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Monday's Notebook

BREAKING NEWS

SEVERAL TORNADOES REPORTEDLY LANDED IN NORTH CAROLINA ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

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HOWARD'S 2010 OPEN HOUSE WELCOMED MORE THAN 2,000 ACCEPTED STUDENTS. SEE CAMPUS FOR A PHOTO RECAP OF THE DAY.

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Activist Dorothy Height's Health Declines in HUH

BY TAHIRAH HAIRSTON
Campus Editor

Dorothy Height missed her 98th birthday celebration last Wednesday, March 24, after being rushed to Howard University Hospital's intensive care unit. Despite the rumors posted on Twitter and other social networks saying "R.I.P. Dorothy Height," she remains in serious but stable condition.

Height was a legend of the Civil Rights movement, a former president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and former president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Alexis Herman, former U.S. Secretary of Labor and official

spokesperson for Height, said "We are grateful for the excellent care that she is receiving from the physicians and staff at Howard University Hospital and appreciate the continued prayers and support during these challenging times."

According to the Howard Chapter of NCNW president Johnetta Abraham, Height is currently not accepting visitors outside of family or cards or flowers. "We are really keeping her in our prayers, but we don't have as much information on her as people think," Abraham said. "I think that this is appropriate because this time should be spent with her family."

While Height is currently in HUH, the Howard University chapter of National Council

of Negro Women hosted the 3rd Annual Height of Black Womanhood conference entitled The Measure of Womanhood with hopes of living up to her vision.

"I honestly believe she was watching over our whole conference," Abraham said. She said the conference carried out what Height wanted them to do and turned out to be what she expected.

Abraham who was supposed to attend Height's birthday celebration at the NCNW headquarters said the one thing she remembers when she first met Height last summer in August was her sharpness. "I thought that because she was 97 years old she wouldn't be as attentive, but she



Legend of the Civil Right Movement Dorothy Height was hospitalized on Wednesday, March 24.

was very sharp. She was listening and taking notes on her notepad. She really pays attention to detail," she said.

Detail is one thing that Abraham said that she tried to pay attention to this year as president of NCNW. "I really looked at the

club this year to how we can make ourselves better," she said.

Abraham said she is a phenomenal woman and regardless of what happens, she has lived a fruitful life and touched many lives.



Bree Gant - Photo Editor

Spring ushered in the 98th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival on the National Mall. Families, couples and tourists flooded the makeshift garden to see the seasonal flowers.

Apple Runs Out of iPad Pre-Orders

BY DERRICK HAYNES
Editorial Assistant

Apple's iPad sold out before the company's latest product hit shelves at music and electronic stores. The shipment date for iPad pre-orders have been pushed back from April 3 to April 12 as Apple restocks to meet overwhelming consumer demand.

Customers who already reserved their iPad over the last two weeks can pick up their pre-order between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on April 3. After the 3 o'clock cut off, any uncollected iPads would be available to the public while supplies remained.

According to CNNMoney.com, online orders for iPads

averaged nearly 7,000 per day. First day sales for Apple's second tablet computer sold 120,000 units with an average cost of \$640.

The touch-screen tablet will introduce a number of new features. Apple's first electronic bookstore, iBooks, will allow users to purchase books on-the-go. Downloaded books use ePub format, which make them compatible with other e-book readers. The iPad's iWork feature can project slideshows, documents, and presentations when plugged into a projector.

The popular user-created applications from the App Store will still be accessible to iPad users. Another returning feature includes a built-in iPod, which can be connected to speakers via WiFi.



Photo Courtesy of WhiteHouse.gov

Obama Makes Quick Visit to Afghanistan

Continuing his globe trotting trend, President Barack Obama made an impromptu visit to Afghanistan yesterday. Upon arrival to the country, the president rallied U.S. and allied troops at a major U.S. army base for an address that could be described as a pep talk.

"I know it's not easy," the commander in chief said. "You're far away from home. You miss your kids; you miss your spouses, your family, your friends...If I thought for a minute that America's vital interests were not served, were not at stake here in Afghanistan, I would order all of you home right away."

The 30 minute address was heard by 2,000 troops in person and many more here in the U.S.

Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation & World Editor

Students Reach the Height of Womanhood



Bree Gant - Photo Editor

Students attended workshops the annual Height of Black Womanhood conference hosted by Howard's chapter of NCNW.

BY BREE GANT
Photo Editor

Jasmine Williams and Phylicia Loving lead the "Professional Etiquette" workshop during the 3rd Annual Height of Black Womanhood Conference, hosted by the Howard University section of the National Council for

Negro Women held Saturday.

The conference, entitled "The Measure of Womanhood," included several workshops such as "Money to Blow" and "Say it Loud: Black, Beautiful and Proud."

Historian for the Howard University section of the NCNW, Ashle Stanley, said she was "very

excited by the conference this year," considering it was her first year on the executive board.

The conference continued with a gala Saturday evening hosted by Sheila Stewart with keynote address by Adrienne Watson Carver, as well as a call to chapel on Sunday.



Bree Gant - Photo Editor



Marquita Gaines, prospective journalism major from Georgia by way of North Carolina and her father Reggie Gaines. According to the prospective student, at the end of the open house, she was "convinced so far" that she would be attending the university in the fall.

Photo Courtesy of Bree Gant

Open House 2010

Accepted Students Tour Howard



Prospective Howard University students visited the campus Friday to attend the Accepted Student Open House and tour the university.

More than 2,000 students have been accepted into the university. The deadline to confirm Fall 2010 attendance at Howard is in early May.

Photo Courtesy of Bree Gant

(Far Left) Future Howard University students standing outside of Cramton Auditorium, preparing to take tours around the university with their prospective school.

Photo Courtesy of Bree Gant

(Left) Walking across the campus the high school students get a feel of what it is really like to be a student at Howard.



Photos Courtesy of Bree Gant

(Above) Hundreds of accepted prospective students listened to a panel of Howard University student leaders. Afterward, they were able to ask questions regarding life on campus and student government.

(Top, Right) A panel of Howard University student leaders speak to prospective students at the Accepted Student Open House.

(Bottom, Right) Candace Smith, vice president of the School of Communications Student Council, gives a tour to prospective students and their families.



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Recess Appointments Cause Uproar in Senate

BY SHELTON J. MURPHY
Contributing Writer

Tensions are running high once more in Washington politics, as President Barack Obama announced on Saturday that he would bypass Senate confirmation for 15 people he had previously nominated for some top government offices.

The political power move the president is using is called recess appointment, which, per Article 2 Section 2 of the United States Constitution, allows the president to appoint nominees during the Senate's recess. These appointees then serve through the end of the next Senate session, or until they are confirmed when the Senate comes back into session, whichever may come first.

In a statement released by The White House, the president revealed the reasons behind his decision to move forward with recess appointments.

"Most of the men and women whose appointments I am announcing today were approved by Senate committees months ago, yet still await a vote of the Senate. At a time of economic emergency, two top appointees to the Department of Treasury have been held

up for nearly six months. I simply cannot allow partisan politics to stand in the way of the basic functioning of government."

Insisting that the Republican's refusal to exercise their legislative responsibility all in the interest of scoring points for their side of the political spectrum, the president said that the appointments must happen immediately.

In an interview on CNN's "State of the Union," Senior Obama Adviser David Axelrod revealed that there are currently 77 appointees who have not gotten Senate confirmation because of Republican votes.

"Some of them are in very sensitive positions—Treasury, Homeland Security and Boards like the Labor Relations Board...where there are a huge number of vacancies," Axelrod said, noting that all of the positions were important in nature and need to be filled immediately in the interest of government efficiency.

Of all 15 nominees, members of the Senate actively spoke out against that of Craig Becker, the current associate general counsel with the Service Employees International Union and the AFL-

CIO. This came as no surprise, as his nomination was blocked on the Senate floor in February with the unanimous vote of Senate Republicans and two Senate Democrats.

Sophomore economics major Vincent Kelley realizes the importance of the process, but still feels that the president was justified in his appointments.

"The reality of it all is that the U.S. is in a state of emergency, and things need to get done," Kelley said, "but if political move-makers are allowing their own agendas and egos to get in the way of what we all know needs to be done, then moves like this are necessary."

Becker's appointment is to the National Labor Relations Board, which oversees relations between United States union organizations and their employees. In a letter from all 41 of the Senate Republicans, they asked President Obama to refrain from making the recess appointment based on many grounds.

Of those grounds, Becker's seemingly radical ideas on labor laws and how to enforce them were among the top. These concerns are shared by the United States Chamber of Commerce, which released

a statement saying that Becker's prolific writings "...suggest a radical view of labor law that flies in the face of established precedent and case law is far outside the mainstream."

Following the president's announcement, politicians from both sides of the aisle spoke out with their opinions on the matter. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) said that the administration once again showed how little respect it had for "time honored constitutional roles and procedures of Congress." McCain went on to say, "This is clear payback by the administration to organized labor."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) took the opposite end of the spectrum and applauded the president for his tactic.

"Regrettable, Senate Republicans have dedicated themselves to a failed strategy to cripple President Obama's economic initiatives by stalling key administration nominees at every turn."

The recess appointments are President Obama's first, which may turn into many more if the past is any indicator. His immediate predecessor, Republican George W. Bush made 170 recess appointments, while Democrat William "Bill" Clinton made 139 in his time in office. Both presidents served for two terms, a total of eight years.

"At the end of the day," Kelley said, "regardless of political or otherwise affiliations, we are all Americans. And the sooner that our politicians realize that, the better off we will all be."



March is National Women's History Month. In honor of the women who strived for women's rights, *The Hilltop* will chronicle some of the women that you hear about very seldom.



Photo Courtesy of www.wikipedia.org

A native of Eatonville, Fla., Zora Neale Hurston was a dedicated author who had her rise to fame during the Harlem Renaissance.

One of the most notable female authors of her time, Hurston was best known for her 1937 classic "Their Eyes Were Watching God," a love story.

A graduate of Howard University, she started her career as a professor here at The Mecca; during which time she helped start *The Hilltop*.

A phenomenal woman in her own right, *The Hilltop* honors Zora Neale Hurston for her accomplishments.

-Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett, Nation & World Editor



United States, Russia Plan to Sign Nuclear Weapon Treaty

BY OLLIE C. MONTGOMERY
Staff Writer

Fresh off the heels of a massive legislative victory on health care reform, President Barack Obama sealed the most significant nuclear weapons treaty in two decades with Russia.

In the treaty, the former Cold War rivals will reduce their warhead stockpiles by almost one-third, as part of an ultimate goal of eventually ridding the world of nuclear arms all together. President Obama said the pact was part of an effort to "reset" relations with Russia after years of problems under former President George W. Bush.

Obama will sign the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on April 8 in Prague. START replaces the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which expired in December, while the new treaty will last a full decade.

"It significantly reduces missiles and launchers," President Obama said. "And it maintains the

flexibility that we need to protect and advance our national security, and to guarantee our unwavering commitment to the security of our allies."

The president joined Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates to discuss the plan and ensure that the changes will not affect the ability of the United States to protect itself and its allies.

The United States has more than 2,000 nuclear weapons, while Russia is reported to have nearly 3,000. START will limit both nations to between 1,500 or 1,675 warheads each "within 7 years" of its signing.

The limit will include warheads employed in intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), and at least one warhead from heavy bombers. There are also limits on launchers. In addition, a "verification regime" is included, which utilizes on-site inspections, data exchanges and notifications.

This aspect of the plan has

been worked on since April 2009 and may prove the most controversial politically. The United States Senate and the Russian Parliament will each have to ratify any agreement.

However, the treaty does not contain restraints on the testing, development, or deployment of current or planned U.S. missile defense programs. It also does not cover current or planned U.S. long-range conventional strike capabilities.

Finally, START only deals with offensive weapons systems. Russian and American critics would like to maintain their defensive weapons systems, such as proposed U.S. missile defense programs.

Denzell Bolling, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, thinks the new START treaty is "really positive." Bolling approves of the goal to eventually rid the world of nuclear warheads, especially since this is with a former Cold War rival.

"It's a great progression of nuclear relations," Bolling said.

MOTHERLAND MONDAYS

Remove Sanctions Before I Concede, Mugabe Says

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has ruled out making any concessions to the demands made by Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) until all Western sanctions are removed.

Mugabe was referring to negotiations with his coalition partner in Zimbabwe's unity government, which has been affected by disagreement between the two sides over the sharing of key cabinet posts: President Mugabe's unilateral appointment of the country's attorney-general and central bank governor, and his refusal to swear in the MDC's Roy Bennett as a deputy minister.

The ongoing negotiations were jump started by South African leader Jacob Zuma's mediation visit last week.

ICC May Launch Kenya Violence Investigation Soon

The International Criminal Court may make a decision by early April on whether to begin investigations into the masterminds of Kenya's 2008 post election violence, former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said Friday.

Annan, who brokered a power sharing deal that ended the violence, spoke in Nairobi, where he is brokering unity between the country's principal leaders, President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga, who are feuding over the fight against official corruption.

More than 1,300 people died and 350,000 were displaced in post election violence after Kibaki and Odinga both claimed victory in a December 2007 presidential election.

Information from www.NewsFromAfrica.org

U.S. Urges "Civil" Secession Vote in Sudan

U.S. President Barack Obama's special envoy to Sudan says his country is working to resolve various contentious issues in order to prevent a return to the 21-year civil war that ended in 2005.

With the semi-autonomous South showing all signs of determination to secede, U.S. Special Envoy Scott Gration said the U.S. hopes next month's general elections will pave way for a "civil divorce, not a civil war" after the 2011 referendum.

Two million people died and more than four million fled their homes in the two-decade war between the north and the south.

Rwanda Restores Economic Relations with France

Rwanda has resumed economic ties with France after a four-year freeze, its finance minister announced Friday.

Rwanda's Finance Minister John Rwangombwa made the statement after signing an agreement with France's Ambassador to Kigali, Laurent Contini.

Last month, French President Nicolas Sarkozy paid a state visit to Rwanda, signifying the restoration of diplomatic relations between the two countries after years of disagreement over responsibility for Rwanda's infamous 1994 genocide.

-Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation & World Editor

Lady Bison Continue Streak

BY ROYCE STRAHAN
Sports Editor

The women's softball team went on a dominant offensive run Saturday in their two match-ups against Maryland Eastern Shore and North Carolina Central.

The Lady Bison scored 29 total runs in the two games at the Hornets Nest in the Sean Salvage Epilepsy Awareness Tournament.

Senior Christian McCoy and junior Carly Martin were the winning pitchers in the games.

The Lady Bison took a commanding 11-0 lead after three innings and eventually won the game 16-0 after Carly Martin pitched three innings, allowing one hit.

Howard gave up the first run in the game against NC State but quickly responded and took advantage of errors by taking a 7-1 lead into the third inning and eventually winning by a score of 13-1.

Senior Courtney Young hit a home run and drove in two runs in the game, adding to the blowout.

The Lady Bison will play next against Delaware State on April 2.



The Lady Bison softball team won their fifth straight game against Maryland Eastern Shore and North Carolina Central on Saturday in Dover, Del.

Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

Morgan Earns Honor



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

Freshman Brittney Morgan was named MEAC Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this season after outstanding performances this week against Coppin State and Radford.

Sports Throwback Photo



Photo Courtesy of Getty Images

Magic Johnson led the 1979 Michigan State Spartans to a NCAA Championship and got the chance to do the ceremonial cutting down of the basketball net. The 2010 Michigan State Spartans will try to follow in the footsteps of Johnson and his team after defeating Tennessee yesterday with a score of 70-69 and advancing to the Final Four.

Sports Trivia!

Who is the closest active Major League Baseball player to joining the 3000 hit club?

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

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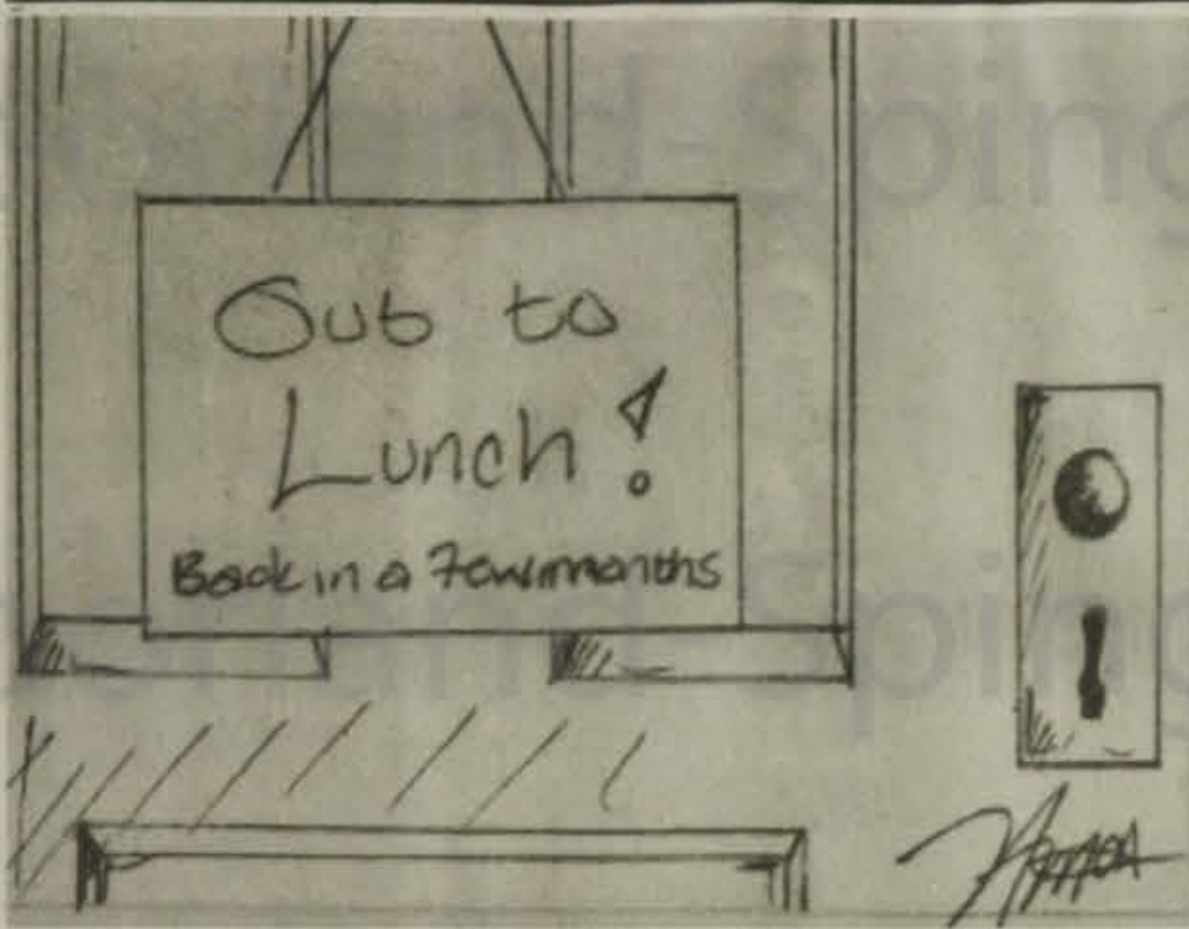
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Tensions Rise as Obama Flexes Executive Muscles

In light of recent Capitol Hill drama, Obama may not be as submissive as critics suggest. The president's recent decision to fill fifteen critical administrative positions through recess appointment has Republican Senators steaming, as he appoints Democratic contenders he feels best fits his administrative design. During Obama's term, administration appointees have faced an unprecedented level of impediment in terms of Senate confirmation.

Typically, when a president is set to appoint individuals to administrative positions, his selections are reviewed and approved by the Senate. Although our current Senate is composed of majority Democratic representatives, the process of establishing appointees can often be difficult. Appointees must be sanctioned by the majority of the Senate, which often comes with opposite party senators blocking or delaying the appointment of individuals they either disagree with or dislike. Recess appointment however, is when the president strategically appoints his candidates when

Congress isn't in session, which allows him to forgo their approval, which often times can take weeks or in severe cases, even months to secure.

And although members of both parties have admitted that the majority of Obama's selections aren't controversial, he's been facing an exceptional amount

Our View:

Calm down guys, recess appointments really aren't a big deal.

of obstruction from the Senate. Republican senators probably expected Obama's use of recess appointments. It's a political ploy that uses authority to achieve the necessary goal.

President George W. Bush successfully pushed an astronomical number of appointments into existence during his presidency (around 200), and President Clinton likewise made nearly 100 recess appointments,

Obama's use of the strategy is being heavily criticized. Main criticism? Bad timing.

In the wake of Obama's recent success in such unprecedented health care reform, tensions are definitely rising among his Republican constituency. Historically, Republicans are unfavorable to large political and social change. Unfortunately for them, Obama is serving up a double serving of the change they seem to hate so much.

But why is it such a big deal when Obama does it? He's currently attempting to pass a measly 15 recess appointments, as opposed to both Bush and Clinton's past numbers. Presidential recess appointments aren't at all unusual. They're actually largely expected. It's the simple way to achieve the desired result. Republican members of the Senate need to calm down, and just accept the changes they feared would come at the hands of President Obama.

Daily Sudoku

Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1-9 exactly once.

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7pm)

Thurs Apr1
Shadow Day
on Capitol Hill

(Meet @
Flagpole,
11am)

April 1
A Night of
Fun and
Games

(Cook Hall
Lounge, 7pm)

Sat Apr3
Community
Service

(Meet @
Towers,
10am)

**Student
days 20%
OFF ALL
services on
Tuesdays
and
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ask for
Lanisha or
Katrina.**

*The
Undergraduate
Student
Assembly
Presents:*

*Le Nouveau
Noir Spring
Black Arts
Festival
and the events
are as follows*

*Monday, March
29th Pastor
Brown Movie
Night Cramton
7pm*

** Friday, April
2 "Jungle Alley"*

*Fashion Show
7pm UGL*

** Saturday,
April 3 Six
Flags 2- 7 pm*

** Ticketed
events*

**The 50th
administration of
HUSA is in the
process of
building their
leadership team.
Applications for
all cabinet level
positions
consisting of
all department
directors, the
Financial
Advisor, and
Executive**

**Secretary will be
available via
online at
[http://www.
husaonline.org/](http://www.husaonline.org/)**

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING
THIS
SUMMER?**

Co-lead your own elementary
school class
\$1,000 living stipend
Leadership skills and teaching
experience
Immerse yourself in an urban
school system
Mentor youth and bond with
children grades K-8

Have a summer like no other!

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**CASCADE
Presents:**

**A Taste of the
Rainbow**

**Monday, March
29th 7pm**

**Who Do you
Say That I am?**

**A round table
discussion**

**affirming LGBT
spirituality**

Music

Browsing

**Listening Room
in Blackburn**

**Tuesday, March
30th @ 7pm**

Legalized Gay:

**A dialogue
on race, faith,**

**and marriage
equality. Food**

provided Music

Browsing

Listening Room

in Blackburn

**Thursday, April
1st @ 7:14pm**

**Face to Face: An
open**

discussion

about

homophobia on

Howard's

campus

Truth Hall

Lounge

**Friday, April 2nd
6-8pm**

Epiphany:

**Poems in the
Key of Love. A**

**poetry reading
and book**

signing by

author Uriah

Bell

Blackburn Art

Gallery

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Dear Students:

As an ongoing part of our efforts to improve efficiency and streamline student enrollment processes, the University has implemented the following student service enhancements that are effective immediately:

- The First Deferred Payment Deadline will be July 1, beginning with the 2010 - 2011 academic year. All payments, installment plans, and third-party payment authorizations for the Fall 2010 semester must be received on or before this date.
- The Priority Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Deadline is February 15.
- FAFSA and Scholarship Search workshops will be sponsored from January 20 through February 15, the FAFSA filing date. Students may bring their tax documents to the workshop to receive assistance with completing the 2010-2011 FAFSA form.
- 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 BisonWeb.

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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