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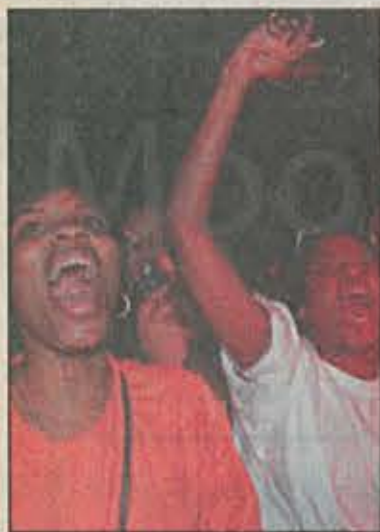
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O.R.E.M., 4A Plan to Face in Run-off Coleman and Winston Clinch Trustee Seats

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM
Asst. Campus Editor

None of the three HUSA slates earned the required 51 percent of the total number of votes cast Wednesday to be declared winner of 2000 General Assembly elections. The lack of voter percentage will result in a March 15 run-off election between Sellano Simmons and Nicole Saulter of the O.R.E.M. slate who received 43 percent of the votes, and Nwaji Jubinoh and Dawn Henson of the 4A Plan slate who garnered 34.2 percent.

According to election results, O.R.E.M. received 692 votes. The 4A Plan garnered 551 votes, and L.E.G.A.C.Y. followed with 367 votes.

Clarence McCray and Ebony Crayton of the L.E.G.A.C.Y. slate were eliminated from the race. L.E.G.A.C.Y. received 22.8 percent of the votes.

"The loss was bittersweet," McCray said. "We lost, but I'm happy with the turnout."

McCray said he is undecided about which candidate L.E.G.A.C.Y. will endorse.

According to election committee results, 1,610 students voted in this year's election, 22.3 percent of Howard's 7,219 students, the



Photos By Chandra Anderson
Nikkole Salter and Sellano Simmons (O.R.E.M.)

second highest turnout in elections history. The tally is 5 percent higher than last year's count of 17 percent. 1998's 25.3 percent was the largest volume of voters.

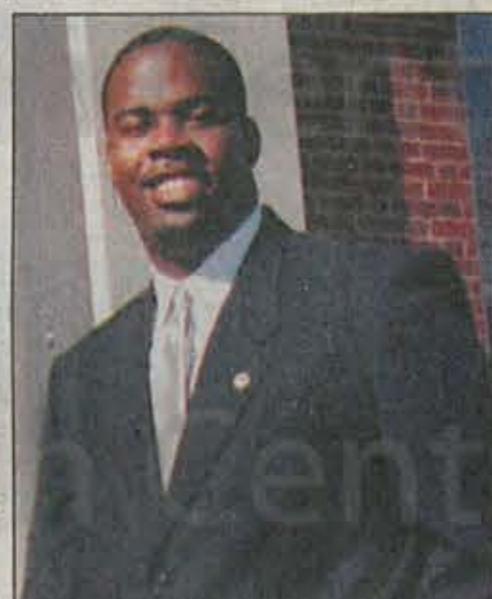
"It's my responsibility to vote," said Kel-



Nwaji Jubinoh and Dawn Henson (4-A Plan)

ley Givens, a sophomore photography major. "I want to have say so in what happens next year on campus."

Charisse Bovell, a sophomore chemistry major, said she voted because she wanted to know how government works at Howard.



Charles Coleman, Jr. (The 'REAL' Agenda)

The transfer student from the University of Nebraska said elections are better at Howard because the process is better supervised.

Despite heavy criticism on the operation of elections by candidates and students alike, ELECTION, A5

CENSUS 2000

COUNTING COLORS



Photo By Chandra Anderson

Freshmen Emilia Adams (left) says she is both white and black, while her friend Lauren Anderson (right) says she identifies closer to her black roots. Anderson is also biracial. Students across Howard's campus are joining the debate of whether multi-racial Americans should check all their races on the 2000 Census.

New Options On Census Spark Debate While Raising Questions Of Identity, Race For Multi-racial Students

By JASON T. SMITH
Managing Editor

Meet Emilia Adams. Her biological father is black, her biological mother is white. For the past 19 years all she's known are the parents who adopted her; they are both white. Emilia, who was adopted when she was two-months old, grew up knowing she was more than a color; she's a person.

But when the Census comes up this year, the reality that she doesn't live in a colorless society will be evident. Emilia and countless other biracial Americans will be faced this year with the choice of identifying with either one or all of the races that make them up.

For the growing number of college-aged Americans who have parents from different races the question of how they should identify themselves for the 2000 Census is one that is just

now being debated.

Emilia, says the question is simple, she is going to tell her adopted mother to acknowledge her biologically-mixed parentage on this year's Census.

"I don't consider myself a whole thing of anything. I consider bi-raciality a race," said the political science and English double major. She added that for most of her life she has floated between the black world to the white.

"I've encountered some level of prejudice directed towards one of my races or another. I would be with white people and they would say 'you're not like the rest of them'. Or I would be with black people and they would down whites," she said.

Many fear that if a surge of Americans check numerous racial categories instead of just one, the overall count for many minority groups will dwindle. The Census, which counts Americans

every ten years, is usually used to divide congressional voting districts and evenly dole out federal funds.

At last count, African Americans account for about 12 percent of the American population.

Freshman chemistry major Jazelle Bellavance said that though her mother is Black-Puerto Rican and her father is French Portuguese, the family regularly identifies her as black when it comes to "serious" issues.

"I am a minority and I have to identify myself as a minority," Jazelle said. "I am in no way shape or form a white. I know my mother will check black because she has always taught me the importance of statistics," Jazelle said. Jazelle said her mother is checking black because the census determines federal funds for black people and they have always been at the shallow

CENSUS, A5

Bush, Gore Claim 'Super Tuesday' Victories

By SALEETA COLEMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Americans have waited weeks for this Super Bowl night of politics which proved to be a landslide for presidential candidates Bush and Gore who were suspected all along to win their parties nominations. Vice President Al Gore won every primary he entered - including California, New York and Ohio - and left only a few delegates for former New Jersey Senator Bill

Bradley.

By early Wednesday, it became clear that Gore also took California's overall, popular vote, edging out GOP front-runner George W. Bush. Texas Governor George W. Bush won virtually every place he expected or needed to, leaving a handful of New England states for Arizona Senator John McCain. Alan Keyes finished with his usual single figure finish in every state.

"Tonight we have good news from sea to shining sea," Bush told

a crowd of supporters in Austin, Texas. "We promised a national campaign, and tonight we have a national victory."

Bush won California, New York and Ohio, along with a slew of other states. He comfortably took Georgia with 80 percent of the vote - no surprise, since it's a Southern state with a strong religious right (around 30 percent of the voters asked in exit polls place themselves in that category). Bush won Missouri and Maryland, too.

"Soon our party will unite," Bush predicted, hoping that his victory would persuade McCain to leave the fray. "I congratulate John McCain. We've had our disagreements, but I respect him and his commitment to reform."

McCain captured Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, three New England states that followed New Hampshire's lead and voted for him. McCain lost Maine, but

PRIMARY, A5

Annual Balls Battle For Patrons Tomorrow

By JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Hilltop Staff Writer

Tomorrow Howard University students will be faced with a dilemma: To go or not to go will be the question. In one corner: the Bison Ball. In the other: the Southern Players' Ball. Organizers of both events have no apparent plans to reschedule their events. It has resulted in a "Battle of the Balls."

Many Southerners are choosing to bypass the Bison Ball so they can enjoy a night of Southern hip-hop.

"If I was going, I'd go to the party because I love to be around my fellow Southern people," said Kendra McDole, a 19-year-old biology major. "No one asked me to the Bison Ball anyway."

Other students are going to the Players' Ball because of the crowd it attracts.

"I would rather go to the Southern Players' Ball because that's the type of crowd I'm looking for," said Danelle Riddick, a 20-year-old radiation therapy major.

Price and comfort were also reasons that swayed students to the annual party.

Wykeisha Cooper went to the first two South Players' Balls and is going again this year.

"The first two were off the hook," said Cooper, a 21-year-old nursing major. "The Bison Ball is so formal. Why go to a formal dance playing hip-hop when you can go comfortable and dance to the same music. There was no choice where I was going."

Bison Ball tickets cost \$20 per person. The Southern Players' Ball, which will be held at the Cage night

DANCE, A5

\$3 Million Raised at Charter Day Dinner

The University Celebrated its 133rd anniversary of its founding with the annual Charter Day Convocation and the Millennium Charter Day Dinner last week.

President H. Patrick Swygert delivered the main address on Friday in Cramton Auditorium. The celebration continued on Saturday at the Washington Hilton Hotel at the \$250-a-plate dinner, in which \$3 Million Dollars was raised for the University.

Among this year's alumni honorees were: Congressman Elijah Cummings, Bishop William P. De Veaux, Attorney Vernon Jordan, CBS News Correspondent Vicki Mabrey, Diva Jessye M. Norman, and Dr. Muriel Petioni.

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How has your banner experience been with the Banner System?



"Horrible. It was messed up in the beginning and they're still trying to get that straight."

—Van Watts, graduate student physical therapy



"It didn't work that well. It didn't run smooth at all. Lines are still long. Classes were held up."

—Mike Nelms, sophomore criminal psychology



"It made things worse. They (Howard) could have at least trained the people that were using it."

Daphne Evans, sophomore biology



"I have not been messed up yet. Actually, it worked out in my favor."

Alexis Jackson, senior anthropology



"They sent me the wrong grades last semester."

—Chad Conner, junior history

Unseasonable D.C. Weather Causes Grief on Campus For Some

By STARLA STILES
Hilltop Staff Writer

After two months of snow storms, rain and extremely cold temperatures, Wednesday's high of 84 degrees lured students toward the main yard. The students that lingered in front of the flag pole, the fine arts building, Blackburn Center caused havoc for dozens of students.

"I had algebra class in Douglas and I couldn't even hear the teacher over all the commotion that was going on outside," said Lee Hill, a sophomore communications major said.

When campus temperatures topped 70 degrees on Feb. 25 for the first time this year, students hung out on the yard to hear amateur rappers battle and to jump rope with fellow students.

Gina O'Neal, a sophomore human development major said she was surprised to see a double-dutch compe-



Photo By Eric Hall
These students eating on the wall in front of the Blackburn Center were several of many who enjoyed the 80 degree weather Wednesday, hanging out on the yard Wednesday, enjoying lunch in front of the Blackburn

titution on the main yard.

"I was talking with my friends and suddenly there was this big group of people screaming and yelling. I looked over and saw a double dutch

competition," she said.

Michelle Papillion, a freshman political science major, said she was one of the many students who missed class to hang out on the yard. She said

she was on the yard Friday because the weather was nice.

Some agree that it is hard for students to resist "hanging out" during class time.

"The yard is the hardest test to pass in the Spring time," Rob Hall, a senior international business major said. "It's hard to resist because its so intoxicating, the weather is beautiful, and everyone's hanging out," Hall said. "In the Spring, teachers give you points just for showing up."

University of California at Berkeley professor, Dr. Cynthia White said there is a slight relation between the warm weather and student's relaxed behavior.

"When the weather is warmer there is a decline in work and an increase in pleasurable activities," she said.

White said the decrease in some students' work ethics can be attributed to the warm weather.

"During the warmer seasons there are more hours in the day thus more time for interaction and leisure activities," she said.



Photo Courtesy of Blackvoices.com
Students pose for a picture on the beach at black college family reunion 1999 in Daytona Beach, FL.

Warm Locations Top Spring Break Spots For Howard Students

By STARLA STILES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Every year thousands of students flock to spring break spots like Montego Bay, Jamaica, Daytona Beach, Fla., and Cancun, Mexico to enjoy a few days of fun in the sun with their peers. However, this year many Howard students seem to be opting for more low key destinations.

The top three spots for spring break according to Howard students are Florida, California and their hometowns. Many students are traveling to Florida for the warm weather, social environment, and the non-stop parties; others are flocking to California for a more laid back atmosphere.

Joy Adams, a freshman international business major, will be traveling home to Detroit for Spring Break. "I need to take care of some business. I may purchase some clothes since I will be working on my photo portfolio for my music career," Adams said.

Margaret Kane, a sophomore biology major said she is going home to Oxon Hill, Md. for the week. "I can't wait to eat a home cooked meal," Kane said. "I decided to go home and recuperate after all the hard work I have done so far this semester," Kane said.

Some students will be traveling to more traditional spring break cities.

"Me and my boys will be going to Daytona, Orlando, and the Carolina's," senior communications major, Bienvenido



Lebron said. "This is my last spring break before I graduate, so I want to enjoy it to the fullest with my friends," Lebron said.

Other students are opting to travel to Florida this year. Junior business management major, Charles Pressley and four of his friends are driving to Miami.

Pressley said he and his friends are staying at a friends house in Miami.

Bryan Brown, a junior marketing major, is also headed for Miami.

"I'm going by myself, Brown said. "Hopefully I will not need any clothes."

Nicole Coleman is going to Atlanta for Spring break. She has already spent the \$200 for her plane ticket and a couple of new outfits. "I probably won't have any money to spend," Coleman said.

Some students like Gerald Lowry are not traveling to expensive places to save money. Lowry, a junior accounting major, said traveling for Spring Break has become too expensive. "I really wanted to go to Florida this year but I just don't have the funds," Lowry said. "I guess next year I'll have to start saving early or spend another spring break stuck in D.C."

Some Spring Break trips come in packages. Black Beach Spring Break will be in Jamaica. The cost is \$435 each for a group of four, and includes airfare and hotel.

Jason Bush, senior architecture major, said he will be "Livin' la vida loca" in Las Vegas. "I plan to go clubbing and to the casinos," Bush said.

Even faculty members are planning vacations.

"I'm going to spend a few days at home relaxing with my family, and then I'm heading out to Ocean City Maryland to do some writing," said journalism professor Mike Tucker.

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Youth Leadership Conference scheduled at Lincoln University

Members of the Howard University Students Association will attend the 2000 International African Youth Leadership Summit from March 15-19 at Lincoln University.

Invited speakers for the event include Minister Louis Farrakhan, Lauryn Hill, Congresswomen Maxine Waters and Sister Souljah.

HUSA will waive the registration fee, bus and hotel accommodations for all interested students. Students can pick up registration forms in the HUSA office, room 102 in the Blackburn Center.

Political Science Dept. Host 31st Annual NCOBPS

Attorney Elaine Jones, executive director of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People's Legal and Educational Defense Fund will deliver the keynote address at the 31st Annual National Conference of Black Political Scientists. The event will be held tonight at the Washington Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m. The theme of this year's conference is "The Black Imperative for the 21st Century: Political and Scholarly Vision."

The conference will feature more than 30 panels focusing on both domestic and international issues. Chairman of the Political Science Department, Alvin Thornton, will preside over the panel on public school education.

For addition information call (202) 806-6720.

Fine Arts Mural Unveiled at Childers Hall

The Howard University division of fine arts unveiled "The Legacy of our Sound," a mural that pays tribute to the contributions and influence that Howard has made toward the arts last Thursday in the Lulu Vere Childers Hall. Howard Alumnus Mike Easton (M.F.A.), led in the unveiling.

Please Submit any Campus Digest ideas to Ira or Chris at the Hilltop office located in the West Towers, or fax at (202) 806-4758. Brief are due every Monday.

Cheer Leaders of the Pack With Grueling Practice Hours and Strenuous Workouts, Cheerleaders Say What They Do Is a Real Sport

By JASON T. SMITH
Managing Editor

It's 5:40 a.m. and Dekery Davis' day has already started off late. In the pre-dawn darkness the sophomore political science major fumbles around his room to find a pair of practice sweats and tennis shoes, stuffs his gym bag with an extra shirt and socks and bolts out the door. "I forgot my wrist tape," he says walking briskly up Georgia Ave. to Burr gymnasium's lower gym. Dry leaves swirling around in the middle of the street make for the only morning traffic at this hour.

Though he overslept by ten minutes, Davis is making good time. He'll be at the gym by 6 a.m., just in time for warm-ups before two hours worth of cheerleading practice. And not the easy recite-your-cheer-and-go-home type of practice.

Davis is the only boy on the 14-member competition squad who helps to "build stunts," or lift and toss the girl team members in the air forming variations of pyramids and basket tosses.

The team has been practicing for the past two and a half months for the MEAC cheerleading competition slated for tomorrow. This is the first time in more than five years that the Howard has sent a squad to the competition held in Richmond, Va.

Many cheerleaders are hoping that a ranking at the cheerleading competition will help the squad gain more respect on campus. And a first-place ranking could help build momentum for cheerleading to



The Howard Cheerleaders will compete in the MEAC Cheerleading competition for the first time in five years, tomorrow.

Photo By Mark Coleman

be recognized as an on-campus sport, the cheerleaders said.

"Cheerleading is a sport. We get hurt a lot more than some real sports and people don't realize it takes a lot of strength and talent. It takes skill," said Chantelle Harding, a freshman pre-physical therapy major. She says she has been cheering since she was a freshman in high school.

Most classify cheerleading as an extra-curricular student activity, much like working on the yearbook. But the debate of recognizing cheerleading as a sport has again kicked up support from Howard cheerleaders, and the cheerleaders are finding that most sports fans don't know much about the discipline that has come to be associated with a

cheering squad. If dubbed a sport by Howard, squad members say they would be eligible for additional funds from the University's sports department. They are currently funded by the Office of Student Activities.

Squad members say that like contact sports, the risk of injury is great. "You get bruises and sprained ankles. And you get the wind knocked out of you all the time," said Harding.

Cheerleading coach Troy Burton said cheerleading is still gaining respect as an activity despite the fact that it is not an official sport. At the height of the football season cheerleading officials said that six boys were cheering with the squad - one of the highest number of men in recent history according to Burton.

The team also chose two All-American Cheerleaders this year: Lindsey White and Keri Joi Taylor, Burton added.

But the Burton said he most proud of how the squad has "taken ownership" of the competition.

"The routines were made up by the team... we just took the best of their ideas and came up with an entire routine," Burton said.

"Eventhough we may not win I'm really going with the expectation of a win," Burton said.

And though the debate on the whether cheerleading is a sport continues, Burton says he thanks the Office of Student Activities, the Dean of Student Activities and the Vice President to Student Life.

"They've had faith in us and that has

Elections Results

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Powerful Anecdotes Provide Entertainment at Chapel, Some Say

By Valerie Thomas
Hilltop Staff Writer

Professor Dr. Anthony Campolo of Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa., spoke to a full house Sunday at Andrew Rakin Chapel, on the different aspects of personal and public relationships with Jesus and how to maintain those relationships. The sermon, full of anecdotal stories, was said to be meaningful, and humorous for some.



Dr. Anthony Campolo

In his sermon Campolo told the story of an African-American student who graduated from a prestigious university and gave up his powerful and prestigious lawyer position to defend penniless inmates on death row.

The anecdote created a parallel between the lawyer and Jesus. "Jesus gave up his life and livelihood for his people just as this man gave up his job for others," Campolo said.

"When he started talking about the man who gave up his job to help the inmates on death row, it made me think about God," said chapel assistant Tasha Gibson.

Campolo also explained the stories of a homeless man that reformed a country's thoughts on religious music and how one small person can make such an important impact on a large group.

Campolo, best selling author of 26 books, received his undergraduate degree from Eastern College. He earned his Ph.D. from Temple University in Philadelphia. Campolo is also founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education.

Campolo ended his message with several other stories. Some stories drove the audience to laughter.

While most of Campolo's intentions were serious, some two of his final quotes were mind boggling.

"If you allow your heart to be broken by things that break the heart of Jesus, you are not centered," Campolo said. "Study to show yourself approved unto God."

"This sermon made me reevaluate my relationship with Jesus," Tasha Gibson said. "Campolo presented a charge to the congregation in which he asked people to think about how they view Jesus."

Congregation member Tonya White enjoyed the sermon.

"He is always a pleasure to have," White said. "Campolo is a multi-dimensional man. He has seriously made me research my relationship with God."

Dr. Dennis Proctor Pastor of Pennsylvania A.M.E. Zion Church in Baltimore will speak at chapel Sunday.

School of Social Work Elections Results 2000-2001

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Phot By Eric Hall
Students evacuated the allied health building and school of communications after a chemical leak earlier

Current HUSA Members Still Working Without Pay

By ERICA HUBBARD
Hilltop Staff Writer

As another week of campaigning for the positions of Howard University Student Association President and Vice Presidents comes to an end, the current administration is still dealing with an outrageous phone bill left by the prior HUSA administration.

"Misuse of a long distance code by the prior administration wiped out the organization's entire allocation for the year," said Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, director of Student Activities.

The organization has insufficient funds because of a \$55,000 phone bill from last year's administration. However, the debt was lowered to \$22,000 by the President's office. The University had a discrepancy with the phone company for two outstanding bills. Currently the bill is down to a figure in between \$3,000 and \$4,000, HUSA members said.

The deficit has left current staff members without pay for the whole year.

"We have not been paid," said Marilyn Hoosen, HUSA President. "Both Terah and myself held non-paid positions before being elected. We are here to serve the student body, whether we are paid or not."

It is speculated that members have quit because they weren't being paid. However, Hoosen denied the accusation.

"We lost two members of our administration due to reasons other than any dealing with payment," Hoosen said. "Every other staff member has remained."

Considering the sacrifices that have been made, they stuck with us, even without hope of ever receiving pay."

Watkins said although current HUSA members have not been paid, Watkins said they should be commended because they had to stick in there and try to get their programs done. They should try to find ways of retiring the debt so

next year's administration won't have to deal with it, Watkins said.

This year's administration has been coming up with different ways to decrease the deficit. A recent proposal of using 1 percent of the Independent Initiative Fund, a fund set up and made available for students by a former student trustee, has been suggested but they haven't gotten a response. Money from the fund would go toward paying this year's staff while the deficit continues to be worked out.

Without pay, HUSA has been able to carry out many programs this year, but without money in their executive account, they have been working with little. "The deficit has limited our office supplies," Terah Jackson, vice president of HUSA said. "The cost of basic office needs like paper, staples and envelopes come directly from the executive account. This makes it impossible to have these supplies on demand for flyers and notices."



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From Page One

Different 'Balls' Compete for Same Patrons

DANCE, A5

club at 1811 14th Street, Northwest, is rumored to range from \$10 to \$15. The Bison Ball is worth it, according to Howard University Student Association President, Marilyn Hoosen, whose organization is running the event.

"The theme is the Jewel of the Nile," said Hoosen. "We are going to reclaim the mysticism that the Nile encapsulates. We have beautiful decorations. We have garlands of white fabrics, a spotlight and gold dust sprinkled on each table," the 25-year-old graduate student said, adding that the event will be "the red carpet treatment."

"This is going to be the first Bison Ball of the 21st century. We're going all out," Hoosen beamed.

The red carpet treatment has left a favorable impression on students. For

one in particular, this was her main reason for going to the Bison Ball this year.

"I'm going to the Bison Ball because I believe that this year the Bison Ball will be an elegant affair," said Aisha Goss, a 23-year-old senior legal communication major. "The Bison Ball will show that Howard University is not just a party school. It will also show that Howard students can behave in a dignified manner when an occasion calls for it," the senior added.

HUSA doesn't expect a lack of participants for the Bison Ball. In fact they are quite confident.

"We have definite [bought tickets] from teams and organizations," Simisola Marinho, chief of staff for HUSA said. "Seniors and freshman want to experience the ball for the first time and the last time."

"I'm not worried. The hard work by all those who slaved over it will

pay off," said Tyrrell Jones-Eiland, chief of protocol for HUSA.

An added bonus to this year's Bison Ball will be the addition of the Excellence Awards. The awards ceremony has been a separate entity from the ball in the past. The two events took place at different times and locations. This year in an effort to save money HUSA combined the two events.

"The nominees alone for the excellence awards will be a crowd," Marinho said.

Why were both scheduled for the same night? Eiland explained that the Bison Ball always happens the same time every year.

"The Bison Ball has been scheduled since last spring. Historically, the Bison Ball has been the week after Charter Day," Eiland said.

Eiland also said that organizers of the Southern Players' Ball approached him when they found out

that the two events occurred on the same night.

"They asked why we hadn't changed our date. I asked them the same question and they said with all the money and time they invested, they couldn't change the date," Eiland said.

Organizers of the Southern Players' Ball could not be reached for comment.

"I wish them well with their event," Eiland said. "I hope both events are successful."

In the meantime it appears that the turnout at both events will be favorable. At least according to Marinho, she expects that it will be.

"Howard is big," Marinho said. "People will be interested in going to both."



Photo By Eric Hall
Members of the Louisiana Club gathered Tuesday to celebrate Fat Tuesday.

Gore, Bush Clean Up on 'Super Tuesday'

PRIMARY, A1

that was the least of his problems. His string of small state victories cannot compare to any of Bush's large wins. McCain's last, and only hope was California, where he hoped to win the popular vote, even though Bush had already won all the delegates. By early Wednesday those hopes were dashed: Gore and Bush snagged the trophies, respectively.

"We won a few, and we lost a few," McCain told disappointed supporters in California. He said he'd "enjoy the victories and take stock of the losses" over the next few days. Speculation continues that McCain will drop out of the Republican race, and

may run on the Reform party ticket, even though he has said he would not change parties. He gave no clear hints Tuesday, saying he'd "reflect on the direction of the campaign."

In most states, McCain did well with independents, but Bush did better with registered Republicans. Yet Georgia, Ohio and Missouri were open primaries, and the fact that Bush won them suggests he's tightening his grip, and is better able to win over or withstand independent voters. In fact, in Georgia, he did better than McCain among independents.

After the polls closed in New York, Gore greeted supporters at his Nashville headquarters. "You ain't seen nothin' yet," he assured them.

"Anybody who has heard Bill Bradley in this campaign has come away moved and touched by the strength of his commitment," Gore said. He added that he had "learned" from Bradley's passion for healing and bringing people together. "I salute Senator Bill Bradley, and Ernestine Bradley, his wife."

Bradley told supporters, gathered in a New York hotel, that he had called to congratulate Gore on his victories. "He won. I lost. On the one hand, I agree with Vince Lombardi when he said 'Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing.'"

Bradley said he'd consult with supporters tomorrow to figure out his next step. It's widely assumed that next step will be to withdraw from

the race.

Even as he enjoyed his victories, Gore began to stretch across the political divide. He respectfully began to point McCain towards the exits, as called on "Republicans whose heroes are Teddy Roosevelt and Abe Lincoln," to "join us... Our campaign is now your cause."

Without a hint of irony, Bush testified, "like John McCain. I bring a commitment born of personal experience to the cause of campaign finance reform." Even Bush didn't shove McCain under the table so eloquently.

Census Sparks Debate

CENSUS, A1

end when it comes to federal funds.

The Census Bureau issued no comment on the matter, allowing the debate to swell. However some Howard students and community activists weighed in on the debate. The myriad views on the issue may only serve to widen the racial gulf, some say.

"I believe that people should be able to check whatever they best identify with," said Darius Smith, a music major. "No one person should dictate or distort what someone else sees in their mirror."

Still others disagree. "When the world looks at me they see a black woman. My mother is white but I don't feel like I am. I experience the same discrimination as black. Being black is an experience and sadly America is built on what you look like. I can't claim to say I've lived like a white girl because I don't look white," said communications major Lauren Anderson.

Washington, DC correspondent Jaison Gardner contributed to this report.

Election Runoff Set

From ELECTION, A1

General Elections Co-chair, Damon Waters said he has done an adequate job.

"Due to the time constraints, I'm not completely satisfied with elections," said Waters, who was chair of the 1998 general elections. "To put three weeks in to what usually takes three months is good thus far."

Waters and Elections Co-chair Aaliyah Perkins were chosen four weeks ago after the assembly's original choice, Tyrrell Eiland, was declared ineligible. Eiland was removed because he did not meet academic requirements.

A run-off speak-out is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Black-

burn Center

In the undergraduate trustee election Charles Coleman of the R.E.A.L. Agenda slate was declared the winner with 704 votes. Nicole Rolle lost the race with 480 votes.

Coleman was happy for the victory.

"It was a hard fought victory, but Team 'REAL' worked very hard for it," said Coleman "I have to get thanks to God, the voters, my volunteers, my mother, friends, and family and my church for making this all possible."

Mike Winston was declared winner in the graduate trustee election. The second-year law student ran unopposed.

ELECTION RESULTS

HUSA

Sellano Simmons and Nikkole Salter 661

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THE CITY

D.C. Pregnancy Prevention Campaign

By ERRICA DOTSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, recently joined the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy to salute five community based programs and their work toward reducing teen pregnancy rate in the District. The White House event also hosted District Congressional Delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Dr. Joyce Ladner, former Howard University president, Ward 8 District Council member, Sandy Allen, and various other community leaders. Teen members and adult leadership of each organization were there to accept awards and presentations at the event.

The two-day program was a launch project of DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, a non-profit organization with the intent of cutting the city's teen pregnancy rate in half by 005.

"We can be proud that our city is not polarized about these issues, nor are our citizens fatalistic about changing the situation," said Dr. Ladner, who chairs the board of DC Campaign.

Events included a town hall summit and the release of a new survey, "Common Sense: Teens and Adults Speak Out About Teen Pregnancy in the District of Columbia."

Among other important issues, the casebook discusses the District's alarming rate of teen pregnancy—currently one in seven teenager is pregnant—compared with the 1996 national average of one in ten is what drives DC Campaign.

Along with presenting reasons as to why teen pregnancy is such a growing epidemic in the District, DC Campaign has also provided solutions to this problem. The offered solutions include increased dialogue between parents and children about sexual issues, move investment in after school programs, community and school based sexuality education courses, and workshops as well as more prevention messages in the media.

"This survey demonstrates a fundamental pragmatism about what it takes to prevent teen pregnancy," commented Ladner. "Many parts of the community are ready to be mobilized, and looking for leadership."

The organizations being recognized included Life Pieces to Master Pieces, which focuses on the social and psychological development of young men and boys in urban areas, Teen Life Choices, likened to Planned Parenthood, is an outreach program that provides counseling and prenatal and post-natal support and Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, a bilingual teen clinic, and support service. Children's National Medical Center-Generations Program is an organization for teen parents and their children. Children's National Medical Center-Teens Against the Spread of AIDS (TASA) is a group of private and public school students who host programs and workshops that deal with teen risk factors and critical decision making skills. The Covenant House Washington is a peer support pregnancy prevention project in Ward 8 where pregnancy rates are the highest. The goal is to develop a three year Youth Leadership Development program modeled on traditional fraternities and sororities.

"DC residents know teen pregnancy is an obstacle that doesn't have to be there. They're ready to solve the problem and DC Campaign is ready to work with anyone who wants to make teen pregnancy a thing of the past," said Brenda Rhodes Miller, director of DC Campaign.

Acting as a catalyst for improved services across the spectrum of the city's teen pregnancy prevention initiatives, DC Campaign shines a high voltage spotlight on teen pregnancy prevention. It is a transfer agent for skills, a lever to increase financial support for effective programs, a conveyor of experts and networks, a promoter of best practices, and a training resources for parents, community leaders and health professionals.

"No matter how often we talk about teen pregnancy, we can never talk about it enough, so long as the numbers are also high as they are," said Rev. Leon Lipscomb, pastor of Allen Chapel AME. "We must galvanize a movement throughout our city to help all children so they will stop getting pregnant."

City Sites

This is the seventh installment of series that takes a look at area cultural sites

Douglass Home A National Historic Site

By ALLEN POWELL II
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Perched atop a towering hill, deep within a poverty touched Southeast neighborhood, with the sounds of the Beltway, and a view of the Capitol providing a picturesque backdrop sits "Cedar Hill," once home to Frederick Douglass, and now the site of a Historical Landmark in his honor.

Cedar Hill was Frederick Douglass' second home in Washington, D.C., and it is the only one in the District open to public viewing. His other home near Capitol Hill is now "The Caring Institute" which is dedicated to artwork that honors individuals in history who were known for caring for others. Douglass bought Cedar Hill as a country cottage for his first wife Annie Murray.

The home was part of an exclusive all-white neighborhood that was incensed about Douglass purchasing the house. The residents of the neighborhood abided by an unwritten code that prohibited the selling of any property to blacks. Douglass obtained the home through an auction that was held because of the homeowner's bankruptcy. Although arson was suspected in the burning of one of his earlier homes in Rochester, New York, Douglass would not let the hostility of his neighbors, and fear of violent reprisals deter him from moving into the home in 1877.

The three-story house rises out of its blighted neighborhood like a lighthouse along a barren seaside; drawing visitors like wayward ships.

"We see about 200-250 visitors per day here," said Ranger Robert Powell.

During the school year, throngs of children journey to the home and Visitor's Center to learn about Douglass' life. From as far away as Florida, buses of grade school students come to see the house in which Douglass spent the twilight of his life.

"I think it's great that kids are getting the opportunity to see this piece of history, and travel across the country," said Powell.

When school is out the bulk of the park's attendance comes from tourists who want to enjoy the various walking tours the District has to offer.

"Frederick Douglass changed the course of America," said Elaine Jones, a tourist from Ohio. Jones read about the tour in a booklet about walking tours in the District, and decided to come herself. "I think it's great that the federal government preserved this landmark."

However, as lovely as the house is now, 20 years ago it seemed as if this important land-

mark would be lost forever. Five years after Douglass' death, his second wife Helen Pitts organized the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (FDMHA), and three years after that she gave the association the house. The FDMHA tried to maintain the house, but was unable to because of financial difficulties. In 1916, the Association joined with the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs in an effort to care for the house. However, both groups were completely dependent on private donations, and therefore did not have the financial means to adequately maintain the upkeep of the home. Nevertheless, they hired a caretaker, and built a cottage on the property in an attempt to preserve the building. For a long stretch of time, the house was boarded up, and the grounds surrounding it were used for the recreation of neighborhood children. Families and other groups used the grounds for picnics and summer concerts.

On Sept. 5, 1962, both groups realized they could not let the home's condition deteriorate any further and turned the house over to the federal government. The home was renovated from 1962 to 1972 by the National Park Service and finally opened on February 14,

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--Ranger Robert Powell

1972 to the public for viewing. Originally, the only thing offered to the public was a guided tour of Douglass' house, but in 1987, the Visitor's Center was added. The center allows patrons to view a free informative movie about Frederick Douglass, opportunities to take pictures with a statue of Douglass, and a chance to read some of Douglass' great quotes.

The main attraction offered to visitors is a guided tour of Douglass' home. The house rests atop a large hill that offers a perfect view of the Capitol building and Washington Monument. Over 90 percent of the items are original articles that were in the home while Douglass resided there. Due to the homes designation as a Historical Landmark, great pains have been taken to insure that the atmosphere inside the home is identical to the one that would have been found in a typical 19th century home. Visitors are offered insights into the household practices of a family completely without electricity and running water. Before the Park Service



Frederick Douglass moved into "Cedar Hill" on September 1, 1877. The house is located at 1411 W Street, SE.

assumed control of the home, it acquired a large amount of water damage, and even this imperfection was left to offer visitors a true view of the past.

The tour displays the home and furnishings of what was considered a wealthy African American. The house has 21 rooms, and the estate once covered over 13 acres. Douglass often entertained guests and family, and even added an addition to his home so that his grandchildren would have a place to stay during their visits. Large numbers of paintings and alabaster sculptures adorn the walls and shelves in the home, and students at Hampton Institute produced a desk in Douglass' bedroom.

The location and settings of the rooms offers insights into the social conventions of that era. There are rooms exclusively for men and rooms on the opposite side of the hall for women. This set up was not just because of moral standards at the time, but also for more practical reasons. Bathrooms during Douglass' time were located outside and during the middle of the night guests would use chamberpots in their rooms instead of traveling outside. Therefore, it would be uncomfortable if men and women shared a room.

Tour guides pepper descriptions of the rooms with trivia and interesting anecdotes. Some discuss the actions of famous visitors to the Douglass home and others tell about family happenings. One of the stories told by tour guides is that a Howard student named Martin Andrews was the last person to speak to Douglass. Andrews asked Dou-



Frederick Douglass, acclaimed as a gifted orator and champion of the oppressed.

glass for advice about continuing the fight for black rights, and Douglass told him to "agitate, agitate, agitate." Douglass died later that night of a heart attack.

The home is located at 1411 W St. Southeast. Tours cost three dollars for anyone over six years old and start every hour on the hour until three, except at 12 noon and last about 30 minutes to an hour.

Elsewhere

Law Makers Fight for African-American Emancipation Day Holiday in Maryland

By LAUREN ANDERSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

This June 19 will mark the 145th year since all Black men and women were finally freed from the appalling institution of slavery. Although the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed on Jan. 1, 1863, news of this wonderful document was not to reach many people whose lives were controlled by this horrible tool of oppression until over 2 1/2 years later. Now, law makers in Maryland are moving to make this day a legal holiday for state residents to look forward to.

It was June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Gen. Gordon Granger reached Galveston, Texas, with news of freedom for slaves still being held there. The Emancipation Proclamation had done little to free the slaves in the

state of Texas because of a lack of troops to enforce the new law banning slavery. Attempts to explain what caused the delay in the release of slaves in the state of Texas were many. One story is that a messenger who was on his way to Texas with news of slavery was murdered. Some say that news of freedom was deliberately withheld by the slave masters to maintain the free labor on their farms. While, yet another story tells of federal troops that actually waited for slave owners to collect one last season of farm harvest before enforcing the Emancipation Proclamation.

For years many states in the south have celebrated June 19, also known as Juneteenth with celebrations including picnics, prayer, music, dance, storytelling, and parades. Now, law makers are moving to create a bill making Juneteenth a legal holiday in Maryland giving paid vacation to all state employees.

Sen. Joan Carter Conway (D) the lead sponsor of the bill, Ulysses Currie (D) chairman of the Prince George's Senate delegation, Gloria G. Lawlah (D) and Nathaniel Exum (D) are four of seven supporters of the bill which is up for vote on March 16th in Annapolis. While at this time Texas is the only state to observe Juneteenth with paid holiday, Oklahoma, Florida and Delaware have been observing the day with not with paid time off.

Rev. Ronald V. Meyers Sr., chairman of the Mississippi-based National Juneteenth Christian Leadership Council said, "We are asking everyone to mark it on their calendars. We were not free on the Fourth of July, Juneteenth is our Independence Day."

Lula Briggs Galloway is president and founder of the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage, a recently established Michigan-based organization providing information

relating to African American history. While Galloway says gaining recognition for the holiday is high on her list, getting paid state holidays for Juneteenth is not.

"We as black people don't need a state holiday to celebrate," said Galloway. "Most people in the South knew to take that day off, and now we're telling everyone, not just African Americans, to do the same thing...to learn about Juneteenth and embrace it."

Sadiqa Abdulla a graduating senior international business major, said, "I think it's great because it allows all Americans not just Blacks to truly celebrate freedom."

Although Joan Carter Conway does not expect the proposal to pass, she hopes that it will at least open a few eyes. "Look how long it took to get Martin Luther King Day passed," Conway said. "If it doesn't pass this year, we'll come back."

City Council Approves a Proposal to Create Mixed School Board, Appeases Williams Demands

By JENNIFER DOUGLAS
Hilltop Staff Writer

The saga of who will control the District school board shows signs of coming to an end with the City Council's approval of a proposal to create a mixed school board. The proposal is a compromise between the Education Committee's desire for a seven elected member board and Mayor Anthony A. Williams' demands for a school board with five members whom he would appoint.

The dispute has been on-going since the The district Financial Responsibility and Management Board (commonly referred to as the Control Board) stripped the eleven elected member school board of most of its power in 1996. This was done in response to the many inadequacies in the District school system.

High percentages of District public school students were scoring "below basic" ability in math and reading on the Stanford-9.

Before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Superintendent Becton testified that the District school system "employed uncertified teachers, did not pay its bills on time, and had crumbling facilities plagued by fire code violations."

A nine member Board of Trustees appointed by the Control Board in 1997 was given authority over school policy. Under the appointed board, test scores have increased, but the appointed board's lease runs out in November of this year.

An end to the all appointed board however is welcomed by many parents as a potential opportunity to have more input into school policy. Parents have not been allowed to attend school policy meetings since the appointed

board has been in place.

The proposed board would consist of five elected members, one of whom would be President and elected "at-large." The other four members would each be elected from one of the four school Districts which would be made up of Wards 1 and 2, Wards 3 and 4, Wards 5 and 6, and Wards 7 and 8 respectively. Four members would be appointed by the Mayor. The City Council would retain the power to approve the school budget but the school board would be responsible for drafting the budget. Duties of the school board would also include establishing school and personnel policies and hiring a Superintendent who would be responsible for the day to day operations of the District's public schools.

The bill also contains a provision allowing the City Council to create a state education

agency. The agency would determine basic standards used to assess all public school students and determine the minimum amount of instructional time for all District schools - public, private, and charter.

The proposal will be put in a referendum in the November 2000 general elections. It will be put into effect if a majority of the voters approve it; after which it must survive a 35-day period of Congressional review.

In a letter to the City Council, Williams wrote that the hybrid board is the best resolution to the differences in opinion and conceded that the compromise "best addresses the deficiencies of the status quo."

Slowly progress is being made towards District public schools' mission "to make dramatic improvements in the achievement of all students today in preparation for their world tomorrow."

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NATION & WORLD

Relief Operations Provides Aid to Many Victims of Mozambique Flood Disaster

By SALETTA COLEMAN
Hilltop Staff Writer

In Maputo, Mozambique, a multinational relief operation is providing aid to thousands of displaced people in search of their relatives while others find their homes reduced to mud by receding floods.

British, German, and French military helicopters have joined the small troop from South Africa and Malawi that has carried the brunt of the relief effort since last month.

Military from Spain was due to arrive in South Africa on Monday and the Portuguese also planned to land marines and boats as the mission switched from one of rescue to the delivery of desperately needed clean water and supplies.

Helicopters have rescued more than 13,000 people from roofs and trees in the last week. Over the weekend, their attention turned to delivering food and medicine as the waters receded. Aid workers said that coordinating these forces had been a problem but has been made easier after the operations were split up by region to keep the forces out of each other's way.

"On the whole everybody has managed to gather themselves and now we have divided up areas between the different countries and it will be a lot easier to manage," said World Food Program spokeswoman Lind-



Photo credit

Victims of the Mozambique flood wait on a tree top to be rescued from the treacherous waters.

sey Davies.

South African, British, and French forces will focus their efforts in the south, where flood waters have swamped the entire Limpopo River basin, while German relief crews will work further north and be joined by the Americans later in the week.

Camps offering basic facilities and medical care to tens of thousands of refugees are

now home to hundreds of children who have either lost or been separated from their parents.

South African officials said the situation in the Limpopo valley was now under control as the focus switched to caring for the estimated hundreds of thousands of homeless.

Because malaria and cholera could claim more lives than the flood, critics have

claimed that the international community dragged its feet in coming to Mozambique's aid. Davies said that the battle had only just begun as the danger of drowning was replaced by the potential horrors of disease.

"It's not too little, too late. Now we've rescued people, the next stage is emerging. People are extremely weak. They're traumatized and exhausted. We've got to support them while the water goes down," Davies said.

President Joaquim Chissano has said his country would need help for months to come and aid worth at least \$250 million. The U.N. World Food Program estimates there are 50,000 people in its camps in southern Mozambique. A third of the staple corn crop has been destroyed and many of the nation's cattle are dead or dying.

In Chokwe, about 125 miles north of Maputo where the worst flooding hit a week ago, survivors saw the full extent of the devastation as the flood waters began to recede.

Fields around the town were clogged with mud. Corn that had been almost ready to harvest had turned brown and rotted. Several swollen bodies wrapped in white cloth lay where the subsiding flood waters had deposited them.

Mozambique has not updated its official estimate of 150 dead for more than a week, but most believe that once the flood waters have receded further, thousands of bodies could be found buried in the thick mud.

Eye on the Diaspora

News From Around The World

Haiti Postpones Elections for a Second Time

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—Haiti postponed elections last Friday due to organizational problems with no specified new date. The election was to take place on March 19.

The announcement came hours after the U.N. Security Council urged Haitians government officials to stick to scheduled elections.

"A new electoral timetable for the balloting will be published as soon as possible," said electoral council spokesman, Roland Sainristil. He said that there were "innumerable difficulties surrounding voter registration."

Haitian President Rene Preval called the legislature and municipal elections after dissolving Parliament in January 1999 to end political impasse that had paralyzed Haiti's government since disputed elections in 1997. Two rounds of voting were set for November and December but were then delayed to March 19 and April 30. Some 29,300 candidates slated to run for more than 1,000 local and parliamentary offices.

Voter registration was to end last Friday, but will be extended to March 15. Some 2.9 million people out of four million were eligible to register.

The electoral council has been plagued by shortages on materials, pay and staffing disputes, problems in renting offices and thefts of registration documents.

Ex-Zimbabwe Leader Appeals Sentence

HARARE, Zimbabwe—Former President Canaan Banana appealed a prison sentence on Monday for gay sex offenses claiming that privacy rights in Zimbabwe's Constitution should have prevented a conviction.

Banana, sentenced to a year in jail last year for 11 sodomy and homosexual charges said that the case was pursued by political opponents.

Banana argued that consensual sex of any kind was a constitutional right guaranteed by privacy laws defense lawyer, Chris Anderson said the nation's supreme court.

"Perhaps the majority of our people regard such conduct as abhorrent, but that is not the issue. The issue is whether it is unlawful," Anderson said.

Banana, 64, was a ceremonial president for seven years after independence in 1980. He served along-side then Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, who created the executive president in 1987. Former British colony of Rhodesia became black-governed in Zimbabwe in 1980.

In January 1999, Banana was sentenced to five year jail term for sex charges. Four years was suspended under the condition that he pay compensations to the alleged victims.

Banana was convicted of sodomy and abusing powers to sexually assault and carryout "unnatural acts" with men on the presidential staffs including bodyguards, cooks, gardener and soccer players on a team that he sponsors.

Mandela May Step Down as Mediator of Burundi Talks

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—Former South Africa President Nelson Mandela hinted that he may give up his role as a mediator of Burundi peace talks, a news report said on Sunday.

"It may well be that sooner or later circumstances far beyond our control may prevent me from continuing with my work in general, and with my facilitation in Burundi in particular," Sunday Times quoted Mandela as saying in Abuja, Nigeria on Saturday.

"If that moment should come, I would be confident that there are men and women, highly competent, the sons and daughter of our continent, who would continue to complete that work," Mandela said.

Mandela, 81, did not hint as to whether his comments were due to a health problem.

In December, East African regional leaders named Mandela mediator of talks whose aim was to end Burundi's 7-year-old civil war.

Carnival Fever Alive in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—It is carnival time in Brazil.

Hundreds of thousands of people flooded the streets across the country on Monday, the second day of pre-Lenten festival.

The highlight of the event was Rio's Parade that continued through Tuesday morning.

The annual celebration is an actual competition where 14 of the best samba groups fight to be deemed champion.

This year's Carnival coincides with the 500th anniversary of Brazil's discovery by Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral on Apr. 22, 1500. During this time, the Carnival draws an outpouring of national pride.

According to estimates, this year's carnival is the biggest ever.

Embratur, the country's tourism agency, estimated that the revenue during the four-day holiday will represent up to \$1.2 billion for the nation.

—Compiled by Kelli D Esters from AP reports

Bush's 'One Florida Plan' Under Scrutiny

By ERRICA DOTSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Recently, the NAACP has raised question as to the purpose and reasoning behind Florida Governor Jeb Bush's new policy to ban affirmative action programs in state university admissions. The implementation of this new act is just one part of the Governor's "One Florida Plan," which he feels will strengthen race relations among state residents and in turn increase minority enrollment at state universities.

"With my One Florida Initiative, we can increase opportunity and diversity in the state's universities and in state contracting without using policies that discriminate or that pit one racial group against another," commented Bush.

However, the NAACP does not agree. Of 91,000 employment discrimination cases before the Equal Opportunity Commission, less than 2 percent are reverse discrimina-

tion cases. In this, the NAACP feels that affirmative action has proved to be beneficial and very necessary to ensure fair and equal treatment for minorities.

"Affirmative action remains a lawful means of remedying present and past discrimination," the NAACP remarked in its filing with the state Division of Administrative Hearings. The organization also whole heartedly recognizes that in the shuffle of affairs, some who may have been less qualified for acceptance slipped through the cracks as a result of poor managing practices. However, their feeling is that affirmative action should not be indicted as a tool for achieving equality and an opportunity for all.

Bush, on the other hand, feels that in restructuring the entire educational process, affirmative action will not be needed. The education component of the One Florida Initiative includes guaranteed admission for the top 20 percent of each high school senior class in to a state university, an increase in need based financial aid by 43

percent, a partnership with the College Board to improve college preparation in poor performing schools, and increased availability of Advanced Placement courses in low performing schools, to name a few.

"My initiative ends racial preferences, racial set-asides and race based university admissions, not affirmative action properly understood," said Bush. "The One Florida Initiative transcends traditional notions of affirmative action and increases opportunities for Floridians of all racial backgrounds in ways that unite us, not divide us."

Bush insisted that this plan was not written to undermine California businessman Ward Connerly's plan to place an initiative banning affirmative action on the ballot next year. Connerly, who was instrumental in the affirmative action ban in the University of California State system, the controversial proposition 209, gave Bush "mild" praise. According to the Washington Post, Bush called Connerly's plan divisive, but he also feels that the state's existing preference

policies are "constitutionally suspect" and have failed to create equal opportunity.

Many agreed with Bush's ideology. "This is not some political scheme. This is something all of us ought to embrace as citizens of this great state," said the governor's ally, House Speaker John Thrasher, R-Orange Park.

"It has some great concepts in it. I've seen a lot of good intentions, but what I have not seen is the leadership required to make the difference in the implementation. I hope [Bush] has what it takes to do that," commented Sen. Daryl Jones, D-South Dade. "It's impressive and I think the governor is very sincere."

The governor's spokeswoman, Elizabeth Hurst, said the governor plans to fight to keep the new rules in place. "We believe it is the right thing to do in increasing opportunities for minority students," she commented. "who would have guessed the NAACP would try to block schoolhouse doors to student?"

Web Sites Help Voters Chose Best Candidate

By LAUREN ANDERSON
Hilltop Staff Writers

With the mass discovery of the Internet that began over a decade ago came thousands of web sites that continue to pop up everyday. While there are web sites ranging on everything from pet fetishes to education, it seems only logical that a web site be created to help people pick the presidential candidates for whom they will vote.

Well for those who do not follow politics closely but still want to cast an intelligent vote, two new web sites have been created: www.Presidentmatch.com and www.selectsmart.com. These web sites actually help visitors to the sites pick the presidential candidate that agrees with most of their views based on questionnaires that they fill out. While both web sites are extremely helpful to those who are confused about which candidate stands for what, they differ in a number of ways.

Presidentmatch.com is a web site run by America On Line (AOL) and CBS news.

Visitors are asked a series questions on major issues including abortion, individual rights, education, crime, gun control, foreign policy, health care welfare, poverty, taxes and political reform. Visitors fill in there answers on a sliding grid stating whether they oppose or favor each proposition strongly, somewhat or not at all. Each of the questions has been answered by the presidential candidates and compiled by CBS News.

At the end of the questionnaire, the site will tally visitor's results and return to them in order from one to five the candidate that most closely fits with their political views, one being the best choice. Candidates are returned with a percentage rating of how closely the visitor and each candidate feel on the issues. The visitor is then able to pick and compare any of the five candidates of their choosing on a neat grid showing the candidates and how they feel on each issue.

For those who are unfamiliar with many of the terms used in politics, a separate page that lists terms and their meanings is provided. The web site www.president-

match.com eliminates "fringe" and third party candidates giving only Democratic and Republic party candidates as choices.

The web site www.selectsmart.com presents a series of 17 questions asking the main issues including the topics mentioned in Presidentmatch and also asks questions on "minority issues," drug policy, and creationism. Questions are also asked on a sliding grid of how strongly the visitor supports or opposes each proposition and offers definitions for terms that the visitor may not understand. Selectsmart tallies answers on a point system and returns the best possible matches for you in mainstream and third parties. Candidates included on the Selectsmart web site that were not included on Presidentmatch were Ralph Nader (Green Party), David Reynolds (Socialist), John Hagelin (Natural Law Party), Harry Browne (Libertarian), Partick J. Buchanan (Reform Party), and Howard Phillips (Constitution Party; formerly known as the US Tax Payers Party).

Selectsmart may also help you decide which party to register as. A questionnaire measures how liberal or conservative visi-

tors are and shows them on a scale of most liberal to most conservative current day political figures that match their ideologies. Besides offering advice on Presidential candidates, Selectsmart also offers pages that help visitors pick baby names, pets, cars, careers, hair products, colleges and jobs based on a personality type test.

Feelings on the web sites and their intent varies from student to student while some agree and others strongly disagree.

"These web sites are extremely helpful for citizens who are not in tune with presidential candidates and what they stand for," says Jazelle Bellavance, a freshman chemistry major. "They may be able to allow people to make the best decisions they are capable of."

Emilia Rhea Adams, freshman political science and English major, said, "I think it's really unfortunate that Americans have to rely on a web site to determine the appropriate candidate for which they should cast their vote. Have Americans become so lazy that they can't do their own research and make their own intelligent decisions?"

Museums in South Africa Honor the Work of Mandela

By KHELANI CLAY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nelson Mandela marked the tenth anniversary of his release from prison with the opening of a three part museum in South Africa on Feb. 11. The day began with the inception of the first part of the museum near his birthplace in Mvezo. The village is now in disrepair, with worn down huts at its center. It is hoped that the museum will help bring tourism to the area and increase business in the poor province. It has already led to the construction of the first formal road to be built in the village.

The Mvezo portion of the museum is a monument to Mandela's struggle. He unveiled a plaque that marks the preserved remains of his birthplace. The Mvezo museum has hopes of developing a youth center. As well as plans for building thatched huts so that tourists can

experience the native Xhosa life for themselves.

The dedication ceremony moved to Umtata, the regional capital of the province—This is to be the centerpiece of the three part museum. This part houses excerpts from his book "Long Walk to Freedom," pictures from his anti-apartheid struggle, and about 1,000 gifts he received during the years since his release.

The day-long dedication ceremony made its last stop around 20 miles away in Qunu. Here Mandela laid the foundation stone of the museum that will be dedicated to exhibiting his life history. At the unveiling of the Umtata museum, Mandela's wife,



Nelson Mandela

Graca Machel received a large contribution from an undisclosed business to begin the building of the museum at Qunu which will house a youth center, a community heritage hall and a restaurant.

It is hoped that these museums will help out the poor Transkei region. This is one of the South Africa's poorest regions, unemployment is at least 50 percent, and only a few homes actually have running water and electricity. The government speculates that the museum will attract tourists. The Qunu project also will help youth development and leadership training. It is hoped that the building and maintenance of the museums will bring jobs and commerce to the region.

In the Africa News, deputy arts and Culture Minister Sanki Mtembi-Mahanyele stated that "the anticipated flow of visitors and tourists will also have economic spin-offs for the community."

Howard students honor the Mandela museums.

Physical therapy major, Doria Flaharty, adds to the praise. "I think Nelson Mandela deserves this dedication because he has done a lot for South Africans by helping to end apartheid in South Africa and his story should be told," Flaharty said.

Hanifah Sultan, computer science major, said, "the museums are a good way to honor his years of work as a freedom fighter, and people everywhere should appreciate them."

South Africa's Deputy President Jacob Zuma said the museum was helping people to recognize the work of the leader. He told the Ottawa Citizen, "We cannot fail to recognize his amazing qualities as a human being, as a leader, as a freedom fighter."

Mandela has humbly stated that the tribute does not belong to him alone, but to the thousands of people who had fought for democracy.

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Capstone Cards? What a Nice Concept!

Well, Howard succeeded in moving at a snail's pace once again on a very important aspect of student life: identification. Obviously, the Capstone Card is needed for everything on campus, including entrance into the dorms. Luckily, the camera was set up just in time for the elections.

Several students have been trying to get new cards since January, which was the last time the identification window was in full use. The strangest part of the whole situation is that the Office of Records posted a sign with its phone number urging students to call and find out when pictures will be ready. That infamous number, 806-2712, stood against the window like a "Keep Out" or "No Trespassing" sign. But the people over the phone sang the same old song: "Check back with us tomorrow or later this week." Big surprise, right? Howard students have never been given the run-around

before (yeah, right).

Two months is a long time for students to roam around campus with no form of student identification. Since Howard is trying its best to provide adequate security for students, particularly in the dormitories, not having Capstone Cards is counter-productive. The only thing some students have to do in most dorms is claim that they live there. Congratulations to Howard for that top-notch security!

Here's the kicker: now students/faculty/staff have to set up appointments just to have a picture taken... yet another delay. If that's not bad enough, the woman at the window forgot how to operate the camera! It's all part of the "Howard experience," we suppose.

Hopefully the Capstone Card system will continue to operate for the rest of the semester. If not, we will have to give blood to get what we deserve around campus.

Our View:

Considering the fact that the Capstone Card is needed for everything on campus, Howard University moved slowly in finally resuming the operation of the photo system.

Banner is an Issue, No Matter How Much Administration Tries to Deny It

Howard has done it again. They have taken a major administration foul-up and tried to sweep it under the rug. University President H. Patrick Swygert sent a mass e-mail out on Monday to all Howard accounts dispelling last week's accusations that BANNER is causing massive problems to the lives and future of the students of Howard University.

Provost Antoine Garibaldi vehemently denied the allegations on local television, but his claims were pooh-poohed by many students, faculty members and even the consulting firm who openly acknowledged that the university experienced problems with the implementation of the system.

"Computer Systems are in order and working. Students can, and will continue to be able to obtain accurate, official grades," *The Washington Times* quoted Garibaldi as saying on Friday.

Students, faculty and anyone who has read *The Hilltop* lately knows that that statement has little, if any, validity. The fact is that Banner's premature implementation has caused complications with transcripts, grade reports, financial aid and housing throughout this

school year. Now with many students applying for various graduate programs, internships and scholarships the problem is becoming common to more students.

To say BANNER has not caused more than "a very few instances" of problems is, to use the administration's wording, "blatantly untrue and absurd." The administration has publicly lied to us. Denying our problems and issues shows their lack of concern for what we as students and faculty hold as imperative, the integrity of our education. The administration has once again failed to take the blame

for things that have gone wrong at this institution.

The university's integrity, or lack thereof, concerning this issue leaves us questioning the validity of all of its statements. For instance, the enrollment numbers are down due to the University looking for quality students... hmmm... Or could it possibly be that Banner has screwed up yet again?

Through all of the deceit and deception of the administration, there is one thing that will remain true: *The Hilltop* will continue our relentless coverage of Banner until all issues are resolved.

Our View:

The administration needs to honestly and publicly address the complications with BANNER and resolve the problems expeditiously.

A Plea for Relief

Mozambique is one of the three poorest countries on the continent of Africa, indigence upon indigence. It was devastated by the 16-year civil war that engulfed it once it gained its independence from Portugal in 1975. That war was over in 1992, and the country had spent the last decade in the process of rebuilding its economy and its society, and had seen remarkable success. Its economy had grown at a steady clip since 1996, and inflation had remained low. It just completed its second democratic election, and it was on its way to becoming a stable, growing nation of 19 million.

That is, until torrential seasonal rains began about a month ago, and Cyclone Eline struck last week. The combination that swelled the Limpopo River beyond its riverbanks has devastated roads, towns, farms, and millions of lives. The government is ill-equipped to start the process of rebuilding, because the estimated cost of \$65 million is overwhelmed by the \$1.4 million in interest on foreign debt that the nation has to pay each and every week.

The crisis in Mozambique highlights once again the importance of the debt relief project that was

high-profile at the end of 1999. In 1998, foreign debt was twice the gross domestic product of Mozambique, and similar statistics exist across the continent. It is almost impossible for nations to sustain economic growth while saddled with the incredible debts they have accrued before the IMF, World Bank, and G-7 countries. Most of the countries that have accrued that debt are in Africa. Ruled by corrupt dictatorships, many accepted billions of dollars in loans from these sources in exchange for underdeveloping

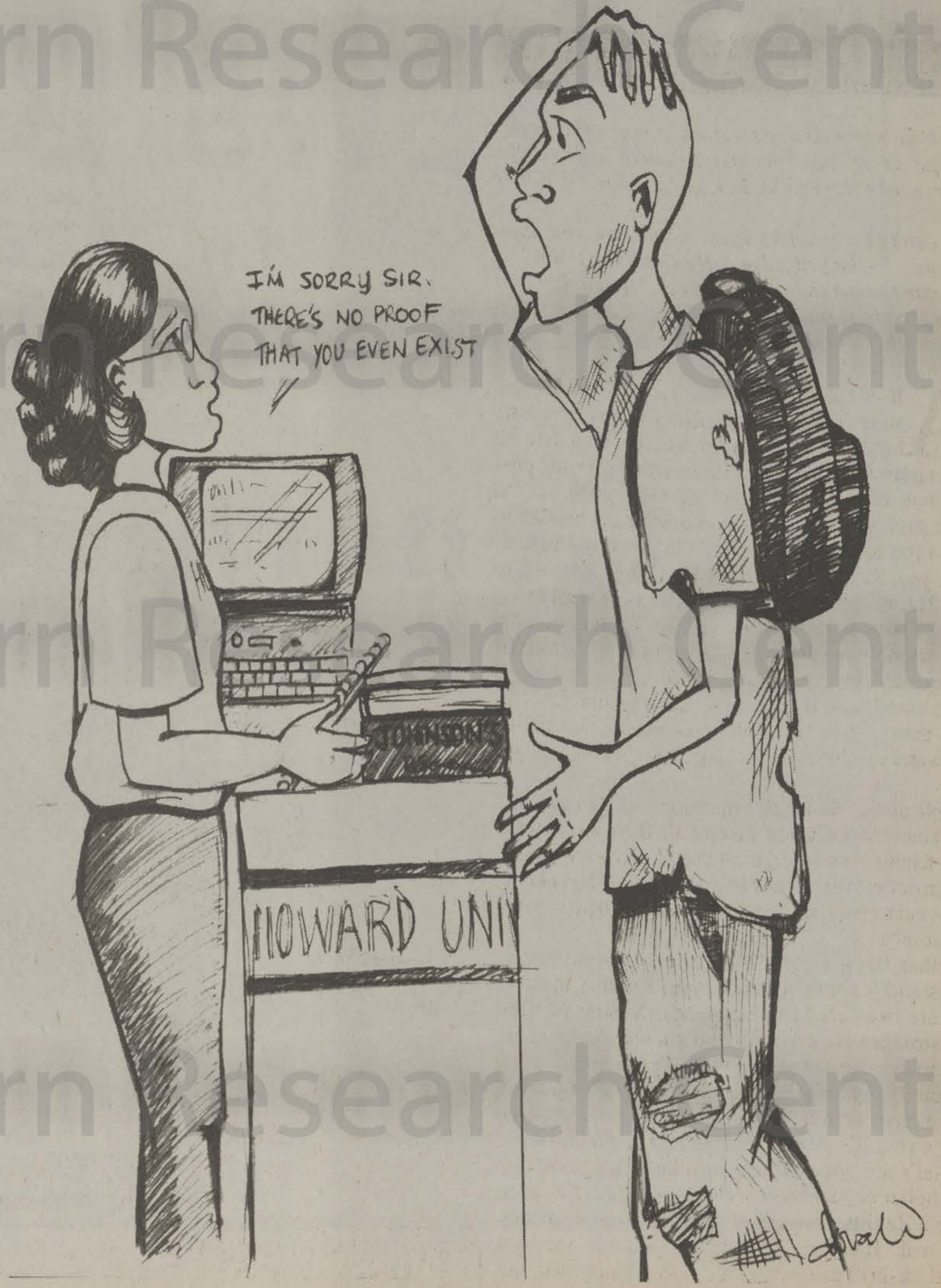
their economies. Now that some countries have heaved off these corrupt regimes and begun to trudge down the path toward democracy, they are saddled with having to pay back money that were never used for the benefit of the nation.

Such is the case in Mozambique, which is in a precarious position now. If the democratic government is unable to provide relief for the refugees and displaced peoples, it provides fertile ground for rebel forces to overthrow the government and throw the nation back into chaos. The key to preventing that is forgiving the debts that the nation owes, so that it can feed its people and rectify this sad situation.

Our View:

In the wake of the flooding that has decimated Mozambique in the last month, debt relief is even more a pressing issue.

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Corrections

The main photo on page A1 of the Feb. 18, edition of *The Hilltop* was not credited to the correct photographer. Photographer Chandra Anderson should have received credit for the photo. Anderson was also the photographer for that week's "Voices and Views" feature.

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PERSPECTIVES

To Hate or Not to Hate:

By Drew Anderson

"Girl, he never understood what you were worth/ And he never took the time to make it work/ You deserve more love than that, girl..." - Joe, "I Wanna Know"
 "He can't love you/like I love you/Baby, you know it's true..." - Jagged Edge, "He Can't Love You"
 "He don't understand you like I do/He could never make love to you like I do..." - Puff Daddy, featuring R.Kelly, "Satisfy You"

All of the above quotations were taken from songs which either currently are or recently have been top-played singles, and they all reflect a similar "principle" (or lack thereof): the phenomenon of "player-hating" on relationships. You know, sitting on the sidelines waiting for a brother to slip so you can scoop his miss? Oh yes, boy, I'm talking to you. So let us turn in our Ex-Crook Textbook to page 211, chapter 187, because class is in session. Now, I have a confession to make. Grammatically, it's a "double negative" and essentially it's almost hypocritical, but I can't help it. I hate haters. I mean I can't stand 'em. Dislike 'em. Have no use for 'em. Wish they would all catch an economy-sized Chinese water torture-style bad one. Now let me tell you why.

People dislike things that they don't understand, and I don't understand haters. First of all, there are way too many females out here for all that. At Howard alone, women outnumber men at least 2 to 1. So why scheme on the next man's female when you could scoop one of your own?

Another thing I don't like (oops, I meant "don't understand") about common haters is that most of them are two-faced, fake cowards. A hater is often not a stranger. He's the cat who knows you by name and knows all about your relationship with your girl (especially if your girl talks too much and thinks it's cute to have nothing but male friends). Everytime he sees you, it's all smiles, a pound and a half-hug. But that's the same cat who will later that same day try to holler at your shorty. That's my word, I've seen it like a Zenith. I would respect them more if they were real. Hater cat, everytime you see me you should ice-grill me and be like, "Yo, I don't even like that cat. He has something I want and I'm just waiting for him to slip." But don't dap my fist then turn around and try to tap my miss.

But the most remarkable thing that I strain to understand about your average garden-variety hater is his complete failure to come to grips with that little thing called "karma." You know, "what you do comes back to you?" I mean, let's say you successfully hate on a relationship and end up pulling the female. Now, if you knew you could scoop shorty from the next man, what makes you think another cat couldn't turn around and do the same dirt to you? What, you think your "game" is that strong? Yo, no matter how ill, jiggy, flossy, fly, smooth, slick, paid or bout-it you are, there will always be someone who appears to be iller, jiggier, flossier, flyer, smoother, slicker, more paid and more bout-it. And if you're dealing with a female who is that fickle and fleeting in the first place, then my hater brethren, your position is not safe.

So for all y'all haters out there, let me give you an example of how to act. One weekend I saw a tight-looking female at Republic Gardens (which I like to call "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"). I politely approached her and found out that not only did she have a boyfriend of 7 years, but it was his party which she helped to throw. After that, we built briefly on the elements of a positive relationship, and it was all good. And later when I saw her dancing with her man, I smiled and gave them a look not of player-hatred, but of player-love, with the peaceful excitement of knowing that one day I, too, would enjoy such real and lasting happiness. So to y'all haters, don't player-hate, congratulate.

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WHAT NOT TO DO.....



Fishing for Joy

By Michael Winfield

I prepared fried catfish and tossed salad for dinner. As I swallowed the last bite of crispy catfish, I wondered: Why don't more people volunteer? Volunteering is a way to help others, a service that relies on searching for the humanity in other sentient beings. You can receive such great benefits from volunteering that I call it "fishing for joy."

Eager is not the word to describe how I felt helping blind kids to dance. The National Dance Institute finds children in public schools and puts them through a dancing program. If the children are exceptional, they move into more specialized teams, eventually the actual company. I was able to dance for the fiftieth anniversary of the UN in Geneva. As a favor to my old company, I had volunteered to work at the Lighthouse (a center for blind people) to assist NDI in a program to teach blind kids to dance.

At first, I resented the entire experience. The little gremlins would not stop touching. Touch, touch, touch. Here take an eye, just stop pawing me! But this resentment gave way to the gentle wisdom that comes with learning something new about yourself. It is ridiculously rewarding to spend time with children while fishing for joy. Even more so, it is wonderful to help people who need the help — to deal with people who require your services and are not ashamed to admit it. Fishing for joy is a beautiful experience that demands those of good hearts. And even if one is callous and cynical, fishing for joy can turn the whitest glacier into a running stream.

The reason fishing for joy is so important is that it is a resource. Any one can enjoy the benefits of fishing for joy, anyone can perform the service, from men to women to boys to girls. Fishing for joy is especially important for black people, given that many of our communities are damaged. I believe that black people should be more ambitious in their approach to dealing with their own social problems. As my majestic Mother used to declare: "If you don't have ambition, call the ambulance, 'cause you're one dead nigger."

Parents are invisible these days. The number of divorced, latch-key, and one-parent household children has significantly increased. We can be coy if we like, but these children need role models. Black children need role models. Volunteering, and by that I mean fishing for joy, is a sure way to reach the youth. Tutoring is extremely important if children are to flourish with the appropriate skills and a proper sense of self-esteem. Also, instilling in the youth a sense that fishing for joy is both commonplace and acceptable will encourage them to find it in their hearts to contribute to their own communities and enrich their own lives.

Undoubtedly, there are those who would rather benefit themselves than help others. We all know people who would rather buy a new denim jacket than purchase their girlfriend a flower. Yes, just one flower. And there are those who volunteer, fishing not for joy, but fishing for something else. There are bachelors who crowd AmeriCorp meetings looking for "down-to-earth la-ladies." Now, this is all well and good, but let us consider our real situation here. We are the only black people who live in a superpower. What message do we send to the global community when we do not value beneficial services such as fishing for joy?

Seriously, the only way blacks can improve their communities is by improving themselves. Only by improving yourself can others follow your example. And only by communication can we preserve a sense of community. Fishing for joy is a way to communicate to others a sense of dedication to our collective direction in this country. It is as strong a message as registering as an independent voter. Sadly, I fear the average Bison will ignore this plea to fish for joy. You should never aim to be average. Take it from Ma: "If you don't have ambition, call the ambulance, 'cause you're one dead nigger."

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To Protect and Serve

By Damon Waters



Over a week ago the murderers of Amadou Diallo were set free after the practice of judicial apartheid removed the trial from the jurisdiction of the community in which the crime was committed. How touching were the tears shed by the butchers that riddled his body with more than 19 bullets. Last

we forget that this is not the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth time that New York's finest have been guilty of super-aggression against blacks and other minority persons, the declining significance of black and Latino, especially young males, lives shows an overtly aggressive posture of the N.Y.P.D. when dealing with minority communities. The baseless and nausea-inducing apologies offered by Mayor Giuliani, the chief of police, and the officers makes this even more suspect. They claim that the police have a difficult job and we should empathize with them. Rather than passing judgment on them, we should support their Gestapo-like tactics and look past the war that they have declared on our community. The argument for empathy would hold more weight if this were an isolated incident. But this is merely another case of the New York storm troopers shooting first and asking questions later. Unfortunately, the victims are more often than not black or brown.

In January 1995, three Latino youths — Antonio Rosario, 18, Hilton Vega, 22, both of whom were killed, and Freddie Bonilla, 18 — were shot by plainclothes officers from the 46th Precinct. Vega was hit with eight bullets in his back, buttocks, back of the head, and front left forearm. Rosario was hit with fourteen bullets: eight in his back or buttocks, two on his side, two in his right arm, one in his hip and one in his armpit. Bonilla was hit once in his ankle. The officers reportedly feared that the youths that were running away from them had weapons and were going to instantaneously turn and fire on them.

Moreover, the viciousness of the police department does not simply extend to the general public, but to their own. In 1994 Desmond Robinson, an undercover Black police officer, was shot by off-duty white officer Peter Del Debbio. Robinson was shot five times, three times after he began to fall to the ground. Del Debbio thought that Robinson was a robbery suspect even though Robinson announced to the contrary and explained that he was a fellow police officer. Del Debbio shot him while he attempted to remove his identification from his pocket.

In June of 1996, in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, Aswan Watson, a black youth, was shot eighteen times by plainclothes police officers as he sat, granted, in a stolen car. However, he was unarmed. The phantom weapon defense was once again used and the cops testi-fied that they feared for their life and the grand jury declined to indict them.

Ironically, on white American Independence Day 1996, Nathaniel Levi Gaines, Jr., a black youth was shot in the back by a white officer, even after being frisked and cleared of carrying any weapon by the same officer. The officer testified that he, too, feared for his life and had no choice but to shoot Gaines, Jr.

Last, let us not forget the misuse of police authority in the Abner Louima case. During the early morning hours of August 9, 1997, police officers arrested legal Haitian immigrant Louima outside a Brooklyn nightclub. What happened next was a hellish night of continual beatings and malicious nunculative assaults culminating in the sodomy of Louima with a wooden pole that was shoved into his mouth.

Police departments are created to protect and serve the community, but whom do they protect and serve? The New York Police Department has a history of villainous attacks and offensive mistreatment of minority communities. The practice of judicial apartheid has allowed police to realize that they will be able to move to another county and have their baneful practices ignored or explained away. "Testi-lying" is an all-too-well-known occurrence where police conceive some fatuous tale to convince juries that extenuating circumstances made the use of excessive force necessary. The fetish of fear defense used by the police makes me wonder if people ever deserved who so feared the community and the people they served to wear a badge. The marginal utility for black and brown lives has been declining and the people we entrust to protect those lives are at fault. Living while Black has become a crime in New York, but is this anything new? The New York police department no longer protects and serves the public. Instead, because of impudent and racist fear and pusillanimity, they abuse the national desire to see an end to crime, protect and serve themselves.

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True Value (The Last Short Response)

By Johnny Jones

Week after week, on Friday mornings I grab a copy of the latest Hilltop, looking for informative articles about what's making news on campus and in the world. The powerful voice of Howard University provides the pertinent information I seek, but it sometimes seems engulfed with articles providing degrading depictions of certain groups on campus as well, as if the gameshow "Who Wants to Be a Howard Hater?" was taking place.

I thought some articles were overly biased towards certain individuals, but I grew deeply alarmed when I noticed a pattern develop in columns by Randy Short (an eloquent writer whose opinion I respect) constantly demoralizing the black women here at the Mecca. No longer can I stand for the majority of my sisters gaining labels such as whores, sluts, or whatever demeaning Webster Dictionary-based definition that can be found to define the women on campus.

Instead of waiting for that uplifting article to be written about the many positive Kims, Nicoles, Kishas...or Keishas on campus and in society, I grabbed my pen and pad and took

it upon myself to write this article that is much overdue.

I balk at dabbling with numbers and statistics, etc. to explain that so many women are this or that, I, however, will state the obvious: on this minute campus, in this bustling "area," in this vast country, GOOD BLACK WOMEN! Point blank - bottom line. Now, was that so hard to admit?

Once we realize that there exist Black women worthy of being labeled "good," then we can lessen the time black men spend pouting about the "misguided" black females in our society.

Sure, I'm only 18 years old, but I've had my share of run-ins with misguided females, and never would I ever utter that black women are overly sassy, slutty, or anything else that fails to shine a positive light. This strong group of women greatly aided in the survival of our race; we owe Black women too much gratitude to degrade them in any way.

I see too many Black women here every

day deserving of deification and adulation. Every time I see a female on campus flaunting herself below her value and causing me to almost believe what people might say negatively about Black women, I see another renewing my spirits - the display

were stolen from African and brought into this foreign land, who stood by and raised the children after her husband was kidnapped by racists and lynched from a tree? I only know one race or women who performed such a task - Black women.

Who Wants to Be a Howard Hater?

of her natural beauty with respect and dignity is breathtaking. Sister, I thank you for carrying yourself with class; thank you for staying in the books; and I thank you in advance for producing the future legacy of Black America. Without you, the Black race would be lost.

Too much emphasis is placed on the ill-advised female, but real Black women persevere, ultimately, in spite of the lack of respect received. They incorporate the values passed through generations of Black women before, and they do it so well!

No other women in the world endured as much as Black women. When our ancestors

I believe my great-grandmother from Alabama just happened to be one of those women.

She was forced to raise 12 children on her own after my great-grandfather was "accidentally" ran off the road by a White driver while he rode home from work on his bike. Talk about strong. And as recently as this summer, when I thought I was going to die from a stomach ulcer, my Black girlfriend was the one at my side to fix me cheese grits and milk, easing me pain (thanks Angie)! Maybe the 1/32 of Creole in her gave her the heart to care for me, who knows.

The number one reason, however, that prevents me and should prevent many more Black men from speaking so harsh of Black women should be obvious: my mother just so

happens to be Black! I'm sorry, but as long as my mother is Black, how could I ever fix my mouth to degrade her, or any other Black woman in the world? My ancestors have gone through too much; my mom, and many other women have done too much for me to ever speak bad about Black women.

Yes, Black women are more outspoken than other women in our society, but that's admirable, and not too many women besides Black women can make a meal out of eggs, rice and cheese! The total concept of a Black woman who encompasses so many rewards, so many incentives; who am I to bad-mouth this prize we possess?

So what if Black women are not perfect; they're nowhere near as bad as people tend to make them out to be sometimes, either. With the many benefits they have to offer and the strength they possess, I have no choice but to be their number one fan.

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Joyce Barker
Ademola Ogunseye

STRIKE ZONE

Howard's No. 1 ranked men's badminton player in the country and All-American Ademola Ogunseye won titles in men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles at the Northeast Regional Badminton Championships in February.

ON POINT:

Check out www.totalsports.com to keep track of your favorite college and pro teams with in depth stats and pictures that really tell the entire story. Use it to track the MEAC tournament this Friday and Saturday.

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BISON ROUNDUP

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE TOP SPORTS NEWS & EVENTS AT HOWARD AND THE WORLD

MEAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

March 8, 2000
North Carolina A&T 40, Howard 63
Mar 07
MD Eastern Shore 60, Delaware St. 55
Mar 06
South Carolina St. 65, Florida A&M 71
North Carolina A&T 48, Bethune Cookman 47

MEAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

March 7, 2000
Delaware State 66, Florida A&M 69
March 6, 2000
Morgan State 58, MD-Eastern Shore 60
Howard 69, North Carolina A&T 94

PENALTY SHOT: Marty McSorley of the Boston Bruins

will be charged with assault for his brutal stick attack last month on Donald Brashear of the Vancouver Canucks, authorities said. McSorley will face one count of assault with a weapon, Geoff Gaul, a spokesman for the British Columbia criminal justice branch, said Tuesday. He said the decision was made after a prosecutor's review and a police investigation. He plans to plead innocent, his lawyer said. If convicted, McSorley could face a maximum of 18 months in jail.



Marty McSorley

ALL-STAR EVENT The date for the fifth-annual Black College All-Star Classic held in Baltimore was announced this last week. The game, pitting black college senior men's and women's hoop stars in an all-star format, will be held April 9 at the newly renovated Hill Field House on the campus of Morgan State University. The women's game is slated to start at 2 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 4 p.m. Plans call for both games to be regionally telecast.

PORT OF DEPARTURE: An investigation of suspended Auburn star Chris Porter, who said he took \$2,500 from an agent to help his mother, has led the NCAA to keep him from being reinstated for the Southeastern Conference tournament.



Chris Porter

Auburn University officials learned of the ruling from the NCAA on Wednesday after submitting the results of their week-long investigation. A sports agent and his middleman were behind the improper payments, according to the investigation's findings. The senior All-American has been out since Feb. 27 when Auburn officials suspended him for accepting \$2,500 worth of money orders. The Tigers (21-8) are 0-3 without him heading into the SEC tournament and have lost four straight.

MARI-NO! Now that Dan Marino might be headed to the Minnesota Vikings, the Miami Dolphins say they want him back.

The Dolphins previously have been vague in discussing Marino's future, prompting speculation the 38-year-old quarterback has played his last game for Miami. Sources close to Marino, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that he was offered a contract last week by Minnesota coach Dennis Green. Marino has been promised a starting job and is expected to decide this week whether to accept the offer, sources said. Marino became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed free-agent quarterback Jay Fiedler to a three-year, \$3.8 million deal.



Dan Marino

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Lady Bison Move on to Second Round of MEAC Tournament

By KEVIN STEWART
Sports Editor

The red hot number one seeded Lady Bison (19-9, 17-2) continued their dominance of the MEAC this season on Wednesday as they beat the 11th seeded North Carolina A&T Lady Aggies (2-25, 0-19) at the Richmond Coliseum. Howard advances to the second round in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tournament where they wait to face the winner of the Hampton and Coppin State game.

Though not one of Howard's better performances due to the team committing 28 turnovers, the Lady Aggies (23 turnovers) weren't able to keep up with the pure talent of the Lady Bison. Six Howard players committed four turnovers.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY



#25 Courtney Kirk
forward

Photo by Mark Coleman

Howard forward Courtney Kirk led the team in scoring (18 points) on Wednesday as the Lady Bison advanced to the second round today at the Richmond Coliseum.

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Men's Basketball Team Ends Season on Sour Note



Howard ended a long season on Monday as they were defeated by North Carolina A&T 94-69 at the MEAC tournament.

Howard Exits in the First Round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament

By KEVIN D. STEWART
Sports Editor

Monday, in a season full of disappointments, the 11th-seeded Howard Bison (1-27, 1-17) were eliminated by the sixth-seeded North Carolina A&T Aggies (14-13, 11-7) 94-69 at the Arthur Ashe Center in Richmond, Va., during the first round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tournament.

Howard was unable to control the boards and were out-rebounded 51-31.

Last Friday the Bison were destroyed in their last regular season game by Coppin State 108-65 even with the return of starter Antonio Michell from a hand injury. Howard won its only game of the year against the Aggies on Jan. 8, which ended a nearly year-long losing streak. But the Bison have not won a game since that time. Howard has won just three games in the last two years.

North Carolina A&T trailed 9-8 with 15:47 left in the first half but went on an 25-9 run over the next nine minutes to

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COVER STORY

New Kid on the Block

Howard Rookie Sensation Faces Challenges Head On

By CAMILLE HARVEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Those of us who can look our problems in the face and deal with them are more likely to be a strong success in whatever we do. Jonathan Stokes exemplifies this philosophy. The freshman point guard from Los Angeles, Calif., has had his fair share of problems this season: losing the whole coaching staff at the beginning of the season and winning only one game so far during the regular season. It is apparent that these factors have had

an impact on the team's performance. However instead of letting the problems hold him back, Stokes used them as a catalyst to work harder. His effort caused him to be named to the All-MEAC rookie team.

"Whoever can look in the mirror and agree that they stepped up and overcame the challenge...[it] brings them closer to being a man," Stokes said. "If

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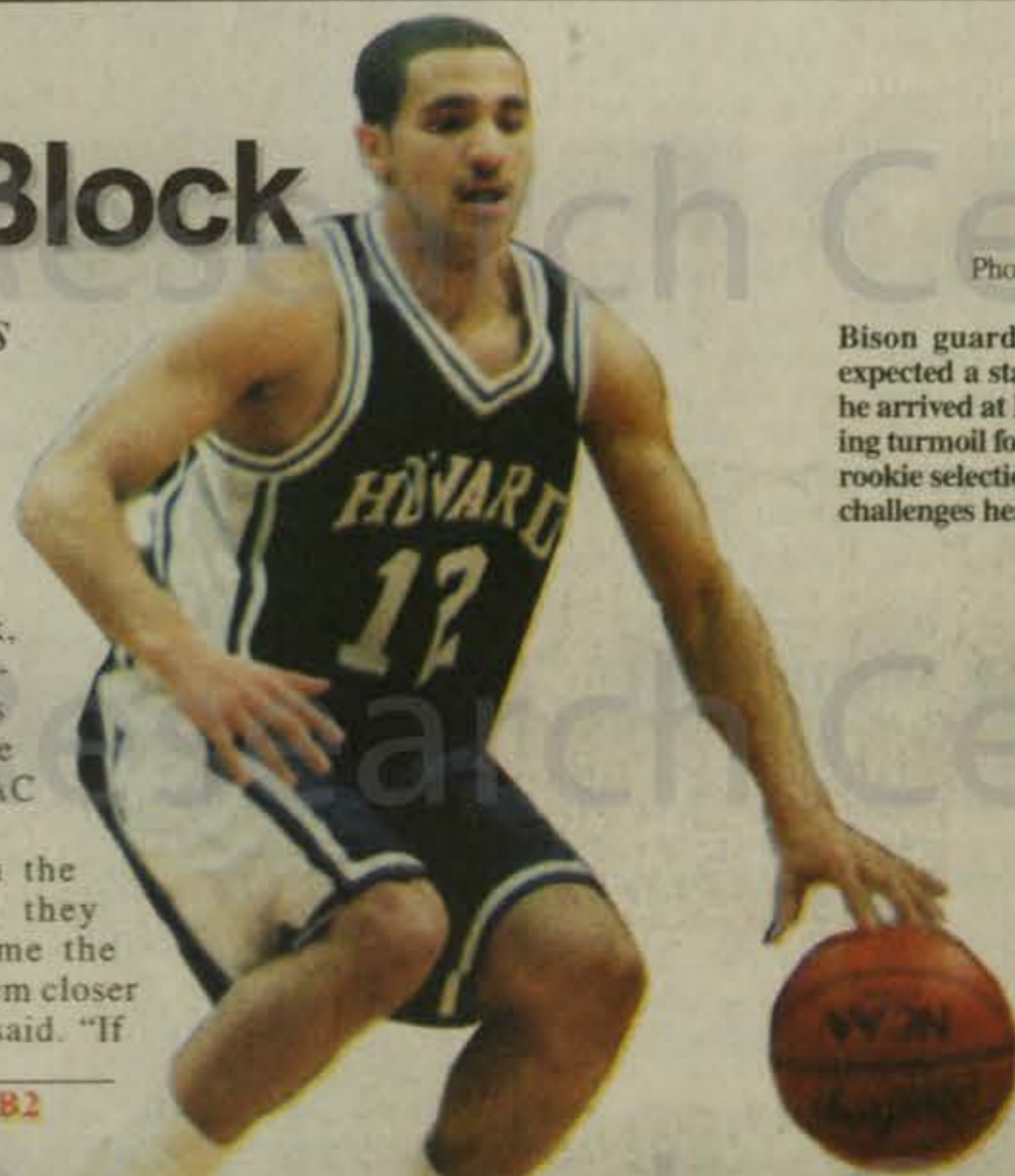


Photo By Mark Coleman

Bison guard Jonathan Stokes expected a stable program when he arrived at Howard, but coaching turmoil forced the All-MEAC rookie selection to face a series of challenges head on.

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FREE THROW

DID YOU KNOW THAT HOWARD'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RANKS FOURTH OVERALL IN THE NATION IN FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE (34.7 %)?

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THE BACKCOURT

Howard's Women are Balling Out of Control

From WOMEN, B1

Howard coach Sanya Tyler and her 1998-99 squad fell short of the women's MEAC title in last year's semifinals to Florida A&M, but they hope to win it all this season and clinch the MEAC's automatic bid to the Women's NCAA Tournament of 64.

After three early points by the Lady Aggies, Howard went on a 20-0 run to make the score 20-3 with 7:58 left in the first half. The Lady Bison completely dominated the Lady Aggies in the first half by holding them scoreless for 12 minutes during their 20-0 run. North Carolina was held to 2-26 from the field giving them a 7.7 shooting percentage, and they scored the majority of their points in the first half from seven of 11 free throw shooting. The first half ended with the Lady Bison having a 26-11 advantage.

The second half was a mere formality for the Lady Bison. North Carolina tried to shoot themselves out of their deficit by attempting a total of 43 shots but they only connected on 12. The Lady Aggies were able to narrow down the lead to only 11 points early in the second half, but the Howard took it up another notch and cruised to victory.

All-MEAC player Malveata Johnson had 13 points and 23 rebounds for the Aggies, and teammate Anne Bondon added 12 points while committing eight turnovers.

Howard was led by the play of forward Courtney Kirk. Kirk had her best game since returning from her mid-season leg injury by scoring 18 points and grabbing seven rebounds. All-MEAC Rookie selection Andrea Gardner added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Bison will return to action today at noon in the Richmond Coliseum.



Lady Bison coach Sanya Tyler takes stock of her team during their rout of North Carolina A&T on Wednesday. Coach Tyler is approaching the 300 win plateau and will reach it if her team wins the tournament.

Photo courtesy of Total Sports

Rebuilding the Bison is the Name of the Game

From DONE, B1

Even though the season was a disaster, the players have to be commended for staying strong.

What should Reggie Morris, Jonathan Stokes, Ron Williamson and Nick Dodson do now? If I didn't like Howard so much, I would urge the three freshmen to transfer to another school where there's stability among the coaching staff and athletic department. Wouldn't it be ironic if they wind up playing for an institution Kirk Saulny coaches? Saulny should then schedule Howard. I'm not saying this should happen...but I would understand.

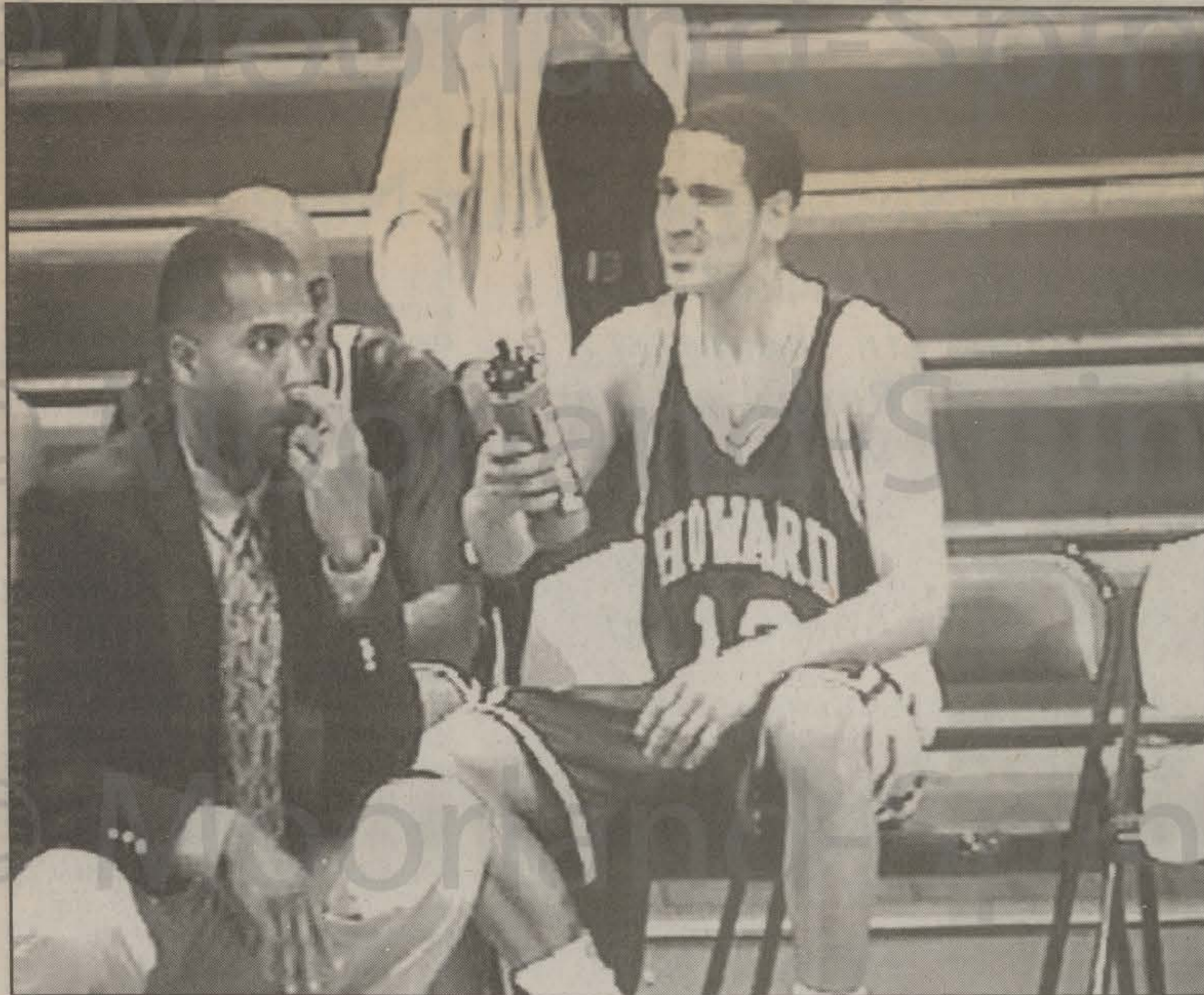
Incidentally, Howard's RPI rating is 317 out of 318 Division I basketball programs. Hey, at least we didn't beat out Grambling for that final spot!

It will take from five and 10 years to rebuild this program, if that's even possible. The next victim, I mean head coach, of the men's basketball team has his work cut out for him. Besides the challenge of recruiting decent players, the next man has to help restore the faith of fans. But that shouldn't be a problem. Despite all the losses this year, fans still showed up to men's games. Well, maybe that's because of something else.

We should all hope that all the talent stays put for next season. If not, the team will be comprised of walk-ons. Sure, there is a wealth of basketball talent on this campus, but can they all compete on the collegiate level?

I have been guilty of being overly optimistic throughout my life. That optimism went away when I reached Howard University. Basically, the stuff students have to put up with here prepares us for the "real" world. Now I know that four things are certain in life: death, taxes, a longer-than-two-minute "2-Minute Drill" and incompetence at Howard.

Howard Postseason Cut Short



Howard guard Jonathan Stokes express his disgust as he fouled out in the middle of the second half. Stokes led the Bison with 17 points in the losing effort against North Carolina A&T in the first round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic tournament.

From MEN, B1

build a 33-18 lead and the Aggies never looked back. The foul pruned Bison allowed the Aggies 17 points off of 19 free throws in the first half.

Anthony Debro had 16 points to lead four Aggies players in double figures.

The Bison fell behind as much as 20 points in the first half and even further in the second half.

The Aggies came out on fire in the second half and scorched the Bison by shooting over 54 percent from the field, and for the game they shot 46.2 percent from three point land.

The Bison were led by

guard Jonathan Stokes with 17 points, but he fouled out in the second half in the losing effort. Michell added 16 points, while Reggie Morris and Ron Williamson had 12 points.

Bruce Jenkins had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Aggies, and Travis Totten added 12 points.

Final Four Countdown Begins

By JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Hilltop Staff Writer

This season, NCAA basketball has been filled with ups and downs. There hasn't been a clear-cut favorite this year.

With the addition of Duke transfer Mike Chappel, it looked like Michigan State was the team to beat, but an injury to the team's star point guard Mateen Cleaves ended their dreams of being No. 1 in the nation.

Temple has also been injury plagued this year. Point guard Pepe Sanchez was out most of the season with an injury, and it showed. When Sanchez returned, the Owls were able to knock Cincinnati off its No. 1 throne.

Cincinnati has remained one the top teams in the

nation because of its explosive line-up. From center Kenyon Martin, who many consider a number one NBA draft pick to forward Pete Mickeal, this team is loaded. With the addition of freshman DeMarr Johnson, this team has shown signs of brilliance all year.

Duke has been the surprise of the season. With the loss of center Elton Brand, center Chris Burgess, and guards William Avery and Corey Maggette, the Blue Devils looked like they were going to face some hard times. But head coach Mike Krzyzewski had some tricks up his sleeve.

Enter guard Jason Williams, and forwards Carlos Boozer, Nick Horvath, and Michael Dunleavy Jr. This talented group of freshmen has led Duke to a top five ranking.

Stanford has taken advantage of its huge front line and has been able to dominate opponents. Senior Mark Madsen joined Jarron and Jason Collins down low to create an intimidating front court. When defenses were able to contain the post players, freshman Casey Jacobson lit it up from the outside. Guards David Moseley

Stokes Grows in First Season

From ROOKIE, B1

you can't look in the mirror and say that you accepted the challenge, then there needs to be a serious re-evaluation of [your]self as a player and a man."

Hailing from Crenshaw High school, Stokes found it a challenge making the adjustment from high school to college. There is a difference on the basketball court as well as in the classroom. He gained focus and started to realize what was most important: school and basketball, in that order.

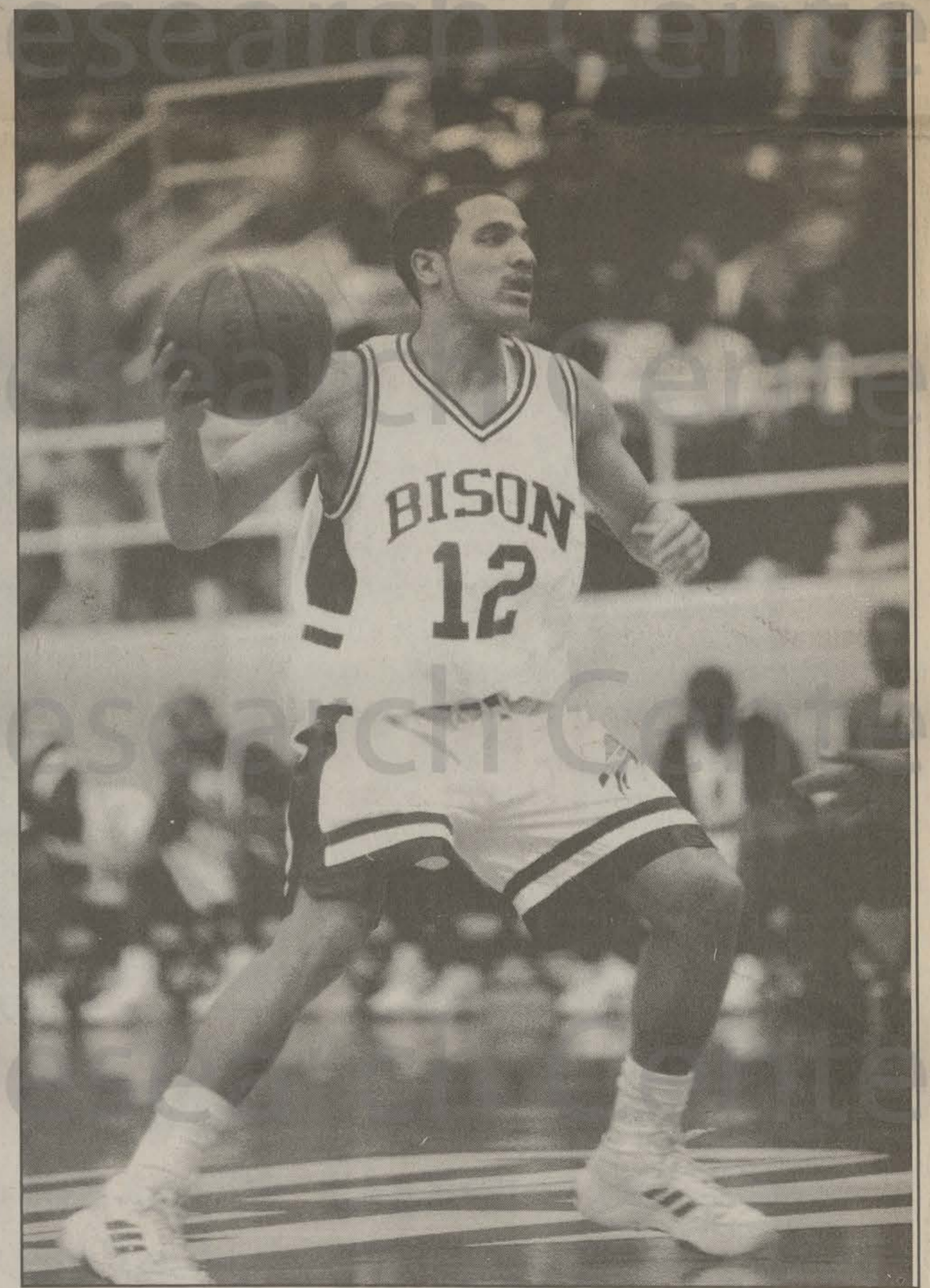
His influence on the basketball team is obvious. He averages 11 points per game and brings some added spice to the court. He is an obvious leader on the floor.

He hopes that during his tenure at Howard that things will turn around for the team and that he will be a key element in that turn around. Stokes hopes to take more of a leadership role in the years to come.

"As a freshman, your input is not easily listened to," he said.

Stokes knows that the rebuilding process will be difficult. Recruiting will be down next year and there needs to be some consensus between administration, coaches and players.

"God presented the team with this challenge to see who would handle it and who wouldn't," he said. "From administration to coaches to players, everyone needs to be on the same page, working together, creating an environment where everyone is pleased."



Jonathan Stokes is looking to take on more of a leadership role in the coming years.

Photo by Mark Coleman

and Ryan Mendez also scorched the net from beyond the arc.

In women's action it has been a four-team race all year long.

Connecticut has dominated from beginning to end. The Huskies' only blemish was a loss to arch-rival Tennessee. The Lady Vols got revenge for a loss earlier in the season to Connecticut.

The Huskies have been led by the team duo of guard Shea Ralph and small forward Svetlana Abrosimova. The duo has been hard to stop. On the rare occasion that opponents were able to stop Ralph and Abrosimova, Connecticut's deep bench was able to compensate for it. Forwards Ashja Jones, Swin Cash, and Tamika Williams proved that they could play with the best. Rotating centers Kelly Shumacker and Paige Sauer have also been effective.

Tennessee was able to beat the Huskies with its combination of athleticism and offense. Player of the Year candidate Tamika Catchings and All-American selection Semeka Randall have been sensational. But, the

most impressive Lady Vol has been freshman Kara Lawson. The guard has played well beyond her years and has lit it up from beyond the arc all season long.

Georgia has also played strong all year. Guard Kelly Miller has led the Lady Bulldogs in scoring and was recently named Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. Miller, her sister Coco, and forward Deana Nolan form a triple scoring threat. The trio led Georgia to a win over Tennessee. This team is a definite contender come tournament time.

Louisiana Tech has taken advantage of its speedy backcourt consisting of Tamicha Jackson and Betty Lennox. The two guards have led the Lady Techsters to a top five ranking, and have led the team to wins over powerhouses like Tennessee.

There is no doubt about it. When Connecticut is healthy, they are the best team in the nation. But they are not unbeatable. It will be interesting to see who will be able to give the Huskies its second loss of the season.

Women's Team Wins Final Home Game

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF
Hilltop Staff Writer

Despite a shaky start, the Howard University Lady Bison (17-9, 15-2 MEAC), rallied late in the second half to defeat the Lady Hornets of Delaware State (11-15, 8-9 MEAC), 61-53 on Feb. 26 in the Lady Bison's 1999-2000 home finale.

Senior Reagan Carter scored 11 of her 16 points late in the second half to help seal the victory in her final home game as a Lady Bison.

After back-to-back jumpers from Delaware State's Sheena Dixon made the score 4-0, both of the teams' offenses seemed to be hampered by sloppy play and mental mistakes. After trading fouls, baskets and turnovers, the Lady Hornets crept out to a 14-6 lead with 13:03 remaining in the first half.

The Lady Bison began to come back after a lay-up by freshman Andrea Gardner ignited a seven-point run. A free throw by Mona Gail Baker (11 pts, 5-7 FG) closed the Howard deficit to 18-17 with 8:34 remaining in the half. However, the Lady Hornets responded with a basket by Rashawnah French to preserve the lead, and by halftime found themselves leading the conference champs 28-23.

After forcing two consecutive turnovers to start the second half, Howard's Terina Screen and Gardner each scored on lay-ups to make the score 28-27, prompting a Delaware State time-out with 18:49 left in the game. A technical foul called on Howard's cheerleaders helped swing the momentum back in favor of the Lady Hornets. However, 10 minutes later the Lady Bison found themselves down by nine.

Then Carter came to life. The remainder of the half would belong to Howard, as Carter engineered an unanswered seven-point offensive tear to cut the Lady Bison's deficit to one with 6:09 left to play.

"I never really thought the game was in jeopardy," said Howard head coach Sanya Tyler. "Even after we

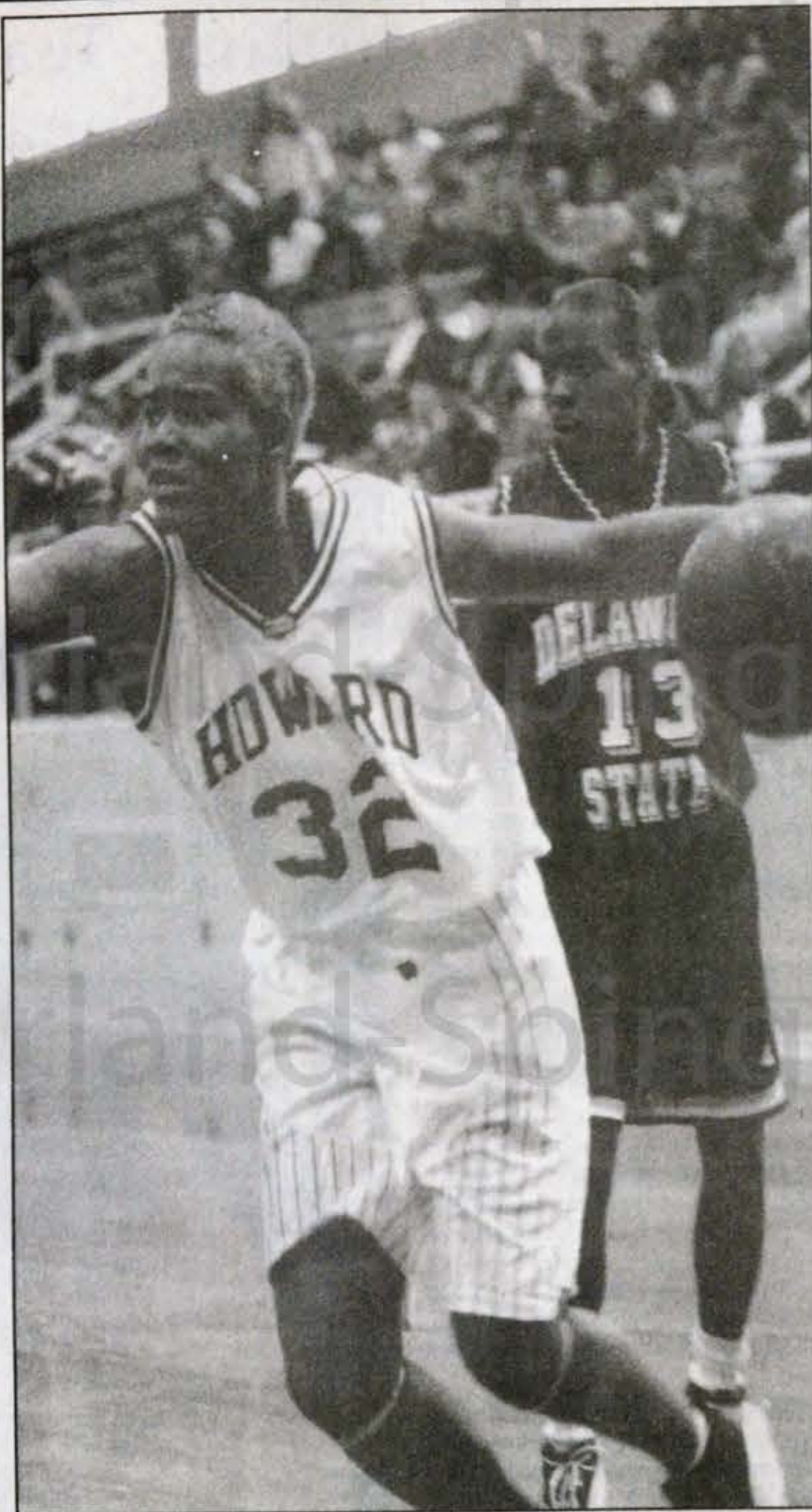


Photo by Mark Coleman
Lady Bison forward Mona Gail Baker drives on a Hornet defender during the team's final home game.

were down by nine, I knew that if we were at least tied by the six-minute mark we would have them."

Howard went on to outscore Delaware State 17-0 in the final eight minutes of the game to ensure the victory. Carter led all Bison scorers with 16 points and three steals. Baker and Chanell Washington followed with 11 points each. Gardner

led all rebounders with 14 and scored seven points.

Dixon finished the contest with 16 points and five assists to lead Delaware State in the losing effort. Chavonne Stewart also turned in a strong performance for the Lady Hornets, scoring 14 points in 34 minutes before fouling out of the contest.

Bison Lose Hornets in Final Seconds, 75-72

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF
Hilltop Staff Writer

Senior Stefan Malliet connected on a clutch three-pointer with 23 seconds left in regulation to help lift the Delaware State Hornets (6-20, 5-12 MEAC) to a 75-72 victory over the Howard University Bison (1-24, 1-15 MEAC), in a thriller at the Burr on Feb. 26.

Malliet finished with 14 points, shooting 4-7 from three-point range. For Howard, the loss marks the seventh time this season the team has been beaten by seven points or less, including a disappointing 83-76 overtime loss to Delaware State earlier this season.

The Bison, with the exception of their sole victory over North Carolina A&T, played one of their best first-halves of the season against the Hornets. Strong inside play from Jermaine Holliday and Bryen Alvin, coupled with a relentless defensive press, gave Howard a 37-33 advantage heading into the locker room at the half. However, Delaware State was able to make key adjustments during halftime, spreading their defensive zone in the second half to force Howard into poor shot selection.

"(The Hornets) started collapsing on the post," said Bison guard Jonathan Stokes. "It was hard to get the ball inside."

A steal by Stokes led to a Holliday lay-up to open the second half. But Delaware State's Brandon Calvert quickly answered, engineering a 9-2 run to take a 42-41 lead over Howard.

With a three-pointer by Delaware State freshman Andre Matthews (14 pts., 6-7 FG, 2-2 3PT), the Bison found themselves down by six with 5:05 remaining. Howard rallied back after a steal and lay-up by Alvin, who was fouled on his way to the basket. Alvin completed the three-point play to bring Howard within one with 4:13 left to play. Later, with the game tied at 70-70, freshman Ron Williamson appeared



Photo by Mark Coleman
Bison guard Reggie Morris attempts a free throw in his 27 point effort during their game against Delaware State.

to have secured the victory for the Bison with a short range jumper with 46 seconds remaining. Twenty-three seconds later, Malliet broke Bison hearts as he hit the go-ahead three pointer from the top of the key to put the Hornets in the lead for good.

"We just can't get a lucky break," said Howard's Reggie Morris. "We lack cohesion, and we shouldn't

lack that this late in the year." Morris led all scorers with 27 points. Stokes turned in 14 points and six assists for the Bison, and Bryen Alvin led all rebounders with eight boards to accompany his 10 points.

The Hornets were led by freshman center Marko Kandic, who scored 15 points on 6-9 shooting from the field, 3-5 from three-point range.

Wild things are happening

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Table Tennis Team Captures Gold



Photo Courtesy of Howard Tennis Table Team

Howard's table tennis team is among the nation's best which was proved by their strong showing at the ACUI Regional tournament at Penn. State.

By **RENFORD POWELL**
Special to the Hilltop

Although table tennis is recognized by many people as a game rather than a sport, when played at its highest level, table tennis demands skill, agility, precision and consistency to play on a competitive level.

On Friday, February 4, the table tennis team participated in the ACUI Regional Tournament at Penn State University. Led by team captain Lenworth Dyer, the HU table tennis team advanced to the tournament

with high expectations. Howard's top female competitors, Tavia Dawson and Roxane Hilton-Clarke, placed second and fourth respectively, advancing to the national finals tournament, which will be held in Houston in April. The men won both a gold and silver medal.

While practicing the morning before the tournament, past members of the Penn State team were advising the players to watch out for the unreturnable serves that Dhun Le hurls at his opponents. Lenworth Dyer was notorious for his killer backhand loops, which kept many players to a

minimum of 10 points. The highlight of the tournament was the men's single competition finals between two of Howard's finest players, Dhun Le and Lenworth Dyer. They displayed classic table tennis skills in a clutch match which was eventually won by Le, Howard's number one player. Both Dyer and Le qualified, along with Tavia Dawson and Roxane Hilton-Clarke, to represent HU at the national tournament.

HU will be hosting an open table tennis tournament for all the competitive table tennis and ping pong players at the University.

Howard Wrestling Team Captures Fourth Place at Regionals

FROM HOWARD WRESTLING TEAM

Howard's wrestling team captured fourth place in the NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championships on Sunday at the A.J. Palumbo Center.

Duquesne University won its third NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championship, edging Slippery Rock in the final match of the day. Slippery Rock led Duquesne heading into the last match when senior heavyweight Matt Fisher (Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side Academy) of Duquesne scored a victory by fall over sophomore Tyler Wollver of Millersville to edge the Rockets.

Duquesne's team score of 140.5 topped Slippery Rock (137.0), Millersville (121.5), Howard (104.5), Delaware State (88.5) and Coppin State (60.0).

Duquesne led the six-team field with four individual champions all of whom qualified for the NCAA Championship in St. Louis, Mo., on March 16-18. In addition to Fisher, 174-pound senior Mack Rohaly (Williamsport, Pa./Williamsport), 157-pound freshman Bill Boeh (Pittsburgh, Pa./North Allegheny) and 141-pound freshman Bryan McDermott (Ellicott, Md./Mount St. Joe's) each qualified. Slippery Rock had three qualifiers, Millersville had two and Howard University (165 lb. Champion Ephraim Walker) and Coppin State (149 lb. Champion Cari Moorman) each had one.

Boeh was named Most Outstanding Wrestler while Paul Cotton of Howard University was named Coach of the Year. Doug Cielecki of Slippery Rock was selected as the wild card and also qualifies for the NCAA, 2000 NCAA Wrestling Championships to be held in St. Louis, Mo., March 16-18

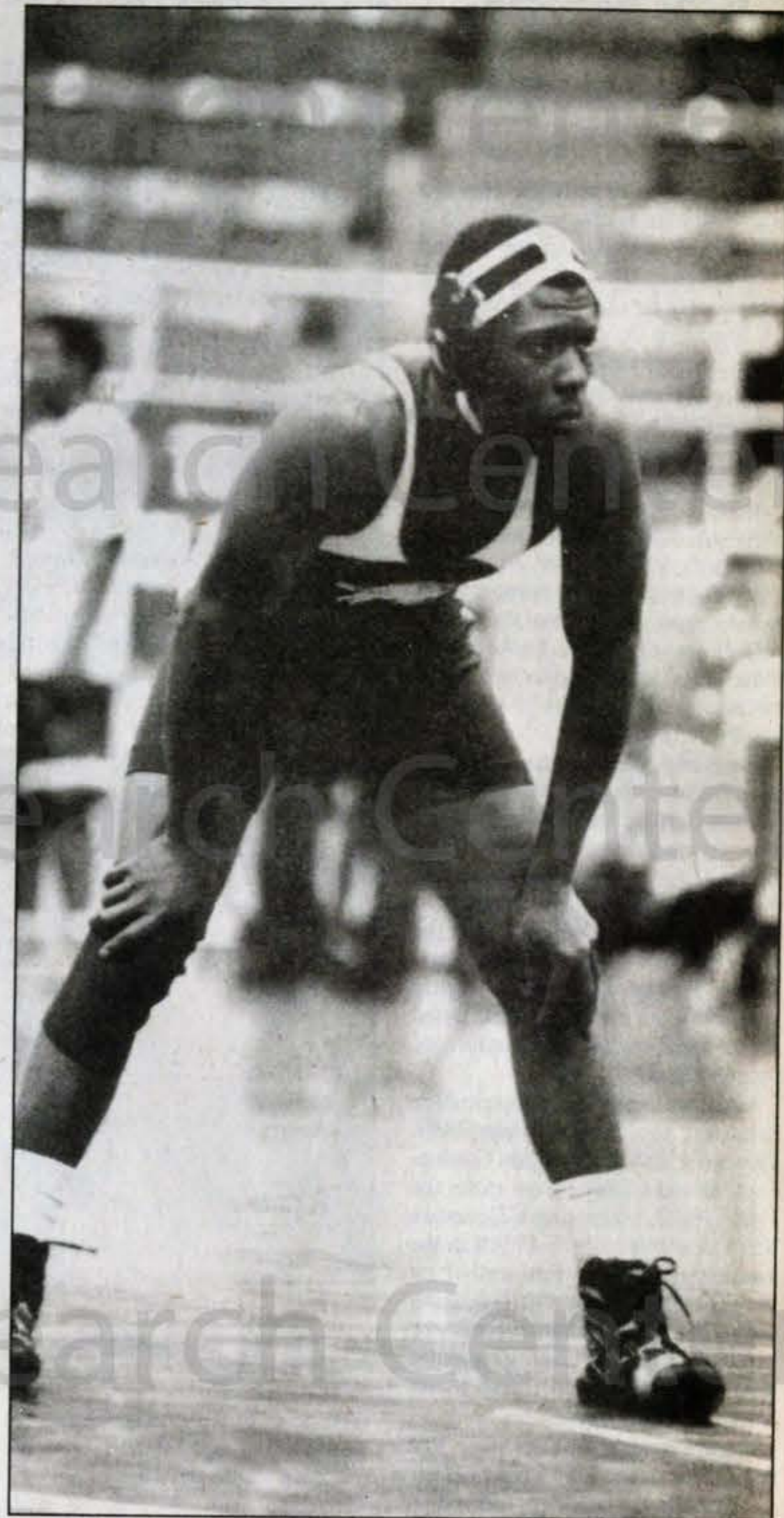


Photo by Mark Coleman

Howard's wrestling had a strong showing at the NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championships on Sunday by finishing in fourth place. Howard also claimed several other honors.

Team Scores

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Women's Lacrosse Team Gets Off to Fast Start

By **KEVIN D. STEWART**
Sports Editor

Howard's Marguerite Lanaux and Hope Rhodes each scored three goals to lead the women's lacrosse team to a 12-5 season opening victory over St. Bonaventure last Tuesday at Greene Stadium. But it was a costly victory as co-captain Casey McDaniel went down with a leg injury that will keep her sidelined for an undetermined length of time.

"We worked together and came out with intensity," said Lanaux. "Our midfield defense shut them down."

The Howard back defense, anchored by last year's MVP Margaret Lester, was barely tested in the first half as the midfield rarely allowed St. Bonaventure to cross deep into Bison territory.

"We had a good scouting report on them, which enabled us to focus on key players," said Lester.

HU goalie Brandi Lawrence had five saves. Lawrence and committee goalie Daniella Henrique only allowed five goals as St. Bonaventure was able to penetrate in the second half.

"This was our first game and our first win," said Lawrence. "The defense brought us through this game."

"We have a lot to work on," said Howard coach Laurie Podmilsak. "We played with intensity. I told the team that we needed to play a full 60 minutes and they gave that to me, but we need to work on ground balls."

LaFawn Harrison's two goals along with single goals from Chizoba Egdouonu, Amanda Welsh, Casey McDaniel, and Chari Chester allowed the Bison to sail to victory. Howard's



Photo courtesy of All-Pro

Though the women's lacrosse team got off to a quick start, they will be without the services of co-captain Casey McDaniel as she sustained a leg injury in the first game of the season.

Hillary Nash led both teams with two assists.

The team got its second victory of the season against Trinity College last Thursday with a 10-0 victory, but it dropped one

game to Longwood 10-11 on Tuesday. In the loss to Longwood, Howard rookie second home player Lafawn Harrison scored six goals while Lawrence had eight saves.

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Super Bowl's Billy Jenkins Traded to Denver

By KEVIN D. STEWART
Sports Editor

Former Howard football player and Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams' player Billy Jenkins was traded to the Denver Broncos from St. Louis last Thursday in a deal that will net the Super Bowl XXXIV champions a middle-round choice in this year's draft.

The trade was agreed to in principle last Wednesday evening and was settled on by both sides as a viable alternative to an offer sheet. Because he is a restricted free agent, the Rams retained the right of first refusal on Jenkins, a three-year veteran and former Howard University football player. Denver could have signed him to an offer sheet but the Rams would have had seven days to match it.

Had they matched, the Rams would have retained Jenkins at the numbers negotiated by Denver in the offer sheet. If St. Louis declined to match, Jenkins would have joined the Broncos and, since he originally entered the league as an undrafted free agent, the Rams would not have received any draft choice compensation from Denver.

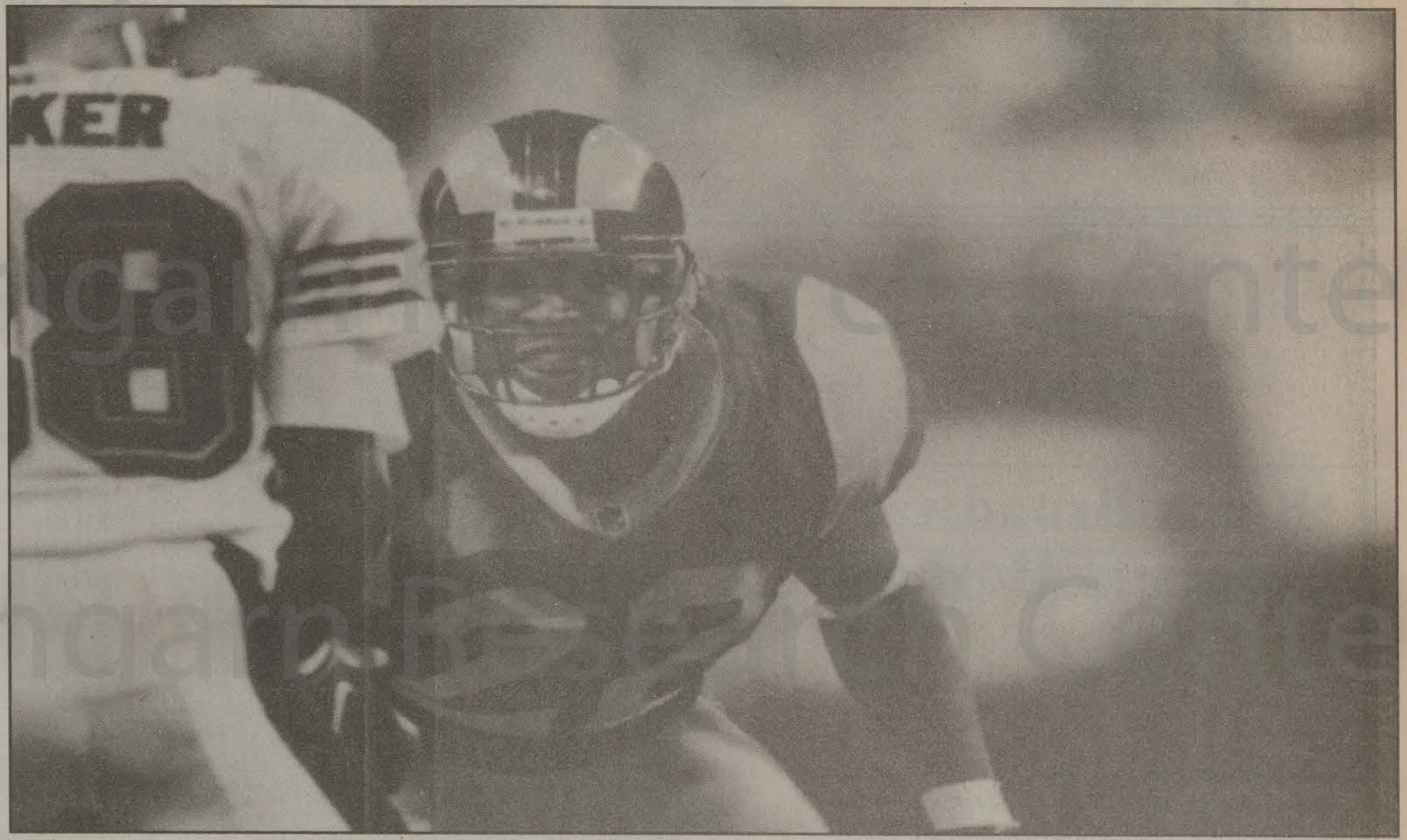
The deal provides the two teams the best of both worlds: Denver adds Jenkins, a player with whom it has been nego-

tiating for a week and who already is penciled in as the starting strong safety. The Rams receive a fourth- or fifth-round pick this year, along with a conditional choice in the 2001 draft, in return.

Jenkins, 25, will sign a seven-year contract with the Broncos, worth about \$18 million. He started all 16 regular-season games for the Rams in 1999 and also the three playoff contests. Jenkins had 116 tackles, two interceptions, 12 passes defended and one sack.

The Rams already had two solid defenders in their interior secondary in free safety Keith Lyle and strong safety Devin Bush, and hope to move 1999 rookie Rich Coady into the safety rotation in 2000. Bush played well at free safety late in the season, when he replaced the injured Lyle, but most NFL personnel directors feel he is better suited to the strong safety position.

Jenkins moved into the starting lineup for the Rams in 1998 and started 29 games over the past two seasons. He is known as a solid hitter but is not very fluid in pass coverage. The former Howard star was a favorite of former coach Dick Vermeil but it is not certain how new head coach Mike Martz felt about him.



The Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams traded former Bison football player Billy Jenkins to the Denver Broncos for several draft in this year's draft picks. Photo courtesy of St. Louis Rams

BISONETTES OF THE WEEK

Name: Ebony Smith
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Early Childhood/Elementary Education
Age: 20
Sign: Pisces
Hometown: Philadelphia/South Jersey
Hobbies: dancing, cooking, computers, movies
Favorite Movie: Krush Groove
Aspirations: To teach elementary school and own my own day care center
Words to live by: Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it.

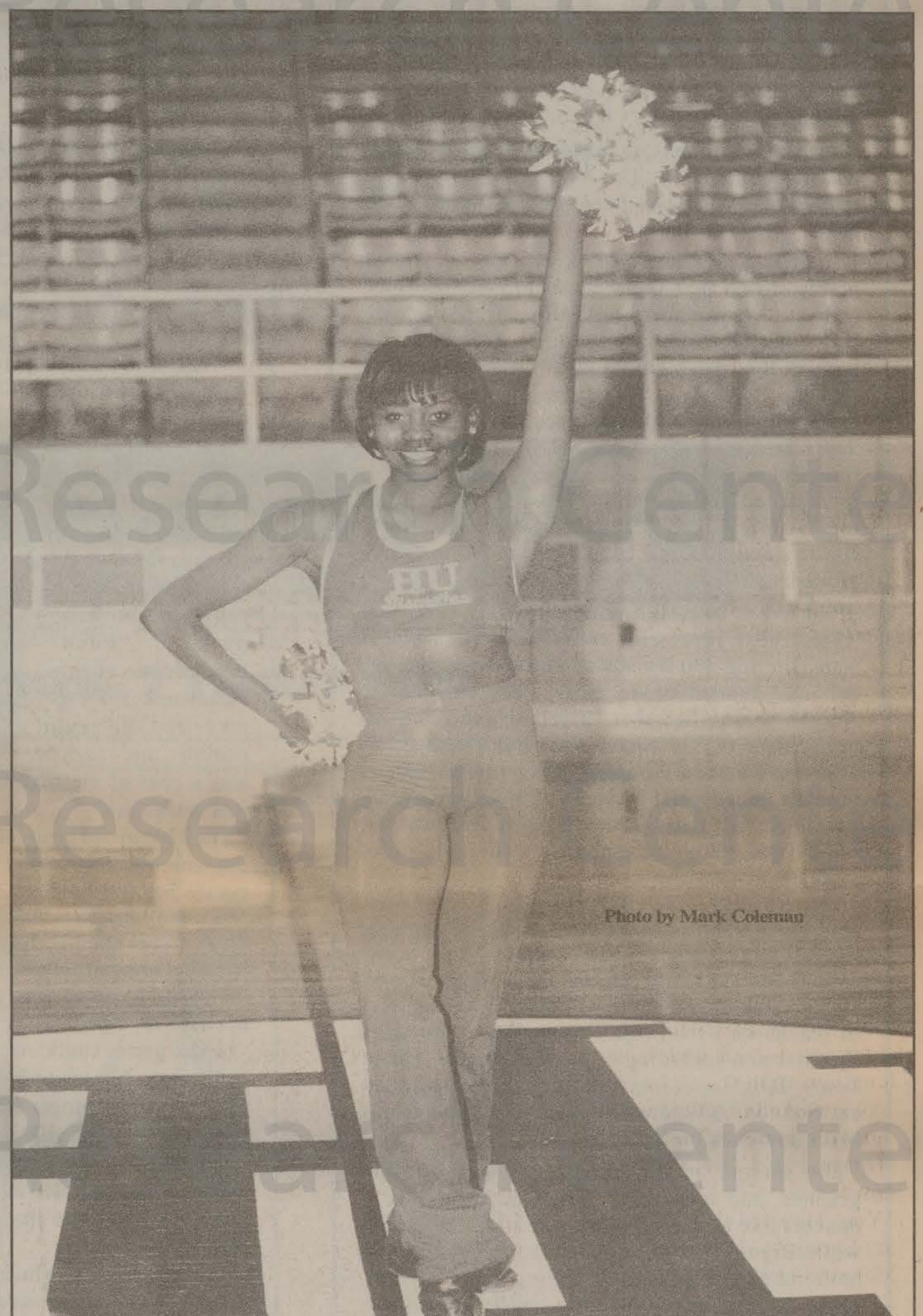


Photo by Mark Coleman

Name: Latricia Simpson
Classification: Sophomore
Major: TV Production
Age: 19
Sign: Aquarius
Hometown: D-Town!! Detroit, MI
Hobbies: dancing, cooking
Favorite Cartoon Character: Mickey Mouse
Aspirations: To become a professional dancer and producer/director for television
Words to live by: Hold fast to dreams for, if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly. - Langston Hughes



Photo by Mark Coleman

The Rebirth of Arts & Entertainment

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'Black Broadway' Comes to Howard

 By MONIQUE STEPHENS
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's Department of Fine Arts' spring musical production of *Black Broadway* is a success. The combined efforts of director Mike Malone, a masterful crew, and a superbly selected, talented cast spell excellence.

Ira Aldridge hosted a night of theatrical entertainment. *Black Broadway* takes a retrospective look at the contributions of African-Americans to musical theater. The collaboration of black musical pieces is arranged to chronically paint the accomplishments, fallbacks, and emotions associated with New York's legendary promenade.

Scenes from musical favorites such as *Shuffle Along*, *Dream Girls*, *The Wiz*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, and *Bubblin'* *Brown Sugar* are featured in two acts.

The first act of *Black Broadway* moves considerably slower than the second but, perhaps rightfully so. Act one bursts with educational dialogue and emotion-filled soliloquies. Ashley Turner humors the crowd with a minstrel interpretation, singing "Nobody." This represents the earliest dramatic presence of blacks where a general and depreciating images were used to illustrate the race. Yet seriousness and sadness are undeniably represented in subtle undertones of such characters. A few portraits later, Karen Weisner, L.C. Harden and Koshka Blagburn, generate contagious laughter with a bourgeois skit, "It's Getting Dark on Old Broadway."

This scene represents the period when blacks were filtering into Broadway, and Harlem spawned debonair gentlemen and classy debutantes. Osita Anigbo personified that "black elegance" in her performance of, "If You've Ever Been Vamped by a Brown-Skinned Woman." Even more impressive than the physical presence of blacks on Broadway is the fact that they managed to live prosperously, and enjoy relationships that produced strength-giving love.

The dynamic, melodic coupling of Alexis Roger's soprano and Will Pailen's steady tenor are reminiscent of that universal bond in a well-delivered "Love Will Find A Way" from *Shuffle Along*. Perhaps black love is fundamental in the success of blacks on Broadway. The medleys that ended the first act, including "Old Man River," (*Show Boat*) "Bali Hai," (*South Pacific*) and "The Sweetest Sounds," (*No Strings*) display a flourishing black presence on Broadway.

The second act is fast-paced, well-choreographed, and song-filled. The graceful moves of dancers like McKenzie Frye wowed the audience, while Brandi Austin brings down the house with her rendition of "And I Am Telling You." The sets move rapidly, and before the audience realizes, Tina Duberry is taking them "Home" with a solo from *The Wiz*.

The ongoing themes of love, tolerance, and "show biz" continue to entice. Overall, *Black Broadway* is an extremely enjoyable experience.

SENIOR PREMIER

Ericka Wortham

 By BRANDI FORTE
 LifeStyles Editor

Living in a wonderland in a country suburb in a far away, is deep thinker Ericka Wortham, a southern belle with Christian principles. A quiet soldier that speaks when it's important, she says only, "I'll do the interview. Thank-you, and I'll see you at 7."

Wortham smiles a lot. She seizes the moment, and protects her memories of her rites-of-passage to womanhood.

Warning: this is no rags to riches story. There are not too many hard knock experiences for Ericka, but in everything she is thankful.

"When I was a little girl I used to play with Barbies. But I've had this Winnie the Pooh doll since I was a year old and it is all raggedy. I will keep it forever," Wortham said, reflecting on her past.

"Pooh reminds me of my childhood. He was my friend. He would comfort me, and he was a part of me that just settles me."

The 22-year-old graduating senior laughs hard as she recalls her childhood.

"I wasn't fast as a little girl, but I was a deep thinker. I was an intellectual. I always thought of myself as mature. My mind was well developed for my age."

Seems pretty confident. But when you talk to her about her relationship with her younger sibling Kim, she gets a little sensitive.

"We fought everyday and it was awful. My mom hated it. And what made it so bad was that we are so close in age."

Honestly Ericka, who started the fights? Of course she never stole the cookie from the cookie jar. The question hits home.

"It was not my fault for real. It used to hurt me. I never would never try to hurt anybody. I don't know

what the problem was between me and my sister. She is the total opposite of me. I am quiet, and soft-spoken, and she is loud and outspoken." Typical for sisters.

Ericka says that the minute they both got to high school the rivalry stopped. That's when she experienced a bond that she would not trade for the world.

"When we got to high school, everything started coming

unapproachable because I am shy and quiet."

She refuses to discuss one of her most in-depth relationships. It strikes a chord somewhere in her nectar. But hey, Ericka has a better topic.

"I am not from the country. When I came to Howard, and people found out I was from Alabama, they automatically assumed country," this southern girl proclaims.

"I live in Fairfield



Photo Eric Hall

Ericka Wortham is a graduating senior majoring in broadcast journalism.

together. My mom was so happy that we became friends. I guess it was because we had more in common so we could understand each other," she said. "There was a time that I wish I was the only child, but now I am so grateful for her."

Another soft spot touched. Who had the most boyfriends in high school?

"We had about the same. She might of had a few more than me because most guys thought I was

Alabama which is a suburb right outside of Birmingham. I am not from the country. I only saw the country once, and that was when I was like five or six."

Okay we grasp the picture. Oh yeah and she adds clarity for cynics. "Everybody has this perception of Alabama as if every white person is racist, and that the KKK is running wild. It is not true. And there are no cows in our front yards."

The picture is painted perfectly.

Ericka comes from a nuclear family. Her mother is sane, her father is productively present in the home, and her 14-year-old brother is not "gangbanging in Arkansas." Her sister Kim goes to Hampton, and Ericka wanted to try something different. She loves diversity, and Howard offered her that upon her arrival.

"Howard is so beautiful. You can just be you here."

The girl is like a Southern-style Oprah. Watch this.

"I always wanted to be a reporter. I use to watch 'The Today Show' every morning before I went to school as a child."

The girl goes on and on about "The Today Show." It shows that she is adamant about her career aspirations.

"I don't like school work, and I don't like to study. I just want to get out there and do what Ericka wants to do,

And what is that? "She wants to report."

Don't be jealous. Ericka is unique. She smiles, she is positive, hopeful and grounded. Sometimes we all wish our lives were perfect. So what is the recipe Ericka?

"My faith in God and the fact that I am a Christian has played an important part of my life. I am Baptist girl," she said. "The reason why I do or don't do things is because of my fear in God. And it is in God that I hope."

Okay enough of the rumors that you went to South Africa in the spring of 1999 on student exchange and that you are a part of this that and the third. What makes you smile?

"Being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha puts a smile on my face because it will always be with me forever."

She stops. This part becomes touchy, touchy.

"I can't believe I am about to graduate." Yes, that would put a smile on anyone's face.

Dead Prez Echoes 'Let's Get Free'

 By JOSETTE COMPTON
 Hilltop Staff Writer

True revolutionaries are defined by their attempts to wake up the people through a myriad of political and artistic means, proclaim hip-hop rebels Dead Prez. On their debut LP, *Let's Get Free* they do just that.

At a time when hip-hop is being ambushed by Moet, Crystale, "ice," and hollow lyrics, the group's defiant spirit of consciousness has dispelled all myths that hip-hop is dying. Dead Prez, two brothers in spirit who go by the names of Stic.man and M-1, are one of the many new groups who refuse to exchange knowledge for ignorance.

Dark baselines, electric guitars, jazzy horns and a two-man narrative technique navigate listeners through 18 tracks, that fiercely expose the education system.

"The same people who control the school system control the

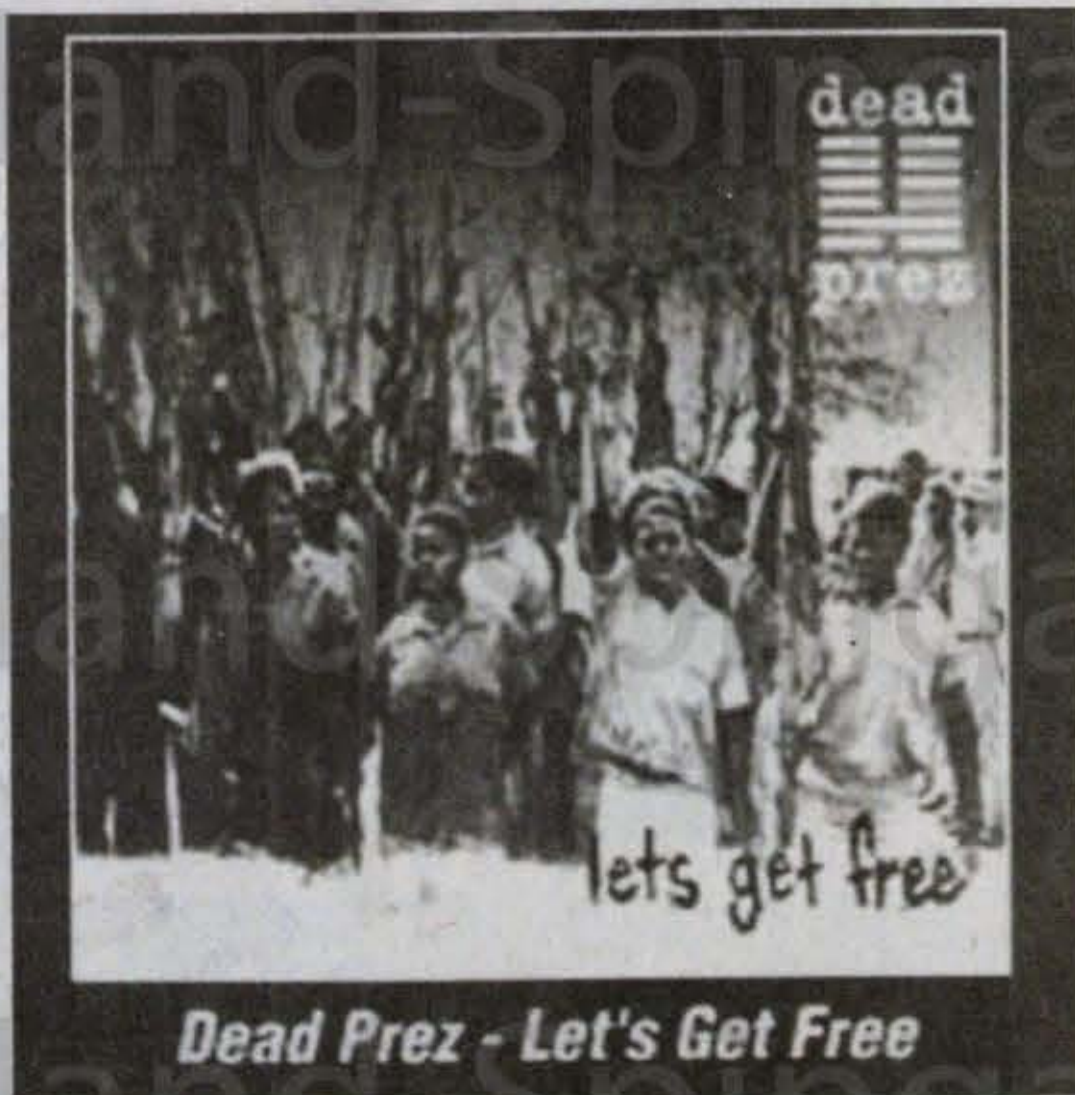


Photo Courtesy of Loud Records

"A true revolutionary is defined by his or her attempts to wake up the people," says writer Josette Compton.

penitentiary" screams Dead Prez on "They Schools."

By far *Let's Get Free* is one of the most enlightening and lyrically advanced works since it was cool to have red, green and black medallions.

The first track is "Police State," which is featured on the soundtrack of the acclaimed HBO prison documentary "Thugged Out." The song starts off with a dark, hollow beat, forces the listener to question the state in which blacks live. A wolf is used as a metaphor when describing the black community, creatively explaining how the community is dying slowly without knowing.

"Propaganda" is another thought-provoking conspiracy track that examines the deaths of black heroes and how the media affects society's understanding of the world.

"I don't believe Bob Marley died from cancer/ 31 years ago I would have been a Panther/They killed Huey 'cause they knew he had the answer/ The views

that you see in the news is propaganda."

The street-meets-revolution motif releases the tensions of oppression, yet explains the importance of mind elevation and discipline.

On "Mind Sex," track number eight, Dead Prez softens their tone for the ladies. The lyrics embrace intelligent women willing to search for knowledge with a brother who shows an interest in truth. Although the track is a little rough, it explores the importance of male/female relationships.

"Now I know you think I want to f**k/ no doubt/ but tonight let's try another route/ how 'bout we start off with a salad/ a fresh bed of lettuce and croutons and we can play a game of chess on the futon." The chorus adds, "Before we make love let's have a good conversation/ it's time for some mind sex."

Since signing to Loud Records in 1996, the dynamic realism of Dead Prez has forced others to recognize their fight against

injustices as artists. The release of "Police State" and the inclusion of "Selling Dope" were featured on the "Slam" soundtrack. In addition, they contributed a song intended for their album titled "Behind Enemy Lines" to support the No More Prisons project for the freedom of political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Dead Prez is more than just another conscious rap group. They are the suns that create a platform for knowledge. Dead Prez will definitely take back control from MCs who now refer to the revolution when it is convenient, somewhat like Nas Escobar (after *Illmatic*) and Q-tip, when he was the Abstract. In the short history lesson on "They School," M-1 snaps and asks, "You'd rather have a Lexus or justice?"

Not that he cares for a response. But the answer is refreshing to know. "The revolution will not be heard over a commercially sampled beat." Thank God, cause Jigga's time is up!

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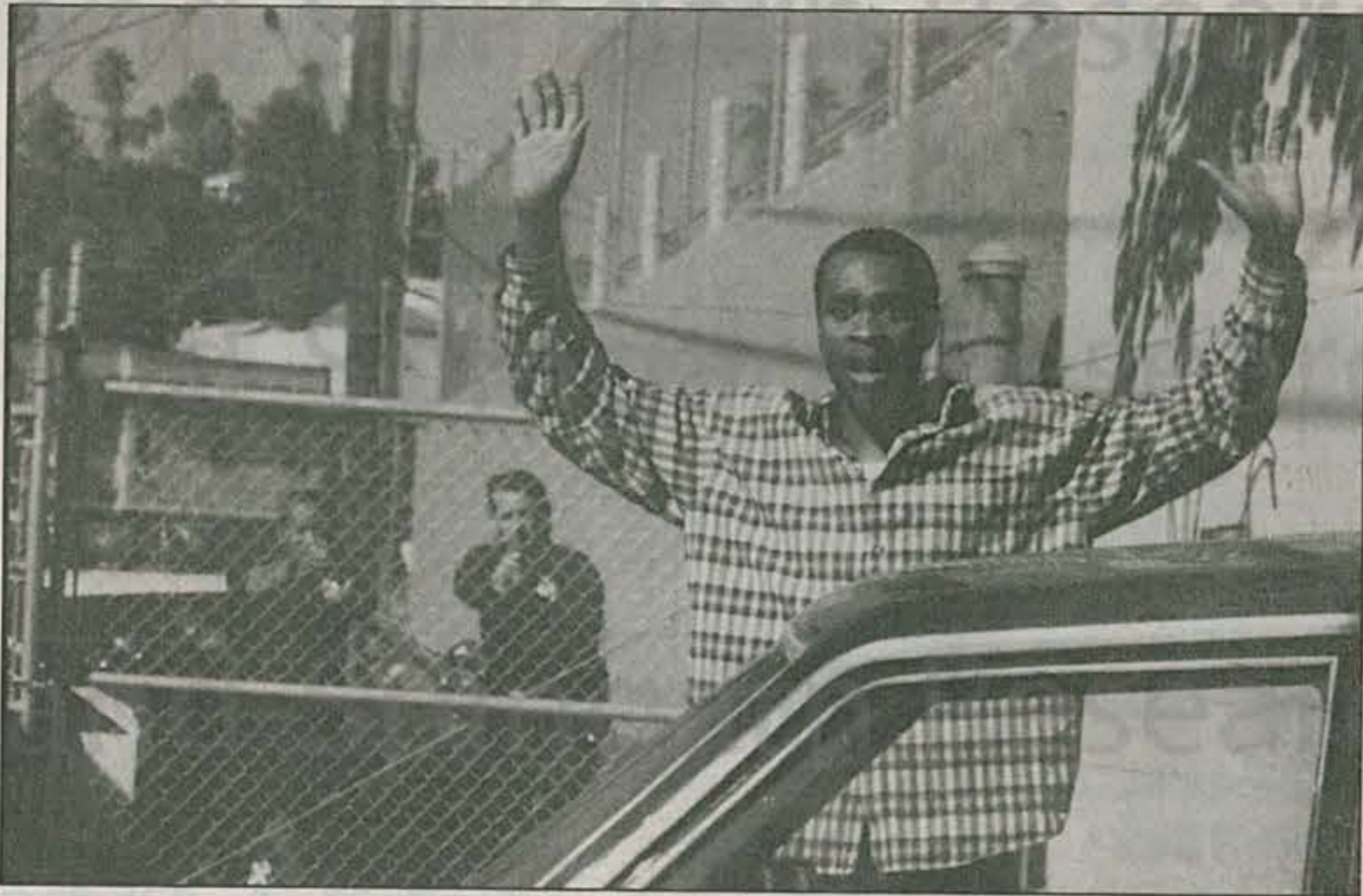
By SHATIKWA BROWN
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

Starring: Brian Hooks and N'Bushe Wright
Absolute/Lithium Entertainment
Grade: B-

In "3 Strikes," actor Brian Hooks portrays Robert Douglass, a convict about to be released from jail after serving time for his second felony. Under new California state law, any former felon will serve a mandatory 25-year jail term if they are found guilty of a third offense. Upon his release, Douglass promises himself, his family and his girlfriend Juanita (N'Bushe Wright) that he is reformed and will not be returning to jail.

On the day of his release, Douglass is picked up by a friend and is eager to celebrate his departure from prison by smoking marijuana and having sex. However, the festivities are cut short when the police pull over their car, and the driver of the car informs Douglass that the car is in fact stolen. The driver quickly demises a solution to remedy the problem: shooting at the cops. Put in a horrible position, Douglass does the only thing he is capable of doing—running. To make matters worse, the friend claims that Douglass is the one who shot at the police in a fit of anger.

The duration of the movie depicts



Actor Brian Hooks stars as Rob Douglas, a newly released prisoner who just happens to be a magnet for trouble.

Photo Courtesy of Drew Carolan

Douglass trying to salvage his innocence out of the chaos. His father is a tyrant, his girlfriend is a natural born mess, and his so-called friends are now trying to kill him for running from the crime scene. In the end, Douglass

proves that he can indeed hold his own. Just like "Friday," the day is filled with circumstantial drama which is probable yet preventable. The movie is more predictable than entertaining and is highlighted with just the right

amount of sexual encounters and comic relief provided by Faizon (actor of the television show "Parenthood") and actor/comedian George Wallace. "3 Strikes" is a good movie selection for those looking for a way to kill time.

more theater

'The Seventh Son'

By STARLA STILES
Hilltop Staff Writer

"They say the darker the berry the sweeter the juice/ I say the darker the flesh the deeper the roots. I give a holler to my sisters on welfare/ Tupac cares when don't nobody else care/ I know they like to beat you down a lot/ When you walk around the block brothers clown a lot/ Please don't cry/ dry your eyes never let up/ Forgive but don't forget/ girl keep your head up." —Tupac Shakur.

These and other lyrics by Tupac Shakur were highlighted and performed in "The Seventh Son," a play about the slain rapper. In African mythology, it is said that the seventh child born to a family will be the leader, the one who protects and directs. This play explores the idea that Tupac may have been that seventh son sent as a leader for his people. The play written by Kwame Alexander and directed by Kenneth Daugherty was held at the Rosslyn Spectrum Theater.

Set as a play within a play, the show depicts the issues raised by Shakur's con-



Photo Amaru/3ive

troversial life and also set out to clarify many misconceptions about the rapper. As the young D.C. theater company rehearsed and prepared for the play, the audience was able to witness the production from beginning to end. This included the side discussions of the cast as they analyzed whether

or not Tupac was a modern day Shakespeare or just a thug capitalizing on his image. Not to mention the countless arguments and fights that the cast got into because they did not feel that the play accurately represented his life.

Tupac's life filled with contradictions. In

one example he wrote a song standing up for black women, then a few years later he was accused and found guilty of rape. The play addresses many of these contradictions, from the accidental shooting of a six-year-old boy (which he said he had nothing to do with) to the fact that he was trying to empower black youth by persuading them to vote. The stage was set with a high platform, which signified Tupac's afterlife suspension between heaven and hell, in the play he was a soul in limbo, unable to be accepted into either place.

The author of the play, Kwame Alexander, is also the owner of BlackWords, a publishing and production company. In a post-play discussion, Alexander said that he wrote the play because Tupac was such an icon to so many people, young and old alike.

"I wanted to address the duality of Tupac because in one form or another he spoke to everyone, he lived in all seasons," said Alexander.

The play was very insightful, and for die-hard Tupac fans it was a welcome production. Although reminiscent of a high school play, due to the lone backdrop and the amateur actors, the play was still worth seeing, if only for the fact that it addressed an aspect of rap culture in a way that it has never been done before through theater.

Mirrors

The Coffee Shop Chick

By DREW ANDERSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

"When we perform, it's only coffee shop chicks and white dudes."
—Common from "The Love of My Life" by the Roots

I don't drink coffee, and so I'm slightly nervous about taking long roadtrips alone at night. Which shouldn't matter, seeing as I have no car. Or anyplace particularly special to go if I *did* have a car. Or much luchini to spend once I got there if I *did* have someplace particularly special to go. But anyway, I'm leery about taking lonely, I mean, "long" road trips alone at night, mostly because the man I was named after, Dr. Charles Richard Drew, died from falling asleep at the wheel.

I guess that's why I wouldn't mind having somebody particularly special to take with me on those lonely, (oops, I keep slipping), I mean, "long" trips to those aforementioned particularly special destinations. You know, for when I *do* get a car and when I *do* have someplace particularly special to go and a little luchini to spend when I get to that particularly special someplace.

When I envision my particularly special somebody who would accompany me on those particularly special luchini-endowed (or not-so-luchini-endowed) road trips, the fantasy form that I usually envision is a blank silhouette with no discernible features. This is possibly and quite probably due to the fact that I try not to hold on to petty or superficial ideals for my "dream woman," like height, weight, tax bracket, stuff like that. Not to knock you if you do. It's just that I've had females who, at surface, lived up to all the superficial elements you could idealize about. Still in the end, for one reason or another, I was left feeling unhappy and unfulfilled.

Lately, though, I've deviated a bit from the murkiness of this mysterious mademoiselle. I've had the nerve to apply a face, a body, a name to this dark profile. She's an ill little hot girl, a butter pecan-flavored beauty. She is the Coffee Shop Chick. She is you.

Meeting a female on Valentine's Day is the ultimate cliché and I feel somewhat corny for even admitting to it, but it's true. I was just coming from the company of another gracefully fly jazzybelle, one Amel Larrieux, who had been performing at this spot a couple of blocks from your coffee shop. It was late and me and my boy were storming our way to the Metro stop, and only ducked into your shop to ask when the train stopped running. "Cause if we missed it, we were shoot."

Okay, raw honesty—we already knew darn well the train was about to stop running. We didn't need you to tell us that. I just wanted an excuse to talk to you and see what you were about. You were pleasant and nice enough, but I couldn't tell how much of that was you doing your job as a hostess and how much was you, maybe, I don't know, dare I wish, *feeling my vibe?*

After my little play-it-off ruse of asking you about the train as if you were some type of Metro attendant, I shook your soft hand with my rough one and introduced my "delf." When you told me your name, I replied in my mellow, passing, slightly Amaretto-induced cloud of mysticism that it was the same as my sister's middle name. If you wondered about the eerily-restrained half-smile which then appeared in my perpetually half-closed puppy dog peepers, it emerged from the fact that my sister is one of my best friends, and maybe if we talked again you would get a chance to discover that (and maybe even become one of my best friends yourself.). After that, me and my "wardy" dipped into the wind. After all, we still had that train to catch.

See, the deal is, I really don't know anything about you (yet), but I dig your essence in a way that's devoid of corruption or lust and reminds me of the innocence of a grade-school crush. Which makes me want to make your coffee shop one of my particularly special places to go, under the false pretense of checking the place out even though I don't even drink coffee.

But you know what? Somehow I think I might be even more satisfied to never see you again, just so you could never get a chance to ruin (or perhaps live up to) my mind's plagiarized silhouette of you as my pedestal-perched princess who, in her cinnamon-submerged sweetness, can do no wrong.

Because as cold as it may sound, at least if I never see you again, then in my comfortable cove of fantasy, you can never, ever, hurt me.

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The Credit Monster

By SHATIKWA BROWN
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

The most exciting part of venturing out to college is freedom. The freedom to come and go as you please. Moreover, the freedom to have relations whenever you want. Unfortunately, the only relationship that will last for many college students is often the one which is most neglected... our relationship with creditors.

Though cheating on your man/woman may be forgiven in a few weeks, cheating on your credit will haunt you for five to seven years. That is a long time. How do students cheat on their credit? The answer is simple: by not paying their bill. However, this lack of fidelity costs.

Throughout the year the campus is plagued with credit companies soliciting membership enrollment from students. Students willingly flock to the streets and sign their name on the dotted line, hoping to at least get a T-shirt. Many are surprised when six weeks later they receive a card in the mail. However, what they don't realize is that upon activation of that card, they have committed themselves to a contract that they probably didn't even read. The stipulations of the contract often include a high interest rate and high late payment fee.

Students use their credit cards for many different things. Some use them to keep up with trends while others need them to survive in school. Aaron Pope, a 19-year-old junior said, "I maxxed out my 1000-dollar balance on clothes to maintain my level." For Pope, fashion is more than a hobby—it's a career. This mandates that he not only stays abreast of trends, He must set them.

Similarly, Jessica Garrett, a 19-year-old sophomore, feels that clothing and credit are a way to maintain her standard of living and engage in an occasional splurge. "I purchase anything I see (and want)," she said. Most recently Garrett indulged and bought a leather coat priced at more than \$200 on a whim. Ironically, both Garrett and Pope have one thing in common: their parents pay their credit card bills.

Many students are not that lucky. Jessica Means, a 19-year-

old sophomore has to support herself while at school. Means uses her credit cards only as a supplement for money that she doesn't have at the moment. "I cash advance for bills and groceries," says Means. "Sometimes I splurge. But I make sure that I can pay my balance in full by the end of the month. When I graduate I only want to owe student



Good or bad, credit stays with you forever.

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loans, not credit debt."

She makes an excellent point. For many students, after graduation is the time that they have set aside to pay their outstanding bills. Rich Luck, a 21-year-old junior, has an outstanding balance of more than one thousand dollars. "I let a friend use my card and they maxxed it out," Luck explained. That breach of trust by his "friend" left Luck in a debt that he currently cannot pay. Similarly, 20-year-old "Ian" received his first credit card upon his arrival at Howard. He maxxed it out on clothes and gifts. When asked

about repayment plans, both men gave the same answer—they'll pay when they get real jobs.

Luck and "Ian" represent many students on campus that have accrued debt that they currently are unable to pay. Unlike the fortunate few whose parents finance their shopping endeavors, repayment of debt is generally the responsibility of the individual that created it. Many students who maxxed out their credit cards on clothing, jewelry and other expensive gifts must now face the problem of repairing that debt.

Recently, Elim Betton, a student assistant in the West Towers, sponsored a "Credit Repair Seminar," but only a few students attended. The seminar was hosted by Betty Matthews of Consumer Credit Counseling Service (C.C.S.), a free credit repair service. The agency works with individuals (students included) in need of assistance for debt consolidation, repayment and budget management.

In the seminar Matthews discussed the importance of budgeting and discipline for students facing credit problems. According to Matthews, students must be responsible. "Discipline yourself," she said. "Choices you make now with your finances determine your future." This regime of discipline includes several key points: separating wants from needs, and saving and setting goals.

Matthews addressed the importance of contacting creditors when you are not able to make payments and negotiating your interest rates whenever possible for those already in serious debt. For those with new lines of credit, there are several suggestions on the best way to build a positive credit history. First, live off of what you make or get from parents. Don't use credit cards as added income. Secondly, look for low interest rate credit cards. Lastly, don't use credit to keep up with the Joneses. Matthews also dispelled the myth that waiting to pay off your debt until you graduate from school is a good option. Unless you contact creditors to inform them of your plans, your account becomes delinquent.

It is important for students to remember that having a line of credit is good only when managed well.

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"Momma McDuff"

(dedicated to Joy McDuffie, Rest in Peace)

Momma McDuff

Is you there?
 It's your "Drew-Bear"
 The skinny kid with the bootleg Iceberg Snoop wear
 Well enough about me
 The other day I heard you'd gone on to eternity
 Is it true, *there*?
 That made me look at my petty concerns and say,
 "Yo, who cares?"

Momma McDuff

Me and your daughter saw drama enough
 But at the end of the day? Nothing but love
 And if there's a heaven above
 I know you're up there smiling
 While we're down here wilding
 Selfishly, I envy the peace that you're surrounded in.

Momma McDuff, indeed

You raised one hell of a seed
 Too hot for MTV, yo
 She used to call me 'querido'
 'Storyteller' held my head in her hands many a night
 Whether to stifle my tears
 Or make sure my cornrows were tight.

They say Life is a bitch?

Well, Death is a bastard
 Because he's the one who quietly passes
 Finds a peaceful soul and snatches it
 While you're tripping off some professor in a class-
 room
 Never knowing someone you have love for is pass-
 ing.

I respect the way you left your home open to me
 And at your funeral, I'm hoping to be
 But pardon me if I shed a few
 After all, queridos cry too
 And I just hope where you're at
 Is the same place I'm headed to...

One Love, Madame Negoti8r.
- Drew Anderson

20 Questions

"The only way I can give it to you is to school you/ Lesson by lesson/ So many ques-
tions..."

-Richie Rich featuring the Luniz, "Questions"

- 1.) Okay, who will cop me that big Talking Tigger doll for my birthday (March 14th)?
- 2.) As much as I loved those snow days (and I did), didn't they throw off everybody's semester?
- 3.) Why are music awards shows so bogus? Cats who deserve props aren't even nominated.
- 4.) Why is everyone discovering the poet in them lately? Personally, I love it. I'd rather everyone be a poet than everyone be a *hater!*
- 5.) Why did some careless folks ruin it for anybody who wants to light candles or incense in their dorm rooms? What are we supposed to do for atmosphere?
- 6.) Why did it take a song with Erykah Badu for everyone to discover the Roots, even though they helped *her* to blow up in the first place? Some people are sleepers.
- 7.) Why are so many black folks at Howard *racist*? Personally, most of the people who have done dirt to me were *black like me*.
- 8.) Why is Jadakiss such a viciously nasty lyricist? "Yo, I hope you don't be tongue-kissin' your spouse..." Are we nursing some inner hurt, Jada?
- 9.) Why do people who don't even like hip hop feel so free to criticize it? That's like me reviewing a heavy metal album when I don't listen to heavy metal. It's only constructive criticism if it's about something you love. If my momma criticizes me, I'm listening. If some hater criticizes me, so? *Who are you anyway?*
- 10.) Can the music industry please stop advertising things that will never come out? (Cam'ron's album, Charli Baltimore's album, NWA reunion, 504 Boyz, etc.)
- 11.) Why do record label execs have this knack for *being rushed*? (Steve Stoute, Lance "Un" Rivera, etc.)
- 12.) Why do "underground heads" just hate on Jay-Z for his blatant materialism without acknowledging the fact that he's still lyrically tight?
- 13.) Why can I still enjoy the music my parents bumped at my age, but as much as I love it, I'm not so sure about sharing our generation's music with my kids? ("Let meee seee thaaat thoooonng...")
- 14.) Since great films come as trilogies ("Star Wars," "Scream," etc.) why not do a third *Breakin'* flick? "Doom daaa daaa, doom deyyyy dooo..."
- 15.) Doesn't Suge Knight really deserve to catch a bad one for giving Dre and Snoop's addresses on the Death Row Underground video? As a matter of fact, why is Suge such a hater and biter in general? Dre did a *Chronic 2000*, Suge did a *Chronic 2000*. Dre has Eminem, Suge has Milkbone. Snoop did "Snoopafella," Top Dogg did "Cindafella," etc.
- 16.) And if Dre wasn't the musical force behind Death Row (as Suge claims), how come their stuff wasn't sounding the same after Dre left?
- 17.) Isn't it funny that "Crip-walking" is the latest dance craze for people like me who never banged in their lives?
- 18.) Isn't spoken word "the next thing"?
- 19.) Why do Towers residents go berserk when someone takes their clothes out of a washer or dryer? I've even seen someone leave a letter for the perpetrator of the crime (which was answered!). Now I can understand not wanting anyone touching your "draws," but maybe you should just monitor your wash cycle better. That's what the timer is for.
- 20.) Why did it take me 22 years to figure out *who I be*? (And I'm still learning.)

-Compiled by Drew Anderson, Hilltop Staff Writer

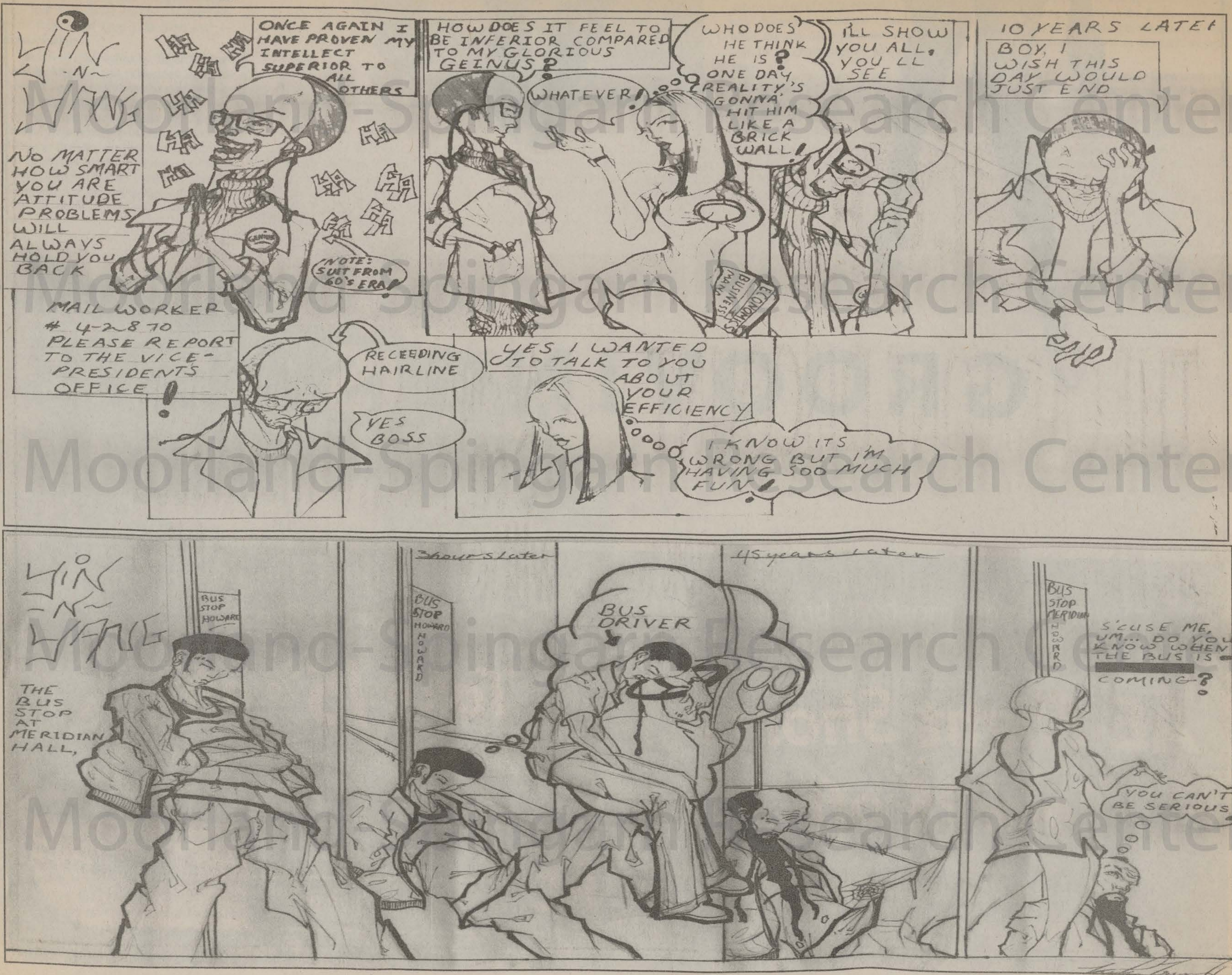
E&J

(Dedicated to my best friend and anyone who ever lost someone)

Two twins-
 Chocolate Deluxe and Cinnamon-
 I.C.E. C.R.E.A.M. Sunday with the cherries on top
 Grew on the same Block-
 Debated on a daily basis
 How to negate the hate that faced us
 In that Shady status
 You were my sister- incapable never replaceable
 I'd give blood, give my life, to see happiness in your eyes
 When she slashed your tires- tears you cried from ill willed despise
 I was angered, but I waited, heard you out and then created
 Victory inside
 A woman crucified, victimized, we trivialized
 'Cause we didn't love those...
 I was there by your side- so together we rode-like Thug misses
 Retaliating on misses
 Oh how I miss us
 Striving, stepping lively with no sun, blocked from a condition
 The Heavenly Father had us living in
 Still we blossomed to grow, though, Buried deep beneath Chyna
 White traps and Angel-dusted snow
 To make it far away from barrios-
 Hell hath no fury enough to scuff the shine from Earth Angel's
 halos
 She strived, survived, suicide and life-ending attempts
 In search of education to find a better economic placement
 Went to College in the same space
 I pilgrimage to the Mecca- you blew up at Morgan State
 But even not in your presence, I feel the essence, I count my bless-
 ings- Blessed yet
 The Lord had me forsaken
 Taken the other half of the soul from my chest
 I love you more than I love my damn self- Erika
 I twist the earth in a Senator, quite often just to think of her
 Every thing I do, In every pour I brew, I think of you
 If you were here now, I know we'd make it hot - we survived so
 much together
 Covered our ears at night from the same claps of gun shots
 Mourned same deaths, gasped for air in silent breaths
 I never thought at 18 you'd be at rest
 Esta pour que La Vida esta Loca,
 Why my tears are shaded Mocha
 Why this heart races fast like soula
 I inherit the pain, sweeping me like hurricanes, like G.I. Jane - a
 universal soldier
 I loved my girl, my everything thing
 Butterfly, I've got to let your spirit spread its wings
 Not dead because you be eternally alive inside of me.
 When I go home, It's not the same because you're gone. Reminding
 me
 Constantly,
 Still we're separated.
 I love you.

- Monique Stephens

Yin-n-Yang



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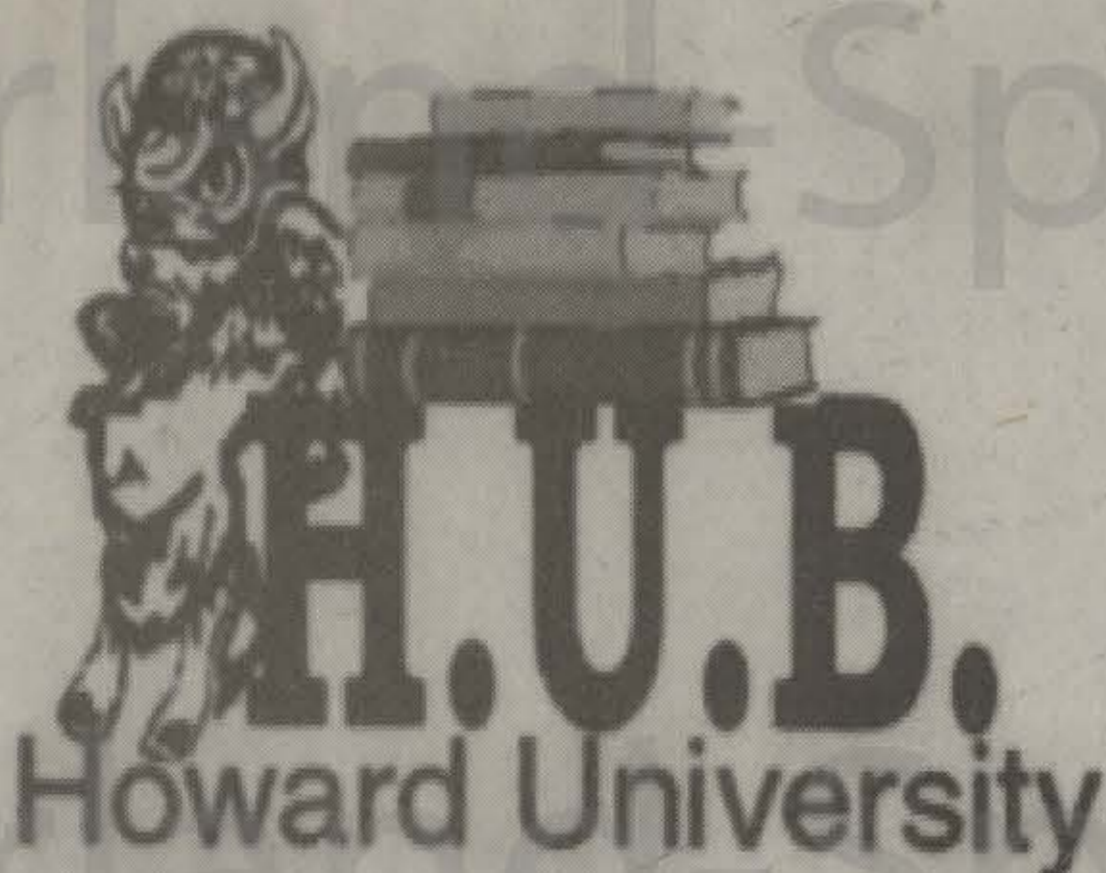
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