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Louisiana and Texas Clubs Party for a Cause

BY CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

The meaning of partying with a purpose is being put to use as the Louisiana and Texas clubs prepare for the upcoming 9th annual LaTex party by hosting a series of events that promote safe sex and sexual awareness on Howard University's campus.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Texas and Louisiana clubs will be hosting a campus-wide AIDS testing in the Armour J. Blackburn Center in room 142. The group plans to use the event to educate students about sexual awareness.

"It is very important that Howard students are aware of the consequences of practicing unsafe sex and not practicing healthy sexual lifestyles," said Naima Blake, senior biology major. "By attending these events, I hope that students will make smarter decisions about their sexual lifestyles."

Blake said this is the first year that the Texas and Louisiana clubs will host an AIDS testing day. Throughout the course of this week, the Texas and Louisiana clubs have held programs to engage students who might have questions on sexual awareness in constant dialogue.

Blake said the name "LaTex"

catches students' attention right away due to the play on words, similar to that of a condom. By grabbing students' attention, Blake hopes that these events will teach students sexual health and encourage them to use protection during sex. "Some students have a lifestyle where they go from partner to partner, but they need to learn to start living healthy sexual lifestyles as a means to prevent unplanned pregnancy and STDs."

The "LaTex" party will be hosted at Club Love. Blake said this is exciting because the party is one of the major kick-off to Love's re-opening. Nonetheless, Blake said as

part of LaTex week, the Texas and Louisiana clubs have always tried to promote healthy sexual lifestyles and promote sexual awareness.

Shakir Mack, senior advertising major, said that LaTex promotes practicing safe sex instead of exploiting it. "One of the things students tend to realize is that they have to focus on school, such as graduating and keeping up with their studies," said Mack. "Some students do practice healthy sexual lifestyles, but for some people who are confused or need clarification on how to live healthy sexual lifestyles, this type of information is beneficial to them."

Sophomore chemistry major Seshat Mack said students becoming educated on sexual awareness is extremely important, even if students are not planning on being sexually active at the moment. "We need that knowledge so that we can make an informed decision about sexual activity, and also so that we can recognize when we are ready for sex," said Mack. "Being aware of the characteristics of healthy sexual relationships also ensures that we will be able to recognize unhealthy behaviors if we ever find ourselves in an unhealthy relationship."

Magic Johnson Visits the Mecca



Bree Gant - Photo Editor

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Compiled by Bree Gant, Photo Editor

HUPD Releases Crime Alert

BY LAUREN GASPARD
Staff Writer

Over the course of the last two weeks, Howard University has experienced a host of sadness, while gaining life lessons about being cautious and safe.

Just when students thought the worst was over, Howard University campus police are urging the Howard community to continue to remain alert after a female student was threatened in her own off-campus home.

HUPD, along with Metropolitan Police Department, are currently investigating a burglary involving a female student living off-campus on the 500 block of Kenyon Street Northwest, just east of Howard University's main campus.

According to the crime alert released Tuesday, the complainant reported that six suspects, wearing masks to conceal their identities, entered her home at 3 a.m. on

March 21, 2010.

The suspects threatened the complainant and the other residents with golf clubs, bricks and a knife as weapons, demanding all of their valuables.

As a result, HUPD has urged all of the Howard community that live off-campus to "exercise extreme caution in protecting their homes, and notifying the authorities, in the event of any suspicious activity occurring on or near their homes."

Campus police has also advised off-campus students and faculty to be mindful of securing all entries to your homes, use outside lights to properly illuminate entry ways, secure valuables and be careful of inviting strangers that could potentially lead to unwanted visitors.

Tyler Pride, senior political science major, said the recent occurrences with off-campus students becoming targets has become a bit scary, but has made

him a lot more cautious.

"After hearing about all of these things I have definitely taken more precautions to watch my surroundings," said Pride. "Living off-campus means that all of us live next to people that watch us leave and enter our home daily, meaning that it can happen to anyone."

In addition, HUPD is encouraging everyone to register for the AlertHU mass notifications system, as well as the HU Guardian service.

"I honestly think whether you live on campus or off campus, we need to take more safety precautions, we don't live in a great neighborhood, so we all need to concentrate on being safer. Campus police should also consider some kind of system to offer off campus students a chance to get a safe ride home after certain hours if they live locally like on Elm Street or something," said Lilliane Bedford senior international business.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Hosts Area Judges in Blackburn

BY MARQUIS H. BARNETT
Nation & World Editor

Last night, the Howard University Pre-Law Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and the Charles Hamilton Houston Pre-Law Society welcomed area judges into The Restaurant in Blackburn for the Annual Judges Forum.

The event featured five District of Columbia Superior Court judges and served as an open forum for the judges to give students in the audience advice on applying to law school and what to do upon

graduating.

When asked what three tips he would share with students going to law school, The Honorable Thomas J. Motley said "Look at the professor's old tests, never miss class [and always be prepared] and clerk with a judge if you get the opportunity."

The Honorable Anita Josey-Herring, Chair of the Judicial Council of the Washington Bar Association, noted that she clerked following her law school career, which put her in the position she needed when she applied to be a

judge.

Victoria Miranda, vice president of the Howard University Pre-Law Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and aspiring judge said "the turnout was great, and the judges gave great insight into their profession."

Not unique in nature, this event was thrown last year by the Pre-Law Society, but did not see the same success. Kristine Johnson, president of the Pre-Law Society was glad to see the turnout and hopes that the event can continue in the future.

Reconciliation Law Brings Health Care Opposition

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

In the days since the passage of the Health Care Reform law pushed by President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats, the Republican Party has aimed to paint the bill as a victory for them, not the other way around. For the Grand Old Party, this is a fine opportunity to utilize voter frustration at such examples of government expansion, most of which has been utilized by the Tea Party Movement. Recent opinion polls show that a majority of the American people do not support the bill and many Democrats, including President

Obama yesterday, have to continue ramping up public approval of the bill even after becoming law.

"Over the last year, there's been a lot of misinformation spread about health care reform," said Obama. "You turn on the news, you'll see the same folks are still shouting about there's going to be an end of the world because this bill passed."

As the legislative branch looks ahead to the November 2010 midterm elections, many House Democrats of conservative areas who supported the President and backed the bill now face death threats and potential defeat in their

re-election campaigns. In New York, Democrat Louise Slaughter received calls saying snipers would "kill the children of the members who voted for health care reform" and later had her office windows smashed by bricks. Michigan Representative Bart Stupak, who paved the way for passage of the bill when concerns over abortion almost derailed it, also received violent hate messages.

"You would think they would come down to the floor of the House and say these actions. This language is deplorable and we ask that all of our supporters engaged in this conversation on either side do

so in a conscientious and reasonable way," said Representative Steve Driehaus of Ohio who also received death threats.

Since then, many Republican senators and representatives have distanced themselves from the outrage and the worst threats, but still seek to channel voter frustration into political gain.

"End the threats, end the vandalism, and let's also end the smears of law-abiding citizens exercising their First Amendment right to speech and peaceable assembly," said Mike Pence of Indiana, chairman of the House

Republican Conference.

Both parties have been historically guilty of demonizing each other as the political rhetoric ramps up and the games begin. Back on Capitol Hill, Republicans aim to bring a Reconciliation bill of amendments to the law back into political debate. It had previously passed the House on Sunday and later went to the U.S. Senate. Senate Democrats had shot down two dozen Republican amendments, but due to a ruling from the independent parliamentarian, the GOP was successful in forcing the Reconciliation bill back to the house.

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A Talk With The Lady Who Admits Us All

Linda Sanders-Hawkins is the person responsible for reviewing the applications that come to Howard's Office of Admissions

BY DEONTAY MORRIS
Deputy Managing Editor

If you ever see Linda Sanders-Hawkins around campus or in the A-Building you should shake her hand. She is the reason every student is here. She serves as director of admissions for Howard.

Sanders-Hawkins left Apopka, Fla. for the Mecca to obtain a degree in public relations. She loved it here so much that she never left, and has been a faculty member for 24 years.

"What I like to claim is that the quiet storm that you hear on radio stations across the country at night was started at Howard. Melvin Lindsay created that fa-

mous program at WHUR," she said. "I remember being in the dorm and turning on the quiet storm at seven every night."

Sanders-Hawkins created even more memories as a faculty member. She even married her husband at the Howard Law School.

Sanders-Hawkins said that she is really appreciative of the relationships she has formed with Student Ambassadors throughout the years.

"My son attends Morehouse. He had a dental emergency while he was at school. I called a former student ambassador who is now a dentist. He hooked me up with a colleague

of his who he graduated from dentistry school with," she said. "The next day he took care of my son's problem free of charge. It's amazing how the relationships you form in life carry on."

Each year, about 10,000 students apply for admission into Howard.

According to Sanders-Hawkins, 45 percent are accepted and 1500 actually become students. She said she oversees the admissions process and helps make sure that the academic standards of Howard are protected.

"People think we just look at GPAs and test scores, but you are more than a number and a test score," Sanders-Hawkins said.

She said there are some truly great and strong individuals that apply for admittance. She said some essays have been so touching that she has cried reading them. A time that was really emotional for her was during the Hurricane Katrina period.

"This one particular female student lost her brother. Listening to all those stories really got to me," she said. "I have a folder of compelling essays. It makes you wonder if some students are writing for therapy."

Someone that works close with Sanders-Hawkins is Tammy McCants. She holds the position of Associate Director of Admissions. She had noth-

ing but glowing remarks about working with Sanders-Hawkins.

"It is a privilege and an honor to work with someone as enthusiastic and passionate as Linda Sanders-Hawkins," McCants said.

Sanders-Hawkins acknowledges that Howard has changed a tremendous amount since she was a student.

"Students should embrace the opportunity that has been given to them. Look at it as something that should be cherished," she said. "It was once illegal to have an education and be black. If you don't take full advantage of this opportunity its disappointing."

A Recap of Howard Through Photos



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The Undergraduate Student Assembly kicked off the beginning of Springfest in the Punchout giving out tickets to students for the various events that are next week including the Cotton Club event on Friday (left). As prospective students are receiving their acceptance letters from Howard, there are many campus tours occurring this spring semester with the official open house today. (right)

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Athletes Avoid HBCUs for Exposure

BY MAYA RHODAN
Staff Writer

There is a common conviction held by Howard students that the athletes who play here do not want to play professionally in the future. Low scoring games, blow-outs and losing streaks hardly help garner the positive school spirit for athleticism or even an inkling of faith in Howard's sports teams.

"It seems like at black schools, the focus is more on the versatility of the students' minds. At Howard we seem to see a lot more people that want to play sports because they love the sport, not because they want to go pro," sophomore actuary science major James Poindexter said. "In high school, I heard more of the 'Oh man, I'm going to play ball at the big white school so I can join the league.'"

Historically, Howard has not been known for producing hoards of professional athletes at the turn of every season. In fact, according to ESPN.com, since 1978, only 11 players that have graced the turf for the Bison, have been drafted into the NFL and the former home of the "Howard Big Five" and the "Colored Basketball World Champions" has not had a notable NBA pick since Larry Spriggs in 1981.

According to an article in the *Journal of Black Issues in Higher Education*, recruitment for baseball is particularly difficult for black schools.

Not only are rates of black youth who play baseball rapidly declining, but if elite athletes do not sign major league contracts right out of high school, they play for the top-tier majority schools like Stanford and Miami University.

Former Duke wide receiver and undrafted free agent for the Baltimore Ravens, Eron Riley, agrees with the notion that top-tier athletes generally do not choose historically black schools to help take them to the next level.

"I've known people who have gone to [HBCUs] and I've visited a few and had fun, but none were my first choice. I'm not saying I wouldn't have chosen a black school, it was just dependent upon what my best offer was," Riley said. "My goal was always to end up playing football and at the end of the day, you can get noticed at black schools, but in order to get the better rewards I think you need to play against the better competition at bigger universities."

Riley has noticed that professional players who have come from black schools have what he considers an elevated sense of achievement.

"I've talked to some [players from HBCUs] about this and they say stuff like 'you went to the big school, you got all kinds of benefits.' I know they enjoyed their experience, but they have an extra level of pride and try to always work hard because they came from a small school," he said.

Chanel Bell, sophomore sociology major and goalkeeper for the lady Bison soccer team, feels that recruitment is overall more difficult for student at black colleges.

"Recruitment here is a bit more difficult than at white schools because of a number of things, like the fact that HU doesn't have that strong athletic programs or that our facilities aren't up to par," Bell said.

Brittany Dorsey, sophomore

marketing major and former 4A state championship winning small forward in St. Paul, Minn., who was recruited by teams all across the country, chose to come to Howard for a different collegiate experience, not to play professional ball.

"I was recruited by other schools who would have offered me money, but I wanted the black college experience. If I would have played ball it wouldn't have been at an HBCU, not as my first choice at least," Dorsey said.

Senior physical education major and Bison cornerback Branden Bufford believes the misconception about black players at black schools not going pro is biased toward HBCUs.

"People don't go pro at a lot of schools, not just black schools," Bufford said. "If Howard didn't have such a strong legacy and a strong name, I wouldn't go here. I chose to come to Howard because it is the best of both worlds as far as getting to the next level professionally and athletically."

Kandi Mukole, a graduating senior economics and sports management major, and forward and center for the Bison men's basketball team enjoyed the challenge of playing sports at a school whose students have an underlying disdain for the athletic program.

"I like playing at Howard because I have a huge challenge because of how athletics has been treated at the school and I want it to get better," said Mukole, who plans to play basketball overseas in his home country of Belgium next year.



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

Athletes tend to avoid playing for HBCUs if they are interested in playing professionally, mainly because of discrepancies in facilities and budgets.

"Since I was younger I always wanted to play pro basketball, my ultimate dream was the NBA, but Howard doesn't get much exposure and the MEAC doesn't get much exposure, so I'm working right now to keep on playing basketball next year," he said.

"I believe I probably would have had better chances going professional if I had gone to a white school because when I first got here I found out that the people here didn't really care about athletics," said Mukole. "But, I feel that black schools have started to take more pride in their sports, maybe

because they understand that it can also bring lots of money to the school."

Poindexter feels that if recruitment at HBCUs was heavier and more efficient, the dynamic of the schools would be a lot different.

"I want to ask President Ribeau for one year of heavy recruitment of top-tier players and I promise it would make his job easier and the whole school would come together. But if all the top black athletes want to play at white schools, we should just get a bunch of white players and switch things up."

Sports Throwback Photo



Photo Courtesy of ESPN.com

The 1985 Los Angeles Lakers shined with all-stars on their team, including a face well known to Howard. Larry Spriggs (#35, top third from left) was a standout player for the Bison before going on to a professional career in the NBA where he won a championship in 1985. Spriggs also played overseas in Spain.

Sports Trivia!

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Malcolm X's Sixty-Nine Year Old Killer Paroled?

During the sixties, he used a previously loaded stolen .45 caliber handgun to end the life of one of the most notable political and social leaders of the black power era. Today, he is preparing for a renewed lease on life.

More than 40 years ago, Thomas Hagan initiated the shots that ended the life of fellow Nation of Islam member, Malcolm X, as he addressed an audience of supporters in New York City. Now, after sixteen failed attempts at being granted parole, Hagan has received his wish. Late this April, he will step foot into the world as a free man again.

During his years behind bars, Hagan has painted a picture of a model prisoner. After taking the wrap for Malcolm X's murder on behalf of two cohorts (who are assumed to have been heavily involved in the assassination), he accepted his new life behind bars as an appropriate consequence for his actions.

With a prison record that spans decades long, clean of any infractions and

after earning a bachelor's degree in prison, Hagan was granted access to a work-release program. Through the program, he's worked at a fast food restaurant and has been able to spend time with his family on his free days. Hagan spends only two days of the week in prison, otherwise free to do what he pleases with his time (despite

Our View:
He's had a long run in prison and hopefully he'll emerge a productive member of society.

unscheduled workplace and home visits from a parole officer.

Hagan and his partners premeditated murder risked the safety of innocent bystanders, and successfully took the life of another person. He proudly admitted to the assassination, and justified his actions to the court before his conviction, citing

that the X was a "hypocrite" who had betrayed the Nation of Islam by advocating his militant outlook to the rest of society. He was truly and undoubtedly wrong, proved not only by his confession, but also by his subsequent conviction and sentence of 20 years to life with no possibility of parole.

Despite his proven criminal past, Hagan has shown remorse for his actions. He benefitted positively from the programs he participated in during his incarceration which, according to the Lincoln Correctional Facility in New York, is enough to warrant a prison experience unlike anything the average prisoner would dream of.

Only two days a week in prison, as well as dramatic sentence revision? Hagan has been in prison for an outstanding amount of time, but his sentence revision seems kind of wrong, but hopefully he will be a productive sixty-nine-year old member of society.

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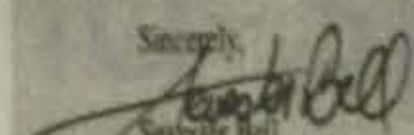
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- Students who complete their FAFSA form by the February 15 deadline will also receive two (2) Room Selection and Verification Program (RSVP) points for 2010 - 2011 on-campus housing (beginning this March).
- FAFSAs must be filed by February 15 (and all required documents must be submitted) to be eligible to complete the Donor Scholarship Application (made available April 1 - April 8).
- All filing and payment deadlines will be enforced. Failure to meet these critical deadlines will result in the assessment of late registration fees, late payment fees and the purge of registration schedules prior to the start of class without notification. All students are encouraged to monitor their validation status online via BioneWeb.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 semester, these processing enhancements are being made to expedite the financial aid packaging and validation processes. The Office of Student Financial Services will announce additional student service improvements in the coming months.

We wish you a successful spring semester.

Sincerely,


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