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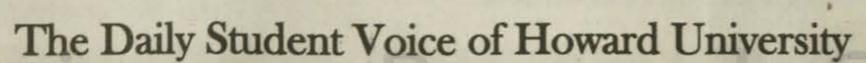
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Friday's Notebook

#### **BREAKING NEWS**

ACCORDING TO CNN.COM, A 9-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS KILLED BY A BUS AT WALT DISNEY WORLD'S FORT WILDERNESS YESTERDAY.

#### **NATION & WORLD**

ONE WELL-KNOWN COMPANY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF APRIL FOOL'S DAY. READ NATION & WORLD TO FIND OUT THE DETAILS.

#### SPORTS

A FRESHMAN TENNIS PLAYER HAS BEEN PLAYING EXTREMELY WELL. OPEN UP TO FIGURE OUT WHO IT IS.

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## Robbery Occurs in Engineering Building

BY DERRICK HAYNES Editorial Assistant

At 3:33 a.m., four skimasked assailants robbed three male students in the Lewis K. Downing Engineering Building

The four assailants continued their crime spree around the campus until 6:30 a.m., according Fox 5 News.

"That's crazy that they can come inside our school building and rob us," Jasmine Thomas, a Howard student, told Fox 5, "Something needs to be done."

Tena Hunter, a junior chemical engineering major, said that three students were studying in the engineering building library when the robbery happened.

Hunter said the crime canceled the three student's plans to travel to Toronto to attend the 36th annual convention of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

The 36th annual NSBE convention kicked-off on March 31 and lasts until April 4.

The convention marks the first international convention of the

organization, which aims to promote the success of Black engineering students and professionals.

According to a Howard University Police Department (HUPD) crime alert, one of the armed burglars slapped a student before leaving the engineering building through the handicap entrance facing Georgia Avenue.

Nine other robberies or attempted robberies took place between 3:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

The crime alert said Black and Hispanic men walking in pairs or alone were the main targets of the assailants. Metro police believe that the culprits of the robberies are connected.

"I was not aware of the robbery," said Nyoko Efreti, a junior chemical engineering major, "but this is nothing new."

Efreti said that engineering school has been the sight of numerous break-ins and burglaries.

"It's open odd hours for CEACS students, but other non-CEACS students use it for their own activities," she said.

She added that CEACS administrators are trying to make the building less vulnerable to

delinquency.

There has been a rash crime in the Howard area in the last few

On March 21 HUPD released a crime alert.

In that alert a student that lives off campus was robbed in her

Six suspects entered her home at approximately 3:00 a.m.

The suspects threatened the complainant and the other residents with golf clubs, bricks and a knife.

They demanded everyone's valuables. All of the suspects were wearing masks.

"That's crazy that they can come inside our school building and rob us. Something needs to

be done." Jasmine Thomas, Howard Student

#### **HUPD** Issues Campus Safety Tips

- Avoid isolated and dark areas and carry your cell phone. Keep it accessible.
- If you are approached, take note of the person's appearance, clothing and anything that will help identify the subject.
- Immediately report any suspicious activity or individuals to the HU Police Department 202-806-1100.
- Use the shuttle or campus escort to avoid traveling on foot across campus during the hours of darkness.

Information Courtesy of Howard University Police Department

### Understanding, Making Sense Out of the Census

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY Staff Writer

If you haven't already been bombarded by a wave of television, radio, and online ads reminding you to fulfill just one of your legally required duties as a citizen, get ready.

"We can't move forward, until we mail it back" is the slogan for this year's simplified and more available forms, which were sent out to over 120 million Americans within the past few months.

Administered by the United States Department of Commerce under the U.S. Census Bureau, the forms are sent out to accurately survey the age, sex, race, employment and population of the nation every 10 years.

These numbers will help determine which state districts and states receive more or less congressional representation and more significantly, how much money will be received by such areas.

Around the time of the last Census in 2000, over 72 percent of American households returned their forms, yet an estimated one million people of color did not.

The numbers include 628,000 African-Americans, 248,000 Latinos and 22,000 Native Americans.

Ethnic groups who historically have the least representation and live in areas that are the most impoverished.

surprising to those within the Census

Such numbers are not

Bureau, but they are still a negative stain on the U.S. Government efforts since communities of color are the most likely to be under counted.

For 2010, the Census form asks fewer questions that are also less personal.

Rather than a longer, more in depth form of the Census that was distributed in ten years ago, the current forms only ask about 10 questions.

Many citizens apprehensive to distribute their information to strangers working with the government.

Therefore, one of the major educational pushes this year has been to raise awareness of confidentiality.

By law, Census information cannot be shared for anyone outside of the Census Bureau, such as law enforcement, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), private organizations, landlords and immigration.

Black organizations nationwide such as the NAACP, National Urban League and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation have been working to improve the state of affairs this year.

Programs such as Count on Change 2010 have been created specifically to help out these efforts.

As of now, households who have received the 2010 Census are now required to mail back their

If citizens fail to do so, Census workers will begin arriving at their homes beginning Friday, April 23.





Martin Corniffe (left) and Will Croner (right) both completed workouts in Howard's iro Day. They are both attempting to go to the NFL to play professional football.

### Bison Football Players Try To Impress Scouts at Pro Day

BY RYAN FOSTER

Editorials & Perspectives Editor

Most student athletes dream of one day reaching the professional level of their respective sports aftergraduation. Instead, the majority of collegelevel athletes end up entering the workforce with the rest of their class, reminiscing about their time on the field to game clips on ESPN in the evenings after work.

Advancing professional level is almost as unlikely as winning the lottery, but for that lucky few, the possibility of reaching the professional level is surprisingly within reach.

We can find two such examples right here at Howard, as senior football players Martin Corniffe and Will Croner consider the opportunity to enter the NFL in the near future.

As a sports management major, Corniffe's ambitions have changed since his arrival to Howard from Novi, Mich.

Although there was always an underlying desire to play professional ball in the

back of his mind, he began with spirations of being an ortholedic surgeon.

However, after four years as a lison, the opportunity to enter he NFL has become an exciting reality.

"Howard's prepared me well," Corniffe said. "Threighout the program, my coachs have definitely taught me alot about the game, and helper mold me into the player I am now."

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## HBC to Host First Rockstar Awards Tonight

BY DEONTAY MORRIS Deputy Managing Editor

After a week of events by Howard University's student-run radio station WHBC 830-AM, WHBC Week: Rockstar Lifestyle will reach its zenith tonight at 7 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium as they host the first-ever WHBC Rockstar Awards.

At the Rockstar Awards, WHBC will showcase all that

Howard University students have to offer. The red-carpet event will benefit station accomplishments, as well as honor fellow students. Tickets are currently being sold for only \$5 for Howard University

students, and \$10 for non-students. "The Rockstar Awards is the biggest thing at Howard in decades," said Joseph "Smalls" Jackson. "Everybody talks about Diddy; they talk about Taraji, but

there are so many Diddys and

Tarajis that are here right now."

Mentioning the many Howard-produced idols, students look up to these individuals to guide their own lives. Many students on campus speak about their "HU Hustle" or being on their "Howard Grind." Whether materialized by their Blackberries or shown through many e-board positions and multiple organization affiliations and internship offers, the average Howard student is quite a busy individual.

According the Jackson, these awards intend to pay homage to those individuals, but in specific categories. In addition, a tribute video for the late Davon Green-Franklin, a student who passed away during Spring Break, will be

Jackson is urging attendees to arrive on time for the red carpet. He also suggests that people buy their tickets as soon as possible

since inital sales reports said they are selling out quickly.

"I's going to be big; the performances are going to be big: the presenters are going to be big." Jackson aid energetically. "It is going down with WHBC, we run the real IU,"

The categories are Best DJ, where th award will go to the DJ who has shown the most skill and talent thoughout the year.

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## National Poetry Month Ensues

Nation & World Editor

National Poety Month was introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to celebrate the culture of poetry in the United States and has been celebrated every April since then.

Many people have questioned the organization's use of April as the month to celebrate, but this year they decided to address that on their national Web site.

"Inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), and on the advice of teachers and librarians, April seemed the best time within the year to turn attention toward the art of poetry—in an ultimate effort to encourage poetry readership year-round."

Jumor speech-language pathology and nucliology major Camille Walton is a skilled poet, and is excited about the month and events that may follow.

"National Poetry Month is a great way to get people excited and interested in an art that is often overlooked."

Walton describes her poetry style as spoken word, where she draws on her life experiences and goals to entertain her audience. When asked about where her inspiration comes from, Walton thought long about it, and said that one spoken word artist that really stands out to her is Sunni Patterson.

This year marks the celebration's 14th year, and the Academy has started a nation-wide effort to get more people involved. Check out the Metro Section for events being held in the area throughout April.

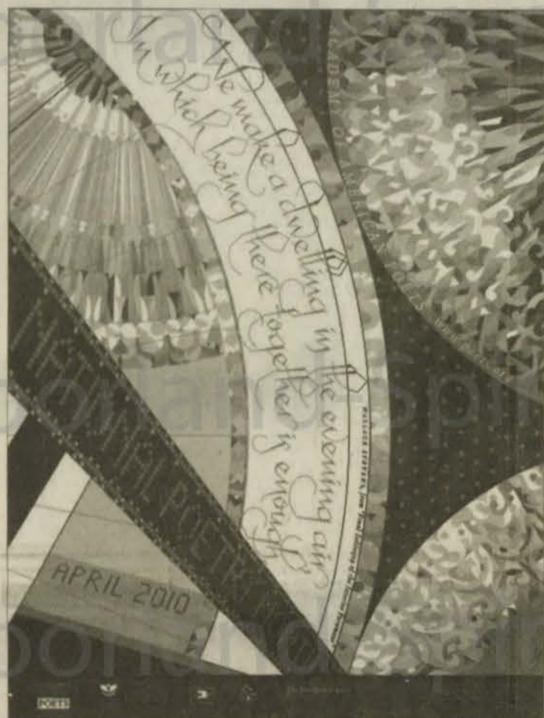
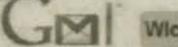


Photo Courtesy of The Academy of American Poets

National Poetry Month is a nation-wide, month-long celebration of poetry in the United States, showing the impact poetry has had communities nationally.



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Marquis H. Barnett - Nation & World Editor

No stranger to April Fool's Day jokes, many have come to expect elaborate pranks from Google. This year, they changed their logo to Topeka as pictured above.

# Google, G-Mail Users Ask "Where Are The Vowels?"

BY SHELTON J. MURPHY Contributing Writer

Google, the world's largest and perhaps most well-known search engine, is known for their April Fool's Day pranks. On Thursday, the powerhouse added a new prank to its list that had a bit more of a real world touch.

April Fool's Day jokes have been practical in nature; such as making videos appear upside down, and a partnership with the Virgin Group to establish permanent human settlement on Mars.

This year, Google took an active stance on something that caught their attention and stood out to them. In early March,

Topeka, Kan. mayor Bill Bunten knowled announced that the city would munity temporarily change its name to Google, Kan. ka a ch

Although the switch confused many initially, the real reason was revealed to be a business venture. Earlier this year, Google announced its plan to extend high-speed, fiber optic broadband, for which it would need to find communities to test the service.

Topeka was only one of many communities to appy for the initiative, but residents expect that the name change may work out in their favor.

Overland Park, Kan. native Simone Wright thinks that it was a good April Fool's Day prank and, and likes that the company's ac-

knowledgement a of smaller community.

"Google should give Topeka a chance. Its a small city, in a small state...they have already recognized them, and this is a clear indicator that things are looking good for them," Wright said with a laugh.

The other part to Google's double-sided prank was another one of their practical moves. As Gmail users went to their inboxes, they saw that all of the vowels were missing from the page; As can be seen in the screen capture above.

As with all of Google's April Fool's Day hoaxes and daily mast changes, everything returned to normal today.



## The Poetry Corner

LAUGH, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone.
For the sad old earth must borrow it's mirth,
But has trouble enough of it's own.
Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air.
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go.
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
But they do not need your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all.
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by.
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.
There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett, Nation & World Editor





This illustration demonstrates the widespread belief that the Republican Governor Mitt Romney's is opposing the Obama Health Care bill simply, because he is attempting to follow his party.

Where's the funny?

Governor Romney's views on health care and legislation that he has proposed for his own state are some of the same views and legislations proposed in the Obama health care bill. The illustration above shows identical twins, identifying as each one's health care initiatives and governor Romney calls President Obama's "ugly." So either Governor Romney cares less about his own health care initiatives than he puts on, or he agrees more with Preisdent Obama's.

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

Find something funny? Submit it for next week's Friday Folly to HilltopNW@Gmail.com

## Two Bison Football Players Hope to Fulfill Dreams

Continued from FRONT FOOTBALL

Along with the experience gained after four years at Howard, and two months of intensive training at the Parisi Speed School in New Jersey, Corniffe performed well enough at Howard Pro Day to be considered by professional scouts.

Croner, an administrative justice major of Wilmington, Del., was also successful at Howard's Pro Day.

He realized his love for the game while playing flag football at ten years old, prompting him to proceed to playing on his high school team and eventually advancing to the business-like atmosphere of college ball.

A variety of experiences after high school, including two years playing for a junior college, a stint at Western Carolina University, and some time working at a juvenile center with troubled youth set the stage for Croner's future success, giving him an appreciation for education and hard work.

"I actually don't really need football," Croner said. "It's all about putting yourself in the position to have the opportunity. As long as I get that degree, and actually take something from it. I've succeeded and accomplished what I've wanted to do."

Family support has played a substantial role in both players' situations, with family members traveling to D.C. to support as Croner and Corniffe competed in Pro Day.

"My family is definitely my biggest support system," Corniffe said. "Of course they want me to play, but their biggest thing is being supportive and there for me, no matter what happens." Likewise, Groner's father is a big supporter of his football aspirations, but is more concerned about his putting forth the best effort academically and being the first in his family to earn a degree.

Although Croner also appreciates the value of his degree, he has an idea what team he would like to play for if given the chance.

"I'd like to play for the Oakland Raiders. Growing up, you take on the team your parents like, and my dad's a huge Raiders fan," he explained.

"He has a huge influence on my life, and I want to make him

proud," Croner continued.

Both players recognize that reaching the level of potentially being considered for a spot on a professional team is an outstanding accomplishment and are wisely taking the situation in stride.

If he's not picked up by a team, Corniffe plans to pursue a career as an athletic director at a major university.

Likewise, Croner is prepared to enter the police academy and pursue a career in law enforcement.

## WHBC's Rockstar Awards to Honor Students Work

Continued from FRONT WHBC

The Best Party Promoter award will go to the person or group who hosts the best parties and socials. Some of the nominees in these two categories are DJ Chubb E. Swagg, DJ Novi, DJ Big Will, and David Castain.

Two other categories are Best Student Blog/Website. It's long been held that though almost everybody has a blog, student blogs are the ones they deem the best. Another category, Best Workaholic, will honor an individual who exemplifies an incredible work ethic and a relentless drive to achieve and succeed.

A few of the nominees in these categories are 25 Mag, OgPenn, Mesh Life, HUSA President Bryan Smart, WHBC Programming and Thread. tv creator Krystal Robertson and Ancestaz Clothing creator, Tanzania Bridgett.

Most Anticipated Artist, Best Party Host and Best Event categories will round out the other categories.

Howard University favorites from Will Worley to Chase Benjamin have been nominated for best host, while artists such as Fuze the MC, Tenn Stacks and GWN (Group Without A Name) are battling it out for the award for Most Anticipated Artist.

Sheena Newson, sophomore

communication sciences and disorders major, says she will be attending tonight's Rockstar Award Show

She believes the show will be fun and likens it to the Howard University Excellence Awards with student voters.

"I think that's important that our voices get to be heard," she said. "A lot of times, at other things, people disagree with the decisions that were made, but this will be what we said."

The show will be hosted by 93.9 WKYS personality and Howard University alumna, Angie Ange. Angie Ange used to be a WHBC radio personality.

"I feel like it will be a big deal and something that we'll keep going," said Newson, "Maybe next year we'll be back for the second annual Rockstar Awards."

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## A Bison You Should Know: Brittney Morgan

BY BRIANA MOSLEY Contributing Writer

Gazing out the window at a grey, rain-dropped sky, the fourtime MEAC Rookie of the Week award winner, Brittney Morgan, takes in the gloomy, damp weather encroaching in on the Mecca, a faraway place from the warm sunshine she's accustomed to in her hometown of Los Angeles.

"It feels good to be honored," Morgan said in a humble tone.

The soft-spoken 18-year-old freshman sports medicine major was first introduced to tennis at the age of seven, and the same year, took losing her first match all in stride.

"I didn't really care about my loss, I was just happy to look cute in my tennis uniform," Morgan said.

Growing up, Brittney did it all – ballet, track, basketball, swimming, and even boxing, but she was best at tennis. Morgan credits her dad with her success.

"He got me into it, he's really proud," Morgan said with enthusiasm. Morgan's backbone consists of her parents and younger sister whom she says gives good advice and wisdom. "They been here, done that already," said Morgan, referring to her parents.

Morgan's life now would have been very different if she had followed her dream that she had since she was 11.

"I wanted to go straight to pro, not college. But going professional requires making sacrifices like traveling all the time, being away from family and friends and home school," she said. "I didn't want to give up everything I already had.

Morgan's skills have been seen as phenomenal and compared to that of a young Serena Williams, the tennis superstar she admires the most.

"[Serena] has a lot of force and momentum. When she hits the ball, it's just evil," said Morgan's doubles partner, junior Alyssa Works. "I really enjoy playing doubles with [Britmey]. She's a quite player, it's just effortless for her; she's a beast. When you see her hit that evil volley, the opponents just throw up their hands; it's over."

Morgan admits life as a student-athlete doesn't come easy.
"It's crazy," she said. "We practice at least five days a week and have matches three to four times a week. Sometimes we have to miss classes and make-up tests or homework."

Although her schedule is hectic, the winning moment is her most satisfying feeling.

"Her record pretty much describes her," said Morgan's tennis coach, Larry Strickland.

Coach Strickland has been at Howard 25 years and explains that Morgan has been a dream to coach and has all the skills to become one of the top players in the region.

"She's a very strong player, and very coachable. She may be a pretty quiet person off the court, but she speaks loudly on the court," Strickland said.

High school and college ten-

nis have been quite different for Morgan.

"Winning is a big factor now [more] than in high school because scholarships are on the line and the coach's job; it counts more," said Morgan, who has won six out of the eight matches this season.

But it's not just about winning; it's about having fun and enjoying the team chemistry.

"My team is fun, we have lots of jokes and laughs and we hang out when we're not playing," said Morgan. "The tennis team cares about the community; we gave Halloween candy out to the kids at Banneker and played a tennis match with pink balls for Breast Cancer Awareness."

While Morgan originally had her eyes set on another school before attending Howard, she is glad to be a part of the Bison community and claims that she has met a lot of great people and learned a lot of things thus far.

Morgan hopes to eventually return to California to attend medical school at UCLA and become an orthopedic surgeon.

She plans to continue to play tennis, but not on a professional level. "Just for fun and to stay in shape," Morgan said, smiling.

The women's team plays their rival, Hampton University, Saturday at Banneker Community Center at 1 p.m.

"If you ever see her play, she's outstanding," an assuring Coach Strickland said.



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

Lady Bison tennis star Brittney Morgan is making a name for herself in the MEAC and is becoming more dominant on the court in just her freshman year.

#### Sports Trivia!

What retired NBA player was nicknamed "The Mailman" in college for his consistency and his work in the post?

Search the Hilltop for the answer!

# SPORTS HISTORY

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#### Springtime Weather Tempts Students Sunny weather isn't

After months of grey skies, drizzling rain and an unprecedented snowstorm, spring has finally decided to arrive. The sun is shining. and The Yard is alive with students relaxing on shaded benches and socializing with friends. Sunshine and beautiful weather do a couple of things to Howard's campus.

Some of the more overexcited ladies break out the short shorts and tube tops, people gather around Blackburn to see the friends that haven't left their rooms since winter, and of course, people start skipping class to enjoy a couple hours of shining. If refusing to attend mce weather.

We've all been guilty of it at least once. Instead of resorting to cracking open the books in a stuffy library, or simply sitting in class and listening to a professor drone on for an hour and a half, we might decide to forgo the boring stuff and tuck the books away for the

It's natural for us to want to spend some time in the sun after being cooped up in a dorm for months.

Logically, everyone deserves a break. But soon everyday will be nice, and the sun will always be

**Our View:** 

We can't let the weather

keep us from doing what we

came to Howard to do!

classes in favor of basking

in the glorious weather for

a few extra hours becomes

the norm as opposed to the

exception, we encounter a

fall behind in classes and

receive grades lower than our potential, especially if

It's terribly easy to

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our class attendance habits. Everyone has that friend that wakes up in the morning to an unexpected onslaught of rain, and uses that as an excuse not to go to class. Honestly,

the only culprit for some of

us being irresponsible about

hail, flood waters, or hurricane strength winds should be the only things that hold us back from going to class.

We're all are here at Howard to accomplish the same achieve to academically

earn a degree. In order to do those things, going to class is a something we have to deal with. On the other hand, some of us might be here simply to model cute clothes on The Yard, enjoy the scenery and leave our expected graduation dates on the backburner-in which case, lacking regular class attendance might be ok.

# Daily Sudoku

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Presents:

Alpha Kappa

Psi Week:

Ocean's H

Friday 4/2

"Headliners"

Open Mic

Night

7:04 pm

Meridian Hill

Hall

CASCADE Presents:

A Taste of the Rainbow

Friday, April 2nd

6-8pm

**Epiphany:** 

Poems in the

Key of Love.

A poetry

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author

Uriah Beli

Gallery

**Blackburn Art** 

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needs help

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\$20/hr

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Ray Fowler

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WHBC Channel

51 Presents:

The 1st Annual

Rock Star

Awards

Friday April 2.

2010

Cramton

Auditorium

7pm

\$5 with

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\$10 Without ID

\*\*Happy Birthday\*\*

Cilicia James

Love, Claudia, Gabby, Jossie, & Erica



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Agademic Debate: "One World One Vises: One Winner"
Tuesday: April 6: 2011
1:30pm

Dance Competition, Gold S. vier, Scinite, The Dance Showbox Georgestee, April 7, 2010

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The 2010 Homecoming

Steering

Committee is hiring

staff

positions.

Come to the Office of

Student

Activities

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applications.

All

applications are due on or

before April

7, 2010 by

2:00 p.m.

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