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# Congratulations Class of '92



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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We need not waste time by seeking to deceive our enemies into thinking that we are going to be content with a half loaf or by being willing to lull our friends into a false sense of our indifference and present satisfaction."

"The Immediate Program of the American Negro"  
—W.E.B. DuBois

### Howard's First Graduates

• Seven women received the first degrees from the Normal Department in 1870, which prepared primarily teachers.

• James T. Wormley was the first graduate from the Medical Department. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy in 1870.

• The first graduates of the university's law department received two-year degrees in Feb. of 1871.

• Alexander T. Augusta, was the first to receive an honorary degree in 1896 when a Medicinal doctor was conferred upon him.

## King verdict: from the streets of LA to the Yard at Howard

By George Daniels  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As final examinations for the 1992 spring semester got underway last week, Howard students, like the rest of the country, received the news of the April 29 verdict in the trial of motorist Rodney King. Several days of riots in the streets of Los Angeles headlined television newscasts and the front pages of the newspapers.

Here at Howard, the topic of the Rodney King verdict seemed not to escape day-to-day conversations and sometimes became the subject of group discussions on "the Yard," in the dorm room or during studying breaks. Several campus organizations mobilized to address the issue as well. Many of the activities and students' concerns centered around the question, "What do we do now?"

A statement prepared by the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) expressed the general concern of University stu-

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## Hooks to bring commencement address

Former Jamaican leader, advice columnist among honorary degree recipients

By George Daniels  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Outgoing National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks will deliver the main address this morning as the University graduates its 122nd class. During the ceremony four persons will receive honorary degrees.

Approximately 2,000 students will receive degrees, certificates and/or military commissions from the University's 17 schools and colleges. The ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. on the upper quadrangle of the main campus, will be broadcast live over WHUR (96.3 FM) and WHMM-TV (Channel 32).

Hooks, who announced in January his intention to retire from the NAACP on April 3, 1993, has served as the executive director since 1977. He has served in the fields of public service, law and the min-

istry.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Hooks attended LeMoyné College (now LeMoyné-Owen College) in Memphis. He received a law degree from DePaul University 1948. An ordained minister, he is a pastor-on-leave from both the Middle Baptist Church of Memphis and the Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. He was also a co-founder and vice president of Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association in Memphis. As a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, he was an assistant public defender, general counsel and the first black judge of Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee. He is one of the first black judges in the South since the Reconstruction era.

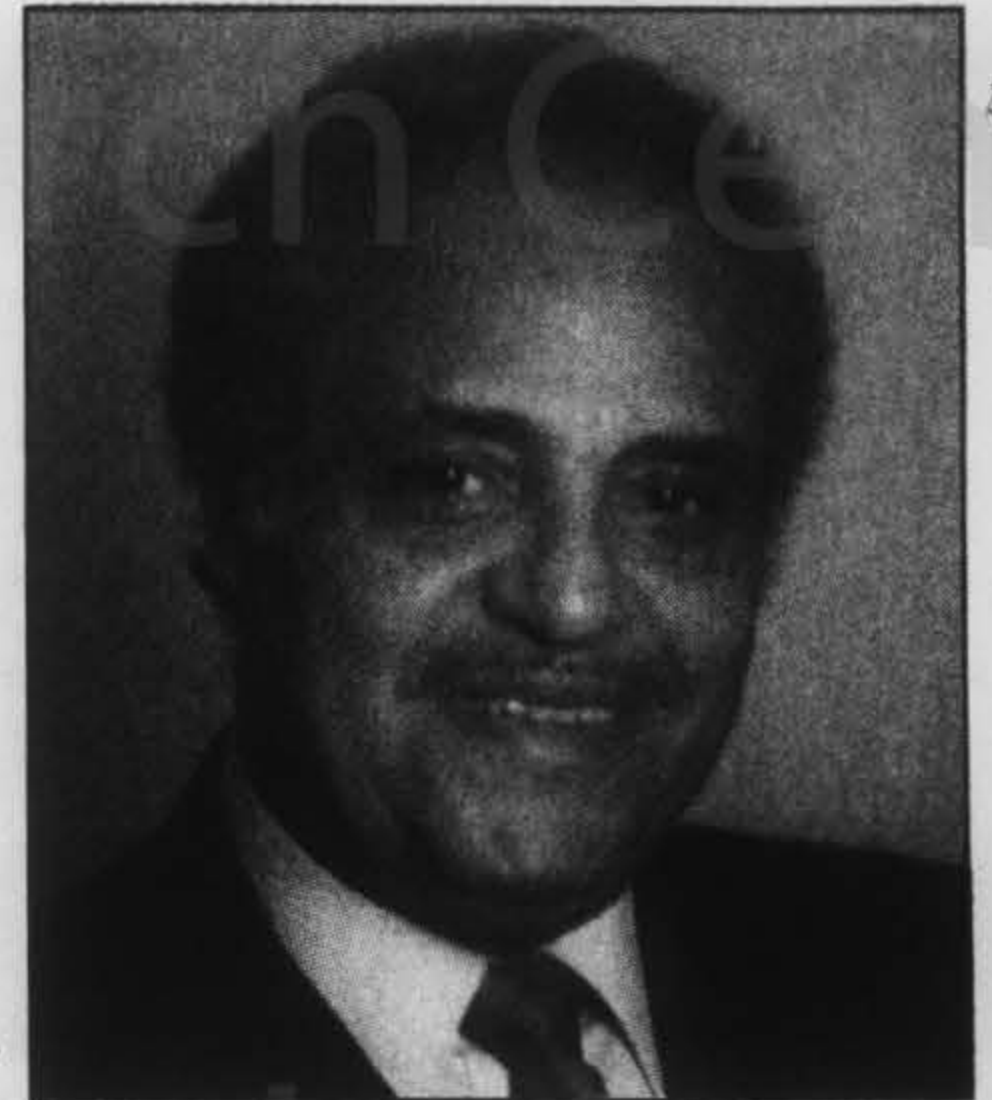
In 1972, former President Richard M. Nixon nominated Hooks to become the first black member of the Federal Communications Commission, where he served until he assumed leadership of the

NAACP. This is Hooks' second time delivering the main commencement address. He received an honorary degree from the University in 1975 when he served as the main speaker for the University's commencement convocation.

At today's ceremonies the University will bestow honorary degrees on Paul B. Cornely, M.D., retired professor of the Howard University College of Medicine; Eppie Lederer (Ann Landers), the syndicated columnist; Michael Manley, former prime minister of Jamaica; and the late Carmen E. Turner, former head of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority and a past member of the Howard University Board of Trustees.

Cornely, who retired in 1973 as a professor emeritus from the Howard University College of Medicine, will receive an honorary doctor of science degree. A former medical director of

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Dr. Benjamin Hooks

## THE BIG DAY HAS ARRIVED

"Howard has given me a new perspective on life"



Photo by Ayoka Campbell

Beryl June Thomas will represent 2000 graduates today as the student speaker. (Story page A3)

## Univ. officials trim budget to avoid deficit

By Kimberly Martin  
Hilltop Staff Writer

An anticipated deficit for this year and ambitious goals for the 1992-1993 school year have forced the University to tighten its belt and slow down its spending for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30.

In a March 30 memo addressed to deans and directors, Vice President of Academic Affairs Joyce Ladner outlined President Franklyn Jenifer's Expenditure Control Program, which was designed to prevent the University from closing the year with an operating deficit. The program was put into effect immediately.

"When we entered the spring semester, we were estimating that we would have a potential deficit if we continued at that spending level of about \$4 million, so we slowed down the spending quite a bit. When we came into March it was down to around \$2 million dollars," Jenifer said. "The way we slowed it down was to slow down the hiring, and slow down the spending in a variety of accounts."

Jenifer's slow down in hiring mandates that all requests for hiring personnel be denied and all non-essential wage employees be terminated after a two-week notification.

This program is the second such effort by Jenifer to reduce the University's number of employees. The early retirement plan offered eligible faculty members the option to leave the University early and still receive their retirement benefits. Under this program, more than 400 faculty members elected to leave Howard.

"With these people gone, we are beginning to save their salaries. The money that we are saving is keeping us afloat and keeping us from facing the huge problems that other universities are suffering," Jenifer said. "We would have been worse off now if we hadn't done it."

According to Fiscal Affairs Vice President James Fletcher, Howard is now in a better financial position than most other universities.

"I think we're six to nine months ahead of where some people are and have to be to address these problems," Fletcher said.

However, such actions have led many to question whether the academic strength of the University is being threatened by these reductions in the faculty.

According to Jenifer, these concerns are unwarranted.

"Most of the teaching force that we had leave was in areas where the student population just wasn't there. And we were able to do it without increasing substantially the faculty-student ratio," Jenifer said.

"To the best of my knowledge in the core of the University majors, we still have a very solid, moderately senior faculty teaching. This is always going to be the case because we cannot fall below a certain level because we are accredited by Middle States, which would not allow us to do so and remain accredited. We are certainly above that level in all our programs."

For the upcoming year, it is not a financial deficit that Jenifer is targeting for improvement, but a deficit in

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## Going Abroad ...

Howard University Journalism student becomes first Patricia Roberts Harris International Intern

### Special to the Hilltop

Marea Helena Battle, a graduating senior in the University's Department of Journalism, has been assigned to the American Embassy in Paris.

A native of Oakland, Calif., Battle is the first Patricia Roberts Harris International Intern in Public Affairs, according to Ambassador Horace G. Dawson, Jr., director of the Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program.

Dawson said the international internship for Howard University students is sponsored by the Patricia Roberts Harris Program in cooperation with the State Department. Howard's support is based on a \$5,000 grant for this purpose from the Una Chapman Cox Foundation, Dawson said.

Battle currently is serving as a Harris Public Affairs Intern in the Office of ANDEAN Affairs in

the State Department. She is also interning part-time with the Powell Pate Public Relations firm.

An honors student (cum laude), Battle has been on the staffs of both THE HILLTOP and The Community News, as well as serving on the promotion staff of WHBC (830 AM). In addition, she has edited the newsletter of the National Association of Black Women Attorneys, was a writer and copy editor for The Howard Engineer Magazine, was a Congressional volunteer, as well as a volunteer worker for the most recent mayoral campaign in Washington, D.C.

In her junior year, Battle held an internship under the Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Program with the Judiciary and Education Subcommittee of the U.S. Congress. On the dean's list and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, she has worked for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and the 21st Century Commission on African-American Males. She is also a member of the Frederick Douglass Honor Society in the School of Communications.



Battle

Fulbright scholarship allows HU Phi Beta Kappa to study in Egypt

By Lisa K. Baucum  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Most of what students learn about Egypt usually comes from books or films read or viewed. But one member of the Class of 1992 will have an opportunity to experience this African country live and in full-color.

A. Steven Clay, 24, has been selected as the only Howard University student this year to receive a Fulbright Scholarship to study at The American University of Cairo during the 1992-93 academic year. Clay, who will receive

a bachelor of arts degree in classical civilization from the University today, will study Egyptology and Arabic.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Clay is also the recipient of the Lucy Moten Fellowship and has maintained standing on the Dean's List throughout his studies at Howard. He has also been inducted into the University's Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

"The Lucy Moten Fellowship, will allow me to study Arabic this summer. The Fulbright scholarship is where I had to send my proposal of why I wanted to study in Egypt. What I hoped to learn, and exactly how I was going to do it," Clay said.

When Clay goes to the University of Cairo, he plans learn how to read hiero-

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Clay

# CAMPUS

## Hiring freeze among measures taken to prevent deficit

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student morale. "We're starting from a deficit in that we haven't focused enough on students when they're here so they haven't focused enough on us when they go, and we're going to work hard to improve that," Jenifer said. "The students are our customers and they must be treated as such because without them there is no Howard University. "The kinds of students that we are attracting and

we want to continue to attract are those that expect a certain level of service once they get here: a quality education, clean facilities to live in and security because it's a tough environment. That's the criteria that we're going to use to measure ourselves by," Jenifer added. To that end, the president's three priority areas for the 1992-1993 school year will be academic affairs, student life and security. These areas will receive the focus of next year's budget. "I'm committing myself to next fall to keep the

quality of the students' education up, to improve the quality of life making sure students have quality housing and to keep the place secure," Jenifer said. "These things are going to occur no matter what the budget is, because we will cut other budgets to make sure that these things take place." According to Jenifer, President Bush's recommended budget this year has already allotted an increase to housing. Jenifer, however, has requested that Congress give Howard an additional \$17 million, \$7 million for housing and \$10 million for academic pro-

grams. Congress' budget will be announced in October. Currently, approximately 60 percent of the University's budget comes from Congress. The other 40 comes from tuition and endowments made directly to the University. "As the CEO of this institution, I have got to look for everything possible to keep students' cost low and their quality high. That is my focus, and I have to have every economic tool I can have as long as those tools make academic sense," Jenifer said.



## in revue Campus

**GEORGIA AVENUE COMES ALIVE:** Howard students witnessed a welcome change this year as Wonder Plaza was bought and renovated. Unlike previous years when McDonald's was the only highlight of the area, students can now choose from among Taco Bell, China Wonder, Negril and Kentucky Fried Chicken when dining out. For entertainment pleasure, a Blockbuster Videos and The Wiz record store were added. Up Against the Wall brought the latest fashions to campus, while Kinko's brought Howard Copy competition. Snyders Shoes and T.L.C. discount store also added variety to the strip. A Shaw-Howard University Metro Train station was also built near campus.

**WHERE'S THE HILLTOP?:** The Hilltop found a new home this year as the historic house on Fourth Street was demolished in the summer to make way for an addition to Bethune Hall. THE HILLTOP was moved to a spacious office in the West Howard Plaza Tower, where many Howard students reside. Initial moving plans began five years ago when the demand for more student housing on campus prompted a proposal to extend Bethune. The old house contained memories for many, including two old staff members, now married, who met there.

**H.U. CREDIT UNION FAILS:** The Howard University Student Credit Union (HUSCU), the nation's first black student credit union, was liquidated last August after only three years of operation. The credit union, which served as a training facility for students in the School of Business, provided students with an alternative to banks in storing their money. Only \$20,000 of the union's \$500,000 in assets were student shares. The credit union was closed by the National Credit Union Administration because it was not operating under profitability capacity; it closed with a \$27,000 debt.

**PRESIDENT'S PICNIC REVAMPED:** The traditional President's picnic was replaced by a WelcomeFest for freshmen this year. The fest was held on the

north end of Greene stadium, and there was a \$5 admission fee for upper classmen which caused many students to stay home.

**POLICE BRUTALITY HITS HOME:** Howard University students saw that they are not immune to police brutality as freshman Andrew Young III was allegedly beaten in September by five or six black metropolitan police. Young, son of Howard alumnus and former Atlanta mayor and ambassador Andrew Young, Jr., said he was snatched out of his car after police stopped him for speeding. Young suffered cuts and bruises on his arms and face, a swollen nose, and a broken ankle from the incident.

**A BROKEN HOMECOMING IN 1991:** Homecoming was not all fun and games this year as a crowd of 300 to 500 was dispersed by tear gas fired into the Georgia Avenue crowd by Metropolitan police who said they were "disorderly." Some people threw bottles, police said, before tear gas was fired. Campus security called in Metropolitan officers after the crowd did not comply with their request for everyone to leave. All of the businesses, including McDonald's, closed after the police intervened, and no arrests were made.

**WHUR CELEBRATES 20 YEARS:** WHUR-FM, owned and operated by Howard University, celebrated 20 years of service to the Washington community this year. The station celebrated two decades of excellence along with the School of Communications, where many of WHUR's employees were trained. Melvin Lindsey, a distinguished graduate of the school who died of AIDS in March, received his training at WHUR where he started the popular "Quiet Storm" radio show in the late 70s. WHUR made some hard decisions this year as competition stiffened. They had almost a complete changeover in on-air personalities, replaced the station's program director, and cut the daily news programs to a half-hour.

**BABY BOOM:** In October, 27 year-old Robin Smith, an only child from Bermuda, delivered the first set of quintuplets at Howard

University Hospital. Smith's multiple birth was not only a first for HUH but also in the country of Bermuda, and the first set of black quintuplets born in the District of Columbia.

**HUSA ELECTIONS NULLIFIED:** Student government was in a frenzy this year as the Howard University Student Association elections were nullified, one day before the run-off election, because of a misunderstanding on campaign guidelines.

Candidates Donald Jean and William Martin contested the election because Vice presidential candidate Tene McCoy was seen wearing a campaign sweatshirt on election day. Although elections chairperson Maleika Mosley said McCoy's actions were not a violation of the campaign rules, the General Assembly voted that the elections be nullified and held over. In the first election, Ivan Hopkins and Tene McCoy were to challenge Julius Bailey and Erik DeShields in a run-off. The second elections produced different results as the Hopkins/McCoy and Jean/Martin slates were chosen for the run-off. Hopkins and McCoy were the victors.

**BUDGET CUTS:** University budget cuts affected everything from the Showtime Marching Band's travel schedule, to communications students paying to use classroom equipment, to Sunday library hours to early retirement by many faculty members this year. When President Jenifer introduced his Howard 2000 plan last year, few people realized that his "pruning the tree" would have such far-reaching effects. The worst part is "It ain't over."

**HUSA STRIVES FOR UNIFIED BUDGET:** The Howard University Student Association proposed a budget increase of \$60,000, which would cause an increase in student activity fees last September. They hoped to consolidate HUSA, UGSA, and GSA. Under the current budget, UGSA and GSA collectively receive four times more than HUSA from the student activity fee.



# Students, faculty bid farewell to chapel dean after 36 years

By Charmaine Ravizee  
Hilltop Staff Writer

For more than 30 years he has given leadership to Howard University's Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel and served as a member of the faculty of the School of Divinity. Today, Dr. Evans E. Crawford will take part in his last commencement convocation as dean of the Chapel.

Crawford, who officially retired from the University, was recently honored by the Office of the Dean of Rankin Chapel and the School of Divinity's Class of 1992.

The May 1 retirement-scholarship banquet, was held at the House of Representatives' Cannon Caucus Room. Proceeds from the event went to establish the Evans E. Crawford Scholarship Fund, presented as a token of love and admira-

tion to the honoree.

Crawford came to Howard in 1955 as Acting Dean Of the Chapel and an instructor in religion. He became Dean of the Chapel in 1961. As a United Methodist, he served students of diverse Christian orientations and backgrounds. He worked hard to stay attuned to the needs of Roman Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans and others.

Rev. Frederick G. Sampson, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, in Detroit, MI, was the guest speaker for the evening. A long-time friend of Crawford's, he urged the standing room only crowd, "not to try to explain God, but to experience Him."

Sampson said, "He was not ashamed to tell the world that he was a servant of God." He also noted that the occasion should be one of celebration "because in God, there is no retirement."

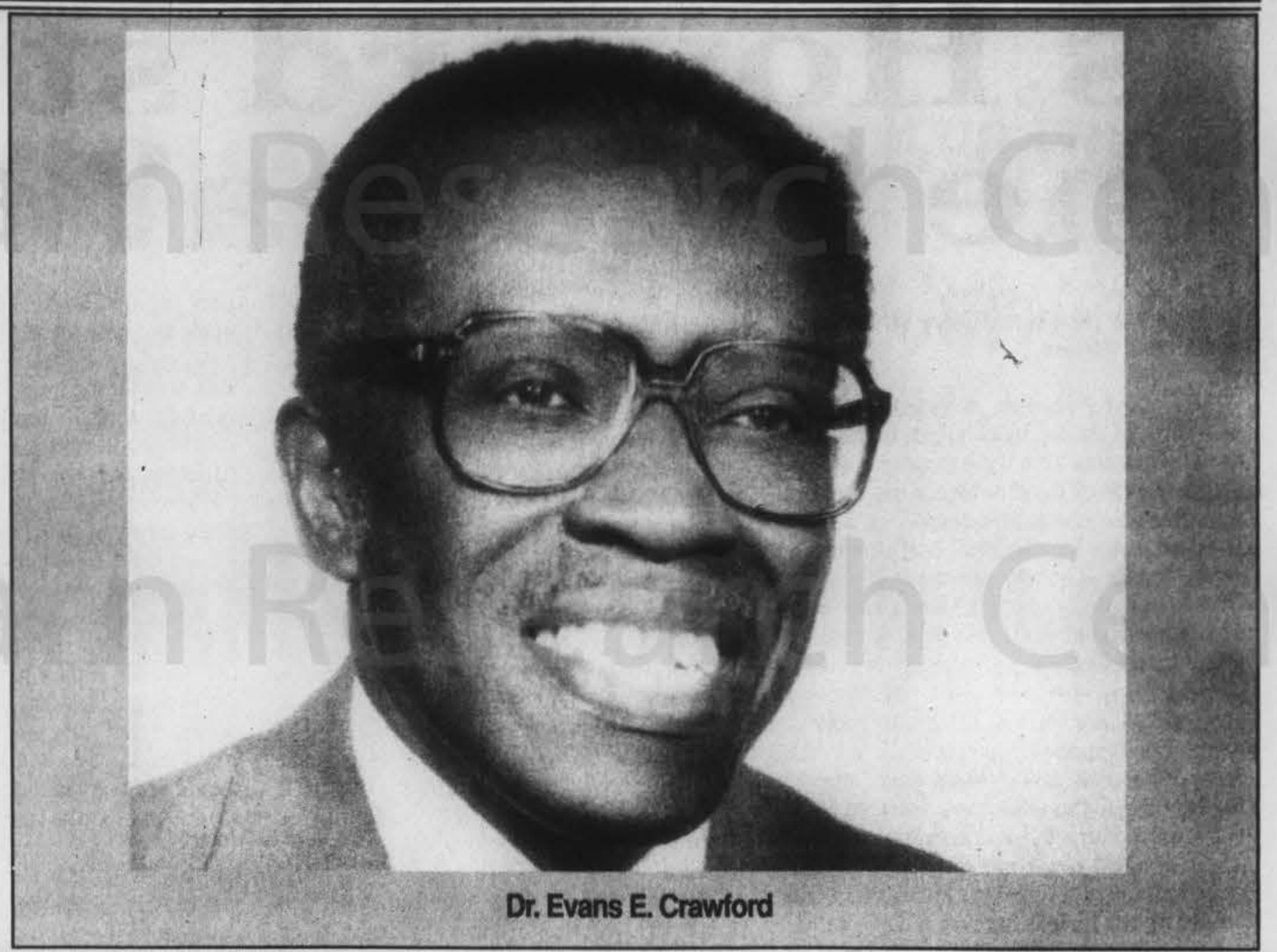
The message of the evening was followed by dinner, musical tributes and a

host of tributes from friends. The Divinity School's Senior class then presented Crawford with a scholarship fund bearing his name, along with other presentations.

"I feel very honored to have been a student. Dean Crawford epitomized the preacher-scholar," said Des Brown, a former student of Crawford's. "Dean Crawford knows the preaching art, and he's capable of communicating and teaching it as a Bible scholar."

"He's given me inspiration to carry on from the graduate level of study to a higher calling in God. He's been part of a legacy at this institution," said George E. Holmes, another former student Crawford, a native of Temple, Texas, received his B.A. degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, and his Ph.D in theological studies from Boston University.

Crawford is married to the former Elizabeth P. Bailey of Providence, R.I.



Dr. Evans E. Crawford

## NAACP head to address graduating class today

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Freedmen's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital), Cornely is the founding president of the D.C. Public Health Association. He has published more than 100 scientific and popular articles.

Lederer, known as Ann Landers, a world-renowned syndicated advice columnist, will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree. Lederer was the first journalist to receive the Albert Lasker Public Service Award in honor of her work to secure funding for cancer research and as a columnist informing readers about health care issues.

An honorary doctor of laws degree will be conferred on Manley, former prime minister of Jamaica. President of the People's National Party since 1969,

Manley was elected to three terms as leader of Jamaica. He stepped down from that position in late March. Aside from his political career, Manley has also worked as a journalist for the British Broadcasting Company and the Kingston newspaper Public Opinion.

The University will also posthumously confer an honorary doctor of humanities degree upon Turner, former head of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. Up until her death last month, Turner served as undersecretary of the Smithsonian Institute. An alumna of the University, Turner was co-founder of the Conference of Minority Transit Officials.

Staff writers Tracy Vinson and Shauntae Brown contributed to this report.

## Dental student selected to speak at today's exercises

By Ken Robinson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Beryl June Thomas will receive her doctoral degree in dental surgery today, but she feels that she has gained a lot more.

"I've gotten more than a D.D.S. Howard has given me a new perspective on life," she said.

This attitude may be one of the reasons why she has been selected by the College of Dentistry as this year's student speaker for today's commencement exercises. She will be representing the approximately 2000 students who will receive degrees today.

The Clarendon, Jamaica native came to the Howard University Dental School in 1988 after receiving a B.S.C. degree (with honors) in pure and applied chemistry from the University of the West Indies in 1985. She chose to attend Howard because while it has an international student body, she felt it was a prestigious school that felt like home.

Since coming to Howard, she has been involved with the Oral Cancer Society, American Association of Women Dentists and student government. She is also one of the founding members of Delta Phi Sigma Sorority, a professional dentistry society which provides community service and encourages high ethical and moral standards. Thomas is ranked in the top five percent of her graduating dental class.

Thomas has been married for a year to Dayle Orland Blair, a 1990 Howard Business School graduate who is also a Clarendon native. Although they are both from the same town, they never really knew each other until they both came to Howard.

"The first day that I was in Washington, I saw him standing in front of the Administration Building — It was destiny," she said, with a sparkle in her eye.

Most recently, Thomas was selected as a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), a prestigious national dental honor society. She called that moment her "happiest memory of college."

In addition to these activities, Thomas has held several positions with The Articulator, a College of Dentistry publication, and currently works as a unit secretary for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Howard University Hospital.

Her future plans include a three-year Post Graduate Residency Program in New Jersey as well as another two years of orthodontic study at various places. High on her list of career priorities is returning to Jamaica to practice what she has learned.

"Many people [Jamaican born] tend to stay here after getting their D.D.S.," she said. "That is where they need me the most... I should live up to that aim." At the rate that she is going, she will definitely live up to the high standards she sets for herself.

## '92 grad to study in Egypt

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glyphics, who started it, and when did it start, from the Egyptian perspective — not just from what it says in texts books that were written by other people.

"Who do they credit their resources from? Developed and borrowed from whom? How did the people live? Average, ordinary people?," he said.

Later Clay wants to pursue a doctorate in classical archaeology. By studying archeology, he intends to get a good sense of southern and central Africa.

"We learn a lot about ourselves and other people when [we] interact with those that are different from [us]," Clay said.

In the past, he has participated in an eight-week seminar at Boston University for black students. "There were 32 of us. The focus for the seminar was to bring students together who want to go to graduate school. We worked in a classroom setting where we had to write papers one of which was 10 pages," he said.

As a Howard student, Clay has been

a volunteer at the University's Student Health Center and participated in many activities with Asbury Methodist Church. He credits two professors with for his success in obtaining the scholarship.

"Dr. (Paul E.) Logan encouraged me to create a sound proposal to win the Fulbright Scholarship. Dr. David Thompson does exactly what I want to do in the future," Clay said. Thompson spends the academic year teaching at Howard, and in the summers he goes to different sites for archaeological research."

When asked what are some of his most memorable thoughts of Howard, Clay said, "I learned a lot of valuable lessons about life. I learned how to get along with people, and I learned about our people."

The Institute for International Education, which administers the Fulbright Scholarship program, holds a competition each year for students who wish to study abroad. The application process for a Fulbright Scholarship includes many hours of research in order to prepare a competitive submission.

# AS THE BOOKS CLOSE ON ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR WE PAUSE..

TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED EMPLOYMENT AT MOBIL

Lazaro Alonzo

Enga Benton

Dave Bowman

Carlton Coleman

Theodore Cummings

Lori Hopson

Jackie Horton

Monica Jackson

Stephanie Jones

Heather Katz

Camille West

Sonia Williams

TO COMMEND OUR CURRENT CO-OPS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Lewis Andrews

Derrick Stevens

AND TO CONGRATULATE THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY CLASS OF '92



HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
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A Partnership For The Future

# Is Howard still the "Mecca?"

By Kimberly Martin and Larry W. Brown  
Hilltop Staff Writers

Throughout its history, Howard has graduated some of the top black minds in the country while maintaining the reputation of being the premier institution in higher black education. But now, many are questioning whether Howard is still the "Mecca" or if it is resting on the laurels of its past greatness.

"It is supposed to be the Mecca, the zenith of black education, but the counseling services are inadequate and there is no uniformity in the quality of classes. In one class you can feel like you're getting your money's worth, but in another you feel like it's a joke. Sometimes I feel that Howard grads are successful despite the school, not because of it," Sophomore Patryce Brown said.

Senior Dwayne Ham agreed with this assessment. "How can Howard be the Mecca if we have financial aid problems, dorm problems and if juniors and seniors can't decide their major? Howard is known as a party school, not the Mecca. Students don't even know what Mecca means at this school," Ham said.

Part of the dispute revolves around the definition of the term Mecca.

According to Samuel Hall, director of career planning and placement, a Mecca is a place where scholars seek wisdom and knowledge.

"Nothing in higher education happens to blacks unless it happens at Howard. In that sense it was like going to church. You could go for whatever you needed — you could get answers to questions, and you could get support," Hall said.

But one Howard alumnus asserts that for Howard to be the Mecca, its role in the black community must adapt to fit the times.

"If you're going to compare what Howard was and what it is today, then you must consider that Howard was the Mecca of yesterday because it was the only higher education choice for blacks — professors and students. But now it has to meet the current education needs of the black community," said Timothy

Brown a 1990 Howard Law School graduate. "Although Howard is meeting the needs differently than it did in the past, it doesn't mean that it isn't still the Mecca."

One way some believe this definition should change is in its scope.

"The question is no longer if we're the best in black colleges, that's obvious. We need to compete now with national universities," said Tyrone Walker, a 1986 graduate of the College of Engineering. "If you want to go to the best college, you want to go to a University of Pennsylvania or Harvard. So if you really want to be the Mecca, you need to be mentioned with those names."

Yet Harry Robinson, dean of the School of Architecture who is an alumnus of both Howard and Harvard, believes that it is Harvard and other majority schools that should seek inclusion in a category with Howard.

"The Harvard thing is o.k., but it isn't as powerful as the Howard connection. Harvard isn't responsible for me, Howard is," Robinson said. "My niece finished in 1981 with a degree in broadcast management from Howard. Her first job was working in the Marriott's gift shop. Just before Christmas this year she was promoted to the vice president of the Marriott Corporation. She doesn't have a Harvard MBA, she has a Howard degree. Every Howard student can do that, that is the Howard story."

Under President Franklyn G. Jenifer's leadership, however, it has become the goal of the University to compete in a larger arena. To do this, Jenifer implemented the Howard 2000 plan, which called for the closure and consolidation of some schools and the elimination of several programs.

"Someone finally saw that the emperor didn't have all his clothes on. I question why someone didn't say this 10 years ago. Not addressing the problems made Howard look like a second rate university among the majority schools," Walker said.

"It got to a point under Cheek where there were a lot of cosmetic changes, but it's not getting to the substantive problems that need remedying. It's always good to bring in a

new person (Jenifer) with new insight, new goals and new ideas," Brown said.

According to Walker, some of the problems that went unaddressed include the faltering medical school, inadequate housing, poor condition of physical facilities and the low first-time passage rate of the bar exam.

However, even with these complaints, many contend that Howard remains the pinnacle of black education and is in the process of becoming a leader in national education.

"When students finish Howard, they go out into commerce and finance, and they never fail because if they have been able to negotiate through Howard's unique world of academic rigors they can make it. These hardships build character," Robinson said. "And the things you learn under difficult situations are the things you learn best."

Although all of the problems have not been solved, with the Howard 2000 plan, the University is still moving toward a more comprehensive University.

"If the University is able to work the plan it has envisioned for itself, there is absolutely no question that Howard will be a powerful tool," Hall said. "I think the impact that Howard could make by that time will surpass anybody's dream if we do it quietly and efficiently," he added.

As the University goes through this transitional stage, many believe the University is slipping, instead of just evolving.

"Howard hasn't slipped, it's changed. So when people say that Howard is no longer the Mecca, I just laugh because they just don't know if they did, they just couldn't say it," Robinson added. "Howard is a subversive idea. It subverts all of the myths and stereotypes that the majority population holds about black people. It stands as a symbol of everything good about African-Americans."

Dean William Keene of residence life, a 1966 graduate, concurs. "I love Howard University for what it has been, what it is and what it can be in the future," Keene said. "It is a place for African people to come to receive an education of much more than just book knowledge."



Richard Leroi Archer, the 1992 Mr. Howard, Poses for the camera.

## Mr. Howard draws from past experiences

By Amaela Wiley  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With his red BMW, fashionable clothing, and confident manner, the newly chosen Mr. Howard 1992 may appear to be just another rich kid who has everything he could possibly dream of. Yet, quite to the contrary, Richard Leroi Archer said he is independent, self-supporting and has worked hard for everything he has.

Born the fourth of five children, Archer is from a small town in North Carolina. "I did farm work all through my childhood, and I experienced the racism that remains prevalent in the south," he said. However, an aggressive student from the beginning, he excelled in his studies. On June 4, 1985, Archer graduated 12th in his high school class of 167 students.

Because money was limited, Archer joined the Army the summer after graduation from high school. Until 1988, he served as a member of the armed forces.

"I went to Columbia, South Carolina for my training and eventually spent time in Fort Dix, New Jersey and Canada. An incident in Canada made him more aware of the problems that the media's portrayal of black men can have. While visiting a white co-worker, her little girl cried at his sight simply because he was black.

"The incident made me really upset, because at first I didn't know if there was really something wrong with me. I realized that it was the little girl's perception of me that was wrong, not me," Archer said.

Archer left the army, having earned nine medals and 23 letters, something that could take up to nine years, because it was not "enough" for him. However, Archer adamantly admitted, "I think that everyone should have military experience. It really lets you know your limits and gives you confidence in your abilities." He said, "The experience was invaluable. I have friends all over the world now that I still keep in touch with." In the fall of 1988 Archer entered Howard University to pursue a college education, the first in his family.

Calling himself a very aggressive individual, Archer pursued a degree in science physiology and a minor in allied health while taking night courses at Prince George's Community College so that he could get his degree in three years. In

June of 1991, he graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with his proposed degrees, as well as an associate degree in general education.

Still, with the ultimate goal of becoming a successful practitioner and pharmacy owner, Mr. Howard applied to the College of Allied Health Sciences where he currently is pursuing his degree in Physical Therapy.

"Richard is an excellent choice for Mr. Howard," said Krista Woodson, a senior in the School of Allied Health.

"I want mine the right way, that's why I work so hard," said Archer who, on the average, works 16 hours a day between going to school and his security job. Besides school and work, he also finds time to act as a "Big Brother" to two little boys, to be an active participant of the Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church and help create new community programs.

"One project that I'm working on as Mr. Howard is the 'Share' program," Archer said. "The program, which started a while back, gives college students a month's worth of free groceries in exchange for their time." Students are asked to volunteer by spending time with kids in the community, tutoring them and just talking with them. "This is one way we're going to let the community know we're not above them," he added.

Known for his out-going personality and for being a "character," Archer feels that Howard is an "outstanding University with outstanding educators."

"I'm happy, quite happy, I chose Howard. I've had a good experience here." However, in dealing with the administrative problems Archer suggests creating a waste management team.

"A project should be created where a waste management team is brought in to find the real administrative problem at Howard. We need to find out if it's workers without motivation, one specific office or what have you that is responsible for the problem. We need to find out where the problem originated."

"My job as Mr. Howard is to project a positive Black image, and to represent the University well," Archer said. With a history of hard work, positive energy and active involvement behind him, "I think I am the right man for the job. I'm a giver..."

## Top laws schools accept a high number of 1992 H.U. graduates

By Byron Clark  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Law school is likely to be the next step for those members of this year's graduating class who wish to be tomorrow's Congressmen, judges or political leaders. Getting into such a program for many can be half the battle. But for the Class of 1992, some success in being accepted in the nation's most prestigious law programs has been realized.

A number of students have been admitted to the what U.S. News and World Reports regards as the nation's most competitive and prestigious law schools while others have been admitted into other nationally ranked schools. Seven of these students have been offered admission to the No. 2 ranked Harvard law school while four others have been offered full-paid scholarships to the No. 15 ranked University of Texas at Austin Law School.

"The applicant pool from Howard was exceptionally strong and Howard's reputation is well known nationally," said Laquita Hamilton, director of minority affairs at the University of Texas at Austin Law School. "The University of Texas is strongly committed to affirmative action, and people know a bargain when they see one. The

University of Texas graduates 99 percent of their black students."

With such a high number of acceptances, what does this mean for Howard as an institution?

"The success class of 1992 demonstrates that Howard can compete with majority institutions for spots at prestigious Law schools across the country," said Tonya Acker who is majoring in English and headed for No. 1 ranked Yale University Law School.

"Students from Howard will bring a different kind of consciousness and a sense of racial pride to law school," said Tracy McFerrin, coordinator of the Undergraduate Student Assembly who has decided to attend Harvard.

When there are law programs at schools like Howard, why should students who have excelled here at the undergraduate level, consider other ivy-league schools for law school?

"Because schools like Harvard are undoubtedly one of the halls of power in this nation, if African-Americans are admitted they should strongly consider this option," said Robert James II, a graduating senior majoring in Political Science who also will be attending Harvard University Law School.

As many underclassmen think toward law school in their futures, some of those who have been successful in their application efforts lend some advice.

"I would advise students to visit the law schools they are interested in. In addition, I would advise students to pre-plan and know that applying to law school is a costly endeavor," McFerrin said.

"I would advise underclassmen to take a wide variety of classes in Arts and Sciences, also to get involved with outside endeavors," Tonya Acker said.

Applying to law school, some of the students said, begins in the summer. James suggested using summers to take advantage of internship opportunities.

"Start preparing two months in advance for the L.S.A.T. be focused on course work, also look into the financial aid packages that schools are offering," said Rory Moran who is majoring in economics and has received a full scholarship to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Headed for the University of Texas at Austin on a full scholarship, David Richardson believes, "The Class of 1992 should be proud of themselves, but should also be aware that law school is just the beginning of our exposure to avenues of social change."

## ImmuneX provides low-cost option for AIDS patients

By Beatrice Williar  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the midst of despair, which may often be found in the low-income housing project of Paradise Manor in northeast Washington, D.C., shines the light of the Abundant Life Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad who is administering a treatment for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) — ImmuneX.

Muhammad, newly appointed Minister of Health and Human Services of the Nation of Islam, has been administering ImmuneX to patients for the past eight months.

"In only two weeks, patients experienced nearly a complete reversal of the symptoms of AIDS which include weight loss, diarrhea, dementia, and a variety of opportunistic infections which lead to death," Muhammad said.

ImmuneX, a low dose human alpha interferon, was developed in Nairobi, Kenya by the Kenyan Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) under the direction of Dr. Davey Koech. Last September, Muhammad with Dr. Barbara Justice, a New York physician, traveled to Kenya to investigate the effectiveness of this treatment. Out of all the patients receiving ImmuneX, 97 percent showed no further symptoms of AIDS after taking the treatment. Currently, Muhammad is experiencing the same rate of success.

Today, there are only two doctors in the

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U.S. administering the treatment, Justice and Muhammad. Muhammad is currently treating more than 60 patients, but said he would like to treat the entire community.

Because of its natural origin, ImmuneX can be considered very inexpensive.

However, it has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), therefore it has to be flown in from Kenya which increases its cost. Unlike azidothymidine (AZT) which costs seven to \$10,000 for a year's supply, one may obtain a six-month

treatment of ImmuneX for approximately \$1,500. (ImmuneX is only administered for a six-month period.) Hence, the treatment is more affordable to economically impoverished communities most hit by the AIDS epidemic.

Presently, there are plans for distribution of ImmuneX in the U.S., meanwhile the possible approval of ImmuneX by the FDA could drastically reduce the cost.

With the difficulty facing Muhammad by both the mass media coverage and FDA approval, he questions the integrity of both institutions. He feels that there has been a deliberate action to suppress the acknowledgement of ImmuneX around the world. He said that the evidence is clear.

"In July of 1990, President Moi of Kenya hosted a large press conference in which all the world press was in attendance, but virtually no mention of ImmuneX appeared in any media," Muhammad said.

Although he said media coverage has been lacking, the Abundant Life Clinic is receiving some additional support from the community. WOL Radio (1500 AM), through the "Cathy Hughes Morning Show" recently launched a fundraising drive in which \$12,000 was raised to aid in the cost of the treatment for low-income patients.

In the up-coming months major fundraising events will take place for the Abundant Life Clinic. On July 11, a Testimonial Tribute Dinner will be held in Washington, D.C. in honor of Dr. Muhammad. All proceeds will benefit the Abundant Life Clinic which is located at 3527 Jay Street N.E., Suite 101. The keynote speaker for the event will be the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam.

# Political Science survey exposes thoughts, opinions on black issues for the 1992 presidential elections

By Tracy L. Vinson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

As the presidential primary season wraps up in just a few weeks, preliminary results of a national survey conducted by Dr. James D. Steele, an instructor in the University's department of political science, concerning attitudes toward political issues for the presidential campaign in 1992 are about to be released.

Steele, along with the students in his Introduction to Black Politics course, held a survey to identify the extent and the related issues which African-American voters see as most significant in determining who should get their vote this presidential term.

Steele arranged the survey in response to the

frustration from those who see themselves as spokesmen for the African-American community.

"Almost without exception this is often done without any evidence to support their claims, no matter the political orientation of the speaker," Steele said.

He added that at the height of the political campaign the main issue appeared to be on the personalities and not the issues which needed to be addressed.

"Either the issues that affect the African-American community are viewed as identical to those of the white community, or these issues are unimportant to the candidates and the country at-large," he said.

"A necessary responsibility is to address this egregious absence of issues with documentation that cannot be easily ignored," said Steele who

finds skepticism that the issues discussed in the survey can help activate an affluent debate on problems that affect the outcome of African-Americans.

"To teach a course in Black Politics that would not in some way contribute to the debate on issues during a presidential year would have been unparadigmatic," Steele said.

The survey, administered nation-wide, has had more than 1600 responses and represents more than 20 states, ranging from urban areas to small towns.

A press conference will be held later this month to discuss the preliminary findings. The final report is scheduled for completion on Aug. 1. It will include not only the statistical findings, but will consist of quotes from students who assisted in this project.



## Eye on the Caribbean

### St. Lucia

Shortly after regaining the government in Monday's general elections, Prime Minister John Crompton said, "I think I want to move out from the scene and hand over the government to someone who can carry out the policies I have started over the years." Crompton's United Workers Party has been in office since 1964, excluding 1979 to 1982. Opposition leader Julien Hunte of the St. Lucia Labor Party, regained his seat.

### Barbados

Prime Minister Erskine Sandiford reshuffled his cabinet following the protest resignation of Harold Blackman, former Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance. Filling Blackman's post is David Thompson, former minister of Community Development and Culture. Thompson's ministry was taken by newcoming trade unionist David Bowen. Trade Minister Senator Carl Clarke, switched places with Minister of Labor Warwick Franklin, according to the Nation newspaper.

### Cayman Islands

Drug-related crimes in this British colony is setting a "disturbing trend", said Commissioner of Police Alan Ratcliffe. In his annual report, the commissioner said while crime rose 16.3 percent, drug-related crimes accounted for 65 percent. The total number of crimes committed in 1991 was 3,282, an all-time high for the country of 26,000 people, according to CANA.

### Trinidad and Tobago

The John Manning administration has presented proposals to the Guyanese government on how to repay the TT\$400 million owed Port-of-Spain. Although details were not disclosed, Minister of Finance in the twin-island state, Wendell Mottley, said one option explored was the country's private sector possibly participating in projects in Guyana "with mutual advantage to both countries."

### Montserrat

Chief Minister Reuben Meade presented a EC\$58.9 million budget which caused Montserratians to smile - it had no taxes. Retroactive to January 1, a tax free allowance of \$500 will be granted for children 18 years and under, and \$500 for each dependent relative. As a relief measure, the entire population of the British dependent benefited from the removal of consumption tax from a number of basic food items.

### Jamaica

Jamaicans will go to the polls Thursday to elect a new member for the House of Assembly to replace Michael Manley, former prime minister who retired from politics in March because of poor health. The by-election will be held in the constituency of Eastern Kingston and Port Royal. The opposition Jamaican Labor Party said it would not contest the "safe" seat of the ruling People's National Party.

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Caribbean correspondent

## Letter-writing campaign on for Ernest Just stamp

### Special to the Hilltop

Nearly 80 years after serving as science professor here at Howard University, Ernest E. Just may have his face on a postage stamp. Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have launched a letter-writing campaign to have such an action taken by the U.S. Postal Service.

By June 1, the organization hopes to have 10,000 letters mailed to the United States Stamp Advisory Committee requesting that a commemorative stamp be printed in honor of Just. Such a stamp, the organization said, would provide proper recognition and tribute to the accomplishments of African-Americans.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Just has received the title of "the black apollo of science" for his outstanding contribution in the study of physiology of the egg and the fertilization reaction. Just graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1907. It was while he was here at Howard

in 1911 as an instructor when he founded Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the first African-American fraternity to be established on all-black campus.

Just was author of The Biology and Cell Surface. He spent 20 summers as a research fellow at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory. At the age of 31, Just received the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for his accomplishments.

Letters should be sent to the: United States Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, Room 4485 East, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20060. A copy of the letter should also be sent to Mr. E. Newton Jackson, faculty advisor for the Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, at Burr Gymnasium, Howard University, Sixth and Girard Streets, Washington, D.C. 20059.

D. Norris contributed to this report.

## Job prospects for '92 grads in the Maryland area far from plentiful

BALTIMORE (AP) - This year's crop of college graduates is lowering its standards in an effort to find a good job in a tight economy.

More than 19,000 students are expected to flood the job market when they graduate from Maryland's universities and colleges this spring, according to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

But many are finding that landing a job is a tough assignment. "I have decent grades, a good background," said Amy Butler, a Towson State senior. "I wanted a good job. Now I can't even find an OK job."

An annual survey of 259 corporate recruiters conducted by Northwestern University showed that major corporations are expected to hire more than 30 percent fewer new college graduates in 1992 compared to 1989.

"Many have become quite discouraged, and rightly so," said Francis LeMire, director of Towson State's Career Placement Center.

"With all the doom and gloom about the economy that seniors have been subjected to ... the frustration level is so high that a lot are putting off a concentrated job search," he said.

Linda Peacock-Landrum, the director of career services at Frostburg State University, agreed.

"In some cases they've actually postponed looking," she said. "They're delaying reality."

Lester Thomson, 32, said he's discouraged but is hoping to get a break. "I expected a much better response," he said. "I'm really nervous about it ... I'm just waiting. That's the hard part."

Thomson, a chemistry major from Coppin State College, said many seniors are putting off looking for a job until the economy brightens.

Jennifer Jones, a 21-year-old senior business administration major at Towson State, said she also is discouraged with her job search.

"I always thought that if I worked and got good grades I would get 10 job offers ... and it's not that way," Ms. Jones said.



# EYE ON AFRIKA

### Ivory coast

The government of President Felix Houphouët Bouvié announced it would open full diplomatic relations with South Africa. The Ivorian government said the move was made in response to President de Klerk's effort to dismantle South Africa's decade-old apartheid system of racial separation and negotiate a new power-sharing constitution with the country's black majority.

### Somalia

Two international human rights groups, the African Watch and Physicians for Human Rights estimated factional fighting around Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, has killed 14,000 Somalis and wounded more than 27,000 since November.

The committee did not explain the figure, but said their estimates were based on interviews with survivors and medical personnel conducted by investigators on two separate missions last month.

In other development, a severe drought and the cut off of food deliveries because of the fighting has left nearly five million Somalis threatened with starvation.

### Senegal

Sixty people were killed and about 250 others were wounded when a tanker truck loaded with liquid ammonia exploded at a peanut processing factory in the capital, Dakar.

A shortage of gas masks made rescue efforts difficult because of ammonia gas and dozens of workers were seen lying on the ground more than an hour after the explosion. The blast was said to be the worst industrial accident in this West African nation.

Liquid ammonia is used to detoxify the pulp that remains after the oil has been extracted from peanuts. It can also be used in fertilizers and animal feed.

### Algeria

Things are said to be turning to normal for the people of Algeria after two months of unrest between fundamentalist Muslims and the ruling high state council, a five man assembly.

According to a report from the Islamic Salvation Front more than 1,000 Algerians have been arrested and another 150 have died in the violence.

### Togo

Reformist Prime Minister Joseph Koffigoh has asked Western government, the Organizational African Union (OAU) and the United Nations to urge President Gnassingbe Eyadema to give up complete control and power over the affairs of Togo to a newly formed government.

Since becoming prime minister of Togo, Koffigoh has had difficulties in running this West African nation due to constant intervention by Eyadema. The country's work force is said to be divided between the two men with Eyadema supporters wanting him to continue ruling and Koffigoh supporters demanding a new reign.

### Angola

U.S. backed Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi has confirmed reports that serious human rights abuses have been taking place inside his movement for years, but blamed a senior guerrilla commander and a high official of the movement who recently defected.

Tito the Chief representative of Savimbi's Union for the Total Independence National of Angola (UNITA) in Washington, D.C. was stayed when he was recorded from Washington.

Meanwhile, UNITA's office in Washington issued a statement stating Miguel N'Zau Pana, the movement's former secretary, and Tony Fernandes it's former foreign minister of major incident of brutality excessive corporal punishment for minor infractions and other right violations.

Secretary of State James Baker III has written (UNITA) leader Jonas Savimbi to demand a full explanation of charges about murder and human rights abuses within the movement.

### Libya

Libya Ambassador to Brussels Mohamed Fattouri said his country wants to explore peaceful resolutions in the bombing of the Pan Am shuttle by two Libyan agents. Fattouri denied that Moammar Gadhafi regime played any role in the bombing.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council has instituted sanctions against Libya. The sanctions will require the ban on air travel excluding flights for religious and humanitarian purposes. Ban of sales of weapons to Libya including technical advice and the expulsion of some Libyan diplomats includes Libyan Arab Airline staff.

Gadhafi government offered through the Arab League to have the two bombing suspects stand trial in Malta a neutral Mediterranean island state with friendly ties to Tripoli. But the UN Security Council incited the two suspects

must be tried in U.S. or British courts.

### Madagascar

In the former French colony of Madagascar, President Didier Ratsiraka has been fighting desperately to hold on to power as opposition to his government continues to grow. There has been several protest marches and numerous calls from opposition for President Ratsiraka to resign.

### Malawi

Having ruled Malawi since its independence in 1964, H. Kamuzu Banda continues to control this small southern African country with authoritative dictatorship.

Banda who declared himself "President for Life" in 1971 said in a recent statement: "he is Malawi and Malawi is him." Because of his dictatorship, hundreds of top Malawian academics and intellectuals are living in exile around the world. Many others who defied his power are in jail without charges, some for 20 plus years.

In spite of his poor record on human rights and his continued effort to oppress his opposition, the United States last year increased their military and economy aid to Malawi by 50 percent.

### Liberia

Rebel leader Charles Taylor has again refused to abide by the cease-fire agreement signed between his group and interim President Dr. Amos Sawyer.

Taylor said the agreement was aimed at trying to stop him from becoming the next president of Liberia. His refusal to abide by the agreement is said to be the major obstacle of returning the country to democratic rule by free election.

While life in the capital, Monrovia, is returning to normal, life in territories controlled by Charles Taylor and his group is said to be deteriorating.

### Morocco

A cease-fire in the year of Western Sahara Desert war has been called and agreed upon by both the Morocco government and the rebel Polisario front. Both parties have said they would respect the cease fire. Meanwhile, 2,800 UN soldiers and civilians will be on hand to monitor the cease fire.

### Kenya

Johan Anguka, a former district officer in President Danie Arab Moi's government, has been charged with the murdering of former foreign minister Robert Ouko. Ouko was killed in 1990 when he was preparing a report on official corruption for the Moie cross-fires.

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# THE HILLTOP

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## Laurels and Darts

As we bid farewell to the Class of 1992, it is appropriate that THE HILLTOP follow a tradition of looking back at the past academic year and heaping praise where warranted and criticism where justified.

To the HUSA candidates we give a laurel for displaying none of the election-day shenanigans that have characterized the previous two HUSA elections. However, the student body in general receives a dart for its cheap and inappropriate questions during the campaign.

Two darts go to the HUSA General Assembly: first, for overruling Elections Committee chairperson Maleika Mosely, second for leaving in place a constitution that does not do what it is supposed to do. Two darts go to Maleika Mosely: one for being inconsistent in the face of an obscure constitutional guideline, and two for resigning and not negotiating with the General Assembly in good faith. The only laurel to be earned is by Aricka Westbrooks who stepped into the fire and finally put it out.

To Dr Franklyn G. Jenifer and his administration, they earn both a laurel and a dart for raising tuition: a laurel if they improve services concomitant with the increase in fees, a dart if they do not.

One hundred twenty-five laurels go to Howard University for surviving 125 years. Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Denzel Washington, Dr. Jenifer earn laurels for their participation in our anniversary celebration, Howard: The First 125 Years. However, we would like to offer this bit of advice to Dr. Jenifer: "Yo, Frankie, keep your day job!" Furthermore, Denzel earns a laurel for, well, just for being Denzel.

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs deserves a laurel for bringing the likes of Princeton's Cornel West to Howard's campus. Now, if only more could be done to bring more of the likes of West to Howard's faculty.

A laurel goes to the lone, single, solitary electronic card catalogue that works in Founders Library. Another laurel goes to the library for installing computers and bringing itself into the modern era. However, Founders receives a dart for its usual uselessness and ineptitude when it comes to finding books that anyone really needs. Along with the library, two darts go to the idiotic students who still tear the pertinent chapters and sections out of books.

The Howard University Law School earns a laurel for producing yet another national leader, United States Senator Harris Wofford from Pennsylvania.

The College of Arts and Sciences earns a dart for perpetrating the rumor that the Admissions

Office had not responded to over 30,000 applications. The Admissions Office also earns a dart for any portion of that rumor that is true.

Taco Bell's hiring policy earns a dart for assuming guilt and criminal involvement on the part of its job applicants and requiring them to prove their innocence.

The HUSA Executive Board earns a laurel a piece for Capitol Hill Day and the Community Outreach Program. It earns a dart, however, for every other program that never was.

The Patricia Roberts Harris Program earns two laurels for bringing Mayor Norman Rice, of Seattle, Washington and United States Congressman Mike Espy to Howard's campus to speak and lecture.

The comic writers of THE HILLTOP receive both a laurel and a dart: a laurel for enlightening us with their stories about urban drug abuse; a dart for boring us with their stories about urban drug abuse.

A dart goes to the University for taking our money through the Independence Initiative. Contributions to the University endowment should not be mandatory, they should reflect student sentiment toward the University and their commitment to its well-being.

On another mandatory issue, the University receives another dart for forcing underclassmen to eat the food in the cafeteria. If the University wants to increase the number of students eating in the cafe, then it needs to improve the quality and variety of food served in the cafe.

Finally, a laurel goes to every school except the School of Business for studying hard and not calling false fire alarms in efforts to post-pone tests and final exams.

These are some of the events and issues that have come before us over this past academic year. Some have helped us, some have hurt us, but all have affected us and we must be aware of these and so many more. Take some with a grain of salt, others more seriously, but be aware and be knowledgeable enough to make the distinction. The Editorial Board of THE HILLTOP is very pleased to have served you this past year. We hope that our editorials have been informative and insightful. Most of all we hope that, whether or not you agreed with them, they caused you to think about the issues of the day surrounding the African-American community at-large and your response as a member of this community.

The members of the 1991-92 Hilltop Editorial Board have been: George Daniels, Jennifer Golson, Darrell Winston Hill, Marcus D. Ward, and Tanya Acker.

## We, Too, Sing America

America needs to stop denying its history. This is a country that was founded by the overthrow of what was an international status quo—a system of Euro-dominated colonialism. Having our origin in revolution, we have supported revolution and revolutionary efforts since our beginning: the Nicaraguan contras, Polish Solidarity, the protestors in Tienamen Square. That being the case, it is fitting that under oppressive, racist conditions the disenfranchised communities of Los Angeles should revolt. The only inappropriate response is that of the larger American society that sees this as a "law and order" issue and not as a response-to-oppression-and-injustice issue. America seems to condone all reactions to oppression except responses to its own wide and pervasive oppression.

The rioters of Los Angeles are as American, if not more, than any that sat at home watching TV and condemning them. The Los Angeles rioters are fed up with empty promises of equality and freedom, they want America to live up to its promises, they want America to

be America for all Americans, not just white Americans. Freedom, what freedom? The Simi Valley, California jury just made the Rodney King beating a textbook example of how to subdue a motorist, a black motorist, after a high speed chase. Equality, what equality? Who can deny that had the color of any party to the trial been different (whether it be King, the four police officers or the members of the jury) that the outcome would have been different as well?

The Los Angeles rioters and, by extension, the larger African American community do not hate America. We have too much blood and sweat invested in it to hate it. We simply want to be a part of it and to have the opportunity to achieve as much as our talents will allow us. However, until that time, we will continue towards revolution, whether small or large, that gives us what we rightly deserve. We, too, will continue to sing America, we the darker brothers and sisters, until her ears perk up and listen.



## Letter from the Editor

Today, marks the end of a growing year for THE HILLTOP. Under the theme, "Dedication to Excellence," this year's staff of more than 50 students from several of the University's schools and colleges, moved into a new location and adapted to a high-tech production process while publishing what we feel is one of the best college publications in the country.

Our new offices in the Howard Plaza Towers, though far from the main Yard, have provided additional space for our growing staff and more contact on a daily (and sometimes nightly) basis with students and the wide, campus community. While the administration has failed to provide us with a fully functional darkroom facility and there are some sizeable leaks in our ceiling, our new home has served us well.

Thanks to the University's Procurement Services Department (specifically Paulette Porter), we have been able to save a significant amount of money and upgrade our production process to a state-of-the-art desktop publishing system whereby we take a completed page on a computer screen straight to a negative. This process allows us to bypass the tedious and time-consuming paste-up process still done at many publications around the nation. The new process has also provided us with an avenue to regulate the tone of our photographs and total look of our finished pages. I hope you can see a difference.

While not reaching our goal of a twice per week publication, we have at least conducted some experiments with such a concept. In retrospect, we can see that there are several factors which make this goal unreachable for the moment. However, I hope that future editors will take up our experiment and, under better circumstances, make an attempt at this again.

All of our accomplishments this year would not have

been possible without your prayers and support. On behalf of the entire staff, I thank you, our readers, for this. The kind words of encouragement many of you have given me have made all the difference in the world. Personally, I must publicly Praise God for pulling me through this very, very time-consuming position.

At noon today, my tenure as HILLTOP editor-in-chief will end and my life will begin as a cum laude graduate of Howard University. Much of the rest of my life has been on-hold for the last 12 months as I was consumed with this task. But, I can truly say that it was well worth the effort.

We always get into trouble when we start naming names as we say thank-you. But, I cannot leave this position without mentioning a couple of people who have helped make this year a great one. My thanks to all those members of THE HILLTOP staff who have labored diligently to put out our 28 issues this year and especially to our technical adviser, Ms. Leslie Harriell-Lewis. The members of THE HILLTOP Board, under the able leadership of Mr. Ivan K. Hopkins have also been supportive of my goals and lended that external advice which has made the publication the professional product it is.

I turn over the leadership of this publication to the very capable hands of my Managing Editor Jennifer Golson. I know that you will join me in praying for her success as she along with the 1992-93 staff begin their journey toward producing one of the nation's best publications, THE HILLTOP.

May God richly bless each of you!!!!

George Daniels  
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# COMMENTARY

## 'Abide in me, as I abide in you' After All These Years

Melvin J. Anderson

"Abide in me as I abide in you". I firmly believe that beside (not behind) every good black man there is a good black woman. I hold this truth to be self-evident by the accounts of history which prove that in the struggles by black men, there have always been black women. From Harriet Tubman to Amy Garvey to Angela Davis, plus countless others known and unknown have shown that we are involved in a unified struggle. For it is clear that if we do not struggle as one then we will all fail together. Unfortunately, many of our brothers and sisters are more prone to "gamin'" and "frontin'" rather than building productive and lasting commitments to each other and to their communities.

In today's climate of mere dating, and lack of courtship, our disrespect towards one another has become pervasive to the point where sisters are demanding "no romance without finance" and brothers are just asking "when." With the myriad of problems fac-

ing our communities we can't afford to continue this "cold war" between black men and women. If we are truly concerned with coming together and having honest commitments to our people and to one another then we must begin to get our set of views and values in order.

It is a clear contradiction to profess that you are all for the progression of black people then still fail to treat your sisters and brothers with the type of respect that a person is supposed to bring into a relationship. How can we be cohesive in our efforts if we continue to have problems nurturing one another as friends, counselors, lovers and allies? I do not wish to suggest that because we have shortcomings in terms of our interactions with the black man or the black woman that we do not love our brothers and sisters as a whole. But the clear resounding question is: How deep is your love? Our feelings have been thrown into such a quandary that many of us don't have a clue as to how deep our love and responsibility to one another must extend.

Does a "good" black man have to be a single lawyer or any other college educated professional? Or can he be a responsible, loving, sincere man who just happens to be a factory assemblyman or a building construction worker. How deep is your love? Does it run deep to the degree where you are able to look at your sisters as the full embodiment of everything that we are as a people, the bearers and nurturers of our future, and our partners in our struggle? Does it run deep to the degree where you are able to look at your brothers as strong, self assured, unyielding targets constructively trying to move us forward?

Cultivating these types of attitudes toward one another may help to mature many of our men and women who have the potential to reach these levels of self-actualization. Our love for one another should transcend all the ills of society that may manifest itself through our people. Many brothers and sisters still have quite far to go, but let's get very real about it. All men are not dogs, and sisters are certainly not bitches. Of course,

we all eventually want to find someone who possesses all those qualities that one wants in a mate. To be very warm, loving and devoted are very important qualities that we should all look for in a person. But aside from these, we should strive to bring about self-assurance, self-knowledge and productive lifestyles for ourselves, our partners and others. These exploitative games show a lack of conscious dating culture and our morals must demand much more than the aforementioned. Let's bring back values that brought about honesty, order and purpose. I don't suggest a return to a time when relationships were arranged and controlled by families. Just that we look back at some of the principles that we have managed to leave so far away behind.

Remember always to demand of anyone: "Abide in me, as I abide in you". Peace.

*The writer is a senior majoring in political science in the the College of Arts and Sciences.*

Darrell Winston Hill

To kick off its Spring Black Arts Festival, UGSA hosted Nikki Giovanni for a poetry reading. After having seen her and listened to her message, I just gotta say something 'bout what seeing and hearing her meant to me on the eve of my graduation from Howard University.

I am a critic of Howard University. I feel that it has a lot of potential that it simply does not use. I feel that the student body does not fully appreciate what an incredible resource this University is, nor do I feel that the student body has a accurate, informed and appreciative sense of the history of our University.

I feel that the physical facilities of the University are substandard. I feel that the library ought to be easier to manage and that at any given time more than one electronic card catalogue should work. Library books ought to be returned to the shelves in a more timely manner, however, students should also respect the books as well as, their classmates by not tearing pages (the critical pages) out of books and magazines.

Before hearing Nikki Giovanni, I was hard pressed to think about why I would miss Howard.

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Why I would miss loud music in the dorms in 2 a.m. in the morning. Why I would miss basketball up and down the halls at 3 a.m. Why I would miss the cheating, the just getting by, the frontin', the "I'll take my 'C' jet," the disrespect, the feeling that an education at Howard was given or owed, not earned. I was hard pressed to think about why I would miss the faculty members just collecting paychecks, the office hours not kept, their frayed, dated and jaundiced notes, their lack of passion and caring, their feeling that this was just any old University and that we were just any old students.

Before hearing Ms. Giovanni, I was sure that I was not going to give back to this University. Hadn't I earned what I achieved on my own? Hadn't I been put through far too much to even consider glancing back this way again? Hadn't my being here been too much of a burden for administrators and staff members to think about allowing future Howardites to interrupt their soap operas or personal phone calls?

What Ms. Giovanni did (not by anything specific that she said or did, but just by her message and coming here in general) was to put the exclamation point on my four years at Howard. What she did was remind me of the mission of this University and my role as one who is a part of the University community. She also reminded me of how well this University has prepared me to carry on with its mission; of how faculty members take time out to make sure that material was thoroughly understood; of how students join together in one family to meet a common foe, whether home grown or from abroad; of faculty members who opened their homes, their worlds, their hearts and their wisdom to me and let me partake of something very special; of administrators who are a part of Howard's history and know full well how high it can soar.

After all these years, I have finally discovered what Howard is all about. Moments, very special, singular moments that will stand out in our memory. Moments that will mark time in our development as African-Americans. Nikki Giovanni, who spoke in the School of Business auditorium Monday, April 20, was one of those moments. It was a moment that brought past and present into focus; a moment that brought to life the reason I am here and the role I play; a moment beyond which my perception, my analysis, my appreciation and my understanding are a little deeper and more subtle and a lot less superficial.

I am still a critic of Howard University. But I understand that only by offering criticism can I ever expect the University to reach its fullest potential. It is by offering criticism that Howard will always know that the moments I experienced here are still with me. It is by offering criticism that I will show that the experiences here need to be shared with future generations of students. I can only hope that another UGSA administration will host another Nikki Giovanni so that another Darrell Winston Hill can finally learn what another four years has come to mean.

*The writer is a graduating today from the Honors Program in the College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in economics.*

## To the Class of '92

Franklyn G. Jenifer

It gives me particular pleasure to extend to you, the members of the Class of 1992, your families, teachers and friends, the heartiest of congratulations.

When I look back at my own Howard graduation, almost three decades ago, I can conjure up the variety of emotions that flashed through my mind: joy, relief, apprehension, impatience... But there was another emotion that spoke to me then and still speaks to me today as I walk this campus, and that is pride — pride in an institution, pride in a people, pride in a heritage.

As you take your diverse paths from this place, I think you will find in that Howard-nurtured pride a source of sustenance, inspiration, and obligation. As you move onward and upward, I urge you not to forget those in our communities whose daily bread is despair, as the riots in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict make so clear.

I urge you, too, not to forget this institution and what it has meant.

*The writer is president of Howard University.*

**Finished**  
Regurgitate  
on cue or when the money runs out  
Born Again to yourself  
Pomp & Circumstance  
Fanfare  
Finished

Just tryin' to find new definitions  
Dancing a solo looking for a duet  
misplaced those definitions-  
Panic  
To information caught in a vortex  
Sounds like deaf children laughing  
At You  
Need those definitions  
The silent noise builds  
Metal on wood  
Fingers on keys  
Sprinting to their own time  
Syntax error  
"Burning chrome melting across the sky"  
Wood on flesh  
Los Angeles  
Is King proud?  
Chaos  
Ain't no definitions

## What you shouldn't have to go through

Sonja Morris

It seems that the longer I stay at Howard the more bureaucracy I seem to encounter. This bureaucracy has made me begin to question whether or not Howard University belongs to its students. Call me naive or idealistic, but aren't the students the very reason that Howard exists? Based on events I have witnessed, apparently the answer is an emphatic 'no.'

Take for example an incident that recently occurred. A University organization of which I am an officer was interested in hosting an induction ceremony for its members. The organization's president spoke with an official in the College of Arts and Sciences to reserve the auditorium in either Just Hall (Biology Building) or Howard Mackey (Architecture Building). The request was denied because our organization did not consist of biology majors or architecture majors. The official's justification was that it's simply the way things are done.

Granted, the organization is a co-educational honor fraternity and students from every school and college with the required credentials are eligible to apply. Simply because our fraternity is not limited to one particular major or school, we were denied the right to use the University's facilities.

Even though the College of Arts and Sciences is the largest college, I do not understand why it oversees the activities of other schools on campus. I would think that an official in

each school or college would handle such routine tasks as granting students permission to use its facilities. Frankly it makes me very angry to be told that I can't use a building at an University of which I am a student.

I realize that the wave of break-ins, vandalism and security are issues that concern University officials. However, our fraternity is newly founded and we would never do anything to jeopardize our being able to use the University's facilities in the future. The last thing we would want is negative publicity for an organization that is barely four months old.

Fortunately, there is a bright side to the story. The School of Business allowed us to use its auditorium. Perhaps the School of Business was more sympathetic to our needs because it hosts a fraternity similar to our own.

I'm not about naming names because I do not wish to embarrass anyone. However, I hope that the official in the College of Arts and Sciences will see this commentary and realize that our fraternity was offended that we were denied something very basic for a petty reason. In all probability these comments will not bring about any sweeping changes. There's simply too much red tape.

*The writer is a sophomore in the School of Communications.*

## Remember the Opportunities

Jennifer Howard

After four years at Howard University, I am very glad that I chose to study here. I have grown academically and socially. I have also gained priceless experiences.

Howard has so much to offer that you cannot take advantage of it all. But I try. For students studying communications, students can work for *THE HILLTOP*, the Community News, WHBC 830 AM, a student-run radio station, WHUR 96.3 FM, a commercial radio station, WHMM TV Channel 32, A Howard owned public television station, Capcom, a new student public relations program, the Advance Team, a student advertising organization and/or a host of other activities.

Students majoring in business can work on the business side of the communications activities already mentioned, in The Howard Inn or through other programs at Howard. In addition, recruiters constantly interview students in the School of Business.

Nursing, premedical and dentist students can take advantage of opportunities that are offered at Howard University Hospital that is connected to the School of Dentistry and the School of Medicine. (My freshman year, I walked into the School of Dentistry and ended up in the School of Medicine then into the hospital. The area was huge it seemed very dreamy. It was an incredible experience. I said to myself, "This is what Howard University is all about-excellence.") School of Fine Arts students also have a host of opportu-

nities open to them. They can perform in the Ira Aldridge Theater in such shows as "Dreamgirls", they can act in skits during homecoming activities or dance in the Dance Ensemble among other things. (By the way, Dreamgirls was very entertaining. My fellow Howardites can sing, dance and perform just like top entertainers. They are even going to Hong Kong for two weeks. Congratulations and good luck.)

Any student can choose to get involved in any of the above mentioned activities or others and/or they can join community service organizations or the student government. Not only does "the Mecca" of education offer extracurricular activities, it also offers life experiences that are unforgettable like the protest of 1989.

Though Howard is a great institution it has its problems, just like other institutions. This is why in 1989 we protested for better financial aid procedures, housing and security. Of course, the appointment of Harvey Lee Atwater prompted the entire protest.

At first I was reluctant to join the protest, but later I became very much involved. Thousands of students came together and slept on cold, dirty floors for days in the Mordecai Johnson Administration building until our demands were met. We received help from many people including professors, who always had those encouraging words, Jesse Jackson, former Mayor Marion Barry and Ralph Abernathy among others. This was an experience I will never forget. Before this incident, I thought that African-Americans were disunited. But now I know, though

some people have individual dilemmas, we united as a people. So stay together and do not let anyone say that African-Americans are not united. We all are one and we are united forever.

At Howard I have gained friendships that will never die. I have teachers, who have shaped me, friends, who love me, and faculty and staff members that will be hard to forget. No matter what corner I turned, one of them was always there for me. Thank you.

At Howard, through programs of African history to lectures on Black male and female relationships, the 1989 protest, heated debates among friends, classroom discussions and everyday life at Howard, I have learned so much about where I come from that will help me to get me where I am going.

One of my dearest friends has lived Murphy's Law, whatever can go wrong will, at Howard. She has had problems from financial aid to housing, but she still loves Howard as much as, if not more than, I do. Howard University has its problems but the advantages outweigh the disadvantages by 99.99999999...percent.

To fellow graduates, when you walk out of the doors of Howard, please remember the good times you had and do not dwell on the bad. Howard has definitely been the best experience in my life thus far.

*The writer is graduating today from the School of Communications.*



# COMMENTARY II

From the Class of '92

## My Love Affair with Howard University

Robert E. James, II

She's one of the great loves of my life. She's big, black and beautiful. She can do anything she sets her mind to, and has proven it many times. Even though she's not perfect she is always striving, reaching to improve. That's one of the things I love most about her. After a four year relationship, it's time to say goodbye. Today, we all come together one last time, but, sadly, she has to let me go.

Of course, I'm talking about the Capstone, Howard University. After four years, it's time for me and the rest of the Class of '92 to bid farewell to this place. But even as we say farewell, we'll take a part of this place with us — not just a degree (Although I'm glad to be getting it!) — but a feeling.

I flirted with some others — Morris Brown, Morehouse, Hampton, even Georgetown (taboo!) — but I knew all along that I would end up here. It

was really love at first sight, but I played hard to get. After I made a commitment to her, we had a blissful first semester. Everything seemed new and wonderful, and even her faults seemed cute — at least at first.

After a while, I started to pay more attention to her faults. She's not a very good cook or housekeeper — so I stopped eating her food and moved out of her house. Still, there is something about "the Mecca" which overcomes those faults. Back in '89, we had a big fight over some administrative problems. We fought over a lot of issues — like who she was seeing on the side (I think his name was Lee something or other), money (how she was spending mine) and those housekeeping skills. It seemed bad at the time, but we eventually made up, and things started to get better. I can't help but think that the fight in '89 had something to do with her turning over a new leaf.

The next years went by quickly, but we got to know each other better. She improved and I appreciated it. I still want her to do more, to exercise her

potential, but at least now, I know that she is trying.

This relationship has cost me: time, money and heartache, among other things. But it has also made me grow up, act like a man, and stop playing games with my life. For that I'll be forever grateful. There is something else she's given me — the Howard Spirit — and that is something that I'll carry with me always, and try to impart on whomever I meet.

Graduating from Howard gives me the armor to go out in the world and withstand the blows which white folks can dish out. That piece of paper will be precious to me, because it represents the four best years of my life. Even though I'm leaving, she'll always be in my heart.

O Howard, I'll Sing of Thee!

The writer is a graduating senior majoring in political science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

## Don't Quit Just Because Life's Not Fair

Valerie Walker Brooks

In August 1976, a beautiful black lady from Richmond, VA stepped on Howard University's campus to begin a college experience and prepare herself for a high powered career. Sixteen years later, in May 1992, she found herself tying up loose ends to attempt to complete the degree she was due to receive in 1980, 12 years later than planned or expected.

What transpired in those sixteen years is a story of a strong, vulnerable black woman who evolved and suffered a lot of indignities, heartache and pain. She survived a divorce, bankruptcy, eviction, the loss of custody of two children, homelessness, a major illness, jail, a mental hospital, death of a parent, being jolted, unemployment and the betrayal of many friends and the vengeance of many enemies.

If you knew this lady back in 1976 to 1980, you would be shocked to hear her story. No one

would ever think this lady's life would end up as it did. The lesson is, none of us know where the roads of life will take us. We strive hard for success, but sometimes we travel a long road of detours before we reach the road of success. We cannot always choose the outcome of our life. Life is not fair, and it doesn't always fall into place or have a happy ending. It is not always for not trying or working hard; it is the result of bad choices; retaliation of enemies and sometimes bad luck. Glory be to God that he is a comforter and we can turn to him. This lady will testify to tell you God will bring you through.

This lady is Valerie Denise Walker Brooks, a student majoring in finance and graduating this May. A former Howard resident advisor, officer of Frazier Hall, a member of the charter line of Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity, Iota Rho Chapter, a member of the Banking Club, a former Dean's list student all at Howard University. My fellow graduating seniors I

implore of you as you go out into the world and lead as Howardites do, to remember those less fortunate than you, make decisions that will improve the standards of living of all mankind. DO NOT FAIL TO SPEAK UP when you see injustice. TAKE A STAND. You could very well be in this person's shoes. Do not think it cannot happen to you. For every rags-to-riches story, there are two riches-to-poverty stories, none of us know what the future holds. When men and women of conscience and ethics refuse to speak up and take a stand, men and women of no conscience and no ethics take control. Which will you be? That choice is yours!!

Congratulations to all my fellow graduates, especially all the black brothers graduating who chose to learn in the classroom and not on the street!!

The writer is a graduating senior majoring in finance in the School of Business.

## A Different View

## Time to Experience "New Bottles" of Life

Marcus D. Ward

The commencement season is a time which serves purpose for all students of the University. For those students who will be participating in the exercise, it is a time of celebration and thanksgiving. For those students who will be seceding, it gives a sense of inspiration and willingness to achieve. However, just as commencement sparks "new beginnings" in the lives of those who will graduate, it is also the symbol of a dramatic metamorphosis in each graduating individual.

Matthew 9:17 states "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles, else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved." In allusion to this verse, the "new wine" represents the experiences which have shaped our manhood and womanhood. The "old bottles" represent from whence we've come, and the "new bottles" represent where we are to go. Our years at this University represent a distilling process which has brought us to a state in which our wine has been changed from old to new.

Throughout our years at this University the graduates of this class have experienced a number of changes. We were bound together in unity through the protest of 1989, we witnessed the ending of the Cheek era, the prosecution of

Marion Barry, the foundation of the Jenifer administration and we have survived the yearly tuition increases. These events coupled with our personal growths have allowed the boys and girls of 1988 to mature to the men and women of 1992, the "new wine" of Howard University.

Just as it would be ludicrous to store new wine into old bottles, it would also be the same for us as graduating men and women to return to those ways, even and mannerisms that we possessed in our freshman, sophomore and junior years. For it is the sense of the true manhood and womanhood to realize when the time has come to progress to a higher plateau.

Although our years at Howard have brought us many enjoyable experiences which we will always cherish, our time of service here has ended and now we must face the world.

As we go into the world, into our various "new bottles," we will become part of the occupational diversity which is the framework of our nation. The graduates which compose the class of 1992 represent future architects, teachers, clergymen, lawyers, doctors, businessmen and various others professions. Whatever door of opportunity we possess the key to, we will go forward with the sense of pride and determination that we have gained at this university. For we have learned that it was our people who shaped civilization and it is our duty to preserve that which those before us fought and died for, and to innovate new ideas in

our cultural preservation.

We understand that we may meet oppression at every avenue we pursue, but the higher the level of oppression towards a goal, the sweeter the moment of its acquisition. We acknowledge the fact that all of us may not succeed at great levels initially, but through the networking process that we have begun with our very peers, we have the ability to achieve and aid those who may experience difficulty in achievement. We also realize that we must continue to support the university. Even though every experience here may not have been pleasurable, we must preserve the place from which we have learned the valuable lessons of African-American life, so that others may pass through this place and hopefully, one day, learn free of any support from the establishment.

With these thoughts in mind we seek our rite of passage on this day. We keep our heads high and our visions forward. Although we will leave many positive experiences behind, we will only look back. For the time has come for us to experience the "new bottles" of life...Peace, Howard University.

The writer is a December 1991 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences and served as a member of THE HILLTOP Editorial Board this year.

## HUSA Community Outreach: Service or Responsibility?

Talib Karim

This past school year has been very community oriented for over 1,000 Howard University students, faculty and alumni. At the beginning of the 1991-1992 school year the incoming HUSA administration of Ivan Bates and Patrice Grant committed themselves to restructuring the relationship that Howard University had with our community. To this end, a Community Outreach Plan of Action was devised that consisted of social, educational, economic and health components.

Following the completion of this detailed plan, a meeting was called of local business representatives, civic leaders, community activist and religious leaders. From this meeting, it was surmised that the HUSA Community Outreach Program promised to be a powerful tool for the mobilization of the Howard University campus in the development of the local Washington, D.C. community. In leaving the meeting, most of the participants had hopes that the plans discussed would be followed up by actions.

As the 1991-1992 HUSA Community Outreach director, I am proud to announce that our mission has been successful. The HUSA Community Outreach Program began the school year by committing itself to the institutionalization of community activism within the curriculum of the university. The Community Outreach Task Force, consisting of Howard University students, staff and administrators as well as, local community activist, was formed to develop a course in community development that would be a requirement for graduation.

To generate the necessary support for this initiative, it concluded that a Community Outreach movement had to be created on the campus of Howard University. Such a movement would enlighten students to the understanding that work in the community is a RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT A SERVICE. In the creation of this movement, the HUSA Community Outreach Program, under the direction of one paid staff member and a committee of volunteer coordinators, organized a year of on-going and one-time projects and activities.

The on-going projects consisted of a rites of passage program, peer-counseling, child development, big brother-big sister program, food/clothing collection and distribution and a weekend field trip project that exposed local youth to sources of cultural and educational enlightenment. This year's HUSA programming consisted of a series of community oriented events including: Community Orientation Day for incoming fresh-

man; Community Day which celebrated the community; African Harvest Festival, a substitute for children's Halloween parties; a week-long Kwanzaa Festival which brought the Kwanzaa Holiday founder, Dr. Mulana Karenga to Howard University; Youth Leadership Retreat; Community Beautification Day, which mobilized the campus and local residents to beautify the community; and a Community Appreciation Banquet which recognized the outstanding contributions of several in the community, including former D.C. Mayor, Marion Barry.

With the success of the Community



Outreach Program, Howard University has possibly begun a new era in student/youth activism. This era is one of the actualization of social and political consciousness versus merely its mere verbalization. If Howard students are to actually become catalysts for change, then we have to begin by demonstrating through our actions, that which we

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speak of. Work in the community is a clear demonstration of commitment to the upliftment of our people which MUST BE TAUGHT AND INSTILLED in those who do not already possess this understanding.

In leaving I issue a challenge to the next HUSA administration and the entire Howard University student body. I challenge you to move political and social consciousness to a higher level by elevating the movement for COMMUNITY OUTREACH. Remember, ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

The writer is community outreach director for the Howard University Student Association and a graduating senior majoring in mechanical engineering.

## Oh, You Went to that Bourgeois School in D.C., Huh?

Robert J. Vickers

A freshman at Morehouse College in Atlanta approached me some months ago, eager to discuss my experiences at Howard. I was happy to reciprocate.

We talked briefly and affectionately about the rich culture of black colleges and their unique experiences, then the conversation moved to our financial status.

It was then that he shifted from brotherly to critical and began blasting Howard for taking our annual Congressional "Unc Tom" appropriation.

He also referred sarcastically to Howard's first enrolled class— all white women.

I was shocked to learn that in addition to their own school's history, he and probably most Morehouse freshmen, are taught some Howard history to further ingrain their ideal of the strength of Morehouse men.

Even a poor student of human nature knows that people seeking to exalt their value will often gauge themselves by, and downgrade, the accepted leader.

How good is Morehouse? They say, it's better than Howard.

How good is Howard? We just say it's "the Mecca." This experience and others with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, since graduating two years ago, gives me pause.

At Morehouse, students and administrators, many of whom are Morehouse graduates, openly challenged the selection of Howard alumnus Craig Cason as the college's new football coach, citing he was not a Morehouse man.

Cason, proclaiming "The pride is back," led "The House" to its first winning season in 15 years.

Spelman College is not much different.

A few years ago the administration forced a student leader to step down from office because she was pregnant. Administrators felt she would not represent "the essence of finer womanhood."

The student president at Clark-Atlanta University (CAU) once asked me warily if Howardites were really bourgeois and uninterested in the struggles of common black folk, as she was led to believe.

Another CAU campus leader told me she'd rather see her student newspaper fester in ignorance than accept assistance from a Howard grad.

But the same students at Atlanta University Center (AUC)— the collective name for CAU, Morehouse, Spelman and Morris Brown Colleges— admit they rarely interact despite being within eyesight of each other.

While Howardites always socialize with students miles away, the AUC Center—the nation's largest collection of black collegians—has quietly continued a traditional, elaborate stratification.

And they call us bourgeois. Last year, a Howard alumnae and I had to calm the fears of an Atlanta high school graduate who told her friends she was headed to Howard.

Those same so-called friends, who chose to educate themselves at AUC and other nearby schools, barraged her with horror stories of the dangers of Howard and living in D.C.

Ignorance and jealousy, I told the current Bisonette, are horrible things. I was also alarmed to hear of gestapo-like administration tactics at Hampton University that force new entrants to literally sign away their rights and expels those who question University policies.

And when I express differences of opinion to a friend who attended Morgan State University, just up the way, he

jokingly disqualifies it as a reflection of "that bourgeois Howard experience."

I've even endured Florida A&M University alumni bragging of their past football and basketball MEAC championships. But FAMU recently bailed-out of an annual football classic in Atlanta that funds the college education of an entire class of inner-city black kids. Their rationale— mo' money for FAMU.

These cases are not meant to demean other black col-

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leges so much as to inform Howardites that your black college brethren take the time to knock HU while their own misguided practices continue.

As one HILLTOP alumnae once told me: "Before you go out trying to clean someone else's house, you better make damn sure yours is squeaky clean."

So with that, it is with concern that I watch the Howard 2000 study begin its implementation.

Although I agree that a streamlining is needed, and the university should move with all due haste to become self-sufficient, I challenge the idea that we should scale back social service education and become more exclusive in selecting new entrants. Howard should seek to better administer what it has.

Cutting resources for the sake of belt tightening, while mismanagement continues amounts to treating the symptom and ignoring the disease.

And by raising our application standards we return open-armed to the stereotypical upper-crusty Howard image that many of us have worked so hard to dispel.

I myself was a low achieving high school student and even made modest grades at Howard. Yet, my HU experience has allowed me to excel in my field of study.

When people ask me about my alma mater, I always say with pride that the University's mission is to provide a quality education to those who, under normal circumstances, would not get one.

Howard should strive to take high school graduates with 2.1 GPAs as I had, and turn them into leaders, like our own Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer who himself struggled to graduate from high school. That's what makes this "the Mecca."

By tapping our own immense pool of black intelligence to educate and administer, we become more fiscally self-sufficient and continue to lead the struggle to uplift all people of African descent.

Until then, when someone from another black college knocks HU, tell them not to judge us by where we get our money, but what we do with it— we take the devil's tools and use them for a heavenly purpose.

That "Uncx Tom" appropriation from Congress?

We'll take it! Thank you very much.

The writer is a 1990 alumnus, a former Hilltop staffer, and currently a legal affairs reporter with The Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

# NEWS

## UN conference to address black environmental concerns, issues

By Omowale Elson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

When black American environmentalists participate in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro June 1-12, they and their counterparts from developing countries may sound very much alike.

Some major concerns include: a greater allocation of funds for environmental projects, the discontinuation of dumping poisonous chemicals and toxic waste in communities of color, and a greater voice in policies and programs directed at treating environmental problems in these areas.

Under the UNCED objectives, citizen groups, known internationally as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), will be given the opportunity to develop joint international strategies, as well as draw attention to their local concerns. For this reason, black environmental groups, which have been claiming to be marginalized, will be given an opportunity to learn that their problems are

Facilitating Committee, to address issues excluded from the official UNCED agenda. Pre-conference lobbying is expected to influence any resolutions emanating from the 12 days of focused debate.

The term "environmental racism" was used recently by Dr. Cornell West, professor of religion and director of the African-American Studies at Princeton University. In his lecture to Howard students on "Afrocentricity: A Challenge to a People," he used this term, not only in reference to air pollution and haz-



## 91-92 NEWS in revue

This year has been one of racial unrest, social injustice and economic depression. Black Americans have been asked to accept the unacceptable, believe the unbelievable and reject what seems righteous and good. The Hilltop covered everything from foreign revolutions to the U.S. presidential elections to friendly local debates.

Some of the most memorable stories include:

**CLARENCE THOMAS'** appointment to the Supreme Court came after a long, heated Senate hearing. Thomas was accused of sexual harassment by Anita Hill, a former employee and friend. Hill said Thomas used offensive language which was sexually explicit in nature on more than one occasion.

In February of this year, "No Aristide- No Haiti!" was the cry of the more than 15,000 **HAITIAN REFUGEES** who were refused entry into the U.S. After the coup last September which ousted Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, Haitians fled to the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but then were forced to return to their homeland.

This year's **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** has been one of mud-slinging and dirt-dishing. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton's (D) extra-marital affair and supposed drug-use became issues in the race, as well as commentator Patrick Buchanan's (R) overt opposition to affirmative action.



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In 1987, this "garbage barge" hauled New York refuse to Central America and the Caribbean in a futile search for a cheap dumpsite. Since 1986, U.S. toxic wastes have been dumped in some of the world's poorest countries, said Greenpeace.

### News Analysis

similar to those that developing countries are experiencing at the international level.

Recently, a strong voice has been developing in mainstream press urging the Bush administration to stay away from the Rio Summit because others (presumably the developing countries) would be expecting large handouts of funds.

"U.S. citizen groups must... begin to hold the U.S. government accountable to the highest possible standards for its actions in preparation for the Summit, leading up to the Summit itself and in its follow-up," said Mark Valentine, who prepared "An Introductory Guide to the Earth Summit."

He further suggests that the American environmentalists can make an impact on what this government does in terms of the environment simply because this year is an election year. Valentine said, not only will the President be elected, but also one-third of the Senate and all members of the House of Representatives.

The importance given to NGOs can be seen in the near 1,000 seats which will be allocated in the observer section of the main auditorium. They will be able to interact with an international press corp of 3,000, plus the several hundred government and UN officials. A part from that, there will be a special NGO Global Forum which will be co-sponsored by the Brazil Forum and the International

ardous waste disposal, but also the tardiness with which sewerage problems in black communities are dealt.

Ronald Taylor, environmental writer for the Washington Times, suggested that minority communities which were neglected by "mainstream environmental groups" are now experiencing a change of heart. Writing in the Panos Institute's publication "Other Voices", last summer, Taylor said these groups were now focusing on such problems such as pesticide contamination of migrant workers, toxic chemicals in rural black towns, lead poisoning in black children and smog in poor urban enclaves.

Journalist Gerald Lenoir also noted a new partnership of people of color and mainstream environmental groups in the fight against "toxic racism." He stressed that joint efforts can yield positive results as well as establish stronger links across color lines.

Likewise, NGOs from developing countries will use the Summit to bridge cultural and economic gaps between their counterparts in developed countries. Further, the Delaware-based International Society of African Scientists, which comprises membership from Africa, Caribbean and the Americas, have been active in trying to get the Waste Export and Import Prohibition Act, pushed through the House of Representatives.

The bill affirms that industrialized countries should manage their wastes within their borders. Some 60 African and Caribbean countries have called for an end to international trade in waste. The Caribbean has passed a resolution in 1987 against the acceptance of toxic waste in any country. This precautionary measure followed the 1986 dumping in Haiti of 13,476 tons of toxic municipal incinerator ash from Philadelphia.

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# BUSINESS/FINANCE

## Spotlight Entrepreneur



By Andrea Carroll  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Slowe Hall is one upperclassman dormitory that always seems to have a lot going on, but one would never guess that located on the second floor in "Studio 2204" is a flourishing student owned and operated business.

Ken Rance, a senior majoring in film production and minoring in still photography, has formed "That Black Guy Productions," a freelance photography and video company.

With only having the intentions of "an easier way to make money without working 20 hours in the Gap," Rance has founded a successful and profitable company at the age of 22.

Rance's professionalism and creativity has been proven and can be seen by just looking at his vast clientele including Ice Cube/Sister Souljah, HBO, Sony/Epic Records, Robert Townsend and Howard University to list a few.

Rance's latest venture is an album cover for Sister Souljah and Ice Cube's latest single. When asked why T.B.G. Productions ["That Black Guy"] has been so prosperous, Rance said, "I realized customer service is important, and when people are paying for a service, you can't expect to get good referrals without it."

In the beginning Rance said he understood that self-confidence was the key to success. "I have always enjoyed taking pictures, but didn't get serious until college." Rance was inspired to pursue his hobby in his first photography class at Howard.

He did some outside reading and began to develop the skills needed. He also built up his talent at several campus organizations including THE HILLTOP as a freelance photojournalist and a staff photographer at The Bison Yearbook.

With encouragement from friends, and the "I'll-do-it-and-try-it-attitude," Rance landed his first big job with Home Box Office (HBO). "I was very nervous," Rance said. "Making \$70 per hour, there was no room for error. You have to get it the first time," he added.

In the future, Rance plans on expanding his business out of studio 2204 upon his graduation and continuing to do the thing he loves. "You can never relive anything, photography is a way to capture an experience."

## Diversity is key to success

By Beatrice Willlar  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In the 1990s, the world is experiencing a great kaleidoscope of change. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Russian empire have opened the world culturally, as well as economically.

In the 21st century, the number one demand of employers in all areas of business will be for qualified individuals trained in cross-cultural communications. Most importantly, with the influx of foreign corporate ownership in the U.S., students would find it wise to adopt a cross-cultural perspective here in the U.S. and abroad.

According to a recent issue of Fortune Magazine, 10 of the top Fortune 500 corporations are drastically restructuring their interpersonal management for a new global economy.

Consequently, corporate management in the 90s will be structured around cross-cultural interpersonal management. The demand for this change is based on two important reasons according to Fortune. If the current trends in immigration and birth rates continue, minorities will outnumber whites midway through the 21st century. Therefore, the need for cross-cultural training will be essential.

California represents the largest area of cultural diversity transcending across America. According to a U.S. Census Bureau report, California is only 57 percent white and has an Asian population of 7.2

million. Also, the Census projects that in the next 20 years, Hispanics will be the largest ethnic group in the U.S. numbering 55 million.

Another reason students need to gear up and adopt a cross-cultural perspective is because of the predominance of foreign commercial investment in the United States. Currently, one-third of U.S. production is Japanese-owned. The total number of Americans employed by Japanese corporations has increased from 400,000 to 600,000 according to the Census.

Emeka Okoli, a Nigerian graduate assistant pursuing a Ph.D. in international organizational communications, said students need to become enlightened on ideas of global management.

"Trainers and institutions also need to realize that students may be handicapped, if they are not properly prepared for the changing work force today," he said.

Okoli has studied four years in England and has traveled to Hong Kong, Italy and Britain. While in England, he was a counselor for international students and General Secretary for Overseas Fellowship of Nigerian Christians.

"The chances are so great that a Howard graduate today may become employed by IBM and may end up working in Guam."

According to Fortune, economists calculate that within the next 10 years, one out of every three individuals employed by U.S. corporations will be placed outside the U.S.



Emeka Okoli

Currently, top corporations such as IBM, Eastman Kodak, and Dupont have organizations in over 50 countries.

Okoli believes Howard students need to take four basic steps to prepare themselves for the future:

- Research. Students need to research those countries which U.S. corporations do business with.
- Travel. Students need to gain first hand experience of the culture, land and people of other countries.

- Networking with International students. Students should attend seminars and functions to interact with international students and also explore entrepreneurial opportunities in other countries.

- Inter-cultural curriculum. Every student at Howard should be given the opportunity to take a course in interpersonal communication and training.

1991-92 may best be remembered as, in financial terms, a time of despair. Massive layoffs and cutbacks have plagued Americans of every race, age and economic level. For the better part of the year, there seemed to be no end in sight. However, this past week, economists are saying that the U.S. is slowly creeping out of its recessionary status. The future is looking a little brighter.

### Salute To Blacks In Business

Since the beginning of the school year, the Howard University Small Business Development Center (HUSBDC) had been gearing up to celebrate its 7th Annual "Salute to Blacks in Business" Conference titled "Entrepreneurship: The Road To Economic Success." The successful event was held on February 6 and 7. Keynote speakers for the \$65-a-plate awards dinner to close the conference were J. Bruce Llewellyn, chairman and CEO of Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Robert Johnson, president of Black Entertainment Television.

### Race is a Dominating Factor in Yearly Incomes

In November, the U.S. Census Bureau issued a report which revealed that race is a significant factor in determining pay. According to the report, black men and women earn considerably less than their white counterparts. Also, the report cited that education had little to do with the difference in pay.

### Business Week Presents Chance for Networking

Networking and making contacts were focal points of the November School of Business 15th annual Business Week Conference. Thirty-five corporations, ranging from Neiman-Marcus to Walt Disney World, were represented. The conference brought in a record \$35,000 in proceeds.

### Spotlight Entrepreneur

Hats should be tipped to the many brave students who have ventured as entrepreneurs into the business world. THE HILLTOP featured numerous students with profitable businesses who have managed to balance the stresses of the working world with the stresses of student life. Thank you to all entrepreneurs who have inspired others to follow the path of ultimate employment independence and good luck to you in the future.

## Internships offer supplement to school

By Beatrice Willlar  
Hilltop Staff Writer

This graduation day many students will cross the threshold of higher education into the world of business.

For most graduates, the years at Howard have been intensively filled with making career choices and planning for the future. But the question remains — how can undergraduates better prepare themselves to compete in the job market?

With the closing of the semester upon us, students

should use this summer to think about employment possibilities and upon their return in the fall, take action and use the resources that Howard provides to get an early start for the next year.

There are several primary opportunities Howard students can take advantage of: utilizing the summer vacation wisely by obtaining job and internships in their majors, taking full advantage of the resources at Howard such as the Center for Banking and Insurance, and the Center for Career Planning and most important—

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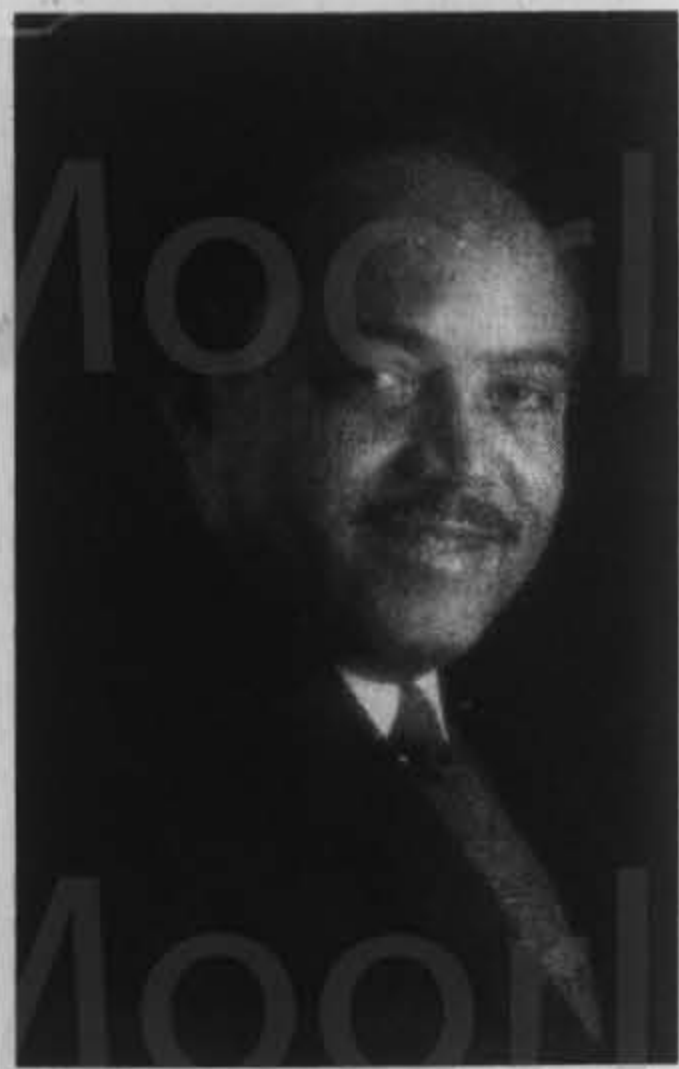
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## Dean Series

**Editor's Note:** With this final issue of THE HILLTOP for this school year, we conclude our Dean Series focusing on those 17 persons who give leadership to our schools and colleges. We hope you, our readers, have become informed about these leaders and see that they are not just administrators but teachers, role models and leaders in their various professions. Congratulations go to Hilltop Staff Writer Preston Jenkins, who came up with the idea of a dean series and followed-through on it in an exemplary fashion.

# Childhood dreams of pharmacies continue for Hill



Dr. Wendell T. Hill

By Preston Jenkins  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Perhaps it was the experience of working for his uncle's drug store when he was a youngster that persuaded Dr. Wendell T. Hill, Jr., to enter a profession that is very demanding and tedious. Hill has been dean of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences since 1977.

"First of all, pharmacy is one of the oldest professions in society," Hill said. "We are concerned with every thing related to drugs. We focus on discovery, production, distribution and safe use of pharmacy products and medication."

"When I was working for my uncle, I liked it," Hill added. "I received positive reinforcement everyday, and this allowed me to realize that this is a valuable service."

Hill received his bachelor of science degree in Pharmacy in 1950 from Drake University. The University of Southern California was where he received his master's in 1954 and his doctorate degree in 1970.

From February 1957 to September 1970 Hill was the director of pharmacy at the Orange County UCI Medical Center in Orange County, California. From July 1970 to September 1977

he served as the director of pharmaceutical services at the Detroit General Hospital in Detroit, Mich. From July 1970 to September 1977 he served as an associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at Wayne State University, also in Detroit.

When Hill started as dean in September of 1977, there were and still are high expectations, dubious goals and a high level of energy toward meeting those goals. "If you didn't like this job you couldn't do it," Hill said. "I love the opportunity to share with youngsters some of the things I've learned in this industry. I have an important obligation to point students in the right direction."

Hill, who at one time in his career personally interviewed every student that considered seeking a degree in Pharmacy from Howard University, makes it his business to bring in the best students from all over the country and abroad.

More than half of the student body in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has a "B" average or better. Close to 17 percent of their student body (approximately 30 students) will receive a Trustee Scholarship. "We try to select people who are committed to personal success. We don't want to have to motivate students once they get here. The ideal student is motivated before they get here," Hill said.

"Here at Howard we are focused on the notion of success. Students will get much more support here at Howard than they would at many other schools," he said.

The National Institute of Health, Walter Reed, Warner-Lambert, Upjohn, Smith, Kline and Beckman and other potential employers have fostered relationships with the College of Pharmacy in the form of internships and jobs. "When students take on an internship they get a broader vision of what the industry is all about," Hill said. "Some gain permanent employment."

Listed among the awards received by Hill are: The Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Drake University (1975), Hospital Pharmacist of the Year given by the California Pharmaceutical Association (1969), Outstanding Alumnus of the Year given by the University of Southern California (1979), and the Harvey A.K. Whitney Lecture Award from the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists (1989).

"But it's not about all of these awards," Hill said. "It's about helping the students. It's about providing them with opportunities for self-growth. It's about making a difference in society. That's why I treat each student here as if they are a member of my personal family."

# Divinity dean preaches importance of "power pastors"

By Tracy L. Vinson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Reverend Dr. Clarence Newsome, acting dean of the School of Divinity, is on a mission — a mission to create what he calls "power pastors."

"We see ourselves training power pastors, not solely in reference to the local church, but training those to pastor the world who see the world as their parish," he said. "Power pastors understand themselves to have the ability to draw on his/her religious faith according to the best of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

"They set the moral tone for the nation and for the world. People who have the ability given the challenges faced over the decade, century and the millennium," he added. "It sets the pace for black economic development through sound leaders of the black church."

Newsome added that power pastors also have the "ability to transform lives of individuals and communities to the end, therefore, justice and equality will prevail."

Newsome, who describes himself in three words: love, commitment and excellence, came to Howard in 1986 as assistant dean and was promoted to associate dean in 1988. Last year he was asked to serve as acting dean after the retirement of Dr. Lawrence N. Jones.

"I have a love of people, I am committed to improving the quality of them, particularly Afro-Americans, and I firmly believe that excellence is a universal value which

will make it possible to win people to our cause in order to promote well being and welfare," Newsome said.

"As the dean of this school I am responsible for oversight of the faculty and the developmental quality of the student body as well as graduates," Newsome said. "I am responsible for fiscal affairs of academic affairs and raising funds necessary to keep a unified economic environment."

The School of Divinity has a faculty of 12 full time and 12 adjunct faculty, which consist of members of the teaching community who are called upon to teach one or two courses a year. The student body has approximately 250 students with about 56 graduating seniors, the largest number ever in history of the school.

Newsome said he is "ecstatic" about the number of seniors graduating. "It is a sign of ever growing strength of our school and the ability to retain students," he said.

Newsome, who attended Duke University, said he was the first athlete to sign a grant in aid (athletic scholarship) and was also the first black athlete to make the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Team.

However, after being recruited by professional football teams, Newsome suffered from an injured knee and then spent the spring of his senior year "to follow up on his sense of having a call to the ministry."

Newsome completed his degree in three and a half years and in December 1971 graduated from Duke University. He then enrolled in the university's Divinity School in January 1972 after receiving his bachelor

of arts degree, majoring in religious studies and American history. At the commencement exercises in the spring of 1972 he was the first black undergraduate speaker in the university's history. Walter Cronkite, former ABC anchorman was the guest speaker.

In the three year masters program he graduated magna cum laude with his master of divinity degree in 1975. While working on his Ph.D., Newsome gathered a profound list of honors: a fellowship from the Protestant Son, senior fellowship at Duke University Divinity (given to outstanding students), a fellowship from the Fund for Theological Education and Doctoral for Ph.D., the James B. Duke Dissertation fellowship (the highest award given to graduate students) and was voted unanimously by the Divinity school faculty to join the staff in 1978.

While serving for eight years, Newsome was dean of Minority Affairs and Assistant Provost, where he was responsible for the progress of undergraduate blacks, Asians and other minorities, director of Duke University summer transitional program, and staff assistant to the president of the university, Terry Sanford, who is now Senator of North Carolina. Newsome also served as founder and chairman of the North Carolina General Baptist State Convention foundation in 1983.

Since being at Howard, Newsome has served as president of the Society for the Study of Black Religion for three years, chairperson of the Duke Divinity School Board of Visitors, a member of the Theological Educational Management

Committee of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, which has an accrediting body of more than 200 theological schools. In May, he was appointed by Governor Douglas Wilder to the 21st Century Commission of African-American Males and was recently inducted by Morehouse College into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers.

Newsome encourages the graduating class of 1992 to be "disciplined in the exercise of their ministry."

"It is important for them to inspire confidence of those to whom they would minister in order to have others follow their lead," he said.

The School of Divinity is sometimes misunderstood because a lot of undergraduate students are not aware of the classes offered, Newsome said.

"They [undergraduates] don't recognize how much we can serve their course needs," he said. "to name a few we offer classes about Marcus Garvey, Islam and the Black Muslims and the sociology of religion."

In response to the Rodney King verdict, Newsome has his own opinion of the situation taking place in Los Angeles.

"This event suggests leadership in the black community, particularly religious leaders who should be keen on using the human and material resources in the maximum advantage while uprooting racism as we would uproot a weed in a garden," Newsome added.



Rev. Dr. Clarence Newsome

# Ramsey brings order to the courtroom, classroom as law dean

By George Daniels  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Presiding over a courtroom, serving on city council and teaching law seem like very different tasks. But, they are all some of the capacities in which the current dean of the Howard University's School of Law has served.

A former Howard student, Dr. Henry Ramsey, Jr. signed on in November 1990, a time when the University was going through an evaluation of itself and its ability to serve students.

"The president has challenged the entire University community to achieve a standard of performance that will justify Howard's reputation for excellence. My presence at Howard University is in direct response to that call," Ramsey said in an interview earlier this year with *The Jurist*, the law school's news journal.

As he assumed leadership, Ramsey inherited a number of problems which plagued the school. Specifically, problems

with compliance with the American Bar Association, a low bar passage rate and declining enrollment were some areas of particular concern.

But, since Ramsey took over, some improvement in the latter area has been realized. Earlier this year, an article in *The Capstone* reported a 70 percent passage rate among those members of the Class of 1991 from the School of Law. The passage rate for those sitting for the New York exam was 100 percent of the 68 students taking the bar.

In the area of administration, Ramsey has reorganized the school's administrative structure to include an administrative officer to assist with development and alumni matters. A financial aid officer and a career services specialist have also joined the staff. Most recently, Theodore Miller was named the school's assistant dean for admissions.

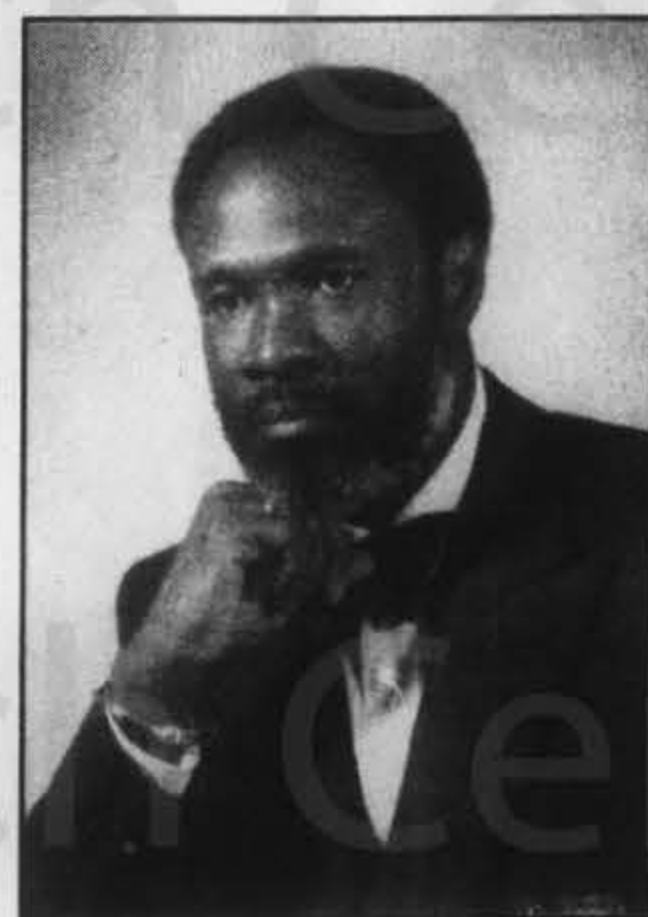
Among Ramsey's other accomplishments thus far in his administration was the establishment of a "500 Club" whereby individuals, corporations and associations contribute at least \$1,000. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$500,000, which would be matched by a federal government

appropriation to support a constitutional law chair. The proceeds from the campaign also support the publication of *The Jurist*, the national moot court program and the school's C. Clyde Ferguson Lecture series.

Outside of the School of Law, Ramsey is also very active. He is presently the chairperson of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar. He also gives leadership to the Law School Admissions Council's Bar Passage Rate Study. Among his many other affiliations are the American Law Institute, the National Commission on Trial Court Performance Standards and the Council on Legal Education Opportunity, which he chairs.

"What better place than Howard Law School to provide the well-trained lawyers needed to combat racism and its effects," Ramsey told *The Jurist*.

Indeed as Ramsey ends his second year as head of the School of Law this fall, he has several upcoming plans and projects. Among them are a new constitutional law center and major renovations to the buildings on the West Campus.



Dr. Henry Ramsey, Jr.

# Summer internships enhance what one learns during school year in the classroom

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ly seeking advice from counselors and deans of their schools.

In the School of Business, students can take advantage of many resources for career planning. Students that are interested in jobs and internships with banks, insurance companies and hotels can register with the Center for Banking, Insurance and Hotel-Motel Management by placing their resumes on file. All other students in the School of Business can be registered in the Placement Office. Possible internship positions can be obtained with major fortune-500 companies such as Corning, Inc., McNeil, GE Information Systems and Northeast Airlines.

Dr. Floyd Coleman, chairman of the art department in the College of Fine Arts, advises students to make good grades and stay in contact with their advisors. Coleman said students should be aware of the summer job announcements posted in various department offices. For fine arts students, some job opportunities include the National Endowment for the Arts, Museum of American Art, Commerce Department (graphic arts) and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

In the competitive world of communications, it is crucial that students experience the work force to keep up to date with the ever-changing technology. Carol Y. Dudley, coordinator for the Career Development office in the School of Communications, explains some of the benefits of summer internships. "Students get hand-on experience

in the real work place, so when you are ready to graduate, you have actual experience in the job you are pursuing," she said.

Dudley also noted that with strict guidelines from unions, students may not have the opportunity to touch the equipment, so it is important for students to observe carefully and absorb operational functions of the technical equipment. Job opportunities for communication students include: positions at WDCA-TV, The Detroit News, The Journal-Gazette and Cosmos Broadcasting/WIS-TV to name a few.

Dr. Victor Dzdizienyo, chairman of the School of Architecture, suggests that the school, as well as the students, benefits from summer job experience. "Students get a chance to test their academic training in the real world and gain a better appreciation of what is being taught in the classroom. The school, in turn, gains feedback to evaluate and adjust course curriculum," he said.

Architecture students can take advantage of job training in planning and urban development with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, D.C. Downtown Partnership and EDWA, Inc.

School of Engineering students can take advantage of co-op summer and fall positions with major companies. Co-op education is the cooperative relationship between higher education and corporations to train students in their prospective fields while attending schools.

Marilyn R. Nolly, program coordinator for the Cooperative Education and Experimental Program said, "We look at the situation as a tripod, where you the student, higher education and employer all share in the educational process. Students get to work with the latest technology, and Howard faculty is able to get involved in research activity with Corporate Research Institute."

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Students in the School of Social Work may find it more convenient to find jobs and internships opening for the upcoming months. Dr. Mary Coles-Baker, assistant dean for the school, has compiled a reference manual listing job opportunities for students. Students can locate the manual in the main office of the school. Students can locate positions in counseling and therapeutic care with the U.S. Department of Human Services, the Windsor School and Crossing Place, a Woodley House Program. Students can also take advantage of mini career fairs held in the school.

Dr. Priscilla Hilliard, director of the Office of College Program Enhancement in the College of Arts and Sciences said for liberal arts students the future is bright. "Seventy to 100 companies are looking for students in liberal arts. Companies want to take advantage of valuable skills such as foreign language, history and math," she said.

The Center for Career Planning is a University-wide resource center which assists in resume writing, conducts interview workshops, and recruits, schedules and organizes both Career Day and Graduate and Professional Schools Day held the first and third Wednesdays of October, respectively.

This summer can be a learning, as well as productive, experience for students with jobs and internships. It is important that students plan, investigate and seek counseling to successfully obtain positions. More importantly, students should take advantage of all the resources at Howard, the individual schools and the Center for Career Planning.

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# The King Verdict



## HU discusses next step in light of decision

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dents over the verdict calling it an "example of racism within the United States government."

"The majority of students are not surprised at the recent verdict due to past abuses by the court system such as the failure to grant parole to Terrence Johnson, a youth convicted of shooting two Prince George's County Policemen," the statement said.

The May 1 Community Appreciation Banquet, sponsored by HUSA, drew several religious, business and community leaders.

"Rather than being reactionary by holding various demonstrations to express our outrage over the injustice in the Rodney King case, Howard students are using this banquet to spotlight their massive outreach efforts to socially, economically, and politically develop the Washington, D.C. community," according to the HUSA statement.

Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, who just returned to the city after serving a six-month term in federal prison, was the honored by the student association for his lifetime of community activism.

But, while HUSA made its statement, other organizations on campus chose to respond differently to the verdict. Black Nia F.O.R.C.E., which stands for Freedom Organization for Racial and Cultural Enlightenment, called on students to march on the U.S. Department of Justice. On Monday, they held "A Day of Outrage," which included a noon day rally at the Justice Department.

### Pressure the White House

Also on Monday, students from the

University's School of Law conducted a march on the White House "in protest of the not guilty verdict reached in the Rodney King Trial."

In a statement to the community at large, the law students said, "We live in a country with a two-tier judicial system, in which white America enjoys the benefit of one kind of treatment, while African-Americans labor under another."

"The suffering of African-Americans must be met with an unwavering determination that this degradation be stopped," according to the statement. "We need the President to provide the country with proper leadership through the implementation of policies which finally end the hypocrisy pervasive throughout our judicial system."

### Develop a strategy within the community

But, while some students called on President Bush to act, others suggested that such an action would prove ineffective in solving this particular problem.

"Talking to Bush is not going to help. We know where his head is. What we need to do is join together and come up with our own strategy for combatting racism, not just where Rodney King is concerned but on a nationwide scale on a daily basis," said Rishaunda Ewings, a junior majoring in telecommunications management.

HUSA Community Outreach Director Talib Karim, who coordinated the HUSA response and the banquet, questioned what happens a year from now if a similar situation occurs.

"People have to understand the justice system. It is not for the upliftment of African-Americans but rather for incarcerating them. African-Americans must plan a strategy and organize," Karim said.

"African-Americans want resources and the national government to help us plot our course; if this does not happen then perhaps African-Americans will have to resort to things such as boycotts, sit-ins and other such things," said Dr. Ronald Walters, chairman of the University's Department of Political Science

### Violence vs. non-violence

While many in the Howard community, pondered what kind of response should come from the black community, many in the South Central Los Angeles community responded to the verdict with violence and looting. The burning of buildings and plundering of stores was reminiscent of many of the riots of 1968 following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Similar to King's time, the question of whether violence is the best route to freedom was posed once again last week.

"Our short term goal should be to end looting and violence because the rioting is counterproductive," Ewings said.

"If the oppressor deals with you with violence, that is only thing they understand. Whatever the reaction, violent or non-violent, it should be aimed at the total liberation of Africans in America," said William Coats, a junior majoring in environmental science.



President Franklyn G. Jenifer

## The responsibility of Howard students in the wake of the Rodney King Verdict

Howard's students always have been at the forefront of leadership when injustice has been committed, and I expect them to continue to be so on the issue of the verdict in the Rodney King trial.

Each of us must express outrage that justice has not been served in the Rodney King case, and express it loud and clear. Most outrageous of all is the fact that those on whom we depend so much for our protection — the police and the judicial system — appear to be the perpetrators of this injustice.

However, true leadership means responsible leadership, and therefore, as Howard students act in their various communities to demonstrate their outrage, let them not adopt the

behavior of the Los Angeles police and the Simi Valley judicial system by behaving in an unjust and illegal way.

Let us demonstrate to all of those who would watch our behavior that we will not stand for the kind of miscarriage of justice that has occurred in the past any longer in the future. At the same time, let us vow not to be foolish enough to destroy our own property, our own communities and our own values as a demonstration of our outrage. Let us remember how so many of our neighborhoods were destroyed in the aftermath of the riots of 1968. And yet, what good did those riots do? The issues that propelled those riots — oppression, racism, the whole lot — are still with

us today, and perhaps stronger than ever. So in our outrage, let us pay heed to the lessons of history.

Howard students are ideally situated to learn from history in that they have been blessed with an education that nourishes the conscience as well as the mind. Armed with this unique and precious education, let us use the Rodney King beating, the trial and the aftermath of them both to point out the deep contradictions in American society.

Contradictions such as the fact that in the richest nation on Earth, the bottom fifth of our population is not only poor, but getting poorer while the top fifth is not only rich, but getting richer. Contradictions such as the fact that in what is touted as the

### WHAT OTHER U.S. STUDENTS HAD TO SAY

"The judicial system spit on all black people."

Robyn Jackson  
Oakwood College  
Huntsville, Ala.

"There's a black society and a white society. That's the way it is and always has been. If I was in Los Angeles, I'd be rioting too."

Robert Taylor  
West Virginia University  
Morgantown, WV

"The flag for me has for a long time represented a dishonest slap in the face. The flag is supposed to be the symbol for all people. But it isn't. It's the biggest lie in the country."

Rence Barnes  
Graduate Student  
West Virginia University

"The system is falling apart. There have been a lot of unjust verdicts. Look at the Central Park rape case and Bernard Goetz."

Lonnie Mishoe  
West Virginia University

"I can't wear a baseball hat in clubs anymore because all of sudden a baseball hat labels me a criminal. Let's stop labeling each other, let's stop this vicious cycle, let's start right today."

Richard Staton  
Law Student  
Creighton University  
Omaha, Neb.

"We don't want to be violent," she said. "It's not just Los Angeles that's feeling this."

Jane Carpenter  
College of William and Mary  
Williamsburg, Va.

"We want to use our minds to make a positive statement. It's important that as young college students we make a difference. We aren't going to let the government overrun us."

Tyrone Wilson  
Jackson State University  
Jackson, Miss.

"Is this 1992 or 1960? I never thought I'd see this — not this type of police force. We have no weapons; they have sticks and guns."

Jeff Borders  
Clark-Atlanta University  
Atlanta, Ga.

"They want us to be as passive as we can. We need to be active."

DeArmon Lee  
Morehouse College  
Atlanta, Ga.

"When I heard about it, I wanted to go outside and blow something white up. But you have to think, 'How can I be effective?' We are in a tough position as college students."

Lia Hamilton  
Student Government  
President  
Morris Brown College  
Atlanta, Ga.

world's greatest democracy, the indictment of the 1968 Kerner Report still stands, and that is that America is really two nations, "one white, one black, separate and unequal."

Contradictions such as the fact that despite our trappings of equal treatment, African-American males are frequently the particular targets of those who are supposedly in charge of law and order.

Contradictions such as the fact that our leaders seem more concerned with revitalizing Eastern Europe than with our own urban centers.

Indeed, as anyone who cares to open his or her eyes knows, the living conditions of far too many people

of color in this nation mock prosperity, mock democracy, mock equality.

Still, we must be wary of those who would have us return violence with violence, who would have us become latter-day proponents of the old "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" idea.

Because of the depth of the anger caused by the Rodney King verdict, rejecting this kind of thinking may well be one of the most difficult things for some of us to do. But that is what leadership is all about: distinguishing the battle from the war.

The writer is Franklyn G. Jenifer, president of Howard University.

## From a students perspective

To All Concerned Americans:

I believe every African-American that saw or heard about the verdict on April 29, 1992 is crying inside. It is an experience of our generation parallel to the JFK assassination of our parents generation. We will never forget that day.

I am simply stunned and disheartened, but not surprised by the verdict read at the Rodney King trial. I cannot believe the extent to which social conditions and mores have reverted back to times before I was born. How many people have to die? How many more people have to be beaten and murdered? How many people... before things change. This situation leaves me with a feeling of hopelessness, knowing that none of our fathers, brothers, or sons will ever be safe in this country. For anyone on earth who saw the brutality on the videotape, the way they treated Rodney King as a non-human being in their assault of him that night, it is an outrage. It is appalling to think that a jury of these police officers peers could not or would not plainly see what can only be described as torture on the tapes submitted as evidence.

I truly feel that justice in this country is non-existent. In the early eighties, Miami was the site of similar travesties of justice. I watched two trials of white police officers with all white jurors, decide that black individuals (males) who were killed for no reason, were simply casualties. The police officers were acquitted. The William Lozano trial is still unresolved, as he walks free while his lawyers continue to attempt a change of venue. I thought then that it was an outrage; however, I never saw such a clear example of how useless the law is,

even in the face of such compelling evidence.

I wonder if there will ever be a peaceful time between non-whites and whites in this country, if African-Americans ever expect to be treated simply as human beings — with respect and courtesy. HOW could a jury determine that torture is an acceptable way to restrain an individual. If this is a gauge for our society, we are in trouble. There will ever be a peaceful time between whites in this country, if African-Americans

This verdict drove a stake deep into the heart of the African-American community, throughout this country. Innocent before proven guilty does not exist in this society for African-American individuals. No one knew whether Rodney King was innocent or guilty that night, and they did not care. This verdict has sanctioned open reign on African-American males in this country, and I see it as a systematic eradication of the race — a genocide.

This episode marks a new age for African-Americans in this country. How can they (the establishment) ask African-Americans to calm down when this type of torture and murder is taking place. Now is not the time for calm, now is not time for violence. Now is the time for political action.

I cannot accept this!

I will not accept this!

The writer is Monique Levermore, a graduate student in clinical psychology.

**If you are living in the dormitory and must vacate within the next couple of weeks, then the Plaza may be the place for you. Students at the Plaza who are planning on leaving for the summer are in need of other Howard University students to live out (sub-lease) their units. Please call Marvin Whetstone, Community Director, at (202)-797-7148, or stop by P-12 in the Howard Plaza Towers West Tower for details. Hurry, spaces may be limited.**

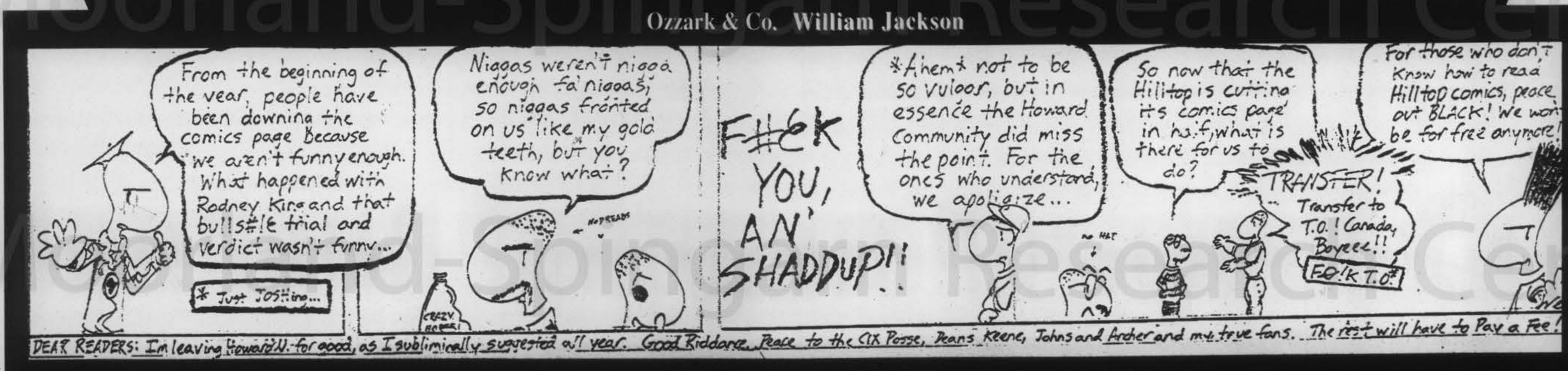
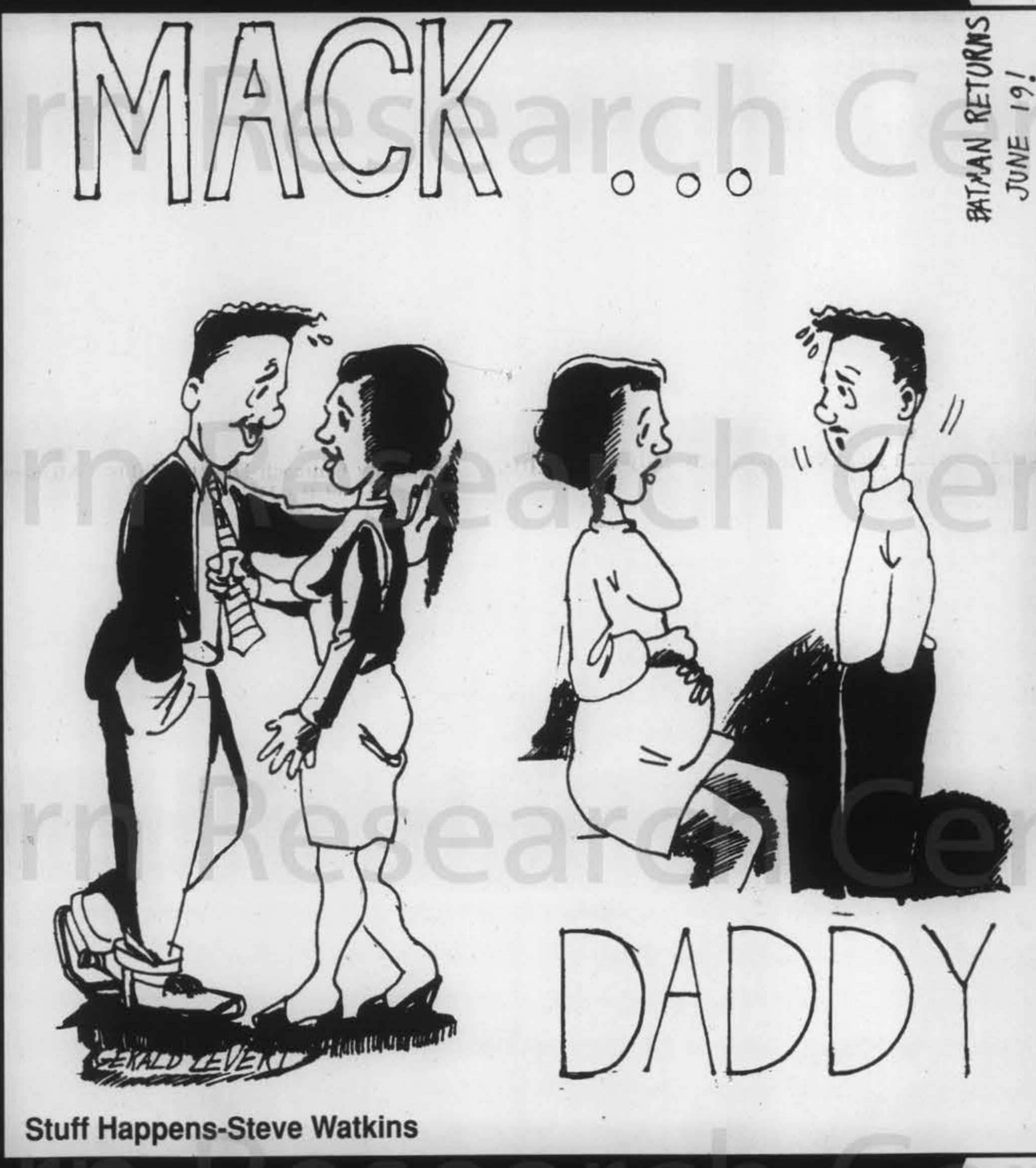
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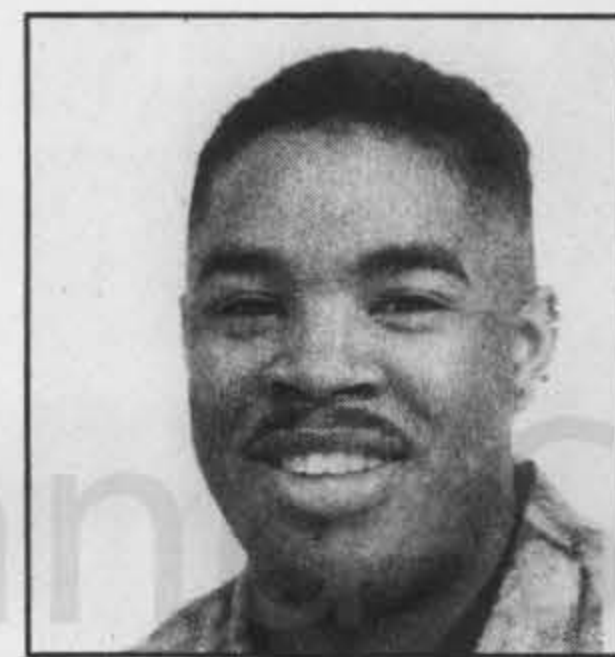
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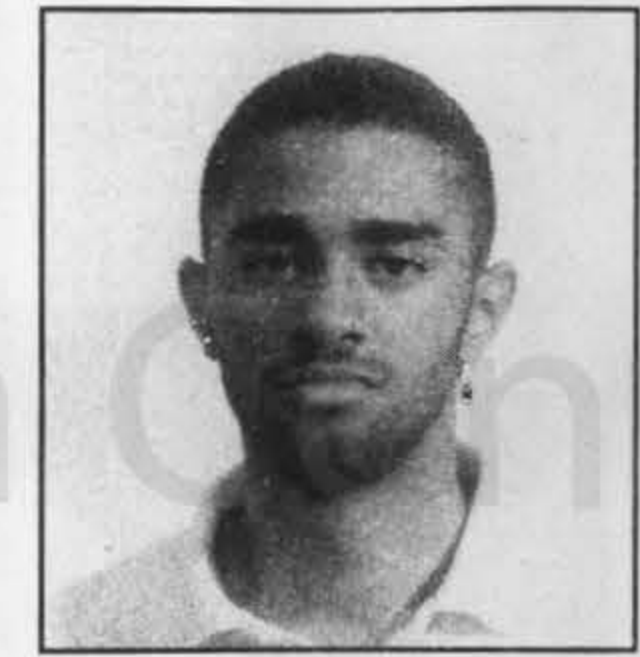
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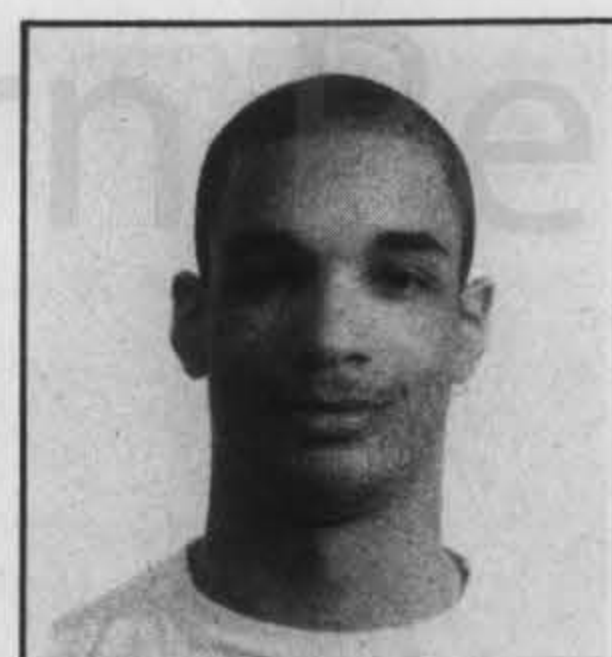
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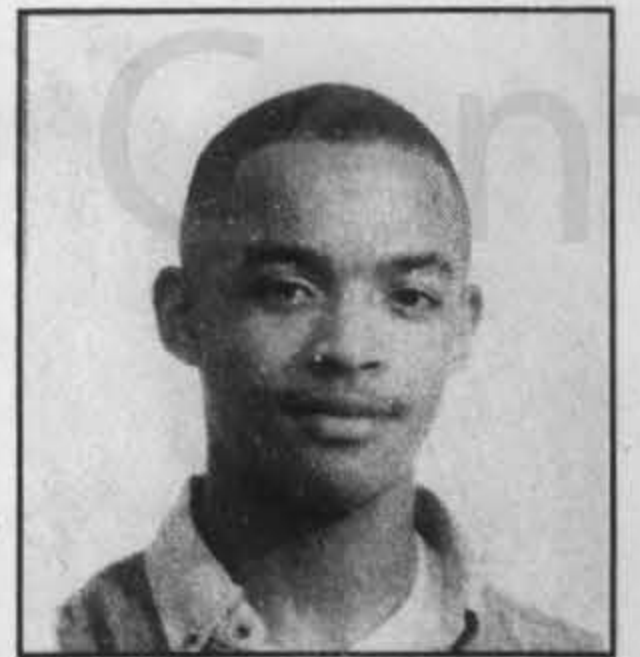
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# Tempo

Contrary to popular belief, it's not "a white girl's" worry. This problem doesn't discriminate. It's a disease, like any addiction, that can strike anyone. Including you. So read on and learn how HILLTOP reporter Robin Jones overcame her three-year bout...



## fighting bulimia

By Robin Jones  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"When I left the security of home to attend Howard University for the first time, the word freedom instantly came to my mind. Freedom — to do what I wanted, when I wanted, whenever I wanted. But I learned that too much freedom can be a dangerous thing, because, abusing my "privileges," I became a prisoner of food.

**T**HE DREADED "FRESHMAN 15." With a variety of fast food restaurants in walking or dialing distance, this dreaded 15 pounds easily becomes a reality for many freshman women. Whereas structured meals were the norm at home, fast food in college can take over as a student's main source of nutrition. For the weight-conscious, fear of becoming fat transforms into paranoia. A food addiction may result, then bulimia.

172 pounds at 5'10" did not seem like a big deal to me in my freshman year; however, after luxuriating myself in all the delicacies that college life had to offer, I returned home at a whopping 180. That was when I decided that this time I would finally lose weight for good. No matter what.

Defined by the American Psychiatric Association as an "episodic binge eating accompanied by an awareness that the eating pattern is abnormal, the fear of not being able to stop eating voluntarily, and depressed mood and self-deprecating thoughts following the eating binges," bulimia is a food addiction. It can cause kidney problems, tooth decay, a ruptured stomach or esophagus or even death. It does not discriminate against race, occupation, class or education. And just like any other compulsive behavior, it is a disease.

Bulimics are not usually underweight and appear physically normal, unlike anorexics — and it should be noted that there is a difference between the two. Anorexics are concerned mainly with losing more and more weight, while bulimics usually want to maintain a relatively normal weight. According to child adolescent psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Schreiber, bulimics are harder to treat than anorexics because "they don't

have the specific [visual] symptom — extreme weight loss."

I spent the following summer at Diminishing Dimensions, a weight loss clinic in Connecticut that modifies your eating habits to allow you to lose weight. At first I was successful, but because I had gained a somewhat newfound freedom at college to do exactly what I wanted to do [like "indulge" in food], I began to feel restricted with the strict dieting guidelines. So I cheated.

But of course I felt guilty afterwards. After all, I had been doing so well, and I spent practically my entire summer savings on this program. I remembered that during high school, I experimented with



Photo by Michael Harris

"purging" by using laxatives, so I decided to start again. But instead of being an "occasional thing" like it was in high school, it now became an every day ritual.

Purging became the perfect weight loss device for me. My weekly weigh-ins were getting lower and lower, and by using laxative gum, no one ever knew. But by now my so-called indulgences were becoming binges. On one occasion I went to 7-Eleven corner store to get a "little snack." That "snack" turned out to be nachos, a hamburger and a bag of jellybeans — all of which was devoured before I got home.

I live five minutes away.

According to a Gallup Poll sponsored by the Comprehensive Care Corporation, 31 percent of the college women surveyed either have known victims or have symptoms of bulimia (known to be an epi-

demic on some college campuses, some women go so far as to participate in sorority-type bulimic practices). The poll also revealed that three out of five college women admitted that they would like to lose weight, and two out of three said they would be more pleased about their appearance if they were thinner.

I returned to Howard my sophomore year a trim 150 pounds. I figured that since I was moving into Park Square, I would be able to prepare my own meals. I could cook light foods and watch what I ate. I wouldn't even need to purge.

But soon, whenever I had emotional problems with my boyfriend, I would immediately feel fat and my only escape was purging. Once again I became addicted to taking laxatives, only this time it was worse. Instead of the prescribed one or two a day, I would take six or seven, then nine or ten.

I used to feel extreme anxiety whenever I ate. I felt fat without laxatives in my system. Just knowing that those pounds might appear put me through mental anguish. I could not bear the fact of gaining weight.

My bout with bulimia lasted three years, until I realized that my appearance was not the most important aspect of my being. I realized I had a problem, so I decided to examine the cause of my addiction. After taking a walk down memory lane, I noticed that ever since the fifth grade, I'd been trying to lose weight through numerous weight-loss systems and diets (read: Slimfast, Grapefruit Pills) with only slight success. I was obsessed with being thin. Most bulimics have a distorted view of their body, and the weight desired is way below average. I can remember wanting to weigh 125 pounds at one time. I am 5'10".

And although I had to deal with my problem with bulimia alone, others don't.

There are numerous clinics that specialize in eating disorders. Howard University's counseling center has an eating disorder program and the Washington Hospital Center sponsors a free support group every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. For directions or information call their 24-hour information hotline at 202/829-2026.

## ART / Rodney Reynolds

### Howard renaissance takes over 'The Yard'

**H**OWLIN WOLF picks notes carefully; lingering over certain ones, moving around them, letting them resonate while investigating their volume and substance within parameters of a blues-boogie-woogie-rocknroll context. Techniques of exploration and discovery are one of the leftovers of childhood which, in most people, usually lay dormant. Successful visual art rouses this instinct of contextual discovery.

Michaela Brown and James Sharper, two stand-outs from the art department in the College of Fine Arts, shook curiosity into consciousness with a one-day exhibition of five metal and wood sculptures on the upper quadrangle ("the Yard") several weeks ago. Designed to show and tell the University a portion of what the art department studies and produces, the installation was planned to correspond with a crucial visit of the review board evaluating the department for accreditation renewal.

"Wind Whisper in a Note of Personal Dissolution," a large, unfinished, twisted, spiraling form of welded patches of dull silver metal marks a personal epoch in Brown's life. The artist describes the work as being about "personal destiny" and being "old enough and wise enough to make your own decisions." The artist's functional intent for the work echoes, whether consciously or not, Alice Walker's challenge issued to Negro women in her 1974 essay "In Search of Our Mother's Gardens." Though Brown asserts that she is not creating for a movement, the work's successful execution certainly provides additional relevance for the movement's point of view.

"Pregnant With an Attitude," the other piece Brown showed, speaks to the political sub-issue of who controls a woman's body, yet has compelling character which is not dependent upon political interpretations of artistic intent. Resting upon a three foot pedestal, the swelling torso is the color of dark red wine, and the eye moves easily over the patched together steel plates sealed with beads of metal. Composed without head or arms and with scissor kicking legs cropped at mid-thigh, one cannot help but deal with the meaning of the swollen metal womb.

This piece, which looks like a rusted relic from a cyborg junkyard, raises interesting issues of interpretation. The symbolism of a metal womb is a powerful thing to confront. Confront and investigate the curious did. Moving, resting, absorbing, touching, thinking, discussing, musing. The artwork was a catalyst for productive campus interaction, and provided a relieving break from the usual indifference and indolence of "the Yard." Visual art, saddled with the reputation of being difficult to understand, left the

baggage of mystification elsewhere for this exhibit. Why the work was on display for only one day seemed to be the biggest mystery.

Sharper's first piece in a planned series of work, "A Shrine to Confusedness and Utter Befuddlement," or alternately titled "F— Euclid," is on one hand an investigation of Euclidean Geometric tenets and on the other an experiment testing the workings and whys of sacred symbology. It looks specifically into why art has been wrapped in a cloak of reverence by its audience. The work of art, the artist, and the public are an interdependent set of components that form a system requiring feedback from the others to effectively communicate the meaning of their connection to each other. Sharper describes art as "the residue of process." This definition is helpful if one is attempting to establish a point of view external to personal experience with which to approach his abstract creations.

Taught to weld by his father, Sharper applies his home-honed skills by playing with open spaces in his work. "Confusedness and Befuddlement" is made of a seven foot, quadrilateral, metal armature. In the middle there is a suspension device of steel cord, which wraps around each of the four kinked metal rods that extend vertically upward in a skewed manner, to give the matrix its height. This device supports a conga drum-like creation of short charred wood slats, that are attached side by side in a circumlocutionary manner to give the effect of an accordion-like cylinder. The whole thing resembles a baby's hanging chair with a drum in the middle of it. The space is open and inviting, as opposed to that in Brown's work, which is closed and forces the viewer to move around the work as opposed to through it.

The artist's other two contributions are variations of one another: "Improvisation in Steel 1 & 2." These two pieces, which resemble each other in form but vary in color, are groups of metal pipes which, as they have been handled by Sharper, seem to have taken on the characteristics of wind manipulated reeds growing up through water. Joints of smelted metal break these smooth forms into segments of element corrupted textures and colors.

The two artists only requested a one day exhibition. However, based upon the positive response of the audience and the surprising support from the administrative channels of approval, these artists and others may well move to successfully execute more long-term projects of this type in the future, given the new precedent of encouragement that has been established. In the past, these same channels have been reluctant to fully support the arts. Such visionary achievement and commitment will not only speak well of our University but also beautify the campus and encourage people to think and reach beyond the mundane.

## Dancer goes for gold

'92 Howard grad to dance in closing ceremonies of summer Olympics

By Dara Jackson  
Hilltop Staff Reporter

**A**T THE TENDER AGE OF SEVEN, Kim Bennett took her first dance class. Her parents encouraged her to continue in order to neutralize the effects of her love of chocolate.

Today, Bennett is still dancing and still eating chocolate.

The combination of ballet, tap, jazz, gymnastics and chocolate may even be responsible for Bennett's recent success. The 21-year-old television production major from Greensboro, North Carolina has been chosen as one of 25 dancers, from across the United States, to perform in the closing ceremonies of the 1992 Summer Olympics which will be held in Barcelona, Spain on Aug. 9, 1992.

On March 16, while most Howard students were beginning to count the days until spring break, Bennett was getting wound up for the audition of a lifetime.

"I never thought 'Of course I'm gonna get it,'" Bennett said. But after two harrowing auditions — she did.

The first audition was held in Washington, D.C. where approximately 100 dancers showed up. As number 32, Bennett had time to ask others auditioning before her what to expect. She knew that

dancers had to be highly trained in ballet, tap and jazz, but to her chagrin, many of the judges were really looking for gymnasts.

**W**hile most Howard students were beginning to count the days until spring break, Bennett was getting wound up for the audition of a lifetime.

"I was like 'AAH!' 'cause I hadn't trained in gymnastics in so long," Bennett recalled.

Bennett made the first cut, but was not chosen. "I was sitting there thinking to myself, 'I can do that,'" said Bennett after watching other dancers audition and get selected.

A former Howard University Dance Ensemble member, Bennett decided not to give up. She vowed to try out again in one week in Atlanta. She spent that week going over gymnastic moves with friends and coaches. She then secured a ride with students headed to Atlanta for spring break vacation. After an all-night drive, Bennett arrived in Atlanta at 9:45 a.m., just in time for her second audition as number 130.

The second time was the charm. Bennett was selected and fitted from head-to-toe on the spot.

The Olympic committee has not indicated whether or not the dancers will get paid, but for Bennett, a graduating senior, "Paid or not paid, I WILL go! The opportunity to work with a Broadway director and choreographer is enough."

The theme for the closing ceremonies is a celebration of sports and will be choreographed by Greg Burges, the principal black dancer from the movie "A Chorus Line." The Olympics are expected to be aired on NBC from July 19 through August 9.

After her Olympic experience, Bennett would like to get a job in entertainment, probably behind-the-scenes, where she can use her degree in communications.



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Aspiring dancer Kim Bennett strikes a jazzy pose.



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## FOOD

### From the tables of Africa comes Sadza Nenyama

By Mandinema Kumbula  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Imagine savoring the delectable juices of tender chicken chunks and leafy spinach in your mouth. Think of sampling fluffy white cornmeal made into a tasty dish. Both of these visions can be realized by engaging in a traditional African meal called Sadza Nenyama or Sadza and meat.

Sadza Nenyama is a common African dish that is identified by a variety of other names such as Fufu in West Africa, Papu in South Africa, and Ugali in Swahili-speaking countries.

In south African countries such as Zimbabwe, Sadza Nenyama is eaten on a daily basis because it is a staple of the society's diet. To make Sadza Nenyama, the following items are needed for two people:

- 1 whole chicken
- 2 bunches of spinach, mustard greens or cabbage
- 1 onion
- 2 fresh tomatoes or 2 small cans of tomato sauce
- salt, curry powder, garlic or hot peppers to taste.

First, boil six cups of water in a pot. Once the water boils, gradually begin to sift small amounts of cornmeal into the pot. Stir the sadza until the texture is consistent. It should look like a very thin porridge. Mash out all lumps with a mugoti or wooden cooking stick. Cover the pot for four minutes and allow it to boil. Then gradually add more cornmeal. Continue to add cornmeal until the sadza stops

bubbling. Cover the pot again and allow it to cool for five minutes.

Next the chicken stew should be made. Cut the chicken after washing and skinning it. Boil the chicken in a small amount of water. Dice an onion and two tomatoes. If tomatoes are not available, tomato sauce may be substituted. Wash two bunches of fresh garden spinach and chop them. Stir the boiling chicken regularly until it looks steamed. The chicken should be tender but not falling off the bone. Then add the bunches of spinach and the onions five minutes later. Depending on the preference of the cook, a variety of spices may be added such as salt, curry powder, garlic and hot peppers.

Pour the excess water out of the pot, and continue to stir. Seven minutes later, add the tomatoes or tomato sauce. Allow the sauce to simmer with the tender chunks of chicken and tasty spices. The entire cooking process should take approximately 35 minutes, if the sadza and chicken stew are cooked simultaneously.

When serving Sadza Nenyama in the traditional African style, the sadza is put on a separate plate and the stew is put in a bowl. The serving utensil, a mugwaku, is a large wooden spoon used to scoop sadza out of the pot. Most Africans use their hands to dip small portions of sadza into the stew. Another option is to put the sadza and the stew on the same plate and eat it with a fork.

Sadza Nenyama is a delicious African meal that can be eaten with any type of meat desired. It is just as appropriate for an intimate meal for two as it is for a party of one hundred.

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# EXCURSIONS

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## DEM COLORS

Yeah man, I heard  
The red was for the Blood they shed.  
The yellow was for the gold that they  
stole.  
The green was for the land Africa.  
The Black's for the people.  
Too bad I missed out on all that. I  
guess I was born a  
couple of centuries too late. But I  
grew up knowing this.  
The Red is for Blood that all the  
brothers shed.  
and now and then the cops help out  
too.  
The white, its for the sheets they wear  
and the collars they  
monopolize  
The blue, it matches the black in my  
wounds, it's for the water  
we crossed to get here, it's for the  
blues they gave us

Yeah man, Ameriklan

by Todd E. May

## hip-hop blues

**my blackself  
stuck in hip-hopness  
be peeping through  
thick black shell  
to see the graffiti  
on "da bridge"  
it be sayin'  
don't believe the hype!  
it be beatin'  
my head with bass  
it be tellin' me  
somethin' bout my blackself  
livin' in a land of ghetto life  
hip-hop  
junkies  
and black chains  
my life is still a loaded gun.**

like i do

I'm watching you through a  
cloud of despair  
watching you run your fingers  
through that white boy's hair

letting him lick your  
blackness cuz he's got a rolex  
letting him taste your honey  
cuz he reads poetry

he could never understand you  
he could never know you  
he could never love you

like i do

I'm watching you through  
tearful eyes  
watching you make that white  
boy smile

watching you bury you head in  
his chest  
letting him touch your lovely  
brown breasts

loving him instead of me

he don't hold you  
like i do

he can't touch you  
like i do

he'll never know what it is to  
be black  
like i do

by Frederick Goodall

LITTLE MAN

see it  
fear it  
hate it  
it grows  
mocking you  
you question your own  
existence  
never touching you  
it rips you apart  
hate it!  
your soul is crazed and  
quivered  
you rip back  
it feels nothing  
unaware of you  
your existence  
it moves past  
unscathed  
your bleeding heart bleeds  
more  
at your own hands  
hate it.

by Martin

## LITTLE MAN

Mama told me,

You the man now-  
Now, that your daddy's gone.  
Where, nobody knows.  
You're mam's little man now.

To have and to hold,

One day you'll be the man that'll  
take care of  
me.

Baby, you can do as you please,  
'Cause your mama's little man.

To love and to cherish,

Yeah, the girls will fawn over my  
little man.  
You'll probably break their hearts,  
too.  
But to me, little man, that  
You'll never do.

Till death do us part,

You'll never do to me what your  
daddy did.

by Eric Brown

hip-hop blues

my blackself

Just Wondering

Did you ever just sit down and just wonder...

Does Michael Jackson use the toilet  
Has Madonna invented newer and better sexual  
positions we have yet to discover  
Is there sex after sixty

Is Elvis alive

Can Flash Gordon really beat Tarzan

Do dogs really understand what you're saying

Do your parents still have sex, Dick?

Does Pope John Paul ever get bored.

Does Roger Rabbit bang Jessica every night.

Does Jim really think that Tammy looks good.

Can girls really put their legs over the shoulder and

actually enjoy it

What is Cher's last name

Is Superman a virgin.

How the hell did Buster Douglas do that

How do singers remember all the words to their songs  
on stage.

Just how big in inches and feet is Mick Jagger's mouth.

Are black guys really that big and that good.

How come the lesbians are never as good looking as

their porno movie counterparts

Do you really need that fur coat.

Why the hell "r" you reading this?

Did you ever just sit down and just wonder...

by Vladimir Leveque

## And Do I Dream...

If I wake up before my alarm clock  
does

and my soul slipped down  
the bathtub drain  
If sex in a box has taken over my  
television

and my house plants are in  
heaven  
If my mail is being forwarded directly  
to hell

and my refrigerator  
swallowed all of my food  
If a Korean lady shoots my sister in the  
back

and gets off on getting off  
If my people are beaten down in the  
streets

and white people all of a  
sudden go blind  
If I lost my mind in the answering  
machine

and none of my CLOSE  
friends understand me  
and none of my CLOSE  
friends understand me

If the federal express man took my  
brain away  
and my fertility doll danced  
off the shelf

and the sun is on strike until  
further notice  
If nobody is doing the blackly thing,  
and nobody is doing the

blackly thing  
How do I prove that I don't dream?  
-- by Askhari

## The Last Black Tear

In a cold, dark space... By slumber and sleep  
In a comatose state... In a deep  
In a silence that screams... With never a peep  
I cry for the death of "Mine Kind"

We hate our hair... And despise our skin.  
We ignore our elders... And disrespect our kin.  
We blame our race... For the situation we're in.  
I cry for the loss of our "Mind."

We're killing each other... With guns and dope.  
We're addicted to drugs... And without a plan I cope.  
We're raising our children... In a world with no hope.  
I cry for "My Greatest Fear"

They have taken us away... From the land of our mother.  
They have taught us to hate... And destroy our brother.  
They have planned our death... At the hands of "the other."  
...And I cry "The Last Black Tear."

by Anthony Harmon

## A lesson learned (Beyond Hate)

Go down Nigger man

Go down to the river

So that you may see what you've become

Those regal black features stare back at you from the liquid's reflective surface

Yet there your eyes sit smoldering coals of framing the question in infinity

Why must I be made to bear this man's self hatred?

Have I been so slow to learn the lessons of this place that I must be made to  
bear this hate

I will learn my lesson now

Spoken in every line etched upon my back by stinging whip

I will learn my lesson now

uttered in every cry that makes its way up to part my round black lip

I will learn my lesson now

I will sit, as peaceful as any man for,

Having been made to bear the hate of another I wish it upon no other.

-- by Tachaka Walker

## ISALU TU

This is for the men and women  
who picked cotton from  
can't see in the morning  
until  
can't see at night  
or until polyester was created  
and am I get tired.  
This is for the men  
who slap high fives  
when there ain't nothin' to be high on  
and am I got five cents  
in their pockets to buy something  
to be high on.  
This is for the women  
who keep on keeping on.  
And am I got nothin' to keep.  
To call their own.  
This is for the peoples  
who forgive what  
they could not forget  
And NOBODY even said  
sorry.  
--by Askhari

## A Thought

**In the past ten minutes  
have you done  
anything to better  
mankind or the env-  
ironment around you?**

**Didn't think so.  
Me neither.**

**Carry on.**

--by Vladimir Leveque

# PEOPLE... the ones to watch

**W**hile his screenplay may be titled "Fear," that same emotion that may accompany the wait for the results of the 1992 Eddie Murphy/Paramount Fellowship Competition is now over for Freeling Guinn.

For the second consecutive year, a Howard student has won the competition in which the winner receives a \$25,000 salary for one year as a writer for Paramount.

His 97-page piece will allow this 22-year-old to head out to the major motion picture studio at the end of this summer to work as a writer on any project or projects that he so chooses.

For the past three years, three students from Howard University and three students from Hampton University have been selected as finalists to compete for this fellowship. The finalists all receive \$750, but the winner has the opportunity to actually work with the biggest names in the movie business — and still keeps the additional \$750 with his winnings. In an effort to encourage minority writers and identify top talent, Paramount opens the contest to graduating seniors at both Howard and Hampton each year.

"Fear" is set in 1993 during a recession and features a Howard graduate who finds himself homeless after his department at a computer company is phased out and eventually dies on a bench across the street from the White House in Washington, D.C. While the screenplay was completed in three months, Guinn said the product is still not where he wants it to be.

"Living in D.C., you can't escape noticing them [the homeless] everywhere," Guinn said. "But the sad part is that we don't realize that a lot of these people are just like us."

For Guinn, the process of writing started early on, and after brief stints in journalism and advertising he returned to a form of expression that he said allows him complete control over the char-

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acters.

"I had always written things when I was younger, but truly I don't think I was ever serious back then. It was just something to do," Guinn said. "I was a latch-key kid. I would come home from school with nothing to do. We couldn't go outside because it was too dangerous. So me and my sister would sit around the house and write everything like love songs and short stories."

Guinn, a product of Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Mich., said coming to Howard allowed him to explore and find inspiration for his characters.

#### Inspiration and Instruction

"When I got here at Howard, I went through so many stages because when you come here you go through an experience," Guinn said. "Even though I went to all black schools all my life. Going to an all black school doesn't mean anything if they are not focusing on black institution and culture. But at Howard I met so many people and I started doing a lot of reading and learning what our people were really about."

Writers, amateur or professional, may have a central figure whom they respect. Guinn, who receives his bachelor of arts degree in film production today, falls into this category.

"Richard Wright is the man. When I read Black Boy ... I was too young to understand the

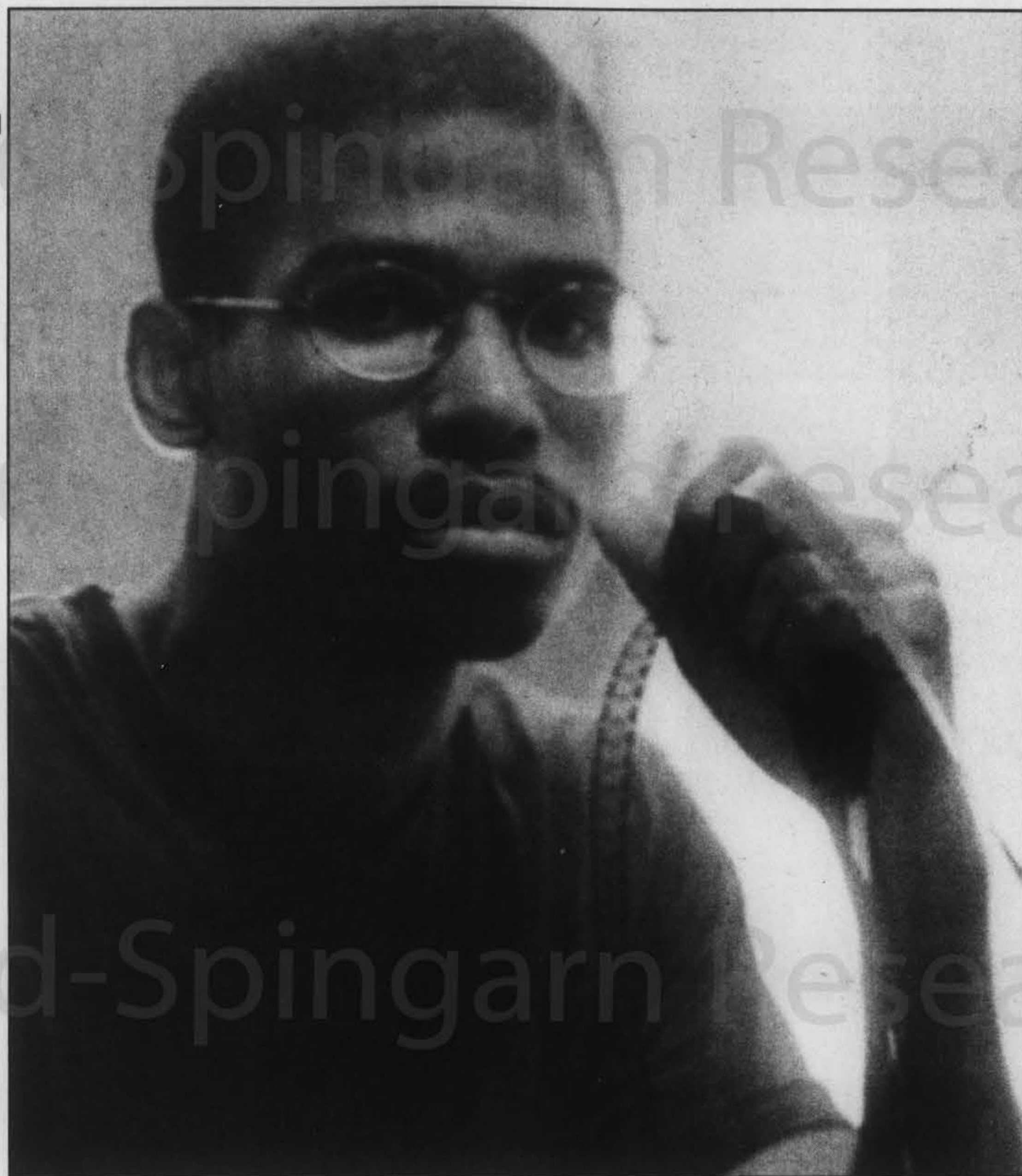


Photo by Preston Jenkins

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

### Howard graduate off to Paramount thanks to 'Fear' screenplay

BY PRESTON JENKINS

significance of it. When I got here and read it again, I was just like 'Richard Wright is the man!'" Guinn said. "He speaks in a language that, if you're black, and I don't care where you come from, you can understand it."

But even more of an influence on Guinn is John Coltrane. "He influences everything that I write. He sets up the motion because his songs are so powerful, they can move you in ways that you could never understand.

Concerning his instructional influences, "I took scriptwriting from Judi Moore-Latta, and she is an excellent teacher," Guinn said. "What she basically told me is that when you try to write a story, then that's what you should do — you should set out to tell the story. And that's what she kept drilling into my head. 'Tell it like it should be told.'"

Moore-Latta, a former producer for a local television

show called Capitol Edition, which aired on WUSA-TV (Channel 9) until last year, brings much more to the craft than just knowledge, according to Guinn.

"You can tell the difference between teachers who are or were in the business, and those who are frustrated by not being in the business," he said.

#### The Paramount Deal

Guinn will receive an opportunity to have his creativity bank rolled by a major company. In return, Paramount requires one script

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and the rights to the "first read and last refusal." Such an arrangement gives Paramount the first chance to buy a script which Guinn wishes to sell. If for some reason they decide to pass on the deal, they get the opportunity to match another offer. For example, if a rival studio or production company offers Guinn \$300,000 for his script, then Paramount will still have the option of matching that offer.

Paramount Pictures is responsible for such films as "The Godfather I, II and III," "Coming To America," "Days of Thunder" and "Frankie and Johnny." The Arsenio Hall Show is also taped on the lot at Paramount Studios.

"It's so cool because you are hired as a writer. You have no set days that you have to come in. All you have to do is finish one script. So basically, what I am going to do is see how I can best utilize my year. The first thing that I did was contact last year's winner [Marla Moore] to get some insight on what to expect because I'm not going to waste my year."

Don Granger, vice-president of production at Paramount, and Linda Morris, an executive in the Paramount development center, came to the School of Communications to interview the three Howard finalists and decided that Freeling Guinn had the best work.

"The story gets across. They know what's happening, and they know why it's happening. And that's what you want. You don't want someone to be confused because that says that you're not being effective. Because this is a such a powerful medium, I want to make sure that I'm saying what I want to say. And that is nothing to play with. This is not a game," Guinn said.

"I want to be a filmmaker as well. I don't want to be just a screenwriter," he said. "I don't want my vision to be taken, and I don't want it to be watered down either."

Guinn uses his photographic memory to create and define his characters. After spending more than an hour with Guinn, one can see that he's a thinker. He's interested in finding the truth and presenting it.

"I am an observer. I watch things, and I remember things, and I remember how people do things. That's how I write, by watching what's going on," Guinn said.

He added, "Everyone has a story to tell."

## African studies scholar receives proclamation for accomplishments

By Tara Winder  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In Cramton Auditorium on April 24, John Henrik Clarke received a proclamation from the D.C. City Council to acknowledge his lifetime achievements as a historian, lecturer, and scholar in African studies.

Clarke shared the stage with Dr. Charsee McIntyre, president of the African Heritage Studies Association, a 20-year-old foundation that Clarke began on Howard's campus.

The two historians came together to speak at a program sponsored by

the Institute of Karmic Guidance, run by Anthony Browder.

McIntyre, who has taught and lectured around the country, spoke about the need to educate young people "with the truth." She focused on the truth behind Columbus and his voyage.

"If a child were to question the validity of asking, 'Who discovered America,'" McIntyre said, "we would know how right the child was, but what would the white educators do? How do we stop them from spreading lies? Where will it end?"

McIntyre ended her fiery speech with the notion that black people

are "manifestations of the divine reality," and that we must stop putting the walls up between us in the name of different religions.

The program also included an awards ceremony to acknowledge area students who had participated in a city-wide essay contest. Elementary school students were awarded gift certificates from City Kids, a black-owned book store. The top junior high school essay winner received an all-expense paid camping trip to Pineyville. The senior high school student with the best essay received an all-expense paid trip to Egypt, scheduled for November.

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# SPORTS

## Athletic director reflects on first year

By Johanna Wilson and Natonia Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writers

It was our first official meeting, and I was late for our scheduled interview. So, when I finally reached my destination at 12:20 p.m., which was Burr Gymnasium. I told the secretary I was there to see David C. Simmons.

Simmons, who is the director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Howard University, came to "the Mecca" by way of President Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer.

Back in July, when Simmons was appointed to take the position once held by William P. Moultrie, the University's track coach, some folks were skeptical.

These critics believed Simmons, a Washington, D.C. corporate lawyer with no previous background in sports, could not and would not steer the athletic program in the right direction.

Yet Simmons responded that there was no longer a need for the stereotypical director he classified as "super coach turned athletic director." Simmons wanted to combine the "athleticism" of the athletic department with executive flair and "business savvy."

And at the end of an athletic season, Simmons said he believes he is well on his way to building one of the strongest athletic programs ever at Howard through the continuous efforts to follow through with his initial goals.

One of Simmons' goals was to inspire student-athletes to become true students-students who excel in academics as well as, athletics.

This year, there were 45 student-athletes who were all-academic honorees. These student-athletes maintained at least a 3.0 grade point averages, Simmons said.

"The message you send to your student-athletes in terms of academic performance is very, very important," Simmons said. "I want the incoming freshman to know we take these academic awards seriously."

In order to maintain a high level of academic performance among athletes, Simmons will initiate several programs that will serve as support devices for the students.

Simmons wants to create a staff of academic counselors that would travel with the student-athletes during the away games.

"There will be somebody assigned to travel with the teams so they can organize study halls. We hope faculty

will allow quizzes to be administered to the teams," Simmons said.

In addition to study halls, Simmons wants to make sure the students have tutoring and counseling assistance at their disposal when on road games.

Another one of Simmons' goals was to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of the MEAC (Middle Eastern Athletic Conference) and NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) guidelines.

Last year before the close of the academic year, the Howard University football team underwent minimum penalties because of violations that occurred under the leadership William Jeffries, who coached the team for several years before returning to his alma mater, South Carolina State College.

Yet, out of a possible seven penalties, the football team only received three. In short, the football program was banned from post-season competition for one year (1992-93), will lose a total of four football scholarships, and 10 of its 70 paid recruiting visits were stripped.

All of the violations were uncovered by the University. According to Simmons, the NCAA went easy on the football team because they know "we [the athletic department] tend to comply to these rules."

In addition to enhancing the academic performance of student-athletes and complying to MEAC and NCAA regulations, Simmons also wants to improve recruiting efforts at the University.

Simmons said if visibility of the teams can be maintained then recruiting efforts would be better. Simmons added he is certain some athletes said, "I want to play for Howard," when they saw the team compete against the Kansas Jayhawks in the NCAA tournament this year.

Yet, Simmons said he still strives to upgrade all sports under his helm.

Traditionally, swimming, tennis and wrestling have not received much funding. The coaches of these teams also work on a part-time basis. However, next year and in those to follow, Simmons wants to do his best in making sure the non-revenue teams have what they need in order to compete successfully on every level.

Securing more scholarships for these teams and secur-

ing a court and baseball field for the tennis and baseball teams are his basic concerns for the coming years.

However, Simmons said making part-time coaches full time staff is not "a real high budget priority."

Simmons stated even though the basketball and football teams are the money making sports, the other sports can not be ignored.

"I'm Daddy and all the children have to be fed. Sometimes, I have to take things away from big brother and give it to baby sister," Simmons said.

Moreover, Simmons said each coach and each student should not dwell on what they have or do not have when compared to other teams, but do the best they can with what they have. "I think I'm fair," Simmons said.

Paul Cotton, the University wrestling coach said Simmons is "honest, straightforward, and his intentions seem to be good."

However, Cotton added he has not seen "any change under the new administration." On the contrary, Simmons may want to do alot for the athletic department, but if Dr. Jenifer does not give him the money he needs, Simmons will not be able to fulfill those goals, Cotton said.

"If I had to give Simmons a grade, I would give him an Incomplete 'C.' He's just beginning, but he is capable of making an 'A,'" Cotton said.

Larry Strickland, the tennis coach, said, "I've liked him since day one. He works as an administrator for all the athletes."

Strickland said "morale seems a little bit higher." However, he added the reason behind the boost in morale is "very intangible."

Julius E. McNeil, a senior basketball player who is also majoring in economics, is just one athlete who can profess to this increase.

"He works hard to make the program better. He's considerate. It's not hard to find him when you want to talk to him. He's a pretty good guy as far as I know," McNeil said.

Cotton and Strickland are optimistic about the future of the University's athletic department.

According to Cotton and Strickland, one of the best things about Simmons' tenure as the director of Intercollegiate Athletic thus far is that he listens to what they have to say.

"I feel like I can get answers to questions when I ask them," Strickland said.



David C. Simmons

## Booster program to attract "great athletes"

By Natonia Johnson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The long awaited Howard University Bison Foundation, a booster program established to enhance all athletic facilities, has finally been established. With the endorsement of President Franklyn G. Jenifer and the University's athletic department, the Bison Foundation, Inc., held its first official meeting on April 16.

"I think many people, especially former athletes, have believed we should have had this a long time ago," said Johnny Mercer, who was elected president of the program.

"We're happy the present administration supports this effort. Without the support of Dr. Jenifer and the athletic director David Simmons we could not have gotten this started."

Athletes were not the only ones anxious to see the establishment of the foundation. Many of the University's alumni were

also eagerly waiting.

"Our alumni have been pushing for years to get this organized," Mercer said. "But certain steps had to be made to get it underway. We had to have administrative support. It took action of the Board of Trustees to approve the program."

Mercer said once the Bison Foundation receives the support it needs from students, community, faculty, ect., the entire University will begin reaping the benefits of such a program.

"We have great black athletes. Why aren't they at Howard University?" he asked. "Not only do they need an education, but they need to be exposed to the Howard University experience."

"All we have to do is structure our program so we can [attract these] great athletes," Mercer said. "Most athletes don't consider Howard University because they think it's not on a professional level."

## Tennis season in review

### Women capture the 1991-92 MEAC CHAMPIONSHIP

By Erica Culpepper  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University women's and men's teams won first and third places, respectively, in the Middle Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) championships held the week of April 12 in Tallahassee, Fla.

What a way for the teams to end the season, each got off to a bumpy beginning but proceeded to end very smoothly.

Coach Larry Strickland is proud of both teams. The women's team, who went from a nine match losing streak to a six match winning streak and on to win the MEAC championships definitely deserve his praise.

"We went into spring losing close matches early on, but after spring break we never lost any matches," Strickland said.

Coach Strickland said the women's team started out with a lot of promise by returning three all-conference players. He brought in three more highly recruited freshmen who played key positions on the team — and the rest is history. With a team who is this strong, 1-6, there is no wonder why they came home the reigning champions.

Senior Angette McIlwain, one of the teams key players, said she feels the season went well overall. "Considering the youngness of the team, I think we did fairly well. But we'll probably do better next year," said the 21-year-old graduating senior.

Coach Strickland said this was a year of establishment. "This was the women's opportunity to establish them-

selves as one of the better teams in the region." But how much better can they get, they won eight out of nine final rounds and 34 out of 35 matches in the conference? To answer this Strickland says "...there's always space for improvement."

He is very content with the outcome of the women's team and said that his major concern at this point is trying to replace McIlwain who has won the MEAC singles for four consecutive years.

Strickland remains optimistic about next season. "With five out of the starting six players returning and a talented recruit for next year we should do well," he said.

Despite its 3-13 season record, the men's team went into the conference to show what they had. Strickland said this was "...a year of gaining experience. I anticipate that we'll be back in our usual competitive form which took us to conference champs seven times in the past 10 years."

Many of this year's problems were related to the loss of three starting players early on in the season. With only two players returning from last year, they played this season with five new people.

Gerald McNair, a 21-year-old senior from South Carolina, said that despite the many downfalls, there is unity amongst the teammates. "We're like one big happy family," said McNair, who has been playing on the team since his freshman year.

Both teams admitted to lacking support from the Howard community. "Tennis is looked at as a boring game, thus we lack student support. I want the Howard community to know we exist," McNair said.



Pictured above are the 1991-92 MEAC women volleyball champions. The team defeated Morgan State to capture their third title in five years. Below is the 1991-92 MEAC basketball champions who defeated Florida A & M. The Bison then went on the NCAA tournament..

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE**

It's over. All the headaches, all the phone calls, and all the criticism is finally over.

But guess what? I enjoyed every minute of it. There were times when I felt like giving up and letting go of all the responsibility I'd required. Yet, with the help of God, I made it through.

And before signing off as 1991-92 Sports Editor of THE HILLTOP, I want to thank you, my readers, for supporting me.

Yours truly,  
Johanna D. Wilson

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# Scenes from The '91-92 HILLTOP Awards Banquet



Hilltop advisor Leslie Harriel Lewis presents Editor-in-Chief George Daniels a first place award from The American Scholastic Press Institute for excellence in journalism. It was awarded at a recent conference.



Washington Post Columnist Courtland Milloy gave the keynote address.



1975-76 Editor-in-Chief Hodari Ali was among the returning HILLTOPers

## HILLTOP salutes its past

By Shauntae Brown and George Daniels  
Hilltop Staff Writers

When thousands of students pick up THE HILLTOP, one particular student looks for more than just the news.

Ronald D. Sullivan, design director for the publication, checks to see if the lines are straight and the colors and graphics are clear. The the dedication and care Sullivan uses is a reflection of the early morning hours spent weekly to produce the finished pages of the University newspaper.

Sullivan's hard work finally paid off when he received three awards for his service at the publication's Annual Awards Banquet held Thursday.

"Sometimes I really feel like a rug, but sometimes I feel honored just to be able to do this...just to feel good about the final product. I knew that I was going to be pointed out for the stuff I had done, but I didn't expect to get all the awards I got," Sullivan said.

The occasion not only provided an opportunity for current staff members' success to be spotlighted, but editors from as far back as 1966, as well as the original HILLTOP staff, were also honored.

Washington Post columnist Courtland Milloy, keynote speaker for the banquet, encouraged the audience to look at journalism as a profession which has deeper concerns than its monetary value. He told of his progression from a young boy assisting his father run a newspaper printer to his current

columnist position which is "at the top of his profession."

However, a large part of the affair focused on the accomplishments of past HILLTOP staffs. Members of the original HILLTOP staff from 1924 along with each editor-in-chief from the last 25 years were the first inductees in THE HILLTOP Hall of Fame.

Among those former editors on hand to receive the awards were Hodari Ali (1975-76), Henry Hall (1984-85), Alonza Robertson (1989-90) and Kevin Chappell (90-91).

HILLTOP Technical Advisor Leslie Harriel-Lewis presented the entire staff with three national awards which the publication received for excellence in journalism. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association recognized the publication with a Medalist Award, the second highest honor for any of the publications judged. THE HILLTOP also received first place in the Southern Regional Press Institute's collegic publication awards.

Other staff members to receive awards were assistant campus editor Depelsha Thomas—reported of the year; Candi Meriwether for "Best Spot News Story"; Edgar Bastien for "Best Spot Photograph."

The Tempo section received three awards. The "Infamous Dog Theory" story received "Best Feature Story", written by Angelia DeLaney, and "Best Feature Photograph" was awarded to Ken Rance. Tempo editor, Karen Good was selected "Editor of the Year."

"There were a lot of qualified people on staff this year. I just was praying to get it. The competition was tough," Good said. "From the very beginning of the year it was a play thing between me and Darrell [Hill, editorial editor]. We would say stuff like 'your page sucks this week', and 'I don't know how you got the position in the first place.'"

"But we both knew we were competent, able people and we liked working together," Good said.

Good said she tried to get away from the typical fashion coverage which has typically been done on past Tempo pages and do something different with her section this year. She said her favorite pages were the men and women talks because "it was something different."

Paula White, who will be graduating today, received the "Best Special Section" award for her tabloid on student leaders last Fall as well as, a special commendation award given to seniors who had been with THE HILLTOP for the three years.

"After being on staff for three years, it is kind of like seeing how this really effects people's lives," White said. "I remember when Jenifer [Goldson] was a freshman and now she is editor-in-chief. It is a learning experience to see how much journalism pulls out of you, to see how much you have matured and to see your friends working at the Wall Street Journal."

"THE HILLTOP is history. Sometimes we take for granted the effect we have on people and the campus," White said.



Design director Ronald D. Sullivan heartily accepts one of three awards.



1989-90 Editor-in-Chief Alonza Robertson receives recognition.

### JOURNALISM AWARDS

#### BEST

Feature Story—Angelia DeLaney: "The Infamous Dog Theory", Oct. 31, 1991

Sports Story—Preston Jenkins: The Middle-Eastern Athletic Conference Coverage

Personality Profile—Shamarra Turner: "'Shai' Not Off Key When Predicting Musical Success", Jan. 31

Special Section—Paula White: "Taking You 2 the Leaders," Oct. 25

Feature Photograph—Ken Rance: "The Infamous Dog Theory", Oct. 31

News Graphic-Infographic—Ronald Sullivan: "Tuition", Oct. 11

Cartoon/Comic Strip—Vladimir Leveque: "De La Howard"

Spot News Story—Candi Meriwether: "High Court Reconvenes for Term...", Oct. 11

Spot News Photograph—Edgar Bastien: "Homecoming 1991 Riots", Nov. 8

### MANAGING EDITOR AWARDS

Tiffany Anderson  
Ronald Sullivan

### EDITOR AWARDS

Most Outstanding Copy Editor—Tiffany Anderson

Most Consistent Page Editor—Tasha Hailey, Business/Finance

Most Improved Page Editor—Johanna Wilson, Sports

Most Improved Staff Writer—Melody Jordan

Most Outstanding Non-Editorial Staff Member—Ron Sullivan, Design Director

Outstanding Service—John Cash, Computer Systems Engineer

First Runner Up-Outstanding Service Award—Jeffrey Scott, Business Manager

HILLTOP Supporter Award—Paulette Porter, Howard University Purchasing Department

Reporter of the Year—Depelsha Thomas, Assistant Campus Editor

First Runner Up-Reporter of the Year—Kimberly Martin, Campus Staff Writer

Most Outstanding Editor—Shauntae Brown, Campus

Editor of the Year—Karen Good, Tempo

Ivan L. Taylor Award—Preston Jenkins, Staff Writer/Photographer

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# Class of '92 HILLTOPICS

"Big" Bro Lou, Congratulations on your graduating! I have enjoyed being here at school with you the last two years. You have been a positive influence. I wish you the best of luck next year in grad school at Georgia Tech and I hope you enjoy continued success there. -- "Little" Sis Kimberly

I, Leona D. Willis, being of thorough mind and positive energy bequeath the following: ABC- patience, a fervent heart, sense of purpose, and the independence to stand up for what you believe in -- LOVE ALWAYS, Your M.C.

ACapella; My ever true/royal blue line sisters - THANKS! Ladies, our love has grown -- Remain positive -MIA Pt.Z; M.M., Focused, Peppy -make me proud; To all you have given me and more. No more ring around the rosey "Love Is Stronger Than Pride"; to K. Gamble -sensitivity, I have it, you lack it. To the Newsvisionaries, a sense of the collective effort; Hassan-the determination to take you to the top. To all those I left out a big H.U.!

I, Alvin Bell, being of sound mind and body bequeath the following: To Angie-Our friendship forever. To Gary "Soul Train" V. -My gift of song. To Leon C.-My Donnie Simpson sound-alike radio voice. To Steve "Wanna Be" S.- What I left of Melinda. To future Howardites-My intellect, determination, and perseverance to reach desired goals despite the odds. As a 1992 "Who's Who" graduate of Howard, I leave you with my final words HOW YA LIKE ME NOW! PEACE! I'M OUTTA HERE!

Krum-Krum, Our Love Project Didn't Work Out, But The Friend Project Got An "A". -- Always, Evelyn

Vladimir, I love you and no more long distance summers. Oh, this summer may be some what hot. --Love Always, Melody

Nijel Redrick, O.K. So I know that I got on your nerves this year, but guess what, we got 2 more years! By the way, tell Bev to meet the Rev in the 'Noke, so he might poke! -- Alright

Shante' and Ebonnie, I know ya'll don't consider me a roommate anymore, but ya'll know how it goes when One is in love. Thanks for helping me out. You guys are really good friends. And hey, we didn't have a phone problem! -- Love, The Not Seen Roommate

Brian, I'll miss you! Thanks for everything. --Love, Your lil' sis' Mel

HU Dance Ensemble, I'm too sexy. -- Plie Miss Drama

To My Honey Steve, Congratulations! I knew you could do it sweetheart. GOOD LUCK NEXT YEAR. I'll miss you. -- Love you lots, Trarina

Congrats on your graduation 1P #244, 1P #252, 1P #280 from your Special family ΔΣΠ 1P #262 & 1P #271

To Charlessa Dawkins: We've known each other since junior high, became best friends in high school and

true sisters in college. Attending classes, doing lunch, and hanging out made my experience at Howard lots of fun. Though I'm continuing to another phase of this journey, I leave behind to you my legacy of determination, ambition and self-respect. This is not the end of the story but merely the closing of a chapter. Besides, we still have thousands of restaurants to try. Keep up the good work, stop taking those naps before studying!! and don't let procrastination rear its ugly head. Don't worry, next year will be your year. Thanks for being there for me through all of my joys, pains, loves, break-ups, good & bad times. You are a true friend and will be forever. --From Alenda Burroughs

Jennifer Golson, I hope that Ivan Hopkins will not run next years Hilltop the way he has this year!!

Erica Littlejohn, I thank you for going through all of the rough times with me and I leave you my love and the promise to always be there for you. -- Love Always, Ivan Bates

Keith White, Don't ever think you have to compare yourself to me because you "have it goin' on" all by yourself. I love you and know that you will do well at Morehouse. Baby brother, Always take God with you.--Paula

Van, BJ, Fred, Troy, Rap Pier, and Ron are off in Cali, but the spirit of our good times together live on. I'm gonna miss "the posse." I'll always love you guys. -- Paula

Eric Smith, Even though I don't always act like it, I really do care. Without you New York would be totally scary. -- Paula

Allan Clyde, Troll face! We're graduating (yea!), but we won't be around to get on each others nerves (boo hoo). I'll always cherish our laughter & good times. I'm sure we'll meet again. -- Love, Paula

Jennifer Golson, All I have to say is that I love you. Believe in yourself. Trust in God. And know that nothing (or nobody) can take away your ability or desire to laugh, love and live unless you allow them to. Have a spectacular senior year..I did.-- Paula

Erran Persley, 143 raised to the 100th power- Do you know now? Wherever you may wander, where ever I may roam, We will forever be friends. We've done a lot of growing in the last 2 years and because of it we're a 1000 steps closer to knowing what we want out of love and life. I'll always be here FOR YOU, regardless of my "honest opinion." -- White girl

To Cheryl Ross, Chreelee! I'm leaving! Oh no! What are we going to do? For the first time since 3rd grade, we're gonna be on our own. R U Scared?! Me too. But, know that I love you and will always be a phone call away. Never lose hope and never stop laughing. You're beautiful. -- Paula

To the Staff of Sutton Plaza, I love you for all of the jokes and laughter. I love you for helping me learn to express

myself. And I want to thank you for being my home away from home. I'm gonna miss you guys. -- Love, da RA on the 7th floor

To Daddy, If you thought I was too grown before - you know I'm a senior citizen now. Your love, support and guidance has given me an attitude of survival. I love you. -- Your investment, Paula

To Mabel Joyce Person White, Without you I wouldn't have made it. Thanks for being there when I was happy, when I was sad and when I was broke (smile). I love you from the bottom of my heart and I thank you for always being "Mommy". -- Your baby girl, Paula

To the Sparkling "BROWN" ladies of Retient 26, I know that Delta's lasting love will always live in our hearts. Keep on loving. Keep on believing. Stay focused and most of all ...ALWAYS REMEMBER THE TIME.-- I love you forever and always, 19-A-92

Fay, I can't believe it's over. I love respect and appreciate you more than you'll ever know. Thanks for Yahtzee night, "moldy" conversations, fried roaches, men with dates, typers cramp and Parkay. Take care of yourself. I'll miss you. But don't worry, I'll be back next year for the wedding (smile). -- Paula b.k.a. Lil' Pickney

Kashka Scott, Five years of friendship isn't easy to accomplish...especially with you (smile). Through it all, know that I still love you and still care even though I'm New York bound in August. I look forward to the day when we both find the one person who will forever bring "sunshine" into our lives. -- Paula

Lisa Currence, You were an outstanding president. FDHS has soared to new heights. Under your leadership. I am sure you will do great at OSU. God Bless!! -- Ms. Brown.

G. L. Daniels, The "S" in your name really does stand for service! You have been a great service to Howard and will be of great service wherever you go. Congrats on graduating cum laude! God Bless!! -- Ms. Brown

To my #1 Gospel Music Connoisseur, After seeing your grades I am sure you joined JPK (no "S") in singing "Never Shall Forget!" You have truly been a wonderment to my soul. God Bless!! -- Ms. Brown

To Ivan Bates, Congrats on a job well done. Your hard work has paid off -- cum laude. sounds sooo good. You are destined for greatness. God Bless!! -- Ms. Brown

TSCHAKA- I knew you could do it, I am so proud of you, take the world by storm baby! Don't be afraid of going slow, only of standing still... Your presence here will be missed. --Askhari

To H.U.S.A.'s Class of '92, Congratulations! Now make me proud, go out there and kick some butt!! --Love, Danielle

John Butler, Congrats! Is it L.A. or D.C., does it depend on ME? One of these days you'll stop being so busy and stop to

smell the roses. Our paths have crossed many times since 89'. I hope you don't take a detour out west. It's been wonderful watching you FALL 4 ME! I hope your BASIC INSTINCTS lead you in the right direction (to Me). -- Love, The White SilkScarf

Michael Williams, Congrats Bro., another H.U. degree for the Williams Family. Whatever you choose to do with the years to come. Remember life is to short so have some fun.

NATO& OAU what a blast (NOT!). Maybe for me. I'm glad I finally met you, it only took a year the post I.C.W.II days. Anyway stay strong, stay black, and mostly stay militant. Peace, Stephanie P.S. We must sit & chat this summer

Nicole Williams, I'm so proud of you, I'm happy you're outta here. Bethune will miss you (SIKE!) I wish you the best of everything in all aspects of your life you are a superwoman you just don't know it yet. Your old neighbor (90-91) will miss you. You better stay in touch.

WHERE'S THAT WP RIBBON? Love, Hippy Chick

SKEE-PHI Congratulations! To the Graduates of BETA Chapter, AQA, Class of '92, May your future be as bright as the past. KEEP THE TORCH LIT !!! Success is in store!!!!- Love and Peace, 5-EPI-87 AN ORIGINAL AKA (ole school) . 06-08 -06-08 6-E-92.

Roomie (?) You did it! Now what- law or the real world? Anyway no matter what you'll do what's right. You can always watch riots at 3 a.m. with me. I hope this summer will be unforgettable-LIKE THE LA FIRES!!!!!! I hope this day brings you much Joy. Who would have known a chance meeting in class long ago could have led to this. Lets listen to Stansfield before the sun rises again. See ya, YOUR PERS P&G Beauty Queen

EBONY MAN, You have been the light in my life for over seven months, and I love you for that. Neither time nor distance will place a barrier between us. Thank you for showing me "the way." I wish you the best for next year as you take your rightful place on the "power hall." Now, you truly are "King." -- PRINCESS

To beloved friends, I will miss you all. As I look back on the past three years, I remember the times that we had together which I will cherish--well, most of them anyway. TO DIMPLES, my ex-roomie, things should improve for you after this year, correct? Live it up...and gain some weight! Thumbs up for FIT. To SA SILK, thanks for taking me to Union Station, LSAT class, Subway, etc. You're a good friend. Good luck at Washington U--St. Louis Law. And best of luck on the LSAT! Hi CHARNE! I hope you three enjoy your senior year as much as I did, minus the stress. A special shout-out goes to ComSERC and the SOUL SQUAD--I'll miss all the fun. To MJ, my homey, last summer was the jam. Good luck in grad school,

and don't forget, we're still on for Kings Dominion. To JAB, tell me, why do they call you "pretty brown eyes"? Put down that facade that you're a bad boy from NY. WE all know your true colors. To other girl from GA at ComSERC (S.C.H.), best of luck in Law. Don't be such a gossip! To two of the best friends I could have, TONYA and STEPHANIE, I love you like sisters. That's why I treat you the way I do! I'll miss you guys like people in hell miss ice water. But for now, we must be out! --JACCI

#6 END ZONE, For four years you have been a great close friend. Thanks for being there for me and for teaching me things that I otherwise wouldn't have learned. I love you from the bottom of my heart, and I'll miss you until I see you again (even though we never did get that b-day dinner off the ground!) -- VA GIRL

Jonna S. LaGrone from St. Louis, Congrats on becoming a distinguished lady of Delta Sigma Theta. We are very proud of you. We knew you were always worthy!!! -- Love your sorors of Epsilon Xi, Kim, Mona, & Tessa D.S.N.S.P.T.

Darlene, Congrats, babe. You've made me so proud of you. Now that you have your degree maybe you'll get a job! -- Luv ya, Fred

Errick, It's been a long time but now it's OVER! The road has been long and hard but you made it. We've been through a lot together over these four years and kept each other strong. You've been like a brother to me and I hope you have a prosperous life. Good luck in Baltimore CUZ those lil' negroes are gonna drive U CRAZEE! --Peace, Fred

Congrats, Erroll, Lee, Steve, and the whole 1988 Drew Posse (5th Floor) also shouts out to the 1988 Quad Crew. -- Peace, Fred

Congratulations to our graduates of 914W- Big "Daddy" Kevin Brown and Cluey Hargrove. We're going to miss ya. -- Love, Medina & Sapna

Regina & Renata, Two people have been true special friends of mine since we were freshmen in the Quad. I am going to miss you both. We've gotten really close that I feel part of the family as if I was your younger sister. We have had a lot of fun together. You both have really been there for me in the good times, bad times, happy times, and even the sad times. No matter how far we become apart in distance, I will always be close to the two of you.

Congratulations!! Thank you and may God forever continue to Bless you. --Love, Karen B.K.A. "Dimples"

Regina Henderson: Since we stepped foot on the campus of Howard University, we have both grown tremendously. I could not have done it without God and you. You have been my roommate, classmate, my BACK, my LineBrother, Deltasig Brother, best friend conscious, co-worker, boss, mother, father, comforter,

mentor, and most importantly any twin could have! I LOVE YOU! -- Renata 1P#251

To Todd May, You ain't all that and you never will be even if you are graduating. --Peace Out From the Girl for Chicago that can't relate with you!

To Ms. Aricka Westbrooks, Well you are leaving the Mecca. I'll truly miss you and I hope to see you before you leave. I'm very proud of you and keep believing in yourself and God and I'm sure all your dreams will come true. -- Love your friend, Tracy V.

Congratulations Tonja Dandy & Dina Durham- 2 - ROOMIES - On Your Graduation!! I'm so Proud of You!! -- Love, Someone Who Knew You Both

George, My boss, my teacher, my friend. The year has been an experience & you pulled through, I think, with flying colors. May the future bring you continued blessings. -- ME

Donna (Miss Diss), It's over. You're leaving (campus that is). Your wisdom has done nothing but enlighten me over the years. This Hilltopics is the farthest from expressing my gratitude.

All the best. Ice Cold Copy Paula, NY, NY. A he-- of a town. We all know you will grace it with your presence. But your presence I will miss. This year has been such a roller coaster & you didn't fall off once. You helped keep me on. How will I get by w/out you. My ear is always here. Hell. Call collect! My love you always have. --Jen (The Little Troll)

Mack Daddy, To say I love you isn't enough the past 3 years have been so special. You have been with me through everything and everyone. Your silent strength was there to keep me up. Thank you for all your love and patience. Those strong arms kept me sane with neverending hugs.

Congratulations my love! I am so happy for you. You've done it. I love you. --#19 P.S. "You gonna gimme some?" 911

To Donna T. Lee, Hey baby, well you're outta here and I wish for you the very best.

Thanks for everything and I hope we'll keep it touch forever. --Love, Tracy

To Sherrise Cumberlander, Happy Graduation. I'm going to miss you coming to my room and I'm going to miss us having "quality time together" I hope you all the luck in the world. -- Love your crazy friend, Tracy V.

To Kelli B., Well baby doll you're truly a peach and I hate that I haven't seen much of you this semester. Regardless congratulations and I hope you succeed in your pursuit of life beyond Howard. -- Bye, Bye, your little Chi-Town friend, Tracy

To the last APOSTLE, and the remaining HEIRS MINISTERS and the PHAROAHS...

Keep up the good work and continue to hold up the light!

06 from the FIFTH HEIR OF HERMAKIS 5 -BETA-90

Yo beauty school drop-out I'm a commin'. I'm just like you now! The Love sick PHAROAH

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**PERSONALS**  
 Happy 21st Birthday May 4th Anissa a Lady from DB, TC, Kiz & everybody else.

John, I'm still waiting for my pancakes. Come now, are you losing your touch. It would be a shame to let such good batter go to waste. Wouldn't you say? -- **READY**

CAXY, Thanks for another eventful year. When it's all over, how about a trip to the steps of Douglass for one last dance. I'll bring the BREW! --KT

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**  
 Do not trust JOE MAHONE. We have lost \$140.00 on one of his schemes. B@#H better have my money!

HENDRITH SMITH, The BAHAMA MAMA'S Got the last laugh... SUCKAAAAA!  
 Hey Drew! Stop Hilltopcopping! Good Luck on the Boards and I'll see you next year across the bridge. --Peace...

Happy Birthday To Rona & Ronda (April 29th). The freshest, hypest, dopest Twins around!! -- Love, Joe & Strawn P.S. for Shaaila: no more, helicopter Smoke!! **DON'T COME AROUND!!!!**

Shannon, It's been six short months, one long school year, and who knows how many problems. I've been meaning to ask you, what do you see in me? I don't know what it is, just keep seein' it! I don't mean to broadcast our business but I Love you with all my heart (big like the ocean). -- Peace Babie, David

Buffy, Slurp it up...Yum! Tastie isn't it? I'm pacin' you down? "And you know I'm gonna getcha" -- With Love and on a Rampage, Moby, the Melanin Enriched One

**IT IS STRANGE WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUNG IMPRESSIONABLE GIRLS. I THOUGHT ONLY COWS GOT BRANDED.**

**TO: CONNIE DAY TIME HEALS ALL WOUND LET'S END IT HERE.**  
 To: Big Blue of Sutton Plaza We have painted this town "BLUE" haven't we? Time has proven our friendship to be strong, stable, and trustworthy. "Let's keep our love alive" for life. Shall we? -- Jennifer B

To: "Bam Bam," "True Grit," "Pig Pen," and whatever else we call you. 15-A-92Z. I Love You. Take Care Soror. You are truly one of the beautiful ones. --16-A-92Z

**DIANA,** I constantly think about your big, beautiful brown eyes and your wonderful company. -- Love, Frankie & Johnny, Mississippi Masala

Diana, I am the answer to all your questions.... -- Sincerely, Frankie & Johnny, Mississippi Masala

**Jamahl,** You need to quit thinking that you're all that, because what you really are is a FAT, STUPID, LOSER. Don't keep fooling yourself because you aren't fooling anyone else. Oh, and by the way, remember all that noise I used to make? I FAKED ALL OF IT!!!

To My Oh So Cute Twin (6-11-88) PHI-SKEE, Thanks for the wonderful gifts of laughter & understanding you have given to me. You've been a bright light when the path was hard to see The Koala is most appreciative Bip. This has been a trying year for us

both in many ways-but Happy Happy Joy Joy must remain our motto. Oh boy. S&M is always here for you. -- Love & Peace, Evil Twin, 5- EIT-87, Skee Phi

L.S. Posse Member #1, I know H.U. will once again be graced by your presence. So stop worrying, that's my job Dude! Everything happens for a reason & you're meant to be in the land of academia. One day you will be Dr. \$ and I'll be famous for something (smile). So Chill, get some sun, eat a popsicle & catch Ren & Stimpy on the tube. -- Love, The Koala

**WHAT EXACTLY DO THE PEOPLE IN THE HILLTOP BUSINESS OFFICE DO?????**  
 Bay, Our future promises to be exciting, exhilarating, stimulating and intoxicating because our time together, thus far, has been amazing, spectacular and sometimes even staggering I'm very proud of your many accomplishments and I know that more good fortune will follow.

Time apart can only strengthen the firmness, security and soundness which our love has formed. -- Forever yours, Flower

To the Sisters of the Circle (4) That never got to finish the journey since our bonding you all have become very special to me. Thanks for the love, time spent and caring that you gave me since my personal tragedy. I'm sure he's looking down from heaven and glad I found you guys. - Love, Stephi "The Bohemian Haki, Funny how time flies when you're having fun with a lot of love, trust, commitment, friendship, time and ENERGY you get a lot more than five months. Patience is all we need for those rough times. It's like "BUTTER." -- Love Ya, Ebonnie

Squeek, What up! Are you in Md. again? Anyway I'm happy God let our paths cross and change my life like never before (my metamorphosis). One day those perfect someones will appear I think. Thanks for listening to me complain about you know who. -- Love, EEK.

Joan M., It's strange how much we've both changed over this short year like all sisters we fight, fuss, and cuss. But in the end we're still friends. I hope next year has more smiles and moments of joy & A

dependable partner (on this continent). --Love Ya Sis, Stephi M.

To All My Homies In Sutton, Eton & Especially The Towers: News Flash! We are all the way live! Next year we show and prove! -- Love, Peace and \$, The MeloDramatic One

To "da Man" that keeps sending me those anonymous poems. It's Saturday. You've only got two more days. Are you gonna hide FOREVER? -- RAIN

MacDaddy, I'm going to miss you when you leave in June-I really wish you didn't have to go. But I will be waiting for you to come back and hopefully the rest of the summer will be alright-Because you know how you are sometimes. -- Love from the one you love, MacMomma

Congratulations to my Homegirl Wanda, Girlfriend Claire and my sisters Regina & Renata. Regina & Renata, Two people have been true special friends of mine since we were freshmen in the Quad. I am going to miss you both. We've gotten really close that I feel part of the family as if I was your younger sister. Renata & Regina, You two have been a confidant, best friend, and partner in crime. I love you and may God forever bless you. --Johanna

To Lillian, Oh sweetie I'm going to miss you. Write me in Louisiana and I hope you'll be back here in D.C. so we can hang in July. We had a great semester. you and I - the mirror image. -- Love Always, Petula

Jerome, Hey Romey. I guess everybody knows who I am, but then again who cares! We're gonna have a ball this summer. We'll do all types of things like take me out to dinner, take me shopping... Anyway, I'm glad you're staying. See ya later alligator! --Love, YCART BACKWARDS

Happy Belated Birthday Terrance! Thanks for the ultimate hook up in the "Defense" area. I guess I can't possibly be mad at you now - then again I amaze myself sometimes. To My Kill The Weeds Posse, This summer I vow to chill. I also promise to be less like Sula and more like myself. I will also try to be sensitive (yeah right). -- Peace Out Scouts

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