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# Protect Personal Property, Students Warned

By MIA MATTA Hilltop Staff Writer

As Howard University students prepare to return home for the upcoming winter holiday, the Office of Residence Life says it's working to secure residence halls and safeguard the personal property of students.

Mollie Hopkins, acting associate dean of Residence Life, says the office is asking students to take expensive items--such as televisions, stereo systems and computer-home with them over the winter holiday, which begins next Friday. "The locks will be changed temporarily on the outside doors of each dormitory to prevent outsiders from coming in," she said.

A Residence Life memorandum issued this week told students to complete specific procedures--such as unplugging electrical appliances and locking windows--before leaving their dormitories.

The procedure, the memorandum said, will help easy technicians' efforts to exterminate dormitory rooms over the winter holiday.

What's more, the memorandum

told students that all dormitories will be closed during the holiday, except Howard Plaza Towers East and Cook Hall, in which, several student athletes will live because of scheduled games during the break.

Heightened security patrols will roam the areas around dormitories, and the locks wo several rooms will be changed, Hopkins said, adding that security may "even be checking inside periodically."

The University does not take

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# A Neighborhood at Standstill



Hilltop Staff/ERIC HALL
Columbia Heights residents say their neighborhood's life has been at a standstill since construction of the Columbia Heights Metro Station began.

# Columbia Heights Metro Station Construction Sparks Complaints

By RAFIAH DAVIS Hilltop Staff. Writer

ach night, when Sharon Mallory's windows rattle, her doors start to shake. Suddenly, she's popped right from the comfort of her sleep. Below Mallory's modest high-rise apartment in the 1300 block of

Columbia Road, NW, cars roll over the large steel plates on the street near the Columbia Heights Metro station's construction site, adding to the rumble.

"It scares my kids because they think somebody is coming through the window," Mallory said as she and her long-time neighbor, Robert Williams, shared complaints about the problems that have gripped the Columbia Heights neigh-

borhood since the station's construction began a few years ago.

"Are they going to compensate everybody for all that noise?" Williams asked Mallory, telling anyone who wanted to know about the neighborhood's construction troubles to talk to the laudromat's owners.

"Go in there, you'll hear lots of com-

See METRO, A3

# Graduation Rates Rise Among HU Athletes

Howard Tops List of Schools With High Grad Rates

> By Kimothy K. Brown Hilltop Staff Writer

Nearly all of Howard University's athletes graduate on-time, according to a report released last month by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Since 1991, athletes in virtually every sport at the University have completed course requirements in the time assigned by departments, compared to 54 percent of the overall student body.

For the first time, the University topped the list of schools in the report with the highest graduation rate among students athletes, beating schools such as Duke and Georgetown Universities. Howard is the only Historically Black College on the list.

More than a decade after the NCAA toughened its academic standards, nationwide graduation rates among athletes continue to decline sharply. Nationally, 57 percent of roughly 13,500 scholarship-receiving athletes who entered Division-1 schools as freshmen in 1991 earned degrees by 1997.

Kirk Saulny, head coach of Howard University's Men's Basketball team, said he attributed Howard's successful graduation rate to the school's emphasis on weaving academics with athletic excellence.

"It's important to support athletics because the University sponsors scholarships for the students," Saulny said. "Education is the number one reason we're here, and we can't ever lose sight of that."

Despite what he described as a high-level of University support, Saulny said that alumni should play a larger role in supporting the University's athletic teams.

Basketball athletes routinely graduate at lower rates in comparison to athletes in other sports. The report attributed the low rates to factors such as basketball's longer seasons and frequent travel.

The graduation rate among the nation's collegiate basketball players has sunk to 50 percent, the lowest in six years. The graduation rate among women basketball players dropped from 67 to 66 percent last year.

The sharpest drop in graduation rates among athletes in any single category was among white male basketball athletes, which plunged from 57 to 47 percent. The rate for African
See RATES, A4

# Researchers Find New Clues to HIV Replication

HIV-Infection Rates Soar Among Blacks

By Jason T. Smith
Hilltop Staff Writer
and Gregory S. Krauss
The Harvard Crimson

A team of Harvard researchers have developed a new portrait of how HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, reproduces itself in a development that may provide clues for future drug treatment.

Through a collaborative effort between Harvard's Department of History and Chemical Biology, and the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, researchers were able to take snapshots of a stage of the mechanism by which the enzyme Reverse Transcriptase, or RT, works on a strand of viral DNA to make new copies.

The understanding of this mechanism may help researchers make a new drug that will serve as options in the drug cocktails--mix-tures of three or four drugs--that have resulted in far more effective treatment of AIDS.

RT, one of several major proteins in the AIDS virus, is one of the important enzymes in the replication of HIV, performing various functions at different stages of replication. Currently, one major class of drugs that fights AIDS, called RT inhaibiora, tries to interfere with RT. These drugs range from AZT to DDI to DDC, Harvard physicians said.

The RT mutation which lead to mutations in HIV, sometimes makes these drugs ineffective, said Huifang Huang, a post-doctoral fellow in Harvard's Department of Molecular and Celluar Biology who served on the research team.

The Hilltop was unable to contact Howard University researchers Wednesday to gather information regarding HIV/AIDS research efforts here.

According to the federal government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African Americans have been disproportionately affected by the AIDS virus, and Black women are contracting the AIDS virus at faster rates than any other group.

In the last decade, the rate at which Black women were infected with the AIDS virus increased between 10 to 20 percent each year, the CDC said. The rate among Black women who contracted the disease through heterosexual contact in the last decade increased between 15 and 30 percent each

In 1996, 6,750 Black women were diagnosed with AIDS. Of these, 53 percent were women infected through heterosexual ontact. 43 percent were attributed to injection drug

See HIV, A4

# The Big Cook-Off



Students from the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences filled the main yard with their final projects for the Introduction to Engineering course. Twenty-six groups were challenged to design and create solar appliances that work correctly within a budget of \$50. Students developed projects that cooked food using only the power of the sun.

# For General Assembly, Quorum Remains Elusive

By APRILL O. TURNER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The General Assembly held a special meeting Tuesday, but failed to reach a quorum, marking the fourth consecutive month the Assembly has failed to muster enough voting members.

While Tuesday's meeting had more representatives present than any other meeting of the year, members trickled in and left the meeting in variations, opting not to stay until the meeting's end.

Under the Howard University Student Association Constitution, which is published in the H-Book, in article 4, section 3, clause B, "a legally constituted meeting shall consist of a majority of its voting members being present for the duration of the meeting."

HUSA President Neville Welch, chair of the General Assembly, vehemently contends that the Assembly reached a quorum, saying that a quorum was reached when 17 of the Assembly's members arrived. Welch, in an interview Wednesday, acknowledged that many of the Assembly's members were present at the beginning of the meeting, but left shortly after the its start.

The number of the Assembly's members remained unclear Wednesday, as Welch claimed the Assembly contained 26 members, while estimates based on the University's rough

see QUORUM, A4

# CAMPUS

# GOSPEL IN CARIBBEAN

Members of the Howard Gospel Choir traveled from Washington to the U.S. Virgin Islands for a series of concerts during the Thanksgiving holiday.

See A2

# NATION/WORLD

# PERSECUTION RISES

Experts say global persecution of Christians is on the rise, and that 160,000 people were killed last year for following their Christian faith.

See A7

# TEMPO

# THE CUFF

From the streets of New York, to London's West End and to The Yard at Howard University, everyone, it seems, is wearing The Cuff. Find out why.

See B1

# TEMPO

# HOLIDAY BUDGET

Learn how to shop for your friends and family this holiday season, and keep some money, too.

See B1

# WeekendWeather

TODAY: Partly Sunny.
75 HIGH, 68 LOW

SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy 70 HIGH, 50 LOW

SUNDAY: Partly Sunny 70 HIGH, 45 LOW

# GAMPUS

# Howard Gospel Choir Travels To U.S. Virgin Islands

By Allan R. Clyde Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the Howard Gospel Choir traveled to the U.S. Virgin Islands on the invitation of the Howard University Alumni Club of St. Thomas & St. John as part of its annual Recruitment Weekend activities Thursday, Nov. 19.

The trip, culminating in a fundraising concert that Saturday at the University of the Virgin Island's Reichhold Center for the Arts featuring the Choir, was the third such endeavor of the alumni group. The Howard University Concert Choir was featured for the first event in

1997, followed by the Howard University Jazz Ensemble this past March.

"This was an extraordinary experience," said the Choir's President Lydia D. Kearney, a graduating physics student. "It was a wonderful opportunity to get an authentic taste of the island life. I was happy with the way the choir was received and hope all were blessed by our ministry, which was our focus for the trip."

Each fundraising event supports a scholarship fund established by the alumni group to support local students planning to attend Howard, and also honors two distinguished alumni. To date, more than \$10,000

has been awarded to three St.
Thomas natives currently enrolled at Howard University—sophomores Charmaine Todman and Tiana McEvoy, and freshman Travis David.

This year's event honorees were Sister Louis Marie Bryan (Class of '49) and Dr. C. Warren Smith (Class of '44). Each was honored for outstanding contributions to the community.

Bryan, a clinical social worker

and Catholic nun, heads up Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands. Smith, an Episcopalian priest, is also an esteemed pediatrician. The alumni notes that the approximate 160 known alumni on the island include such movers and shakers as former Governor Dr. Roy L. Schneider and incoming Lieutenant Governor Luz James II. Combined with the recruitment weekend's major fund-raiser featuring Howard University talent were recruitment efforts at the local high schools. On hand for the last three years to visit nearly all of the island's public and private high schools has been Dr. Janice L. Nicholson, vice president for

enrollment management.

One such effort this year was a choir workshop organized to allow the Choir to interact with and teach several songs to the choirs of two

local high schools—Ivanna Eudora Kean and Charlotte Amalie. Charlotte Amalie's choir also opened the Reichhold concert and joined the Choir as a finale on its closing selection. The workshop was such a success that it made the front page of the Virgin Islands Daily News.

The Choir traveled throughout the island that Friday, interviewing and singing in on-air radio appearances to publicize the event.

Event co-chair Edward "E.C." Jones (Class of '80), a nutritionist and photographer, made mention that one significant difference with this year's event was the decision to have alumni and other sponsors host the Howard students in their homes.

Co-chair Sheena Conway (Class of '86), an attorney for the Virgin Islands Justice Department, believes the concert was a success.

"We anticipate from the combination of donations, ad sales, and ticket sales, that we more than covered our costs and will be able to add those proceeds to our scholarship fund," Conway said. She has co-chaired all three of

the major fund-raisers.

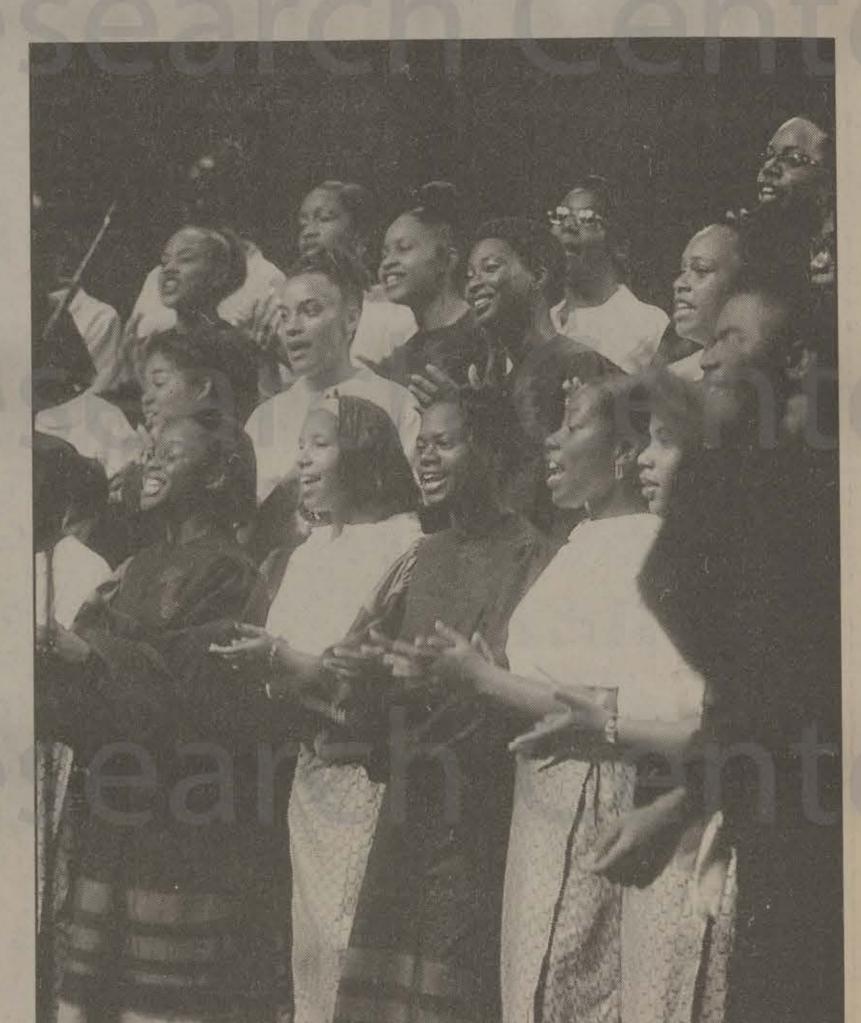
"This worked out very well, almost without exception, and was much more personal of an experience," Jones said. "The alumni are

always excited to see Howard still lively through its current students. It's like an exchange benefiting both parties. We feel blessed to be able to sponsor a Caribbean experience virtually expense-free. In turn, the Howard students help us to help local students go to Howard—thus giving back."

The St. Thomas alumni group has been active for less than five years, and currently has plans for even larger-scale events—such as organizing a Howard University Weekend on St. Thomas. The event is being envisioned as the Sinbad Soul Festival, where Howard alumni from around the world would be invited to travel to St. Thomas for a weekend of fun and fundraising events to support the club's own scholarship efforts as well as the fundraising efforts of the university

Freshman Choir member Kellee L. Halford enjoyed her island experience

"I think it was a great success. A lot of the local high school students I talked to said they were excited about possibly attending Howard. My host was great and the island was beautiful," she said. "I'm really looking forward to convincing my dad to take me back—or at least to give me the money to go back on my own."



Hilltop Staff/ Edward C. Jones

The Howard University Community Choir combined with the Amalie High School Concert Choir in song during the University choir's recent trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands

# Howard Art Gallery Dedicated to a Artist Lois Mailou Jone

By Lynn Simmonds
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard Art Gallery has recently been dedicated to former Howard professor Lois Mailou Jones, who died this summer at the age of 93, leaving behind a large collection of work showcasing her life-long dedication to art. Jones taught design and watercolor at Howard for 47 years, and though she is gone, her legacy lives

"She was such a pioneer," said Scott Baker, Howard's Art Gallery director. "She was always doing what everyone wished they could do. She was the first one, the only one"

Jones' art graces Howard's campus still. Her stained glass work is a window in Rankin Memorial Chapel—The Founders commemorative window for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. And in Cook Hall, Jones's 1940 painting entitled "Light" depicts a woman holding a light, a freshman, some graduates and all the programs that the University offers.

Jones created portraits of African Americans and pastoral landscapes. Her work has graced main-

Nik Eames, senior chemical engi-

neering major and Advisory

Neighborhood Commissioner

1B05, took neighborhood children

to the last football game of the sea-

son against Delaware State on Sat-

Despite the cold weather, Eames

and the youths proceeded to the

game. Eames feels that providing

this service will help the young-

urday, Nov. 21.

stream America and international countries. The Kellogg's rooster, which has been a trademark symbol for Cornflakes for years, was originally created by her. Jones has created numerous travel posters and designed the film poster for the movie *Cry, the Beloved Country* for Miramar.

"To her last days, she did wonderful commercial design," Baker said.

She received three research grants from Howard University for The Black Visual Arts, for Women Artists of the Caribbean and for Afro-American Artists, which allowed her to travel in the U.S. and to 11 African countries. She was able to compile a large amount of information and an extensive slide collection, which was shared with the Art department.

After winning a General Education Board Fellowship in 1937, Jones traveled to Paris to study for a year. There she strengthened her natural skills, began to use more oils and mastered the technique of using a knife and paint, a sear tech-

nique.

Her marriage to Louis Verginaud
Pierre-Noel, a Haitian artist in
1953, opened her to a different way

of creating her art. Invited by the Haitian government, Jones used to travel to Haiti to paint its land-scape and people. She visited Haiti frequently, dividing her summers between there and France. By the 1960s, Jones had shifted her style from her European trained oil works to the use of bold, rich reds, blues, and yellows in acrylic work.

"Many of my works with an African theme and African motifs were actually created in Haiti," Jones said. "Some of my most creative compositions, for which I researched African icons, patterns, masks, and sculptures, were actually done in my Haitian studio."

Jones was the first African American to be elected to membership in the Society of Washington Artists. The University awarded her an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters. And the Haitian government honored her with the Diplome et Decoration de l'Ordre National and Honneur et Merite au Grade de Chevalier.

Some of her works displayed in the gallery include Mere du Senegal, Vendors, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Les Ancestors, La Cuisine dans l'Atelier de l'Artiste, Menemsha Sunset and her Self-Portrait.

# Earl Graves Lectures on Entrepreneurship

By Mia Somersall Hilltop Staff Writer

The School of Business Student Council ended its 22nd annual business conference with a treat for Howard students. Earl Graves, founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, spoke to students at Thursday's awards banquet. He talked about how his own struggles in life have prepared him for the current leadership abilities, which have won him numerous honors for his outstanding business leadership.

"A lot of people assume I've always had this," Graves said, referring to his fame and success. He assured the students that his prosperity came from nothing but hard work and an entrepreneurial mind, which, he said, is essential to business in the 21st Century. "Growing up, we weren't poor," he said. "We just didn't have much money." But he turned that impe-

cunity into success through doing odd jobs such as working at a library in Brooklyn for 57 cents an hour to becoming the Administrative Assistant to the late Robert F. Kennedy.

He said that, when building Black Enterprise in 1969, his biggest challenge was finding advertisers. He had to convince white businesses that BE was an upscale African-American magazine that would last. He said his mother had always told him that black people have to be ten times better than whites. According to Graves, that truth hasn't changed—he said, it is more difficult today than in the '70s to prove a black business to be

"Ninety percent of all of you will end up working for somebody else," said Graves to the Howard students. However, he said, the ability to think like an entrepreneur is essential to all forms of business in the 21st Century. He supplied the

students with nine characteristics that he believes one must possess to be successful in entrepreneurship. Some of the characteristics include spirituality, a nose for money and a junkyard dog mentality. A junkyard dog, according to Graves, is mean and does not let go of his vision. Likewise, the entrepreneur must be persistent, not letting go of his or her dreams, said Graves.

Over the years, BE has contributed over \$150,000 in gifts to Howard and the D.C. area. Graves said he is personally concerned about Howard students. He wishes to come back to Howard later in the spring for a question-and-answer session with students, as opposed to being a keynote speaker with no interaction between himself and the students.

BE distributed sample Black Enterprise magazines for the month of December to all of the Howard students in attendance.

# Eames and Kids Enjoy the Kick-off



"Young people in the surrounding community need to be exposed to Howard University when they are in elementary school," Eames said. "They are seeing young black men and women as role models—how can they become young black doctors and lawyers if they've never seen any? That is how we make good communities."

Hilltop Staff/ APRILL O. TURNER

After losing the election for Ward One City Council, Eames still has plans to remain active in the community. He is currently working on a plan that would establish a recreation program in the summertime for LeDroit Park Children.

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# CAMPUS BRIEFS

Vernon Jordan to Speak in Chapel

On Sunday, Howard University trustee and alumnus Vernon Jordan Jr. will be the featured chapel speaker.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

Two Howard University Students Submit Winning Essays in Contest

Howard students Sellano L. Simmons and Michael Twitty recently submitted winning essays in the 1998
Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Contest. They were both presented with
cash awards at the association's annual conference in Miami in October. Sixteen entries were received from
undergraduate students by the committee.

Howard University Community Choir Presents a Christmas Gospel Concert

The Howard University Community Choir will present a Christmas Gospel Concert on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The concert will take place in Rankin Chapel and admission is free.

—Compiled by Staff Writer Aprill O. Turner. Campus Briefs run weekly in the Campus section of The Hilltop and must be delivered or faxed to the newspaper no later than 5 p.m. Monday. The Hilltop is located on the Plaza level of the Plaza Towers West, and the fax number is 202-483-9501.

# CAMPUS

# Voices and Views

# Are final exams necessary?



"Finals are necessary because it can determine whether you pass or fail your class."



"Yes, definitely, because it shows what you learned in the class."



"Something is needed to measure students' knowledge of subjects. but final exams generally test people's memorization skills rather than what someone's learned."



"Not necessarily-I think they are for some people who don't put consistent time into their reading and the reviewing of the material."

-Erica Saunders, graduate student



"No. I feel that our performance has been evaluated-How are we supposed to review everything that we have done this semester in two or three days?"

—Melanie McGhee, sophomore

-Rachel Hunt, junior

-Paul Alvaranga, graduate student —Jason Reed, junior

Compiled by Hilltop Staff Writer Aprill O. Turner and Photographer Eric Hall

# GE Student Conference Builds Leadership Skills

By Mia Somersall Hilltop Staff Writer

Leadership was the magic word at last week's General Electric Student Conference in Baltimore. The conference, designed to build the leadership skills of the students to make them more marketable in the future, included several leadership developing activities, most of which required group work.

One of the more hands-on activities of the conference was one that required corporate role-playing. Students were placed i n groups

that acted as region departmental teams for a Land Acquisition Company. The objective: to determine which acres within a 144-acre land mass were suitable for farming. The ultimate goal was to maximize the company profits. GE representative Shelly Douglas appointed regional managers for every team and, halfway through the project, switched the leaders unexpectedly. The interactive exercise addressed the ideas of risk-taking, team building, working under pressure, and spur-of-the-moment changes in

management. The teams found the

exercise difficult, but enlightening.

Louis Parker, president of the Benefit Services Group of GE Financial Assurance, addressed the Howard students about using the quality of "stretch" to succeed as a leader. "Stretch," which is a quality unique to the GE Corporation, is the idea that nothing is impossible. It is the visualization and eventual achievement of goals,

The student participants were also given a presentation about how to read the Wall Street Journal effectively; which sections of the paper suit various interests and so forth.

This activity was designed to give them a competitive advantage with knowledge of business affairs.

Amanda Chan, although so pleased with the conference that she wished it could have run longer than the day and a half allotted, said she felt that the conference focused too much on the field of business. With many of the attendants from the School of Engineering, she was disappointed that there was only one representative from the engineering side of GE.

GE has identified and addressed the issue of under-representation

of the engineering field, said Kelly Wyatt, a black belt in GE's Six Sigma Quality Program. She did most of the grunt work to make sure that the conference was a success. "One thing we will definitely have to do better in the future is advertising the event. We specifically need to target more engineers for participation," she said. The trip was comprised of 42 students, including 10 engineering majors, 31 business majors and one political science major.

Waladeen Norwood, a senior electrical engineering major, has

recently accepted a job offer with GE. He said that the benefits received from the conference would tie into his position at GE next year. "I learned a lot about team dynamics," he said. "I have never before been in the situation where a new manager comes in. I've never had to adapt to their style. Now that I see it beforehand, I feel that I'll be knowledgeable about it [in the

# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Lends a Helping Hand by Volunteer Service



Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter concluded their week of festivities, "AKA Week, Embracing the Light: 90 Years of Alpha Excellence," with volunteer service at the Center for Community Non-violence

on Saturday, Nov. 21. Members of the sorority read stories to children, handed out books from a drive that they conducted during the week and performed a step show .

Junior marketing major Kim Daniley said that their participation at the center was beneficial to the children.

"Hopefully, it is something that we will do again," Daniley said. "The kids really did open up to us after they realized we were here to help them."

Among other community service activities that the sorority has participated in are: volunteering with senior citizens and at a battered

women's shelter and participating in the Aids Walk 1998

At left, the members of the sorority participate in prayer with children and parents that attended the

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# **Residents Complain About Construction**

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plaints," Williams said.

In All City, a variety store, owners complained that the station's construction had dramatically slowed business.

"Cars can't pass through the section and people are scared to walk across the street," said one of the store's owners, who declined to give her full name, saying the neighborhood's residents call her "Grace."

Owners of the stores that have not shuttered their doors told stories of nearly having to close. Many owners said they often share complaints about the station's construction, but felt that nothing could be done about the construction, which is expected to be completed in 2001.

"We almost closed down. We lose money everyday," said the owner of one business.

As she shopped in one of the Columbia Road stores, Katrina Lovejoy said that since the construction of the station began, she

has had problems crossing the street. Once she gets across, Lovejoy said she usually trips on the sidewalk's boards.

Nonetheless, she still says she looks forward to the station's open-

"It's taking forever to get finished, but once it's finished we won't have to walk all the way to [the] Cardozo [Metro Station]."

Both Williams and Mallory agreed that a lot of people will use the new station, but Mallory had other concerns.

"Once they fix this up, rent is going to go up," she said.

David Selby, general superintendent of the station's construction, said he was unaware of explicit plans to displace residents. Selby said that plans are underway to build a Rite Aid store near the Metro station, and that many of the neighborhood's crumbling buildings would be "dressed up."

A community center will be built on Irving Street, NW, Selby said. He added that that developers expect strong opposition to efforts to alter the community from area residents, many of whom fear that escalating rent rates will push them out of their homes in favor of new, more affluent neighbors.

"I get along well with some of the neighbors and they talk to me," he said. "Of course with any community, some people won't be pleased."

Selby said that despite the closure of several stores, some of the neighborhood's food stores picked up a lot of business when construction started because of the 250 men working at the site.

He said the Columbia Heights stop is one of the toughest stops ever built. On most days, construction workers begin their shifts in underground tunnels at 6 a.m., while above-ground activity starts at 7 a.m., Selby said.

He explained that some of the really difficult underground work. earlier in construction, was conducted in the middle of the night.

"I'll be glad when this is done." he said, adding that he hopes to open the street by Christmas.

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# CAMPUS

# HIV Rates Soar Among University Officials Warn **Heterosexual Women**

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use.

In comparison, 2,390 white women were diagnosed with AIDS in 1996. 51 percent contracted the disease through heterosexual contact, while 43 percent contracted the disease through injection drug

In 1996 alone, roughly 17, 250 Black men were diagnosed with AIDS. Of that number, the CDC said, 40 percent are men who said they have sex with men, while 38 percent contracted the disease through injection drug use. Heterosexual contact accounted for 13 percent.

In 1996, 18,790 white men were diagnosed with AIDS. 75 percent said they had had sex with men, while 12 percent contracted the disease through injection drug use. 8 percent of white men who were diagnosed with the disease contracted the disease through injection drug use and through sex with men.

With an understanding of the mechanism, researchers said they have made another important step in combating AIDS, which killed 2.3 million people worldwide last

According to Harrison, when HIV enters a human cell, it uses RT and RNA to form a new strand of viral DNA. Then this strand is used to make another one, which when joined with the first, forms the famed double helix.

Researchers pinpointed a moment in the encoding of the second strand of viral DNA at which one new building block of DNA, known as a nucleotide, is added. "What we wanted to do was get a snapshot in a particular stage of the reaction cycle," Harrison said. "In other words, trap the enzyme in action."

The moment at which a nucleotide is added is important because it is the same instant at

which many HIV drugs inhibit RT--or fail to, if RT has mutated. Developing a model of the structure of the molecule at the particular instant was also made possible by X-ray crystallography--Chopra's specialty--which provided the necessary data.

The model the researchers built of RT-placed on computer generated diagrams-resembles a hand moving along a stand of DNA. A handful of researchers can only do so much compared to larger corporations, especially because of the complications of finding drugs that are safe, Huang said. "In order to design [it] as a drug, it needs to be a massive force like a pharmaceutical company," Huang said. "Don't expect much from us.'

By publishing their research, Huang said they are providing the starting block for future efforts. "We are not going to hold back information," he said.

# Students to Protect Valuables

PROPERTY, from A1

responsibilty for any lost or stolen personal items, and is advising students to take precautions.

Cissany Steas, a sophomore North Carolina native, said she is "going to take my stuff and put it in the closet and put sheets over it.

"I really haven't thought about it until now, but the majority [of my stuff] I will try to take home," Steas said, adding she doesn't think the University should be held responsible for stolen property because there would be too many false claims.

Despite the fear of returning to an empty room, Coach Fred Dean, Cook Hall community director, said he was confident about the holiday procedures.

Dean says the dormitory rooms will be secured with lock-out keys-a small item that is placed in the lock to prevent another from permitting entrance.

Administrators cannot prohibit maintenance technicians from working in the halls of dormitories, but

Dean said he's offered several suggestions to students throughout the year on how to protect their personal

"I tell them in the beginning of the year that if their parents have insurance at home, their [items] are covered [at school]; all you have to do is file a police report," he said. "We also advise storage as an option."

Hopkins said her office has advised students to tell their resident assistants when they plan to leave their dormitories. She also says that, in cases where a student may forget to lock their doors, assistants can take care of it if they know that the person is gone.

Dana Bingham, a junior Bethune Annex resident, said, "I don't really like the thought of people knowing when I'm not in my room, but I don't know of any other way of keeping the rooms safe.

"I plan to lock up all my personals in my trunk and hide my computer. It's a scary thought, but I'm taking most of the things that are valuable with me."

#### QUORUM, from A1 **Graduation Rate Among American** ly 10,000-student population

RATES, from A1

American players dropped slightly, from 39 percent to 37 percent.

**Athletes Drop to 57 Percent** 

"We pattern ourselves after places like Stanford and Northwestern, and we have to continue putting forth time and effort. One hundred percent is miraculous—the University has to be commended," Saulny said. Four top-ranked basketball programs have four-year graduation rates below the Division I-A average, including Connecticut (29 percent), Maryland-College Park (23 percent), and Kentucky (33 percent). Cincinnati, Tem-

ple, Arizona and Arkansas were among the bottom with rates below 20 percent. For the first time, the data was compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, not the NCAA.

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY

HOWARD UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

> "every generation out of obscurity must find its destiny and either fulfill or betray it"

Frantz Fanon

On behalf of the entire student body, it is my humble honor to extend our condolences to the nuclear and extended families of Brother Kwame Ture. We are sincerely thankful, and indebted, to God and you for sharing Kwame with us.

Kwame has been, and will always be, an inspiration to our generation. His dedication and commitment to justice, unity, organization, and the destruction of capitalism remains unparalleled. His lifestyle is a Pedagogy Of The Oppressed.

His trials, tribulations, and accomplishments have taught us that we should live our lives, in such a way, that God, our race, and our parents will never regret they gave birth to us. Through a purpose oriented lifestyle, he taught the purpose of education, sacrifice, scientific socialism, organization is power, and that African unity is necessary. A great teacher and student he was, teaching and learning, from his beginning to his end.

Kwame has earned his place among the immortals of our time. In our consciousness, he lives among Eric Williams, Martin Luther King Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, Nelson Mandela, Marcus Garvey, and Harriet Tubman. Long live Kwame Ture!!!

A revolutionary has made his transition but the revolution continues. It is rested upon the shoulders of our youth, who have always been, the catalyst for change in the global community. Young people, with the teachings of Kwame's lifestyle, let us enter the new millennium with an understanding echoed in the words of Marcus Garvey, who said, "up you mighty people we can accomplish what we wish." Peace. The struggle continues!!!

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# **GA Fails to Reach Quorum**

push that figure slightly above 35. Without a quorum, the Assembly can conduct business, but is barred from voting on measures.

This week, Welch quickly attributed the scant attendance at Tuesday's meeting to the large number of students completing the Fall semester's courses. After a third failed attempt to reach a quorum Nov. 18, Neville blamed that meeting's scant attendance on several on-campus events, such as a basketball game.

Erick D. Watson, a sophomore representing the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences, said that while the Assembly did not reach quorum, the larger number of members who attended showed the Assembly was moving in a positive direction.

a longer, more difficult road," Watson said. "The significance of the General Assembly cannot be stressed enough. I now feel confident that student government is ready for positive change."

During Tuesday's gathering, Welch spoke to the assembly about the technology fee.

Welch said the University is proposing to impose a technology fee, which, if enacted, would charge students an undisclosed fee on their bill statements for computer maintenance.

Welch said that until students have access to 24-hour computer labs equipped with well-functioning terminals and printers, no fee should be enforced to help maintain what does not exist.

"We are not prepared to embrace a technology fee," Welch said. "The idea is great, but the time is

"The meeting was a first step on not right. There are some fundamental prerequisites that need to be in place."

> Welch also addressed the Assembly on the need for a formal leadership curriculum course that would teach leadership skills to the University's students.

> Next semester's election season was also a topic on the Assembly's agenda. Assembly members were scheduled to vote on approving the lone applicant, graduate student Damon Waters, for General Assembly Election Chairperson.

Waters served as chair of last year's General Assembly Elections Committee. However, some members of the Assembly expressed concern that the application process was not widely publicized and should be extended until more students can have a chance to apply.

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# NATION/WORLD

# Eye on The Diaspora

News from around the world

EUROPE

London- Chilean Minister Jose Miquel Insulza argued for the release of Pinochet, the former dictator, who is being detained on genocide charges. Pinochet was given an additional week for his native country, England, to argue on behalf of his return home.

Moscow- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lectured Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Premakov on how to run his countries economy. Michel Candessus, managing director, is expected in Moscow this week to head the lec-

ASIA

Khana, India- Eighty bodies are left unclaimed after a rail disaster, here. The Calcutta-bound Sealdah Express collided on Nov. 26 around pre-dawn. The total number of death corpses surged to 208.

**AMERICAS** 

Tegucigalpa, Honduras- Heavy rains and flooding forced the evacuation of at the least 20,000 people in Honduras. The country continues to feel the effects of Hurricane Mitch.

St. Kitts & Nevis-Former Prime by staff writer Natalie Reid

Minister Kennedy Simmonds has been cleared by a judge for the anti-corruption investigation of the administration. The labor party of Prime Minister Denzil Douglas has accused members of Mr. Simmonds' Cabinet of inflating insurance claims.

AFRICA

Somalia- More than a million people in the horn of Africa, hit by floods and drought, face severe food shortages in coming months, aid agencies and local officials said. The worst-hit area is southern Somalia, where late rains threaten to ruin harvests after disastrous floods last year, putting some 750,000 people at risk, the United Nations World Food Program said.

UNITED STATES

Huntsville, Texas- Police using boats, horses, dogs and helicopters kept up a methodical search on Nov. 28 for a death row inmate who escaped amid a hail of gunfire from prison guards rifles. Five hundred law officers combed a heavily wooded area in the southeastern quarter of the 11, 672-acre prison grounds.

-Compiled from wire sources

# Persecution of Christians on the Rise, Experts Say

By JEANIQUA N. FRANCIS Hilltop Staff Writer

The rate at which Christians are being killed, tortured, kidnapped and enslaved throughout the world is accelerating at an alarming rate. Experts say 160,00 Christians were killed last year for following their Christian faith, according to the Bible League.

"Christians are in fact the most persecuted religious group in the world today," said Nina Shea, author of In the Lions Den.

International Christian Concern or ICC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the assistance of the persecuted churches of the world says, "More Christians are persecuted and martyred for their faith in this century than all previous centuries combined."

The persecutions are not restricted to one region of the world, These persecutions are occurring in countries such as Sudan, China and Cuba.

In Vietnam pastor Tan Dinh Thu was beaten by police so severely that his teeth were knocked out and he was then imprisoned in a 3foot square box for 100 days. Each day he was fed a bowl of rice and a poisonous snake crawled into the box with him. Thu recalls praying, "God if it is your will, let this snake bite me so that my suffering will end." Thu survived the ordeal, and is still a pastor in Vietnam. It was suspected that the police beat and

Citizens in Egypt are required to carry an identification card that specifies the holders religion. "Before being hired, all applicants must display this card," said a representative from the ICC, "which has resulted in the discrimination and unemployment of many Christians."

imprisoned Thu because of his

Christian faith.

Christian persecution throughout the world is an issue that in recent years has started to receive attention from the law makers, nonprofit organizations and ministries in the United States. Brook Rider, an intern at ICC speculates that the reason why more people are just now being made aware of the severity of the issue is due to the recent passage of the International Religious Freedom Act. In addition, she adds that newspapers now feel more liberated to publish these occurrences as they happen.

Christina Rob, assistant director of the Center for Religious Freedom, also known as Freedom House, a non-profit organization against the persecution of the Christian church, added that in past years much of the religious persecution had been classified as ethnic clashes.

To recognize those christians that have been persecuted, churches throughout America paid respect to these christians on Oct. 18, the International Day of Prayer in the United States for Christian persecution. The focus of this day was to pray for those who are without freedom to practice their Christian beliefs.

Organizations like the ICC and Freedom House are not only lending their prayers to combat this serious issue but also political clout. Both organizations had worked closely with lobbyists and broad-based group churches such as the Methodist churches to get the International Religious Freedom Act passed. These two organizations are working with officials and churches in the U.S. and other countries to bring a greater awareness of the ever-growing numbers of Christians persecuted.

The Freedom House organize 220 christian students at Georgetown to protest the persecution of non-muslims in Egypt Nov. 6-7.

ICC representatives say an important step in combating the persecution of Christians throughout the world is speaking up for those who cannot speak for them-

If you would like more information about the persecution of the Christian church throughout the world you can contact:

International Christian Concern 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW #941 Washington, DC 20006 Tel: (301) 989-1708 or 1-800-ICC-5441 Web: www.persecution.org

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# South Africa Attempts to Deal with Racism in Social, Political Institutions

By MICHELLE MULLENIX Hilltop Staff Writer

Sports is the most prominent social institution in South Africa. Since the country acquired its independence in 1994, it has attempted to reverse apartheid and integrate political and social institutions.

Despite the country's efforts to integrate social institutions, Rugby sport in South Africa remains a predominantly white sport with only two members of color on the 22-member squad. The white population in South Africa makes up less than 20 percent of the country's total inhabitants. South Africa has gained the most accolade in the world of sports through its National Rugby Team, the Springbok, that won the rugby World Cup in 1995.

Human Rights Lawyer Silas Nkanunu was the second president to be hired as South Africa's Rugby Football Union or SARFU. Nkanunu oversees nationwide sports aiming at a process to accurate the representation of South Africa's racial makeup.

"There's still a lot of work to be done at SARFU," Nkanunu said.

We shall have to work day and night to ensure that the route we have taken and what is expected of us by the nation is fulfilled."

In 1997, under the leadership of President Nelson Mandela, the National Sports Council or NSL began an investigation of SARFU concerning accusations of financial mismanagement, nepotism and racism. Louis Luyt, a white African who was overthrown by Nkanunu, challenged the accusation in court with an autocratic style of leadership. The judge blocked the court case and Luyt won; infuriating the public by how the case was han-

SARFU's executive board asked Luyt to resign. When Luyt would not step down, Nkanunu and three other black members on the board quit. The public outcry by rebellious rugby provinces and the NSL threat of a tour boycott forced Luyt to resign. The board members were asked to return and Nkanunu became the sport's conciliator. In September he ran unopposed to take Luyt's place, even though many of the board members were

While Nkanunu is president he will not have the same power as Luyt. Rian Oberholzer, the incumbent chief executive officer and son-in-law of Luyt, will keep his position with expanded powers.

Russell MacMillan, the head of major sponsor Supersport said, The role of the CEO will be expanded and the role of the president will become mainly an honorary title. It is vital to ensure the president can never again have the power to force unions to toe the line against the wishes of the majority. The CEO will be the decisionmaker, answerable to the board of executives."

The game will no longer be controlled by one person but marketers, sponsors and the players. To ensure that sport representatives receive equal representation in South Africa, Nkanunu is working to improve the union's development program, which provides money for more equipment, Black coaches and referees and upgraded rugby fields in black areas.

Reflecting America's affirmative action, the junior tournament competitions must include a quota of Black and mixed-race players. However, players for the national team are chosen on merit.

"The white player from childhood has had the opportunity of facilities, coaching and sponsorships to emerge as a national player, whereas the black player has not had these opportunities at all," Nkanunu said. "In spite of the clarnor for a fully representative team, at this moment your top players will be white. That's the reality."

In support of the challenges Nkanunu faces, he was named Administrator of the Year at the NSC's Protea Awards in Johannesburg.

"This accolade gives recognition to the role Mr. Nkanunu has played in the transformation of rugby," Oberholzer said. "It also confirms that we have adopted the right approach in our efforts to widen rugby's reach and make it a truly national sport."

Information in this story was gathered from wire services.

# Adams-Morgan Coffeehouse to Help **Hurricane Mitch Relief Effort**

By RAFIAH DAVIS Hilltop Staff Writer

When Constantine Stravropoulos and Elias Hengst heard about the devastation in Honduras caused by Hurricane Mitch last month, they knew they wanted to do something to help.

Stravopoulos and Hengst, the owners of Tryst Coffeehouse, Bar and Lounge in Adams Morgan contacted the Organization for Amerand asked how they could help.

"Since the opening in September, Constantine and I have been looking for a way to give back some of the wonderful support we have felt these past months," Hengst said.

Stravropoulos explained that because so many people who live in the community and visit the

restaurant are Honduran, assisting with disaster relief efforts "seemed like a logical step."

"One of our cooks lost a child in the hurricane, so it hit pretty close to home," said Starvropoulos, a Capitol Hill resident and a father of a 2-year-old son.

The loss of the child had a very sobering effect on Hengst. Although the 26-year-old Georgetown resident has no children of his own he said, "It had the effect of and on television real."

Boxes were set up in the entrance of the coffeehouse, and customers and employees were asked to bring in clothing, medical supplies. ready-to-eat canned foods and money. In addition, the owners donated one third of the coffee sales for three days to the relief project.

"We've had a great response," said Hengst, who explained that a lot of clothing and money was donated but the medical supplies was lack-

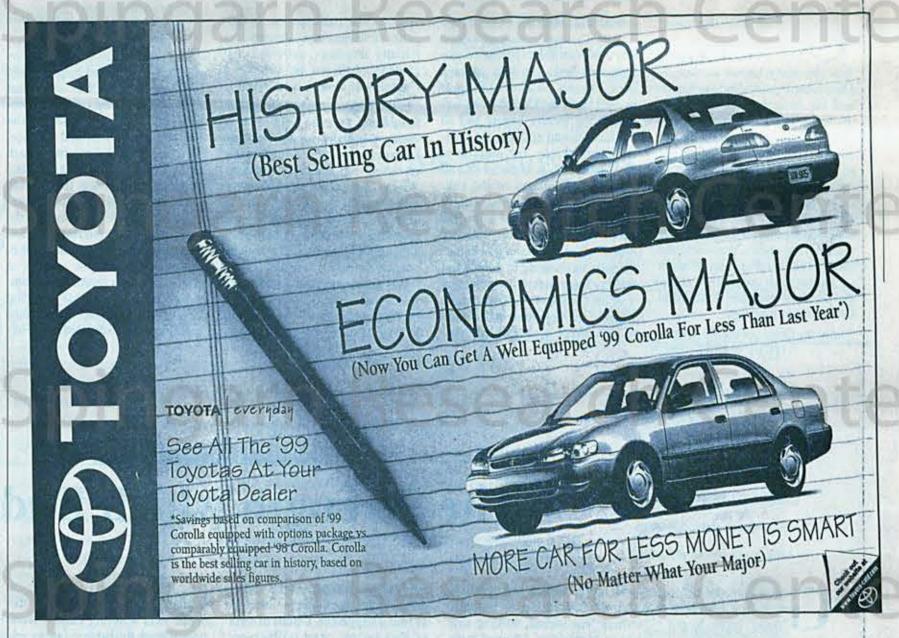
Leonel Rodriguez, an employee at Tryst and an immigrant from Honduras was grateful for the relief efforts.

Rodriguez said that he was impressed by the efforts that he had seen, and he has also donated clothing and other items. It was ican States Mission for Honduras making something in the papers still hard to imagine, however, that the efforts were enough because of the country's vast need. Rodriguez, now a Mount Pleasant resident, was fortunate to not have lost any family members in the hurricane, but he said that it was disturbing to watch the news coverage and see all the damage that has been done.

"I think I'm going to write a

check," said Tom Bucci, an artist from Capitol Hill who visits Tryst about three times a week. Bucci said he likes to support the Red Cross because its on-going efforts against disasters are consistent. He was impressed with all the events around the city to assist the disaster relief in Honduras. A week ago, he participated in another reliefeffort event at a bar on Connecticut Avenue. A concert and art auction were held and part of the proceeds were to help Honduras.

All the donations collected at fryst will be distributed in Honduras by Father Mark of the Spanish Catholic Center, who will visit early this month.



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# PERSPECTIVES

MANNING MARABLE

# Along the Color Line



ooking down over the Johannesburg skyline from the African continent's tallest building, gives an image not unlike New York City or Chicago. Johannesburg's skyscrapers, modern office complexes and shopping malls are every bit as sophisticated as any in the world. But beyond this mammoth maze of concrete and steel is a nation and a people confronting a series of crises, which must be resolved if South Africa is to survive. The first challenge can be summarized in two words: "white flight."

For several centuries, South African whites of all social classes have maintained a privileged lifestyle. Just outside Johannesburg is an affluent suburb called Sandton City, which reminded me immediately of the Buckhead area in metro Atlanta. Surrounding Sandton City are a cluster of upper-class, private neighborhoods, protected by electronic security and armed guards.

Inside these walled communities are every imaginable luxury: swimming pools, fitness centers, country clubs, golf courses, and private schools. A growing number of black American corporate executives work here, and also live in these luxurious communities.

Most whites, including those who work in downtown Johannesburg, flee the central city before dark.

There are thousands of carjackings in the city, and many people who drive at night simply ignore traffic lights, speeding through intersections, to avoid being robbed.

Whites have been raised here with the attitude of white supremacy and privilege. After whites lost political power, and witnessed the emergence of an African middle class in government and the private sector, they began to panic. In the past year, 18,000 whites have packed up and emigrated from South Africa. A minority of South African whites who speak English, also have British passports and can always get out.

A more serious dimension of "white flight" is the threat of corporations pulling out of Scuth Africa. During my visit, the nation's largest mining and finance corporation, Anglo American, announced it was moving its primary listing from Johannesburg to the London Stock Exchange.

Founded in 1917 by Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, the multi-billion dollar giant has investments in 23 countries, but its major resources are here in South Africa.

It controls massive gold, diamond and coal mining interests. It has major holdings in Rustenburg Platinum, the world's leading producer of platinum metals.

Anglo American's decision to relocate to Britain was widely viewed as a vote of "no confidence," both in the Mandela government, and in the ability of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange to raise capital. The National Union of Mineworkers denounced the move as a step to downsize jobs and reduce costs in the company's South African operations.

In an editorial in the Johannesburg Star writer Mondli Makhanya equated Anglo American's flight from South Africa with IBM leaving the U.S.

Millions of African workers toiled in the "bowels of the earth" for the minerals that created the huge octopus that is Anglo. In villages across South Africa and all over the subcontinent there are widows and orphans of men who died either from mining accidents, or from an illness contracted from working in a mining environment. Now, after exploiting African labor for nearly a century, Anglo American pulls out just as a black government is in a position to use its clout to aid workers. Makhanya observes, "It will take ages to calculate the damage the delisting will do to South Africa, both economically and in terms of its standing in the world."

If the Mandela government had attempted to block the move through legislative means, it would be castigated as being unfriendly to corporate capital, locally and internationally. The government wants to maintain an image of South Africa as a "business-friendly" environment.

Meanwhile, as most South African whites barricade themselves behind walls of steel and electronic security systems, the black majority still waits impatiently to achieve the promise of equality and freedom.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the, Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University, New York City.

# JONATHAN HUTTO

# Forward Ever, Backwards Never!

n Monday of this week, the ideological and biological kin of Kwame Ture (formerly known as Stokely Carmichael) paid tribute to his life and his struggle. As we reflect upon the life of Brother Ture, I believe that the best way we can pay homage to him is to continue to struggle for the liberation of African people. Kwame consistently stated that students and youth are the spark of the revolution. As students, we must not only fight to maintain the rights, freedoms and responsibilities that were won for us, but we must continue to struggle for those students destined to follow in our footsteps.

Now, the Office of the Provost, in

consultation with the Office of the General Counsel, is making a move that could set the progressive student movement in this country back 30 years. A draft of the proposed University Core Bylaws was sent to the faculty Senate and all the schools and colleges for comment and review. The purpose of the core bylaws is to assure that all schools and colleges of the University follow and operate according to a common set of rules that are consistent with the University bylaws. The provision that is particularly threatening to the student body is found in Article V, Section V of the Draft Core Bylaws, which states: "The supplemental bylaws of the college of school may pro-

vide for the participation of students or student representatives at Faculty meetings, provided that students shall not be afforded a right to vote at such meetings."

In the 1960s, students struggled, fought and won the right to sit as voting members on Faculty and University-wide committees, including the Board of Trustees. When University officials were asked that the document be shared with the student leadership, their response was that the document is a faculty document, and that there was not a need for a student review. It was also stated that the new provision was added because there are inconsistencies in the current bylaws of each college as it per-

tains to the right of students to vote on committees.

There are matters in terms of curriculum, educational programs and quality of student life issues that routinely come up on these committees. For example, in the Department of Political Science, there are several committees such as the Undergraduate and Graduate Program Committee that decide the contents of the senior comprehensive exams, the scheme that the major and minor students will follow, what old courses will be eliminated and what new courses to add. There is a recruitment committee that is responsible for hiring new faculty. Students have a stake in the type of faculty that is recruited to the University. Students have a serious stake in terms of senior comprehensive exams, course curriculum, and the scheme toward graduation. It should be noted that on every committee the faculty has voting control. Nevertheless, the purpose of having students on these committees is to ensure that the immediate interest of the students is not overlooked or forgotten when final decisions are made.

Currently, the School of Law, The College of Arts and Sciences and the faculty Senate have objected to the draft core bylaws. Other schools have expression similar concerns. I encourage ALL students in the addition to Student Council executives and General

Assembly representatives to stop by the Office of the Provost and pick up a copy of the Draft Core Bylaws, and forward your comments and concerns to the Office of the Provost.

As President Emeritus James Cheek said 30 years ago, "The University is a community and that in order to protect this concept, all aspects of the community must be active participants in the decision-making apparatus of the institution

Jonathan Hutto is a senior political science major and Howard University undergraduate trustee.

# DARRIANA PROCTOR

# The Strength which Endures

od bless the child that's got his own." Many have heard that phrase before. Some offered the wisdom to actually appreciate its sentiments. But what is it to have your own, really? Western culture bases much on materialistic gain, and anything beyond isn't deemed much of a necessity. It isn't until when one has to cope without adequate means that the phrase is understood.

Recently, I viewed a "Nightline" series on the victims of Hurricane Mitch. Going through a particularly distressing time myself, I looked at the aftermath of a tumul-

tuous storm which maliciously swept up everything in its path. Nothing was sacred, nothing safe from its destruction. I looked at the faces of the victims, people who once had possessions, who now have nothing. A salvaged eating dish here, a favorite toy there. There was a neighbor determined to remove a buried door, the only standing part of a woman's home, from its makeshift grave. "Wood is hard to come by now, as long as I have my door I can start rebuilding from here," she said. I was absolutely amazed as later in the interview, the same woman managed to laugh, not a laugh of uncer-

tainty, but a sincere laugh. In her darkest hour, she found the strength to find a happiness, a shaft of light of find joy in. And in that very moment the disappointment and sadness of my own perspective on life and lack of appreciation for what I have and what God has permitted me to keep thus far became a profound insight. I looked around my room at the material items within it, knowing half of them I could do without if asked to. Yet the hurricane survivors have to work with what they have left.

And how unimaginable it is to imagine surviving such a tragedy only to realize that members of

your family weren't as lucky. A woman, newly rescued from the ocean after a strong current from floodwaters forced her out to sea spoke with the news crew. She explained, taking painful, tear-filled pauses, that she held on desperately to one of her three children before the sea snatched her baby from her grip. She said, "I would fall asleep while floating in the water and I'd dream about my children. Then, when I woke up I realized it was just a dream...they were dead." My heart sank. How does a mother, a father, daughter, son, brother or sister consider themselves lucky to be among the sur-

vivors when death has claimed someone they'd never imagined living without?

Such tragedies speak to many things. It proves how strong one must be when faced with adversity. The group effort and camaraderie of the Honduran people has been commendable. In the calm after the storm, men, women, and children have performed selfless actions for the good of their community, rebuilding their lives. While I'm sitting at my desk, working on my computer, or reading a \$65 text-book, there is a man shoveling mud in search of his missing relative, a woman searching frantically for

food to feed her children with, and a child wander around aimlessly.

Upon reflection, there is no child on this earth who can say he's got his own. Nothing belongs to us and anything can surely be taken away no matter how tightly we grasp it. No matter how much we may love or treasure it, nothing is too sacred to be taken from our reach. That grieving mother, fortunate or not to have survived, has proven that to me.

—Darriana Proctor is a junior psychology major.

# EDITORIALS

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"The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed." -- Steve Biko

# Just Wait Around, Change Is Coming

oward's much-maligned shuttle bus system may be poised to see some positive changes in the near future. At a Nov. 23 meeting with the General Assembly, University Vice-President Harry Robinson 3d outlined a proposal to revamp the entire system, starting with the shuttles themselves, which the University would replace in the stead of shuttles from Bethany Limousine Co. and Gold Line.

As we noted in our Nov. 13th issue, the problems surrounding Howard's intracampus shuttle system are many: Often-

surly drivers, routes that take the greater part of a semester to reach their destination, and unlisted running times at shuttle stops all combine to make the life of a dedicated shuttle bus rider one of constant frustration. Additionally, because buses' destinations aren't labeled, students have no idea where shuttles are actually going, short of waiting around to ask the drivers. We applaud the proposal to update the shuttle bus system, and we eagerly waitliterally, as it turns out—to see student suggestions instituted into place. After all, they know best.

# Don't Leave Home Without It

t's always been better, we're unfailingly told, to give than to receive, and we won't be the first to challenge conventional wisdom. But unless appropriate precautions are taken, Howard students may become the unwitting Santas for intruders, "giving" their belongings to folks who have no intention of giving them back. With students already ill at ease by news that extermination staff will enter their room to do fumigation work, some worry that their belongings will go the way of any convictions that flying reindeer are actually real. The Dean of

Residence Life recently admitted in a memorandum distributed to students living in campus housing that dormatories are at risk for crime, saying "It is most difficult to secure against break-ins and burglaries when the residence halls are closed." And despite the efforts of Campus police, dorm security during the holidays remains especially vulnerable. So that's why we at the Hilltop advise that you secure your valuables over the holi-

Have a safe and happy holiday, everyone!

# A Failure of Leadership

hat would you call a student General Assembly that can't even muster enough members for a binding vote for more than three months? A body which, as evidenced by the sparse attendance of its members, apparently views social climbing as a more worthwhile end than addressing the issues which touch all of us, like a proposed boost in tuition?

very own General Assembly.

If you care to know, we'd call it Howard's With the conclusion of the first semester behind us, and as weary-eyed students again gear up for final exams, the laxity of General Assembly members in attending meetings represents a failure of leadership in Howard student governance. Moreover, because of the G.A.'s failure to obtain a quorum this semester, that body is placed in violation of the HUSA constitution, which says that the General Assembly "shall provide for the functioning of HUSA on a 12-month basis from noon Commencement Day to the following Commencement Day at noon." Under its constitution, the General Assembly is also required to approve HUSA's budget reports.

A good number of student representatives to the General Assembly have exemplary attendance, and it is far from fair to characterize the conduct of the entire body as irresponsible. But when members don't show up, the General Assembly is effectively paralyzed: instead of tackling issues and passing resolutions, any decisions the Assembly arrives at are immediately rendered moot.

There must be consequences to bear for this appalling lack of professionalism in our student government. A body that doesn't collectively take its charge seriously should be prepared to step aside and make way for dedicated individuals who can make the time commitment to serve the interests of Howard's student body. Whether characterized as evidence of the growing contagion of student apathy on our campus, or merely as the irresponsible actions of a select few, one thing is clear: we will hold the General Assembly to task for failing us, and betraying their accountability.

The simple eloquence of a positive example is what we require from our student leaders now, not continued absenteeism.



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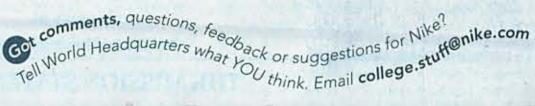
> Because he loved the links and had been wishing since his freshman year for an active golf club on campus, he founded the Howard Golf Association. Today the Senior Communications major says he was "totally set free through golf." He's not the only one. In only one year since it started, the

grown to five active members including Wardell Jones, Brandon Neal, Jason James and Roderick Thompson. The "fearsome five" as they call themselves are currently training for the Junior Qualifying Tournament for the Amateurs next year.

LaKeem, or "Keembo" as his

association has

team calls him, is more than the driving force behind the club. He also was the first place winner in the Norfolk State Golf Tournament in September. Keep up the hard work, guys! If you're interested in finding out more about Howard's golf club, contact Brandon Neal at bn@howard.edu.





# ATTENTION: WOMEN RUNNERS

uality. Performance. Value. You don't have to be a pro athlete to demand them for your workout. Now, for all you weekend warriors and recreational athletes, there's Nike's Air Imara. The Air Imara was named one of the top women's running shoes by Fitness Magazine for its great support, padding, fit and stability Its unique design offers excellent cushioning and heel stability, but isn't so built up that your foot loses touch with the road. To ensure

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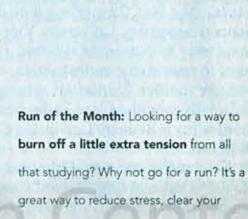
A huge THANK YOU to all the women who took part in Nike's Women's Safe Night Run!!! You all did a great job! If you missed it, it's not too late: There will be

another WSNR next semester to boost safety awareness on campus. So watch for flyers or email me to find out more. The run is a great way to meet people

FRANCIS for your participation!

and motivate yourself to work out more often. Special thanks to

CHAMBRE MALONE, CHARISSA MOBLEY, BRIA TOLBERT, TAMISHA THOMAS, LAUREN COLEMAN and MARSHA



places to run around campus. If you know of a great route, email me and I'll let your fellow runners know about it in

haven't noticed, there are plenty of great

head and improve your focus. If you

the next issue of SportsPage.



#### SHOUT-OUTS TO HOWARD'S HEROES AND SPRING P.L.A.Y.CORPS COACHES!

Congrats to all the Spring '99 P.L.A.Y.CORPS coaches! By putting your skills to work in a sport you know, you'll create an opportunity for kids in your community to get involved in sports. And, even better, you'll become a hero to young people who really need your help.

By the way, for all you future coaches out there who missed the fall deadline It's not too late! I'll be recruiting for Nike's P.L.A.Y.CORPS program again next spring, so you've still got time to be a hero. Email me at the address below to find out more.



Hi, I'm Tanya Samuels, your Nike student rep at Howard. Check out SportsPage for the latest on sports and Nike events around campus. I am here to support non-varsity athletes, intramural addicts and serious sports club competitors. If you're one of those hidden athletes who deserves some recognition on SportsPage or if you've got an upcoming club or IM sports event you'd like highlighted here, drop me a line at tanya.samuels@nike.com. Or look for me in Blackburn on Fridays! . . . Special Shout-Out to the 1998 Homecoming Staff. It was tight!! . . . Well, people, that's it. Homecoming's in the past and finals are around the corner. Stress is on the way, I'm sure. So, why not stop by the gym, go for a run or do a workout video? Exercise relieves stress and boosts your energy for the exams ahead. Let's get busy, Bison, and tear up those finals! Study hard; it'll pay off. See everyone in 1999 when all the bomb spring sports begin!!!

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## FIRST PERSON

## The HU Experience

By Brandon M. BICKERSTAFF

ne of the main reasons I chose to come to Howard was to get as far away from home as possible. I wanted to experience living in a different area, meet new people and expose myself to new things.

I definitely got what I asked for.

Hailing from Rialto, Calif. by way of South Central Los Angeles, I lived in California my entire life. I didn't know what to expect once I got to D.C. The only thing I knew for sure was that it gets a lot colder here than it does in sunny Southern California. During the winter season, the lowest temperature I am used to is 60 degrees, maybe even 55 if it's really windy. But in D.C., 55 is actually considered warm weather. Nothing could have prepared me for that. However, the weather was not the only change I was

Washington, D.C. definitely has its own unique style. Along with the obvious difference in dialect, the D.C. dress code is on another level in itself. D.C. has been a complete 180 degree change from what I'm used to in California. In Cali, Air Jordans and Filas adorn the feet of the stylish. In D.C., however, Timberland boots and New Balance tennis shoes seem to be the footwear of choice. Where I'm from, New Balance shoes rank at about the same level as Pro Wings on the fashion scale. The only people who wear them are cross-country runners training for the upcoming season. Where Polo and button-up shirts cover the chests of California males, D.C. natives rock tie-dye T-shirts. I'll admit that California people used to wear tie-dyes, too...back in the '70s.

I've even noticed the difference in the way D.C. brothers wear their pants. In Cali the well-dressed sport Dockers, khakis, and jeans that sag slightly below the waistline. Ripped jeans are totally unique to the District. And will somebody please explain to me why people in D.C. wear their keys around their necks?

Not only is the dress code different from anything I've ever seen in Cali, but D.C. driving etiquette is also something completely foreign. In California, we simply drive fast. The speed limit is 65 on most California freeways, but you can usually get away with pushing it up to 73. Even at these high speeds, most people practice good driving etiquette. In D.C., the speeds are not as fast, but the driving is worse. Only in D.C. have I seen people stop traffic in the middle of a busy street to hold a conversation with a pedestrian or another driver. I've also seen an extremely high number of drivers run red lights, as well as a lot of double parking. As far as the commute is concerned, I thought I saw some traffic jams on California's Interstate 10. Traffic on the I-10 is nothing compared to the gridlock on D.C.'s Capital Beltway. This would explain the increasing number of road rage incidents in the Dis-

The streets of California are designed in parallel and perpendicular patterns, nice and easy to follow. In D.C., getting lost is inevitable if you're not from the "area." The streets follow strange, unusual patterns that include loops, slants, and twists that make it impossible to continue in one direction on one street for more than a few miles.

I mean no disrespect to D.C. natives when I say Washington, D.C. is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live here.

Brandon M. Bickerstaff is a freshman print journalism

#### money

## Keepin' the Holiday Spirit, On a Budget

By REMITHA LYNN GORDON

Hilltop Staff Writer

he holiday season is drawing near and no matter which holiday you celebrate, gift giving is always a major part of the celebration. Being a student on a fixed income with little or no extra money can make gift giving more difficult. But there are ways to show friends and family you care without going broke.

A Crestar Bank representative said that students should look into opening a checking or savings account before the holidays. Many banks offer student accounts with reduced or no service charges. Kwanza and Hanukkah focus on giving from the heart through handmade gifts instead of expensive storebought items.

Robert Green, a member of a local church, insists this is the way to go for any holiday. "It is the love in your heart that shines through the gift, not the material item itself," said Green.

Not all students focus on material gifts during the holidays. Natalyn Feaster, a junior television management major, said, "I show my feelings and give to my friends throughout the year. The holidays are just a time for me to reinforce my love through cards, sharing and making memories."

Amy Scott, a freshman Biology major, said, "My friends and I don't have a lot of money, so we spend time together having fun instead of agonizing over buying gifts."

Here are more suggestions for beating the 'No Money" holiday blues:

- start saving money early

- make gifts by hand
- buy less expensive items - make a home movie
- send cards with candy or a commemorative comment - make sure the gift is from the heart and not the pocket.



# With 'English Cuff,' Debate Reborn on '50s Trend

By ALIKE' BOGGAN Hilltop Staff Writer

ou've seen them rolled, cuffed, tucked under and tapered. And if you live in more liberal places such as San Francisco, Miami or New York City, you've also seen them cut vertically up to the knee, so as to look like flaps at the car wash.

Maybe you've seen the superwide jeans rolled up just short of the mid-calf area. It's all done to just one article of clothing: The Jean.

Pants are an emphasis of the fashion scene this season. But of all the pant styles and lengths available, the most prevalent of the "new" style is the cuffing of jean legs, fashionably referred to as "English Cuffs," because the cuff was re-introduced in London last year. However, this particular style is best restricted to the dark denim shades, to provide a color contrast.

Fashion has changed into the recycling of designs and stylesthe cuffs being no exception. Before now, they were a '50's craze made popular by entertainment icons like Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe, and James Dean.

Some would argue that its popularity today is due to its truly unisex appeal. Both men and women are cuffing their jeans. Some cuff their jeans thick, while others chose the thin and discreet look. Unsurprisingly, opinions on the style still vary. Some students pre-

fer not to see cuffs on guys. Take Stacey Jarlis, a junior engineering major.

"It [cuffing the jeans] tends to

make guys look more feminine. It looks as though they're concentrating too hard on fashion," Jarlis said. Allison Wilson, an internation-

al business major at Georgetown University, said she's worn her jeans in the cuffed style for a while, but disagrees with Jarlis' view, saying, "sometimes [males] need a change. There isn't that much a dude can do with his wardrobe, so things like cuffing the jeans add a little flare."

# French Hip-hop Duo Makes U.S. Debut



music Artist: Les Nubians Album: Princesses Nubiennes

> By YEMI FALADE Hilltop Staff Writer

In fairy tales, the role of a princess has always been to look pretty, watch one's manners, and wait quietly for your Prince Charming to rescue you. The French group Les Nubians breaks down those assigned roles with their debut album, Princesses Nubiennes. The members of the duet are indeed Nubian

The sisters use their enchanting voices to teach ople of African ancestry about the legacy of fricans worldwide.

Les Nubians speak of the pride of being ebony-toned in their native language of French. The sisters display their African and French heritage with prestige. They are following the proud tradition of MC Solaar and other Frenchspeaking hip hop artists. French rapper MC Solaar mesmerized fans throughout the Diaspora with his collaboration with Gang Starr in "Le Bien et Le Mal/The Good and The Bad" in 1991.

Princesses Nubiennes has plenty for the person who doesn't understand the French language of love. After listening to the sultry sounds laced in this album, you'll be tempted to listen further. Behind inspiring self affirmations are the hypnotizing sounds of British soul and acid jazz.

The uplifting beats of African rhythms carry even the most unwilling of feet to the dance floor. Those who yearn for the return of Soul II Soul are in for a treat.

The soft-voiced sirens give new meaning to Sade's Sweetest Taboo. The track "Taboo" uses sex to demonstrate the potency of music, while "Sugar Cane" proves that your lyrics don't have to rhyme to be phat. The thought provoking lyrics say:

So the souls descending from the Tribe of Atkaptah/Will have to reminisce and unified on strong/So don't go dreaming on the edge of their land/ Oh No! No! You'll go flying high, you'll go too high/ And now for the rest, let's remind the pledge: Each time you'll taste the fruit of the cane/ Don't forget the whip, the field, their sweat/

Rarely does an artist possess the courage to be blunt about the perils of slavery.

Every black girl should listen to the title track "Princesses Nubiennes." The song reiterates what many young girls never hear: they are royalty.

Oh African Woman/ This is the name of a people/ Still effervescence/ Which my voice is a student.

The phrase "Si je t'avais ecoute" means if I had listened. That is exactly what the song is about: regret.

Bad departure for a young girl without reason/ I can't think of what I would like to give back/ Too late I assume all the responsibility/ What should I do in this situation/ I don't know

The lyrics of each of the 15 tracks are oozing with consciousness. The album is also one of the most creative hip hop collaborations in years. Whether you prefer the steady sound of guitar strings, the heart pounding sound of drums, or the soothing sounds of a saxophone, this is a must-have for every true underground music lover.

With the debut of Les Nubians, the gap between hip-hop lovers in America and those in the rest of the world is beginning to close.

# Daood Delivers Sultry Vesta Returns With Blend of Words, Jazz Stunning Sophomore LP

music

By P. CHRISTOPHER WINFIELD Hilltop Staff Writer

Artist: Kamau Daood Album: Leimert Park Hilltop View: Validated

Music doesn't have to be computer generated, or recycled material to make a listener's heart beat to a different rhythm. A man with a microphone doesn't have to shout his rage about life's stifled opportunities, and then flip-flop and praise the stunted lifestyle he has been crammed into. He doesn't have to whine in falsetto about how much he "loves" a woman, and "needs" sex. Kamau Daood does neither flip-flop hip-hop, nor sex plea R&B. His album Leimert Park pours words of soul and substance into the ears of listeners. Though this may be the era of rap and "love" songs, poetry lives on in his live jazz-backed verse and restores our faith in the spoken word.

Most of Daood's 12 poems are accompanied by a live jazz band. The upright bass, piano, clarinet, drums, soprano or alto sax, flute, and organ work in various combinations to carry his words along. Other jazz personalities like Billy Higgins (drums), Art Davis (bass), and Horace Tapscott (piano) ensure that the music speaks for itself.

One never gets bored with the musical arrangements. Besides his wide range of tempos, Daood intrigues lis-

istration Building have.

survive. Relax, change can be good.

right?

teners with his placement of such non-traditional jazz instruments as the acoustic guitar, djembe drum, African bells, violin, gambre, and gong. At times, one isn't sure whether the instruments are there to accent his words, or his words are there to accent the music.

This does not mean that his verse is anything to be ignored. On the contrary, Daood wields his smooth basso profundo voice like a lyrical paintbrush, and succeeds in painting vivid scenes in the listener's mind. "Deep River in Her Voice" and "Balm of Gilead" are two poems dedicated to Billie Holiday that allow us to see her as if she were on stage in front of us.

In the title track, Leimert Park, Daood describes the Los Angeles environment that gives life to his art:

My heart is a djembe drum/Played upon by the dark hands of a fifth Street cappuccino/My invisible turban is an angelic saxophone solo/The sidewalk is hard mudcloth, massaging the soles of my feet/I do West African dance steps, reflecting the sun off my Stacey Adams shoes/I stand on the Old G. Corner, and tell Old School stories with a bebop tongue/to the hip hop future

One soul-stirring and particularly enjoyable poem sheds light on the painfully incomplete relationships many African American men have with their fathers. Above a compelling bass line and precise drum beat reminiscent of a military march, Daood begins "The

Deep the space . . . Between fathers and sons/Deep the place where chests meet/Fragile the air carrying the words from the male heart/Difficult the eyes in meeting/Father, pass the story, and tell the secrets/Son, humble the ears and cling to the wings of the words. . .



Photo Courtesy of Polygram Records

R&B diva Vesta returns with her sophomore album Relationships.

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Artist: Vesta Album: Relationships Hilltop View: Validated

> By BRANDI FORTE Hilltop Staff Writer

A silhouette of black womanhood. She reflects the Black Mona Lisa, and her soultry is what captivated young and old R&B lovers some seven years ago. With a new look and attitude, Vesta is back with her sophomore album Relationships.

With smooth jazzy hooks, Vesta's strong vocals are soulful, and bittersweet. Lyrically mature on Relationships, Vesta lovers may expect another version of cuts like "Sweet Sweet Love," and "Congratulations," from her previous album Vesta 4 U, but Vesta demonstrates that she is on another pathway.

The 11 track album consist of mid-tempo cuts like

"All Because I'm Free," and "I'll Be Alright." Reminiscent of Stevie Wonder's "You and I," Vesta creates her own version, and masters the classic through style. Echoing "You and I," is "I Have To," a break up story where Vesta talks to herself in preparation for what she

Throughout the album, the 40 something year old diva reveals her own convictions and is not afraid to admit that 'old sisters' also get caught up in the games that some men play-quite often.

More sensuous, and carefree than her debut, Vesta seems to have gotten her groove back, and has left the "Waiting To Exhale," sessions up to Mary J. Blige, and Faith Evans. Moving in the direction of the legendary diva Anita Baker, Vesta's new contemporary jazz flavor compensates for the loop holes on the first album. The production team along with musicians Gerald Albright, Russell Ferante, and Harvey Mason makes the album worth while.

Loosing over a hundred pounds, getting rid of tired men, and looking within is the introspection that Vesta has experienced during her seven year hiatus.

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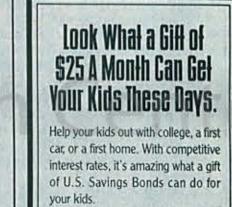
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# SPORTSFriday

# Howard Wins Final Game Against Delaware State

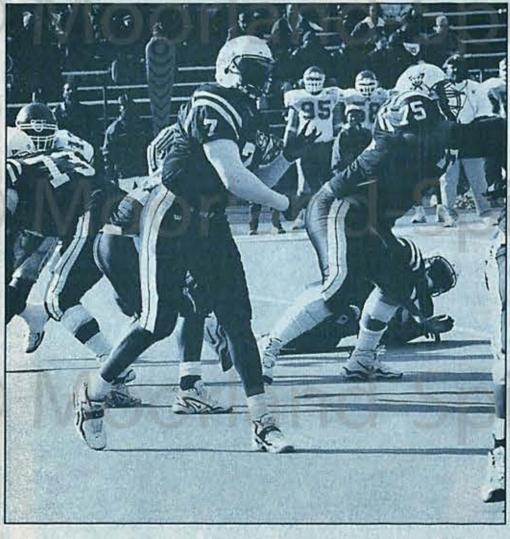


Photo by Mark Coleman

Seinor quarterback Ted White helped lead the Bison to its 7th win of the season against Deleware State.

Ted White and Other Seniors go out With a Win

> By KIMOTHY K. BROWN Hilltop Staff Writer

All-American quarterback Ted White completed 20 of 31 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Howard Bison to a 46-43 win against their MEAC rival the Delaware State Hornets on Senior Day Nov. 21 in Greene Stadium.

The Bison (6-4) were looking to win their final game, holding on to their slim chances of playing in the postseason. The Hornets were simply looking to avoid a winless season, but the Bison were not to be denied on Senior Day.

Howard started scoring right from the opening kickoff when wide receiver Toyas Rainey sprinted downfield on his way to a 94-yard touchdown run, allowing the Bison to jump out to a 7-0 lead. On the Bison's next possession, sophomore running back David Johnson added a 36-yard touchdown run to provide Howard with an early 14-0 lead. But Delaware State running back Grayland King answered with an impressive 86-yard touchdown run. The Bisons lead was now cut in half at 14-7. The Hornets tied the contest when receiver Tommie Mims caught a 6yard touchdown pass from quarterback Rahsaan Matthews. However, the Bison broke the tie when wide receiver Elijah Thurman

caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from White. The first quarter ended with Howard holding a 20-14 advantage.

In the second quarter, the scoring simmered down somewhat. Bison place kicker Jason Walker connected on a 26-yard field goal early in the quarter. Delaware State responded when Mims caught his second touchdown pass of 65 yards. On an unusual play, cornerback Chris Rogers intercepted the two-point conversion attempt and took it the other way to give Howard two points. The first half scoring ended when White threw another touchdown pass of 6 yards to Thurman. The two-point conversion failed and the Bison left the field at halftime leading 31-20.

Delaware State started the scoring in the third quarter of play on a long drive, ending with Matthews running into the end zone from one yard out. The back-and-forth battle continued when Howard running back Stuart Broome scored on a 5-yard touchdown run. The Hornets held the Bison scoreless for the remainder of the third quarter while Matthews scored on another 1-yard run, and place kicker Aaron Quinn converted on a 35-yard field goal attempt.

The final quarter of play provided little offense and excellent defense. But Broome scored another touchdown of 7 yards for Howard and Walker kicked another field goal of 24 yards. Howard held a 46-36 lead late in the fourth quarter, but the Hornets did not go down without a fight. Matthews hit Mims on a 68-yard touchdown pass to make the score 46-43. Fortunately, the Bison were

able to hold off the Hornets to get their seventh win of the season.

Reality struck White as he was given the game ball from his last game in Greene Sta-

"It didn't hit me until the fourth quarter. "Once I took that knee, I knew I wasn't going to be out there again," said White.

White ends his illustrious Howard career completing 638 of 1168 passes for 9,703 yards with 92 touchdown passes and only 34 interceptions. He is now fourth place alltime in Division I-AA in passing, one ahead of Idaho's Doug Nussmeier. For the season, White completed 220 of 338 passes for 3,296 yards with 31 touchdowns and 7 interceptions.

The Bison rushing attack also performed well. Senior Tyrone Lewis gained 97 yards on 13 carries, while Johnson added 72 yards on 5 carries. Broome had 37 yards on 16 attempts.

The Bison defensive unit allowed Matthews to complete just 8 of 25 passes for 203 yards. However, King rushed for 124 yards on 10 carries. Despite that, Howard pretty much controlled the Hornets' running game.

White and the rest of the seniors are now preparing for the future. White, perhaps along with some of his teammates, is on a quest for an NFL career. As a result of this loss, Delaware State ended the season with a miserable 0-11 record.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**Howard Football Players Spirit Award Nominees** 

Ballots for the Fifth Annual Spirit Awards and Paul "Tank" Younger Trophy, which recognize the best black college football players in the nation, were distributed last month. The Spirit Awards, which are sponsored by the Rutherford Group, will honor the best player at six positions-Quarterback, Running Back, Receiver, Offensive Lineman, Linebacker and Defensive Back.

The athlete who receives the most votes is awarded the Younger Trophy, named for the former Grambling State All-American running back who cleared the way for hundreds of black college players who followed him into the National Football League (NFL).

The winners will be featured and the Younger Trophy winner unveiled on a television special to be broadcast from Hollywood in January. Several Howard Bison players have been nominated for this distinguished award:

B LED WHILE WR ELIJAH THURMAN **DB JARVIS GEORGE** DB CHRIS ROGERS DL MARQUES DOUGLAS

#### MCDONALD'S HERITAGE BOWL UPDATE

In a Nov. 24 press conference, Bethune-Cookman College officially accepted the invitation to participate in the Black College Super Bowl. Bethune-Cookman will take on SWAC (Southwest Athletic Conference) champion Southern University on Dec. 26 in Atlanta, Ga. Kick-off time is set for 12:30 p.m. (est) from the Georgia Dome.

### MEAC INKS DEAL WITH NIKE

GREENSBORO, NC- MEAC Commissioner Charles S. Harris recently announced that the league has signed a three year deal with Nike effective immediately.

"We are ecstatic with this agreement relationship," said Harris, "It is our view that this agreement can grow to benefit the entire MEAC family." This is the first conference deal of this kind for both Nike and the

"We are thrilled to partner with the MEAC," said Kit Morris, Director of College Sports Marketing for Nike. "The MEAC has long been a conference committed to excellence in collegiate athletics. Nike shares that drive and eagerly looks forward to further growing our relationship over the next three years."

Under the terms of the agreement, Nike will provide footwear and apparel for all conference football teams and women's basketball teams. Nike will also provide performance benchmarks for championship teams.

In addition, Nike will offer annual summer internships at their World Headquarters in Oregon for students at member institutions. The MEAC will provide promotional opportunities for Nike at its events.

Courtesy of Onnidan Online News

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: SETON HALL 74, HOWARD 64

Seton Hall converted 20 of 28 free throws in the second half to pull away in the first round of the Seton Hall tournament in South Orange, NJ on Friday.

The Pirates (2-2) made only seven field goals in the second half, but clutch free throw shooting (10 of their last 12) provided the margin of

The Bison (1-3) were led by freshman center Yetta Enobakhare, who scored a career-high 23 points, and freshman forward Courtney Kirk added 15.

The Washington Post

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL: DELAWARE 93, HOWARD 74

Delaware took charge after half-time, riding the hot-shooting of Mike Pegues on the way to an easy road victory in Washington.

Delaware took a 40-37 half-time lead but poured it on in the second half, using an 11-3 run midway through the half to go up 68-52 with 12 minutes left. The Hens hit 10 of 21 free throws.

Leading scorers for Howard were forward Melvin Watson with 24 points and point guard Ali Abdullah with 18. The Howard men will look to rebound when they take on Lafayette College tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Burr

Courtesy of University of Delaware

# At Home, Lady Bison Crush Maryland

By JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University Women's basketball team defeated the University of Maryland 65-47 in their home opener when freshman forward Courtney Kirk came off the bench to score 15 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, including a threepointer in the closing minutes of the game.

More than 1,200 fans, including WNBA player Nikki McCray, witnessed the defending Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Champions break a two-game losing streak that included a 77-44 blow-out loss to nationally ranked Florida International. The win also snapped a 23game losing streak against the Lady Terrapins.

The victory was even more impressive because the Lady Bison were without the services of their two top starters: Daria Boyd, who had broken a finger on both hands, and Regan Carter, who injured her foot. Both players are expected to return within a few weeks.

The game started with the University of Maryland taking advantage of their huge center, Branka Boganovic. Standing at 6 feet 8 inches, Boganovic used her immense height to her advantage. In the first half Maryland lobbed her passes resulting in easy lay-ups or jump shots.

Howard stayed close with constant hustle and great athleticism. At the 12 minute mark, forward Mona-Gail Baker ignited the crowd by getting fouled while executing a powerful spin-dribble lay-up. Defensive specialist Alana Lambert showed that she could score as well. Lambert hit consecutive long-range jumpers with a defender in her face.

The Lady Bison's post players were able to neutralize Maryland during the latter part of the first half by pounding the boards. Freshman Yetta Enobakhare, a 6 feet 4 inches center, was particularly impressive. She ripped balls away from Maryland rebounders and cleared the boards. Enobakhare finished the game with 14 points and 12 rebounds. With efforts like this it was easy to see why Howard only trailed Maryland 30-29 at

In the second half, Howard came out ready to draw blood, especially its guards. Starting twoguard Kimberly Ford opened the second half with two steals. Despite the fact that she missed both lay-ups, Ford's dedication to defense set a trend amongst her teammates. A few minutes later, starting point guard Chanel Washington converted 2 of her 14 total points on a lay-up off a mid-court theft of her own.

"In the second half no one walked around. We played much better defense," Ford said.

Even Maryland's head coach was impressed. "Howard's guards play was very good," Head Coach Chris Weller said after the game. "They were extremely quick. We never got into the game the second half."

The Lady Terrapins had one last shot at a run. At the 4:30 mark, Boganovic, who was less successful at scoring in the second half, threw up two unsuccessful put-backs, but was fouled on the second try. Boganovic, who finished the game with a game-high 21 points and 17 rebounds, missed both free throw attempts.

The Lady Terrapins' chances were truly shattered at the 2:53 minute mark, when freshman reserve Courtney Kirk hit a rainbow three to open a 57-44 lead.

Howard ultimately won the game from the free throw line. The Lady Bison got to the line 31 times and converted 48 percent of the shots, while the Lady Terrapins only converted 30 percent of their 10 trips to the foul line.

"We were a little more focused than in the game with Florida International. We really jelled tonight," Baker said.

Ford attributed the win to the fans. "The support of the crowd helped a lot. It made the job a



Photo by Mark Coleman

Kimberly Ford (right) of Howard plays tough defense against one of the Lady Terrapins.

little more easier," she said.

When Ford was asked for her prediction of the outcome of Wednesday's home game against the University of Minnesota, which boasts a 6 feet 7 inches freshman, Ford grinned and said: "Tonight we played against a girl that was 6 feet 8 inches."

#### 1998 ALL-MEAC FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach Of The Year: Alvin Wyatt, Sr.- Bethune-Cookman Offensive Player Of The Year: Patrick Bonner, Qb-Florida A&M Defensive Player Of The Year: Jermaine Derricott, Db-South Caroli

Offensive Lineman Of The Year: Russell Mills, Og-Hampton Univer

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#### First Team Offense

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Center: Fred Ray, Howard

Tight End: Adrian Wideman, Hampton Wide Receiver: James Adderly, Bethune-Cookman Wide Receiver: Jacquay Nunnally, Florida A&M Quarterback: Patrick Bonner, Florida A&M

Running Back: Angelo Todd, Norfolk State Running Back: Montreal Coley, Hampton Kick Returner: Antonio Stanley, Bethune-Cookman Place Kicker: Juan Toro, Florida A&M

#### First Team Defense

Lineman: Troy Pelshak, North Carolina A&T Lineman: Antico Dalton, Hampton Lineman: Marques Douglas, Howard

Lineman: Charles Preston, Hampton

Linebacker: James Souder, Bethune-Cookman Linebacker: Olrick Johnson, Florida A&M Linebacker: Deon Hunt, Hampton Defensive Back: Jermaine Derricott, South Carolina State Defensive Back: Omar Evans, Howard Defensive Back: Donald Turner, Hampton Defensive Back: Chris Rogers, Howard Punter: Matt Williams, Hampton

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The featured writer is a senior legal communications major.

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Mo Stephens

Cosmic consequence contrives cyber circumstance
Inputs to this confused cypher what the eyes see,
Amidst the output in a cosmos of psycho-technology.
Can it be that it was all so simple then...
When sapien was virgin;

Mind unmolested, not infected by technological perversion?

Or does humanity fluorish

Rs we nourish

Upon the cyborgs and highlords,
The high-tech and complex.
Yet, with liberation to attest or redress
The human obsession with cyber-space progression,
I see an infinite query secession in line with this question;
Has man truly exacted a plan
to un-erringly nurture the naturethe place in space known to man as his land?

And,
Can he control the destruction and obstruction
of this "cyber-space" place that is of his own construction?
As technology exists

As technology exists
to tranquilize the chaos that persists,
said me say many, many things come of this;
Cyber-pets, cyber-sex...
Computer love instigated via Internet.
Can we venture GENTLY
into a world of neo-technology
only to touch softly upon its potential
so that to our survival it may not become essential?
Or, have we silly, silly sapiens- (through technological
advance)
contrived a circumstance of cosmic consequence?

The featured writer is a freshman political science major.

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Amenhotep

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Now you feel obsolete, knowing you were the original inte But you filled your heart drive with lame games;
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Or, there's a chance that...

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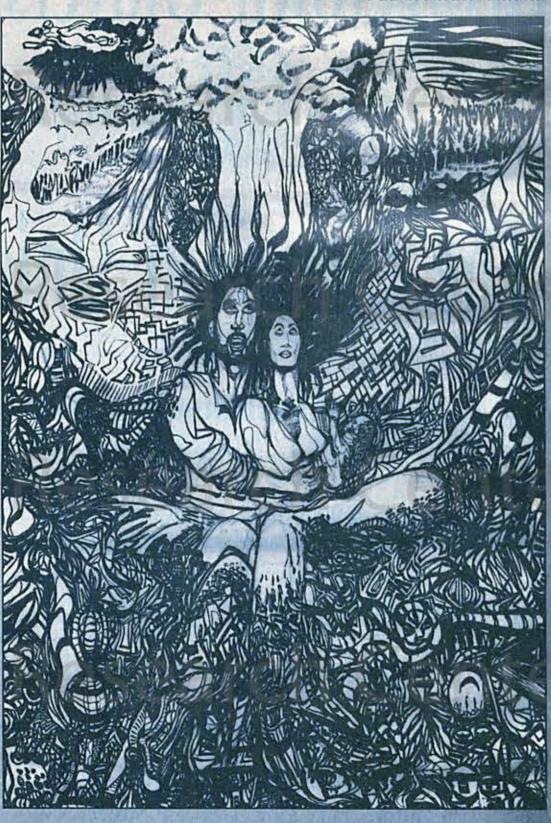
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So you can keep your fabricated fallacies of futuristic fun-filled fantasies,
and actually, the moral of school,

is that everything physical is a spiritual tool that the most high meant for us to use, for over this earth, we were destined to rule, this is my vision....in the year Tech thousand.

The writer is a senior art major.

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Date	Day	Time	Student Status
Jan.	Wednesday	<u>9 AM - 2 PM</u>	Undergraduate
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Permit to Register required for entry into the Ballroom.

Continuing Students

Date	Day	Time	Student Status
Jan.	Thursday	<u>9 AM - 11 AM</u>	Undergraduate (A-K)
	oorla	12 noon - 2 PM	Undergraduate (L-Z)
		<u>4 PM - 6 PM</u>	Graduate/Professional (A-Z)
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The Capstone (Howard University Photo ID card) and Printout are required for entry into the Ballroom.

Students must adhere to the schedule on 6 and 7 January.

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4 December 1998

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#### **PERSONALS**

Happy Birthday Keyana James!

Let's do this thing second semester this"bout it, bout it" thing Louisiana Club! And let's stop all the player hat-

ing at HU too! Kimothy Charan' DE Johnston congrtulations! congratulations! To a very creative and brilliant fashion innovator-From Juan Davis Founder of Black Spring Break.

City Style, Shara, Toya, Ercilia-I'll see you all in Miami! -- J.T Money

Drew Hall 4th Floor Bowling Party Tomorrow@5pm-JT

Heres to a great First Semester Drew Hall! -JT

Torie, Happy Belated Birthday, Wel-come back; I missed you. Dedan Congratulations!!!!! Shatikwa Love Always, Danielle, Marielle, Pabvon, and

Nyesha Happy Belated Birthday Shahrazaad!! 11/17/98 Kevin

Pat, look it is TL, not TLP! A ha A ha EVERYONE HAVE A SAFE HOUDAY AND IF YOUR GOING

THROUGH NEW JERSEY OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT LOVE ARRELLE

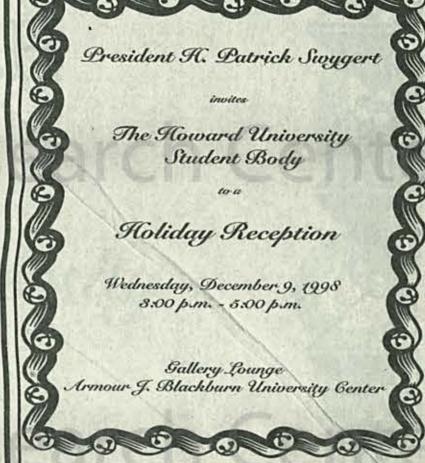
ALL MY PEEPS: BE SAFE HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR Jessle, Digga, Jideka, Glenda, Keisha, Nikki, Larry, Dedan, John, Steve, Brandi, Jamai, The Prodigy Team, Class of 99, The Hilltop staff, School of C, Jason, John-John, Chrisitna, The Jerzee Club, Marcus, Reemie, Tunisla, Nicole & Clayton, and everyone whose name I couldn't fit.

B.M.L., good luck on your finals!!! Tell that distracting unner voice" to be allent until the 10th. Luv ye, Mile

Capone- Jake Ryan is coming
Reré- How hard is it to be a nurse? Ms. Incognito!
Litrae- Luv ye, Sweet Potato
Travis- Good Luck, l'il miss you.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY KEYANA JAMES BE SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAY AND REMEMBER THAT WE LOVE YOU. STAY COOL AND DON'T PARTY TO MUCH! LOVE.

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