exist."

As a young black woman, Williams said at times she felt obligated to always be strong and in control, but now she is comfortable with her femininity. "That's a part of being a black woman - to be in control, but I feel more empowered just sitting and listening sometimes. There's a lot that you can [hear] when you just be quiet," she said.

"As a woman, I love the fact that our [women] are more exciting. We are so complex and we



Photo Courtesy of Ashlie Williams

Howard University senior Ashlie Williams will speak at BET's "Leading Women Defined" panel.

have so many layers," she said. "As a black woman, I love our beauty. I love my breast and my hips, we are

so versatile and we even have more layers."

HU Speech Team Makes it to Nationals

Three members from the Howard Speech Team get to compete with other universities at the national level

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

Captivating audiences, stirring emotions, and speaking to the soul of audiences comes easy to the hard working Howard University Speech and Debate Team.

Four out of the small team of five ventured to Allentown, Pa. to Cedarcrest College to compete in a three-day tournament testing their exemplary oratory skills against nine other participating schools.

Teams from the different schools from Maine all the way to Virginia, had the opportunity to compete in 11 different events.

Allen Reynolds, a sophomore television production major, and member of the HU Speech and Debate team took home the highest honor, advancing to the final national competition in the fields of dramatic interpretation, impromptu speaking, and informative speaking.

In addition to his advancing, Reynolds ranked as the top speaker overall in the tournament.

"The whole competition was very competitive," Reynolds said. "Although this is my sixth year doing speech and competing on a team level, prayer definitely took me through, and I am proud to be

a triple and final rounder."

The HU Speech and Debate team gathers every Tuesday and Thursday to practice their tactics and pieces, by presenting them in front of their coaches, Howard alumni Javaris Powell and Jennifer Myers, a graduate student in communications sciences and disorders and attorney Tiana-Sousa Johnson, the director of forensics.

Their tireless practice paid off, all four members placed in the competition in addition to Reynolds high ranking win. Bernika Leach, a sophomore political science major, Ryan Hamilton, a senior speech and applied communications major, and Gavette Richardson,

a freshman broadcast journalism major all placed in the tournament as well. Ryan Hamilton and Allen Reynolds placed in the duo speech competition.

Richardson said that competition gives the team the opportunity to put all of their hard work toward showcasing their talent and speech abilities.

"I am very proud of the team," Richardson said. "Most of all I am very proud of myself, especially as a freshman having speech experience before but never competing in a team atmosphere, it felt great to advance in competition."

Recyclemania Update

Howard University is participating in an annual competition known as Recyclemania! The competition ranks our recycling program against 264 other institutions.

Currently, we are ranked #238 nationally and are ahead of Duke University, American University and Boston University. We are ranked #4 in the Washington, D.C. area. Concurrently, our residence halls are competing against each other to determine which can recycle the most.

The residence hall that wins will earn 10 points to go toward ResFest. The top three residence halls, in order, are Carver, Cook and Drew Hall. Please remember to recycle and help your university compete for the top spot in this competition!

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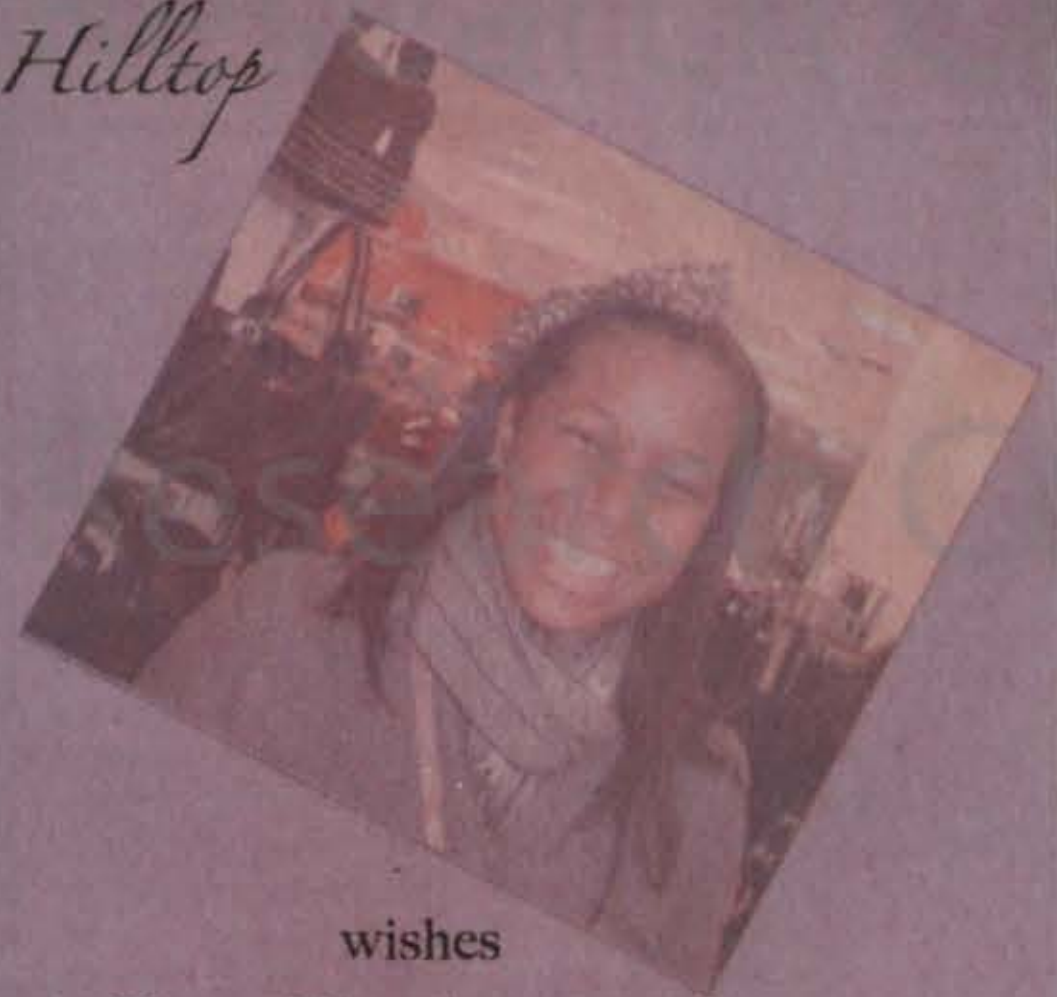
Patterson said the deferred payment deadline gives students enough time to gather their funds. He knew some people who have been purged and described the feeling of his friends' emotions as uncomfortable. Patterson said the purge system is almost like a penalty that should never be placed on students.

The Office of Student Financial Services said they are working extensively

with affected students on satisfactory payment arrangements and to assist in identifying any available funding. No new or significant issues related to the purge system were encountered this semester.

More improvements are being made to enhance and provide better customer service. They are working on improving communication efforts with students as well.

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An Apple a Day



BY NAYA SCARBROUGH
Wellness Editor

Life can be so taxing physically, mentally and emotionally, especially emotionally.

Waking up on the wrong side of the bed only to realize that you woke up an hour later than you planned, getting a bad grade on a test that you thought you aced and getting a good grade on a test you already freaked out about because you knew you failed, arguing with your significant other all the while craving some chicken nuggets and honey mustard only to find out that they're all out of your favorite sauce today...and it's not even one o'clock yet.

Each moment of every day can take a toll on our emotions, so how can we bounce back? How can we take control of our emotions so that they don't interfere with the things we need to get done everyday?

It can be difficult. With all those factors playing into how we feel at every moment of everyday, it can seem impossible to control what seems to have so much control over us.

One solution is to just shake it off. Roll with the punches and not let any of the negativity phase us. Question is, when we start shaking everything off, how do we remember to take things seriously that need to be taken seriously? Also, if we train ourselves not to be phased by very much emotionally, how do we thoroughly enjoy the good times?

Another solution is to take frequent breaks. Every so often throughout the day we can take a few minutes to ourselves and just enjoy something. Candy, a favorite song, a power nap; something. When we encounter a more serious situation though, how do we keep from going too far into that indulgence that we've been using so sparingly at not so "traumatic" times?

I think a healthy combination of both can help us to build the resilience that we need to get through each day.

When presented with a situation in your day, make a quick evaluation. Start with assessing whether the situation is in your control or not. If there's nothing you can do about it, move right past it. Don't dwell. If you can do something about it, decide if it's worth it or not.

So you woke up late and missed a class, are you so late that there's no point in going? Fine. Don't go. Contact your professor and try to work something out. In the meantime, study some material for that class, or another class, so that you haven't wasted your time. Keep it moving.

You're done with all three of your classes for the day and only have an hour to prepare your part of a group presentation you're going to meet about tonight—but you're exhausted and irritable! Do the best you can to clean up your part of the presentation and then take a quick nap. DON'T get in your pajamas and curl up in your bed. Go nap in a friend's room who won't let you be late for your meeting or, if no such person is available, set an alarm on your cellphone, make sure it's really loud, and then catch a nap on one of those couches in the iLab. Even if you don't hear your alarm, someone will get annoyed and wake you up. Find a way to make it work.

There will always be obstacles and events that are going to rattle your emotions, but you have to remember to keep them in check and take care of yourself at the same time. Take the bad with the good and make any necessary adjustments to keep yourself from being overwhelmed.

Sleep Deprivation Proves to be Popular, Dangerous at Howard University

BY ERIC TURNER, JR.
Contributing Writer

There is always a class paper that has to be written. There is always a project that must be completed. There is always football and track practice. There is always an organizational meeting to attend. And there is always a party to hit up. The life of a college student is constantly on the move with very little time for breaks.

According to a study by the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), an independent nonprofit organization headquartered in District of Columbia, 63 percent of college students do not get enough sleep.

The study further showed that sleep deprivation has been linked to many health and emotional problems, the most common being that people are less efficient and highly irritable during the day.

According to WebMD, lack of sleep can also be a root cause of weight problems, headaches, nausea, muscle aches, memory loss, depression, weakening of the immune system and even death.

A healthy sleep pattern is eight or nine consecutive hours a night. The average student gets about five to seven.

College students who have difficulty finding time to sleep are the largest group of the growing community with sleep disorders - 77 percent - according to a national study. Adults age 18 to 29 are the most affected demographic.

Some students admitted that the lack of sleep interferes with their daily habits.

Senior fashion merchandising major, Marsha Wilson said she gets about seven hours of sleep and that she "always feels tired during the day."

However, some students disagreed that not getting an adequate amount of sleep affects their daily habits.

Priscilla Richards, a sophomore architecture major, said on average that she gets about six hours of sleep a night but said,



Juniors Yosef Alexander, a TV production major, and Marcellus Ford, a film major, barely made it through a 12-hour shoot for their cinematography class project.

"that's on a good night. Most of the time my schedule only permits for me to get only four to five hours of sleep." She also said that she functions during the day just fine. "After a month or two, you get used to the new sleep pattern."

The best way to overcome lack of sleep is to establish and set good sleep habits. The Northern Indiana Center for Sleep Medicine suggests that students set a regular sleep schedule and should set a goal of at least eight consecutive hours of sleep.

Studies show that most students do not get enough sleep because their sleep hours changed based on their workload and stress. Sophomore architecture major

Sade Ogun argues time simply does not permit for large amounts of sleep.

"There is really nothing I can do. I have to go to work and class and I have to study so I am not able to get eight hours of sleep," Ogun said she gets from four-to six hours of sleep a night.

"College students are notorious for staying up late," said Mark Muehlbach, clinical director of the Clinics at Clayton Sleep Institute, an organization that researches sleep disorders located in St. Louis according to a story posted in the Feb. 4 edition of *The Journal*, the newspaper for Webster University in St. Louis, by one its students Brittney French,

sleep deprivation is a serious problem for college students.

Also in the *Journal* story, Muehlbach said that unlike most adults, college students do not have a daily routine that allows them to wake up and go to sleep around the same time each night.

"It's very hard for most college students to maintain a constant schedule." He also said students cut out sleep whenever they plan their day around their schedule because it's the easiest option to remove.

Some studies argued that college students have an issue with sleeping because they do not manage their time properly and always have to cram to complete their assignments.

Ogundisagrees with that argument. "We [college students] can also work from the time we get an assignment and still have no time to sleep."

Wilson said that she felt her lack of sleep had to deal with how she ate. "Pizza and other junk food that I did not used to eat before I got to college interferes with how I sleep. [It] depletes my nutrients and drains me."

Marsha Stein, spokeswoman for the National Sleep Foundation, said people are not making the connection between sleep and health. "The proper amount of sleep is needed to get the health benefits people are looking for. Sleep impacts your immune system and helps avoid injuries."

"Sleep is a good thing that needs to be taken seriously," Muehlbach said.

Hang them Out to Dry: Your Dirt and Your Washcloths and What Live on it

BY ASHELEE GERALD
Contributing Writer

Geraldine Augustin scrunches her face up in disgusted confusion as she carefully examines her washcloth and loofah before putting them back into her shower.

Augustin, a junior international business major, was more than surprised to find out that her sacred shower utensils are hiding a lot more than the lingering floral scent of a Dove soap bar.

According to the National Institute of Health, leaving your damp sponges and washcloths to air dry in the shower after they have been used enables microbes and bacteria to continuously multiply. Your body's dead skin cells that get caught in the fibers are food for the bacteria that have made a nice home for themselves on the steamy walls of your bathroom and within the weaving of towels and sponges.

It is a valued rule and purpose of bathing to remove germs and dirt from the body, not to introduce it to more. But how can that be done if everyday your washcloth or bathing sponge has more germs and bacteria than it

did before?

"I have religiously been using a washcloth and a loofah since I can remember," said Augustin. "This changes my whole perspective on how I really feel about being clean."

As awkwardly "hands-on" as it seems, many people find it more comfortable to bathe with just their bare hands, not even covering them with textured bath gloves.

This idea may initially seem to be strange, but thinking about the principle behind it, the idea makes quite a bit of sense. People touch a lot of things throughout the course of a day, and periodically, you wash your hands because you are aware of the germs that you encounter. When you wash your hands, you do so without the aid of a rag or sponge, so why use a wet rag on your body that's been hanging around all day with lots of tiny organisms festering in it?

"It still seems gross to me. I feel more secure [using a loofah]," says Augustin.

Exfoliating the skin is very important in preventing acne and bumps from ingrown hairs, and using a washcloth or sponge to bathe is a good way to do so. However, exfoliating should be



Wet washcloths and sponges are breeding grounds for microbes and bacteria, according to the National Institute of Health.

done only a few times a week so the skin will not be irritated. For those who are brave enough to make the transition, it can very well be worth it.

"I just think that using a washcloth would be more effective," said Logosou Kudayah, junior architecture major. "I do not know if I would ever be willing to use my hand to bathe with."

However, after finding out

that using a washcloth, especially for an extended period of time is like wrapping your body in a blanket of germs, Kudayah was willing to reconsider. "I might try it," he said. "But I think if you have gone your whole life [using a washcloth or sponge] and nothing is wrong, why change anything now?"

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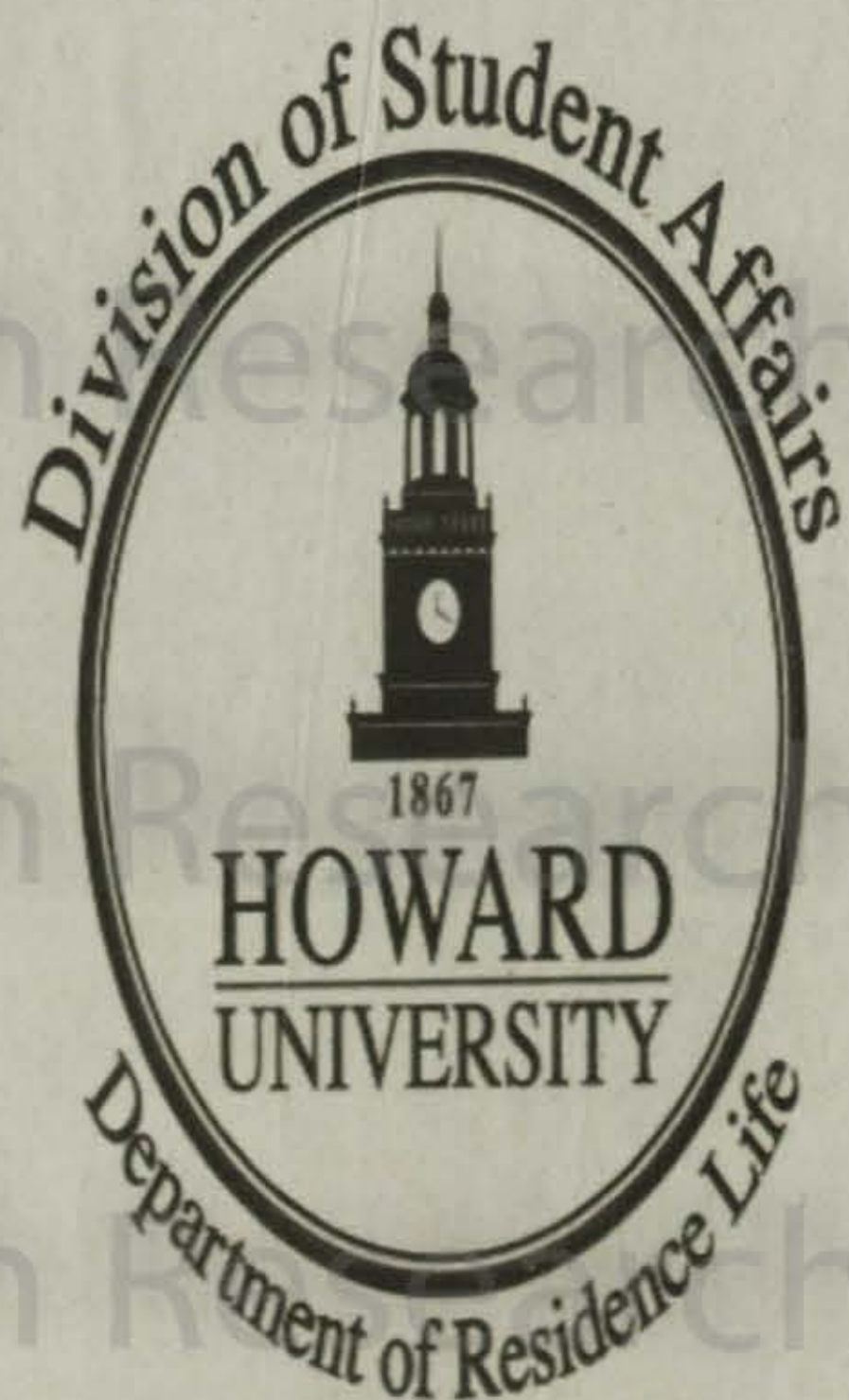
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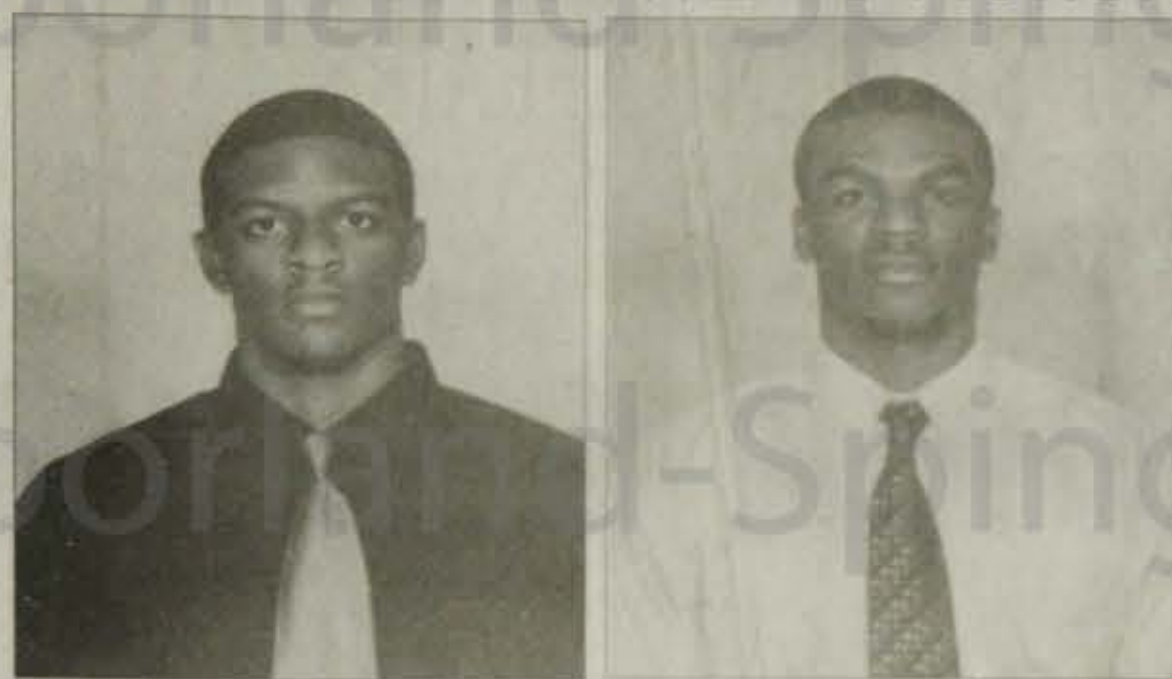
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Bison Receive MEAC Honors



Photos Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

Freshmen Dadrian Collins and Mike Phillips were named to the 2010 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) All-Rookie Team after outstanding play on the court during the season. Collins finished second on the team in scoring, averaging 8.5 points a game, and also led the team in three pointers made (57). Phillips finished fourth on the team in scoring with 7.1 and led the team in rebounds with 5.1 a game. This is the first time that two of Howard's basketball players were named to the All-Rookie team in the same year.



Bison Start Tournament Play

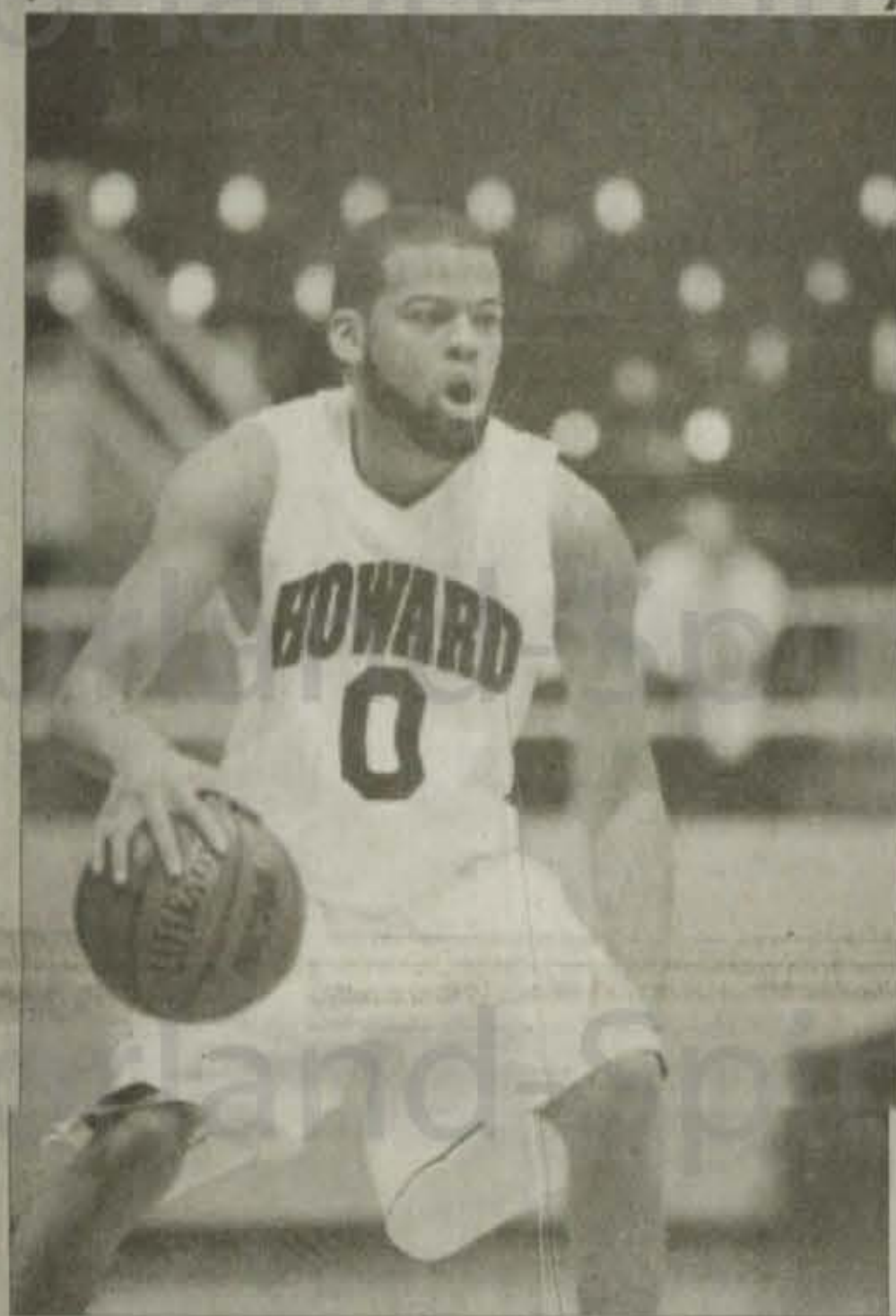


Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

The Bison men's basketball team started March Madness tournament play yesterday against North Carolina A&T. The Bison have had A&T's number this year, sweeping the Aggies this season in their two face-offs. Look for complete coverage of the game in Friday's sports section.

Tennis Schedule

Thu	11	at UMBC
Baltimore, Md.		3 p.m.
Sat	13	St. John's (NY)
Washington, D.C.		2 p.m.
Tue	16	at Virginia Beach Team Tournament
Virginia Beach, Va.		TBA
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The first African American in the National Hockey League, Willie O'Ree, played as a winger for the Boston Bruins in two games. While O'Ree is black, he is Canadian born and opened the door for other African Americans wishing to break racial barriers in sports. O'Ree is often referred to as the "Jackie Robinson of ice hockey." O'Ree was called up from the minor league to replace a player and at the time, he was 95 percent blind in his right eye due to being hit by a puck two years earlier.

Sports Trivia!

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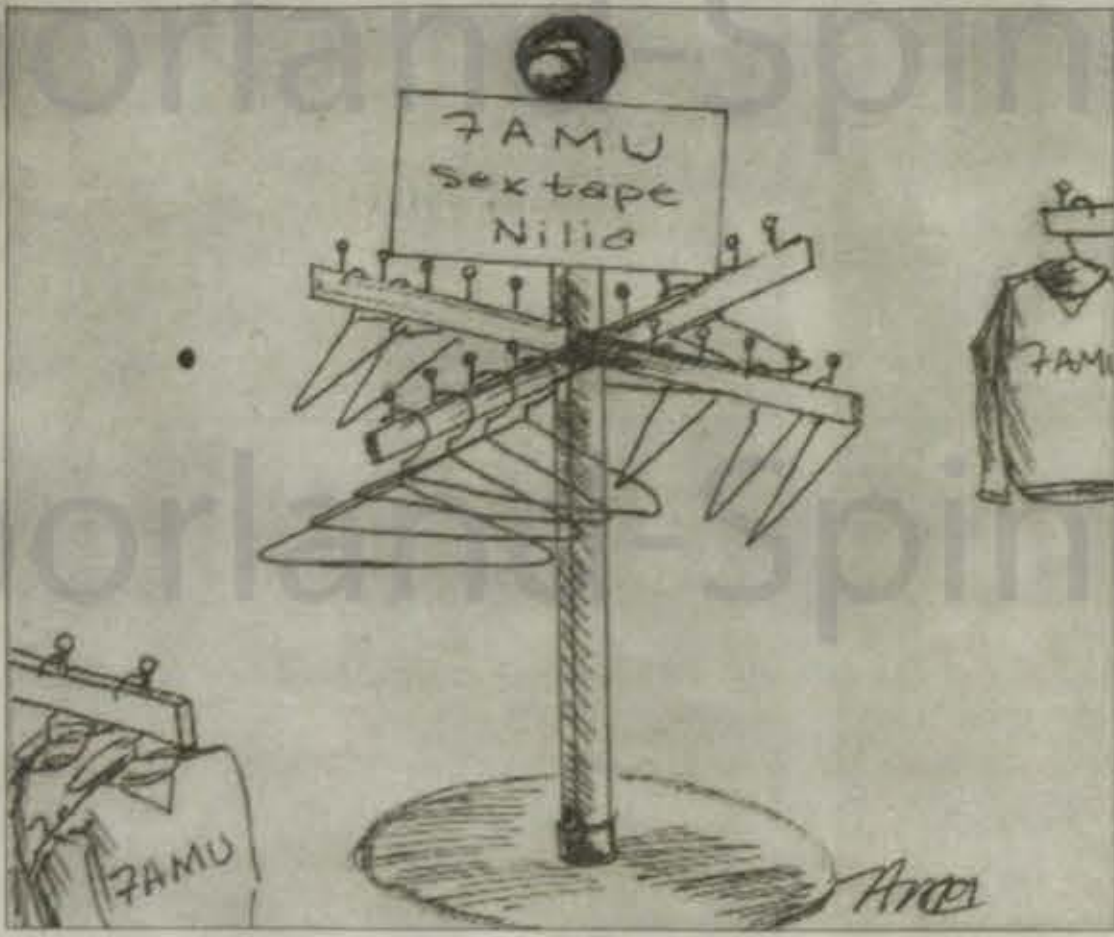
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FAMU Students Cause Real Embarrassment

The trending topic on Twitter said it all: #FAMU-sextape. Last week, one of the oldest and largest historically black universities in the nation, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), was rocked with a disturbing buzz.

A group of students had allegedly been paid to film a pornographic video in a dorm room. The explicit and unsettling video proof was all over the internet, as thousands clicked the link in an effort to make their own judgments. Was it really filmed in a FAMU dorm room? Were the "stars" real students?

Although many opted to wave the amateur video off as a hoax and a distasteful attempt at grabbing the attention of a gullible audience, the overwhelming consensus from viewers was that the tape was indeed filmed in a FAMU dorm room, and indeed featured FAMU

students, participating in a contest for a Web site geared toward college dorm room encounters.

In the face of other recent scandals, including employees collecting more than one million dollars worth of checks for time they hadn't worked, and even a student

would voluntarily involve themselves in a situation that would have such negative effects on not only their personal reputations, but more importantly, the reputation of their university and to totally disrespect their alma mater and its rich history.

It's one thing to disrespect yourself at your own discretion. If these students were interested in being "film stars," it's their prerogative to do so, but their personal indiscretions become a bigger problem when it's filmed on campus grounds and affects the rest of the university.

There's no definite word on if or how the students will be punished for their part in the mess they've created. Regardless of how the situation is handled, it's embarrassing that it ever happened, and hopefully no other students at any other universities decide to follow suit.

Our View:

These students should be ashamed of themselves.

grade changing scheme resulting in a substantial loss of funds and the conviction of multiple students, FAMU is already suffering from somewhat of a negative reputation crisis. What these students did only added to the university's troubles.

It's amazing that these young black people (and one Asian), supposedly in pursuit of a higher education,

Perspective

Who's Ready to Work?

From the beginning of this election to a week after the results were announced, dialogue regarding the lack of candidates and lack of campaign pageantry is still being discussed. Yes, less than one percent of students wrote in two relatively unknown candidates, but before you attribute that to Will and me, everyone should note that there were unknown write-in candidates for HUSA last year and in many years previous, they were just not announced. The truth is, what ensued this election season might have been uncharacteristic of election seasons of the past, but hopefully the results of student government will be uncharacteristic as well.

Ever since Election Day, I have found myself in meeting after meeting, developing our application process, meeting with administrators, and taking steps to initialize our platform because election season is OVER. Yes, less than one percent of students chose the write-ins, whether their reason be for comic relief or genuine support, but what about the 2,000-plus students who chose to be a part of the "Turning Point" and support Will and me? To me, 2,000 students seems like much more of a movement than 100. If election season taught us anything it's that

there is work to be done, so I would appreciate it if we don't have a hangover from election season like every other year, and student leaders, student news outlets and students in general begin thinking of solutions to problems as opposed to restating them.

I also disagree with the notion that the write-in candidates exposed the weaknesses of our platform. Honestly, I thought the fact that we were running unopposed would force people to take a closer look at our platform and give us constructive criticism to build on it, but that assumption of mine proved too optimistic. Not once do I recall any of the, "write-in candidates," asking us a question at a speakout, maybe they were too busy planning their Election Day write-in campaign, if they were serious. The truth is, the only thing still giving the write-in candidates any attention is *The Hilltop*. The rest of us, including the 2,000 plus supporters of the "Turning Point" campaign are actually ready work to make that "Turning Point" happen, and I would appreciate it if "The Daily Student Voice of Howard University" would work towards that as well.

I'm not going to lie and say things aren't in a destitute state in student government, but we need to realize

this is an occurrence that is across the board. Yesterday for example, I asked a friend if she had read yesterday's editorial she replied, "I've only picked up two *Hilltop*'s in my life." Major student-led institutions, including student government and *The Hilltop* are seeing a major decline in support and rise in apathy. Just like there were unknown write-in candidates, Roy Montgomery was in the process of starting another school newspaper called *The Bison Times*. Students are tired of a student government that has robust election season but produces subpar results. They are tired of the bickering and cheap shots they read about; students are ready for solutions. While we bicker about write-in candidates and other irrelevant issues, guess what? Someone just got purged, another student was wronged by a professor and while we continue to wait, more students suffer. Where is the leadership?? As your HUSA President-elect, I offer an invitation to those who, like me, are tired of the games and are ready to work! Who's with me?? The "Turning Point" we seek is in no one's hands but ours.

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sophomore political science major

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Due to this effort, the University provided significant financial assistance to support registered students in achieving matriculation. However, we recognize the financial difficulties of many of our students during this time of economic challenges.

All purged students are again encouraged to visit our Office of Student Accounts, located in Suite 115 of the Administration building, on or before Friday, March 12, 2010 between the hours of 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Our representatives will be assisting these students in exploring extended payment options and alternative financing to achieve financial validation.

Sincerely,

Sevester Bell,
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