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Who's an Alumnus?

Award to Entertainer
Stirs Heated Debate

By JOHN JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sean "Puffy" Combs, the multi-millionaire entertainer and head of Bad Boy Entertainment who, after attending the University for at least one year in the 1980s, left the School of Business to pursue a career in New York, was presented the distinguished alumni award at last week's Charter Day Dinner—shortly after donating \$500,000.

But Combs' award for his contribution to the entertainment industry has drawn sharp criticism from both graduates and current students, many of whom charge that the University has sold an endearing title that they've earned for \$500,000. Many critics say they've posed the question: What does it mean to be an alumnus?

According to Robert Freelow, director of University communications, Combs is considered an alumni, although he did not graduate from Howard, but attended from the Fall of 1987 to the Spring of 1989.

"The University's definition encompasses those who have attended the University for two years," Freelow said. "They did not have to graduate."

Many have questioned the second part of the University's definition, but Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines an alumni as "one who has attended or graduated from a particular school, college, or university."

Still, many Howardites say they're furious.

"I think you should have to graduate to be an alumni," said sophomore English major Allison Harvey. "I have friends who don't go here anymore, but who were here for two years—and they're alumni?"

"And I'm going to graduate from here, and they're going to be considered alumni, and they haven't graduated? That's not right. I might as well leave now," Harvey said.

"Access Hollywood," the nationally-syndicated television show, on Wednesday aired footage of Combs handing President H. Patrick Swygert a check for \$500,000.

The show's headline for the footage?

"Graduation Day?"

"I see so many familiar faces...I'm reminded of the saying, you can always go home," Combs said during the \$250 a plate dinner. "This award means everything to me—mostly because my mother sacrificed everything to finance my time here at this great University."

Combs, speaking in a nervous tone, said he "prematurely" ended his time at the University to pursue an entertainment career in New York. In the last decade, he has produced dozens of music hits that have crossed from hip-hop to mainstream musical genres.

"My education at HU has been the basis career," Combs said, announcing that roughly 70 percent of his company's employees are Howard alumni.

"I feel that an alumni is an individual who has received a diploma from Howard University," said junior nursing major Marie Bavwindini. "I always

See ALUMNI, A3



Marilyn Hoosen and Terah Jackson discuss slate at Blackburn center Speak Out.

Hilltop Staff/ERIC HALL

Hoosen, Jackson Win HUSA

Slate Wins by 63 Votes

By IRA PORTER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Marilyn Hoosen and Terah Jackson were elected president and vice president of the Howard University Student Association, despite a week in which blustery winter weather forced the school to shutter its doors the day before students went to the polls.

Wednesday's election of Hoosen, who led the U.N.I.T.Y. 2000 slate, marks the first time in six years that a female student has been elected HUSA president, as well as the first time in at least a decade that a graduate student was elected to the post.

And for the second consecutive year, an international student will lead HUSA, a sign of the growing influence students born outside of the U.S. are having in Howard's political fabric.

"I hope that I can represent our sisters on this campus in a way that is respectable, in a way that not only makes them proud to be Howard students, but Howard women," Hoosen said.

The last female HUSA president was Terry Wade, now known as Akua Zenzele. She was elected in 1993.

As scores of supporters offered congratulations, tears flowed from Hoosen's eyes, all while she described Wednesday's win as "humbling."

See HUSA, A3

Elections Flawed, Students Charge

While Several Graduate Students Say They Couldn't Vote At The Polls, Undergraduates Allowed to Vote in Grad Trustee Race

By KIMOTHY K. BROWN
and RAFIAH DAVIS
Hilltop Staff Writers

Nearly two weeks after the primary elections, scores of students are sharply complaining about the handling of the elections. Several graduate students say they weren't allowed to vote at the polls in their respec-

tive schools—even though they provided proper identification—and several undergraduates say they were allowed to vote in the race for graduate trustee.

What's more, the name of at least one candidate was misspelled beyond recognition, prompting some students to deem last week's election results invalid.

"The entire process was flawed," said incumbent graduate trustee Randy Short

who was defeated by law student Che' Sayles by more than 100 votes. "The location was a fraud because it totally excluded graduate and dental students," he said.

There were two booths in the Howard Law School for 400 students and one booth for 800 dental students.

Among Short's gripes was the number of graduate students who were not able to

See ELECTIONS, A3



Snow Slams the Region, Howard Shuttters Its Doors

By RAFIAH DAVIS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Mother Nature dumped as much as 13 inches of snow across the Washington region Tuesday, bringing life in the area to a complete halt, and forcing the closure of local government offices and schools—including Howard University.

Tuesday's snow storm came earlier than weather forecasters had expected, started in the morning and continued through the night. The University canceled classes and shuttered its doors at noon, and did not reopen until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Armed with free hours, many students hurled balls of snow across The Yard in impromptu snowball fights, while others fled the wind-whipped cold for their dormitory rooms or apartments.

Justin Anderson, a sophomore, said he and roughly 30 people—including youngsters from the LeDroit neighborhood—played football in an elementary school yard near Carver Hall. Other students spent the time away from campus.

Take Yolanne Hines.

Hines, a sophomore, said she and a group of girlfriends went to the Pentagon City Mall in Northern Virginia, only to find that the mall was flooded with people aiming to escape the snow, and was preparing to close early.

"I was disappointed that the mall was closing," Hines said. "I figured they would want to stay open to get more sales," she said, adding that her friends didn't want their trek through the snow to be in vain, so they went to a restaurant for dinner.

After ambushing a group of female students on The Yard, freshman David Hawkins and a group of his friends went to a dinner and a movie. Of course, Hawkins returned to campus in time to join in on a nighttime snowball fight on the football field.

"There were about a hundred people there dropping each other in the snow," Hawkins said. "I got knocked down a couple of times, threw some snowballs, then I went back to my room to rest."

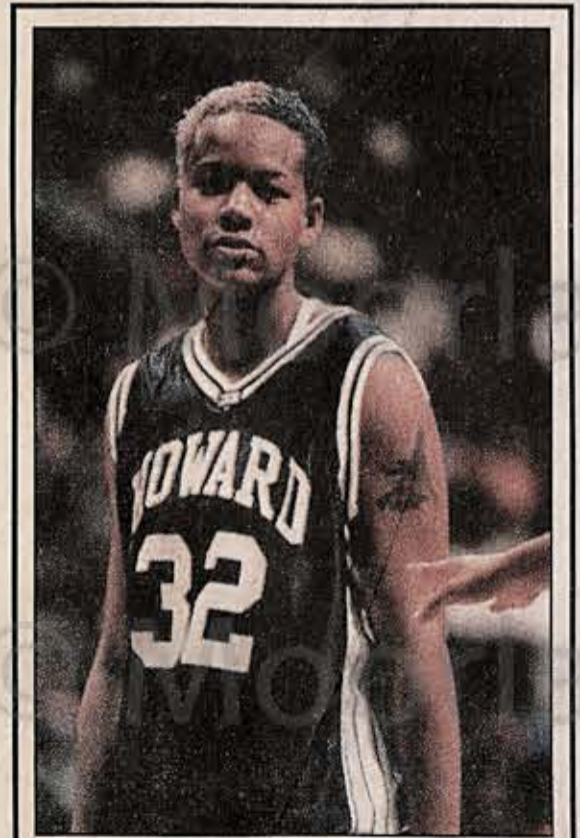
There were die-hard snow fans that, unlike Hawkins, weren't ready to give up their fun. Sophomore Chinelo Cambron said he rushed out of the West Towers shortly

See SNOW, A3



Hilltop Staff/ERIC HALL

The University shuttered its doors Tuesday as the region was hit with 13 inches of snow.



Hilltop Staff/MARK COLEMAN

Lady Bison Forward Mona-Gail Baker was one of the most emotional players during last week's MEAC championship game against the Florida A & M Lady Rattlers, in Richmond, Va. The Lady Bison lost the game to the Lady Rattlers, but finished with a winning season.

CAMPUS

CHARTER DAY EVENTS

U.S. Transportation Secretary delivered the keynote address at the 132d Charter Day Convocation last week.

See A2

PERSPECTIVES

REMEMBERING 'BIGGIE'

Nearly two years after the death of the rapper Notorious B.I.G., a student writes about the investigation, which has yet to close.

See A11

TEMPO

'NET ADDICTION?'

Are you addicted to the Internet? Many students say that as access to the Internet grows, it has the potential to be the source of addiction.

See B1

SPORTSFRIDAY

GO LACROSSE!

The women's Lacrosse team makes strides on the field, winning against more established teams.

See B4

WeekendWeather

TODAY: Partly sunny.
44 HIGH, 30 LOW
SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy.
48 HIGH, 34 LOW
SUNDAY: Snow, then rain.
39 HIGH, 30 LOW

CAMPUS

Slater Inspires Students to Make An Impact

By NICOLE A. TONG
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the University's 132nd Charter Day ceremony last Friday, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation Rodney E. Slater encouraged students, faculty and alumni of Howard to commit themselves to making an impact, not an impression.

Under his leadership, the Department developed a strategic plan that Congress rated the best among all federal agencies. Also, his work with Congress to increase investments in infrastructure by 12 percent in fiscal year 1998 stands as the highest level of any Secretary in history.

Slater launched many programs assisting adults and youth, including a program to aid welfare recipients with transportation to work, and the formation of the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program, aimed at attracting a million youth into transportation careers.

"I hope all of our little ones here today will recognize Garrett A. Morgan, the man who designed the traffic light," Slater said. "I encourage you to make an impact and be our nation's future designers of transportation."

Slater has high expectations that the students of Howard and many

other young people will one day be graduates of this institution and be distinguished graduates that make a difference.

Not only does Slater recognize the graduates of this University who are making impacts and living out their dreams, but he commends all African Americans who own homes and applauds the fact that the poverty rate is at an all time low.

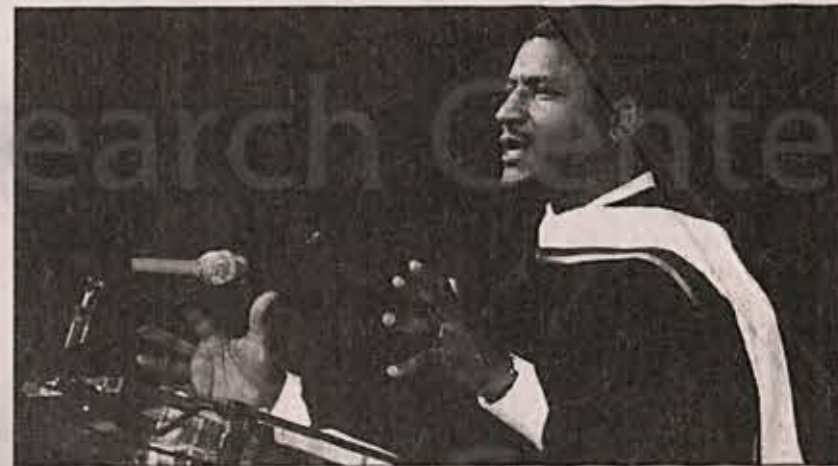
"These gains should be applauded," Slater said. "It is not a time to rest on our strength—it is a time to build."

Slater believes the covenant of a Howard University education is in "Veritas Et Utilitas," or truth and service. He inspires students to live out

the true meaning of *veritas et utilitas* and take advantage of all opportunities.

"Take full advantage of your opportunities and make good use of the opportunity to be a part of a student body of 108 countries," Slater said. "Know that the best is yet to come."

Slater served as Assistant Attorney for the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. Throughout his professional career, he progressed in numerous capacities, serving as Special Assistant for Community and Minority Affairs, Assistant for Economics and Community Programs and liaison for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission.



Hilltop Staff/ERIC HALL
Secretary of Transportation, Rodney E. Slater spoke at Howard University's 132nd Charter Day Ceremony Friday in Cramton Auditorium.

Heads Up!



Hilltop Staff/ERIC HALL

After 13-inches of snowfall and school closings Tuesday and Wednesday, a group of area youths spent the day on The Yard, where they hurled balls of snow at each other. In these photos they engaged a passerby with the fun.

Sisterhood Celebrated at 7th Annual 'Woman to Woman Conference'

By JANICE N. EDWARDS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Three hundred-and-fifty young women from 100 schools in the District, Maryland, and Virginia came to celebrate womanhood at the 7th annual Woman to Woman conference Monday.

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter, and the College of Arts & Sciences Student council sponsored the conference. The event was held in the Blackburn Center ballroom, where 21 workshops were presented to the young ladies to enhance leadership, achieve academic excellence and show by example how to contribute to our community.

This conference's aim was to provide inner city young ladies with the opportunity to recognize their goals and to help show the girls that they do not have to be a product of their environment. Latasha Price, sponsorship coordinator, said "P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens), regardless of the obstacles you face—because with prayer, anything can happen."

According to conference coordinators, the theme of "Sisters Let's Talk: Envisioning Our Dreams, Achieving Our Success" is more appropriate than ever for today's young ladies. With the continual violence plaguing the city streets, lack of proper facilities for education, and other hardships facing young people today, the

conference comes as a beacon of light to a path of success.

The conference brought speakers from all professions, such as Aprille Ericson-Jackson, NASA engineer; Peggy Lewis, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs; Annette Williams, member of Wisconsin state legislature and Kelli Richardson, vice president and publisher of Arabesque Books.

Other influential speakers came from Howard University's campus—Miss Howard University Asha K. May; Professor Joy Jones and Rhodes Scholar Carla J. Peterman. The keynote speaker for the event was Ms. Jewel Diamond Taylor, an author of many books such as *Sisterfriend* and *Success Gems*.

"This Conference is a necessary bridge for our woman to cross over into womanhood," said Taylor as she signed autographs.

The conference began early in the morning with a welcome address by Zhaundra Jones, conference chair, and Danielle Hyles, president of the College of Arts & Sciences Student Council. After an invocation by Evangelist Susie Owens, 7-year-old inspirational speaker Precious Thomas introduced the schools and the agenda for the day.

On returning to the ballroom of the Blackburn Center from their workshops, the young ladies were greeted with gift bags supplied by various businesses. Big hits were Loriel and Dark and Lovely and a buffet lunch.

Dr. Debyii Thomas, mistress of ceremonies, led the conference in a chorus of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The ballroom was then filled with voices discussing the workshops and speakers.

Danielle Rush, junior psychology major, thoroughly enjoyed the conference and the impact it made on the young women.

"It was a beautiful experience sitting around a table with mature ladies expressing themselves at the luncheon, reflecting on the different workshops they attended," she said. "It made me proud as a volunteer that the goal that chairwomen and volunteers set to accomplish was achieved."

As the day came to a close, the girls left the ballroom with a little more

than what they came in with said many of the speakers.

Arch Bishop Carroll High School freshman Andrea Young attended the conference for the first time.

"I like how all the sisters joined together in unity and I will spread the word about the conference because it's a fun activity," she said. "The one thing I learned is whenever you're feeling down, always rely on a sister."

The Woman to Woman Conference is an annual event that takes place at Howard University and other places nationwide. The sponsorship committee is still accepting donations to help with next year's conference. If you would like to donate to the Woman to Woman Conference, please contact Zhaundra Jones or the Women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. at (202) 806-7009.

Service, Advocacy Workshop Brings Students Together

By CHARLES COLEMAN, JR.
Hilltop Staff Writer

At the former Alex Haley Farm in Knoxville, Tenn., the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), in conjunction with the Student Leadership Network for Children (SLNC) held an Advanced Service and Advocacy Workshop Feb. 26-28. Student leaders from colleges all over the nation attended different seminars, workshops and roundtable discussions that were strung together with the theme of "Mobilizing the Movement for a New Century and a New Generation."

The BCCC, which is a division of the Children's Defense Fund, was founded in 1986 by Barbara Kelley Duncan, who currently serves as the National Director of the program and was the chief coordinator for the weekend in Tennessee. Her collaboration with the SLNC was a means of getting the generation most capable of making a difference in the lives of young children involved.

"Our mission at the BCCC is to leave no child behind," Duncan said. "We have brought student leaders from all over the country here to begin discussing how we can mobilize their generation toward making a change in the lives of black children

in communities all over the world."

The BCCC invited the sophomore class presidents from nearly all historically black colleges and universities and a handful of other schools. Representatives from FAMU, Lincoln University, Texas Southern A&M, Duke, Bennet, Morehouse and the University of Houston all attended.

Christophe Alexander, a junior Biology major from Morehouse College, described the weekend as, "inspiring, elating and full of energy." His sentiments were echoed by Kevan Thurman, sophomore class president of Lincoln University, who said, "The conference was very inspiring...the weekend as a whole was intellectually stimulating as well as interactive."

The different workshops of the weekend ranged in topics from a roundtable discussion of youth involvement in a national movement to an instructional seminar on building relationships, alliances, coalitions and collaboratives. The entire weekend was geared toward bringing student leaders together in a closed environment and providing them with networking tools and skills in hopes that they might come together for this common cause.

LaKeisha Anders, a sophomore class president from FAMU, gained

much from the conference.

"The BCCC provided the participating students the opportunity to network and exchange ideas with both peers and elders in a very warm and tranquil environment," she said.

Along with the student leaders, the BCCC invited influential people from different organizations with the intent that they too might help meet the major meeting the objective of the weekend—identifying successful methods for strengthening communication across gender and generational lines, as well as learning effective community-building skills and strategies for service and advocacy. Dennis Rogers, the National Coordinator for Black Youth Vote and Morris Jeff, Jr., the Director of the Department of Human Services in New Orleans, Louisiana, both hosted workshops in hopes of adding positive input to the ears of eager students willing and ready to make a change.

The conference was attended in previous years by senior Keith Brooks and Howard University alumni LaMont Geddis. They have participated in similar weekends and conferences with the Children's Defense Fund and have helped to keep Howard students involved and in the forefront of this movement for change.

Campus Briefs

1999 Religious Emphasis Week Leadership Series Continues

This week has been Religious Emphasis Week. The events will continue with the following:

March 13

7:30 p.m. *Tambourines to Glory*—A Langston Hughes Play—Ira Aldridge Theater

March 14

11 a.m. *Sunday Morning Worship*—Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, Pastor Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

One Of Howard's Best Kept Secrets: The Department of Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction, located in the School of Education, is the teacher training unit for Howard University. Current undergraduates who are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and are majoring in the Afro-American Studies, English, History, Mathematics, Music, Science or Theatre may be eligible to enroll and minor concurrently in Education. The program is referred to as the fifth-year program. The Department will host an orientation on Wednesday, March 17, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the forum of Blackburn Center. All students interested in receiving information or meeting the faculty, staff and students, are invited to attend. Information may also be obtained by calling Denise Robinson or Dr. James Terrell at 806-6502, or Mrs. Rice at 806-7343.

—Compiled by Staff Writer Aprill O. Turner. Campus Briefs run weekly in the Campus section of The Hilltop and must be delivered, faxed, or e-mailed to the newspaper no later than 5 p.m. Monday. The Hilltop is located on the Plaza level of the Plaza Towers West, the fax number is 202.806.4758 and the e-mail address is thehilltop@hotmail.com.

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Hoosen, Jackson Win HUSA

HUSA from A1

U.N.I.T.Y. 2000 captured 659 votes against the 597 won by the Vision Millennium slate, which was led by Channing Hawkins and Giovanna Taylor, according to GAEC Chair Anthony Santagati.

The Hoosen-Jackson team says it has already started working on its platform. Already, it has submitted a proposal to WHBC 830-AM to open a forum to "connect" with students. What's more, the team says it is planning a HUSA online chat room, and a possible reactivation of the Howard University Student Credit Union.

"We want to really find ways to make ourselves financially valuable and independent as a student body," Hoosen said.

Despite the inclement weather,

1,266 students voted in Wednesday's elections, compared to 2,012 who voted in last week's. Santagati said that while the number of voters dwindled, more people turned out than he had expected.

"It was surprising because there were so many people that turned but in spite of the snow," Santagati said. Low voter turnout can be attributed to the snow, prohibiting students from making it to campus. Some students said they were unaware of the candidates' platforms, as well as the key issues of the race.

"I don't know what platforms the candidates were standing on," said Derek Rodgers, a freshman Engineering major.

The Hoosen-Jackson win ends a month of campaigning that began started with four prospective HUSA slates, and three graduate and under-

graduate trustee candidates. Wednesday's run-off between the Hoosen-Jackson, and the Hawkins-Taylor slates was necessary, since neither obtained a 51 percent majority of votes in the primary election.

Last week, U.N.I.T.Y. finished with 724 votes, while Vision Millennium's received 585.

Taylor said that the campaign was a hard journey, but was worth it.

"We tried to accomplish a lot in one month," Taylor said, adding that despite her slate's loss, she still feels victorious.

"I think the only losers are the one who didn't choose to get involved," Taylor said.

Jackson and Hawkins were unavailable late Wednesday, when election results were made available to *The Hilltop*.

Students Find Flaws with Primaries

ELECTIONS from A1

vote because they did not have proper identification. The newly formed "Capstone Card" was a major discrepancy, according to Short. And, Short said the Blackburn Center location for voting booths neglected graduate and professional students. He said Blackburn was over crowded and inconvenient.

Elections Committee Chairman Anthony Santagati said the elections critics were out of line regarding the various incompetencies associated with the election process.

"It's absurd, tasteless and insulting to question the integrity of the elections committee, it's not based on the wishes of one particular school," said Santagati, who many thought favored certain schools during the elections. He said contestations are a normal part of Howard University elections.

Santagati also mentioned he set two booths on the east campus, two on the west campus and the last two at the Law School. However, dental stu-

dents complained about the lack of booths in the School of Dentistry. These students had to walk next door to the School of Medicine to cast their votes.

"School of 'C' students walk all the way to Blackburn to vote. I think that it's not that difficult for the School of Dentistry students to walk next door," Santagati said.

Candidates also had about three fewer weeks to campaign for office compared to previous years. This year's elections lasted approximately six weeks.

The matter of election corruption is under investigation by the grievance committee which comprises of chairman Fabrice Laurent of the College of Arts and Sciences, Rashida Sadiq of the School of Communications, Godwell Khosa of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Sciences, Latisha Thompson of the College of Arts and Sciences, Latoya Godly of the School of Business and Corey Martin of the School of Law.

Dr. Chambers of Student Affairs is also investigating the situation.

"There are no plans to hold another election," he said.

Dental student Al Cheek encountered several problems while attempting to cast his vote. His name was not on the student list provided by Enrollment Management. He also observed something he said was quite disturbing while waiting for his ballot.

"When I showed the guy my I.D. he was asleep," Cheek said.

Both Short and Cheek highlighted ideas they thought were needed to improve on future elections such as on-line voting, a ballot box and requiring students to register to vote. "Wouldn't it have been nice if we had computers where you could tag a person that's already voted," Cheek said.

Short said Howard needs to go back to previous years when polls were setup in the Blackburn Ballroom and students had to simply stuff a ballot box.

It remains to be seen whether or not the 1999 elections will be recalled. There are varying opinions among candidates, administrators and the elections committee.

Snowfall Shuts Down University

SNOW from A1

after midnight Wednesday morning to a moonlit snowball fight in The Valley. When he arrived, scores of other students were already sledding down The Valley's slope, and wrestling in the snow-covered wonderland.

For some, the early closing of classes had little effect, if any. Shanteva Jones, a senior at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, came to Washington on her spring break to visit her cousin. "This is not spring break

weather," Jones said, adding that in hindsight, she should have gone further South for spring break.

Other students said they weren't impressed with the snow.

"I'm used to this weather," said sophomore Michelle Smith, a Detroit native. "It's nothing new to me," said Smith, who, with 22 friends, stayed indoors and played the game "Taboo."

Roughly 8.4 inches of snow fell at Ronald Reagan National Airport, causing delays and the cancellation of several departing flights.

Here in the District, the Depart-

ment of Public Works had 133 trucks working throughout Tuesday night to sweep the city's streets clear of snow, making Wednesday's commute easier.

The National Weather Service said this week's snow was the largest March snowfall in five decades, and was the hardest snow to hit the region since the Blizzard of '96, which paralyzed the region for days and forced the University to close its doors for nearly a week during the first week of the spring semester.

Combs' Alumnus Status Criticized

ALUMNI, from A1

thought that graduation and alumni were synonymous. I mean, I'm a junior right now. No one told me that I should be buying an alumni shirt from the Bison shop."

Sophomore English major Rasheedah Thomas agreed, saying that "many people work diligently to acquire enough scholarships, grants and loans to attend our great University for four years and achieve a much

deserved degree.

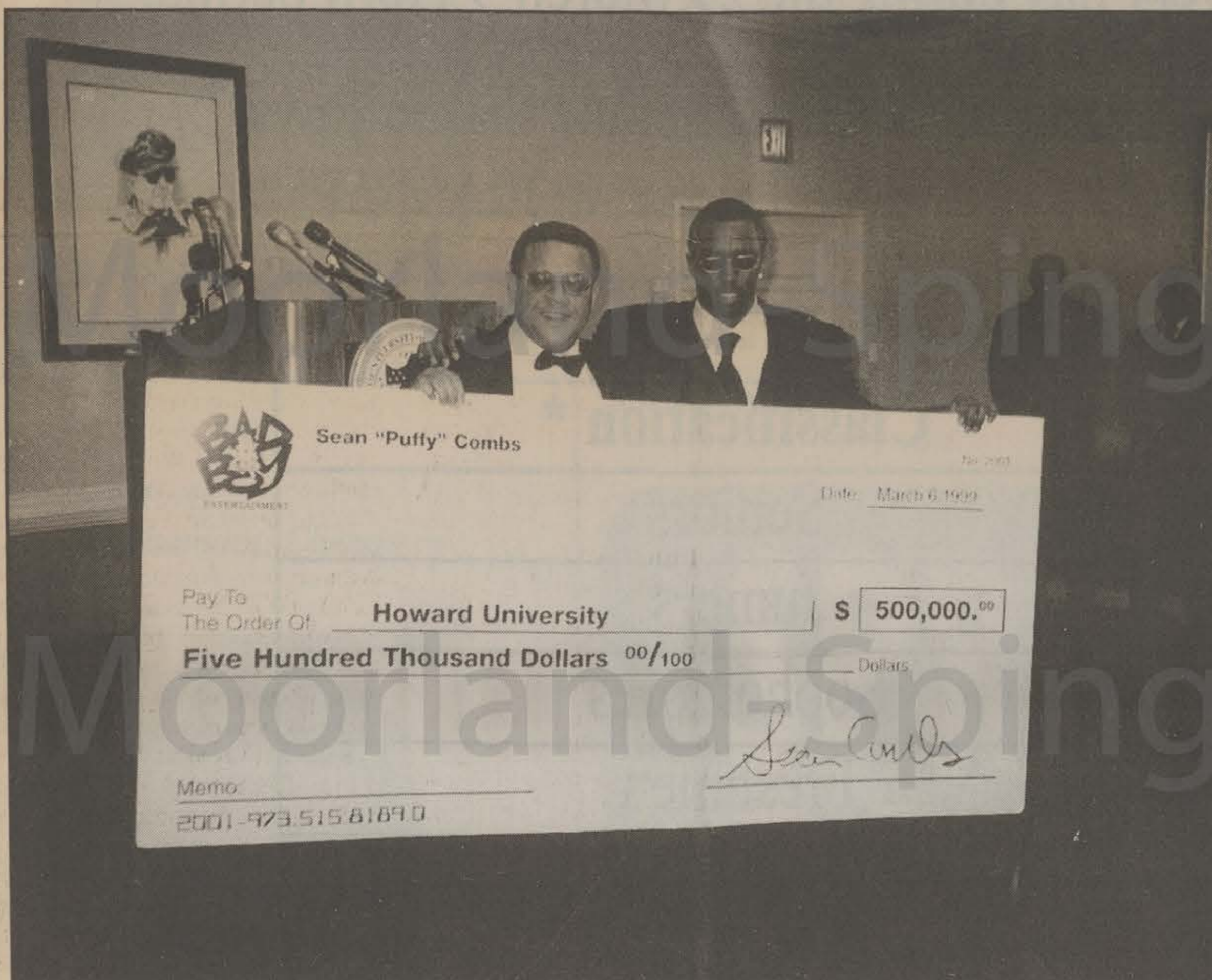
"It's an outrage that someone, Sean 'Puffy' Combs or not, could attend Howard for only two years and be bestowed the same title of 'alumni' that students who stayed here for four years and actually attained a degree and worked so hard to get," Thomas said.

Deborah Rogers, a graduating senior and math major, said she doesn't really care that Combs was awarded by the University. "I don't really take it personally," she said. "I

realize that it is a matter of politics or economics, rather than principles."

Rodney E. Slater, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, was the keynote speaker at Friday's Charter Day Convocation at Cramton Auditorium. The other honorees at Saturday's Charter Day dinner include: Linda W. Cropp, chair of the D.C. City Council; Dr. Irvin D. Reid, president of Wayne State University; and Charles DeWitt Watts, a surgeon.

Combs Donates \$500,000



Hilltop Staff/JASON T. SMITH
Alumni Award Honoree Sean "Puffy Combs" Donated \$500,000 to the University to set up a scholarship in honor of himself and his mother for students in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Business. Above Combs gives the check to President H. Patrick Swygert.

Local Election Results

Arts and Sciences

SHANTRELLE LEWIS - President
NIKIA SCOTT - Vice President

JOI CHANEY - Under Graduate Student Assembly (UGSA) Representative
TOI OUTERBRIDGE - UGSA Representative
BRANDON NEAL - UGSA Representative
CANDACE TAYLOR - UGSA Representative
KHALIFANI WALKER - UGSA Representative

School of Business

JERRON REDRICK - President
AKUA AIDOO - Vice President
ANGELA ADAMS - UGSA Representative
ALISA ALSTON - UGSA Representative
KHARI J. LITTLE - UGSA Representative

School of Communications

HOWARD BROWN - UGSA Representative
ASHA MAY - UGSA Representative

Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences

AHKILAH JOHNSON - President
CHINELO CAMBARON - Engineering Vice President
JIMMY BARNES III - Architecture Vice President
ERIC D. WATSON - Engineering UGSA Representative
KATHERINE WILLIAMS - Architecture UGSA Representative

School of Divinity

SHELIA HARVEY - President
PAUL H. SADLER - Vice President

University of California

Berkeley Summer Sessions

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS 1999

WHERE ARE YOU GOING THIS SUMMER?

Guanajuato, Mexico • June 21-July 16

Spanish language & Latin culture

Barbados, West Indies • July 5-August 3

Caribbean education, culture, and politics

Florence, Italy • July 5-August 7

Italian language & culture

South Africa • June 21-July 19

South African Politics

China • July 5-August 4

Chinese history and culture

Madrid, Spain • July 5-August 6

Spanish culture and civilization

The Netherlands/Belgium • June 25 to July 23

Dutch and Flemish history, art, and literature

Paris, France • July 5-August 11

French language & culture

London, England • July 2-July 30

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ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

News Brief #17

12 March 1999

GENERAL MANDATORY REGISTRATION

FOR FALL 1999

MONDAY, 29 MARCH - FRIDAY, 9 APRIL

With the implementation of BANNER, Howard University's new integrated student information system, the University is pleased to offer extended hours for General Mandatory Registration (GMR). GMR will be available 6AM-11:30 PM every day during the 29 March-9 April period.

To register using HU B.I.S.O.N., call 202-806-4537 according to the schedule that follows. For assistance using HU B.I.S.O.N., please call 202-806-2700, Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5PM.

SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Classification *
Monday	29 March	Seniors
Tuesday	30 March	Juniors
Wednesday	31 March	Sophomores
Thursday	1 April	Freshmen
Friday	2 April	Freshmen and Graduate and Professional Students
Saturday	3 April	All Students
Sunday	4 April	All Students
Monday	5 April	Seniors and Unclassified Students
Tuesday	6 April	All Students
Wednesday	7 April	All Students
Thursday	8 April	All Students
Friday	9 April	All Students

* If you are not sure of your official classification, please contact Enrollment Management/Records (202-806-2712), Room 104 "A" Building.

- ◆ See academic advisor for discussion and approval of proposed course selections.
- ◆ Reduce possible waiting time by calling on your reserved date.
- ◆ Obtain printouts Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9AM-3PM and Wednesday, 9AM-6PM in Lower Level Cramton Auditorium, 29-31 March, 1-2 April, and 5-12 April.

Voices & Views

How did you spend your day when school was closed Tuesday?



"I had a snowball fight."

—Asa McGary, Sophomore, Biology



"I played pool and spent time with my friends in the dorm."

—Romnii Ross, Sophomore, Chemistry



"I had a snowball fight to relieve some stress."

—Aaron Pope, Sophomore, Public Relations



"I was knocked out in my bed, sick all day."

—Azi Handon, Senior, History

Compiled by Eric Hall

Provost Roundtable Discussion

Howard University Provost Antoine Garibaldi discussed academic issues during a roundtable discussion with the Hilltop on Thursday Feb. 18. The Provost outlined several key issues of concern to the Howard community. The following are some questions from the discussion.



Provost Antoine Garibaldi

The Hilltop: My first question is dealing with the core bylaws. I've seen the most recent version of the core bylaws. We wrote a story about it, as you know...The newest version says that students may be able to vote in the various committees in schools. I just wanted to know—is there a reason for that? Does that mean that every school has the ability to decide whether or not students can vote, or is there going to be something implemented that says that students shall vote on all committees?

Provost Garibaldi: Well, it certainly is encouraged that students would have the opportunity to vote in all of the schools and colleges. One of the reasons for using the word "may" is that, contrary to a lot of opinions out there, every school and college does not have student participation and the right to vote at the present time. The School of Law, the School of Social Work, the College of Arts and Sciences and Business to some extent are really the only Colleges where students have the right to vote. And, making it consistent with all of the other units...In the cases, for example, of Law and Social Work, I know because those are both professional schools with graduate programs—those are schools where students do not participate on the Executive Committee or on the Appointment, Promotions and Tenure Committee. So it really does open up the opportunity for all of those units to have student representation on them, on those various committees. And then, you know, the bylaws will also

be supplemented by school or college specific bylaws, so that in some instances there is already an opportunity for students to participate but maybe not participating as voting members. They can participate, but they can have voice participation as opposed to voting. So these core bylaws really open up the opportunity for all students in all of the schools and colleges to participate in a much more active way than they have ever participated at Howard University.

The Hilltop: My question is a bit more general. Can you narrow it down to three key issues...facing Blacks in higher education?

Provost Garibaldi: When I look at all of the numbers which I've compared over the last 10 years, over the last 20 years, clear access has not been achieved for African-American students in the way that we would like to think. We would like to think, at some point, that African-American students have arrived, but the fact of the matter is that we still are underrepresented in higher education, and there are lots of reasons for that. I think one of the reasons for it stems from a lack of reinforcement and encouragement for students to consider college as a vehicle for lifetime success. So tie that with investment, because if you look at the amount of money that an individual who has a baccalaureate degree, a first professional degree of law, dentistry or medicine or a Ph.D., over a 40-year span [makes], the amount of money in comparison that each one something is tremendous, and I've got some data that I can share with you just to show that.

So, I think access is extremely important, as well as, really, the encouragement and motivation. And keep this in mind as well—25-to-29-year-old African Americans right now have graduation rates that exceed 86 percent. Whites are in the nineties, but it's not off by much. If you're looking at 18-to-24 year-olds, it's a little bit less, particularly if you look at 1995-1996 data. So if we look at that, one would think a lot more individuals should have gone to college and had those same kinds of opportunities.

What has been the biggest obstacle is finances; an inadequate amount of federal grants, in particular, to students who are pursuing higher education. Loans for higher education degrees are only now about twenty years old. Individuals who went to college in the late '70s, early '80s began to pay for their education more with loans than the previous [generation]. That's true with any type of education, but it is particularly true with African Americans, so the financial issue very definitely has to be a part of it.

Secondly, access...well, I'm moving backwards now, I should start with the other

ones—namely encouragement, lack of encouragement and pursuit of that in order to get those investments, access and then the third issue of finances.

Let me just say one more word about the access, because when we look at the 1.4 billion African Americans who are in college, the tremendous number of them, more than 45 percent, are in two-year community colleges. And that number is fairly close to what it was almost 20 years ago. Unfortunately, now, if we had truly made gains, and we talked about 3600 colleges and universities in this country, then those institutions should be educating a great deal more. But, we find for African Americans as well as for Hispanic Americans, and the same holds true for Native Americans—the majority of those groups, or close to 50 percent, are in two-year community colleges. That would be ok if we went from a two-year college to a four-year institution, but that does not typically occur. What usually occurs is that an individual gets two years, if they get two years, and then they just kind of stop there. So I think that that is a really critical issue.

Then we look at Historically Black Colleges. We're graduating, in 1999, almost 29 percent of all African Americans who receive baccalaureate degrees annually. The slightly more than 100 HBCUs enroll almost 15 percent of all African Americans who are in higher education. So think about those numbers. Fifteen percent are at HBCUs, 45 percent in two-year colleges—that's 60 percent right there. And then the other forty percent are kind of spread all over colleges and universities across the United States. Those add to 3500.

But those are the issues I see that are critical. There is absolutely no question in my mind that African Americans cannot compete with other students, but there has to be a way to get them in. I don't want this to turn into a lecture, but Steven knows this is one of the many things that I love to talk about.

But take that last statement I made one step further: one-fifth of the African Americans who've received doctorates over the last few years have been graduates of Historically Black Colleges. You take five years, six years, 10-year spans and more than one-fifth have been undergraduates at HBCUs. So, it says something else about the value of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the kinds of things that occur at our institutions. So, if we're graduating 28 percent, the rest of the country, very definitely, should be doing an even better job at graduating far more students at their institutions, too.

The Hilltop: What are your thoughts on affirmative action?

Garibaldi: Well, I'm not pleased about it.

I think it is an unfortunate situation, because we've seen close to 40 years now when most segregated states began to dismantle dual segregated systems in this country. And given the statistics I just reported back to you, it's clear that affirmative action has not achieved its intended purpose. If it had achieved its intended purpose, we'd have far more African Americans at predominantly white institutions across the country. There is still restraint on the part of private institutions in this country to admit more individuals of minority groups or underrepresented groups on their campus. Some institutions have had a history of doing that. But, certainly in the public sector, a lot of individuals are going to be ruled out of ever participating in higher education in a certain tier of institutions, because of the fact that their grades weren't strong enough or because they got to compete with everybody else and diversity in higher education is extremely important. So, I worry that we will have fewer African Americans in higher education over the next several years as a result of [the loss of] affirmative action. We have already seen some of the impact in California in law school. But even now, someone has just recently done a study on the smaller number of African Americans and Hispanics in Californian institutions at the undergraduate level.

We have already seen it. This year, you've heard individuals talk about a little upswing in the enrollments compared to last year. Well some of that might have occurred because a few more students might have applied and decided to go there, but it's not a significant difference in terms of numbers.


But that law is really going to affect more white women than it will affect African Americans, so we've got to be really careful about that.

The Hilltop: Do you feel that the loss of affirmative action will make more students come to HBCUs?

Garibaldi: It's already happening. It's really been occurring over the last 10 years. Enrollment in HBCUs is up about 15 percent in the last few years. We enroll about 285,000 students, and that is not all black. HBCUs also enroll about 11 percent white students. I think that now we're seeing more students taking a more definitive step by saying that black colleges are the only schools that they will apply to. The television program, "A Different World," helped increase the enrollment at HBCUs. It showed a little bit about what was going on at black colleges. Also, the movie School Daze...That was one of the factors.


So, I think the enrollment is increasing a little bit; however, we are all limited. HBCUs cannot take an appreciable number of African-American students.

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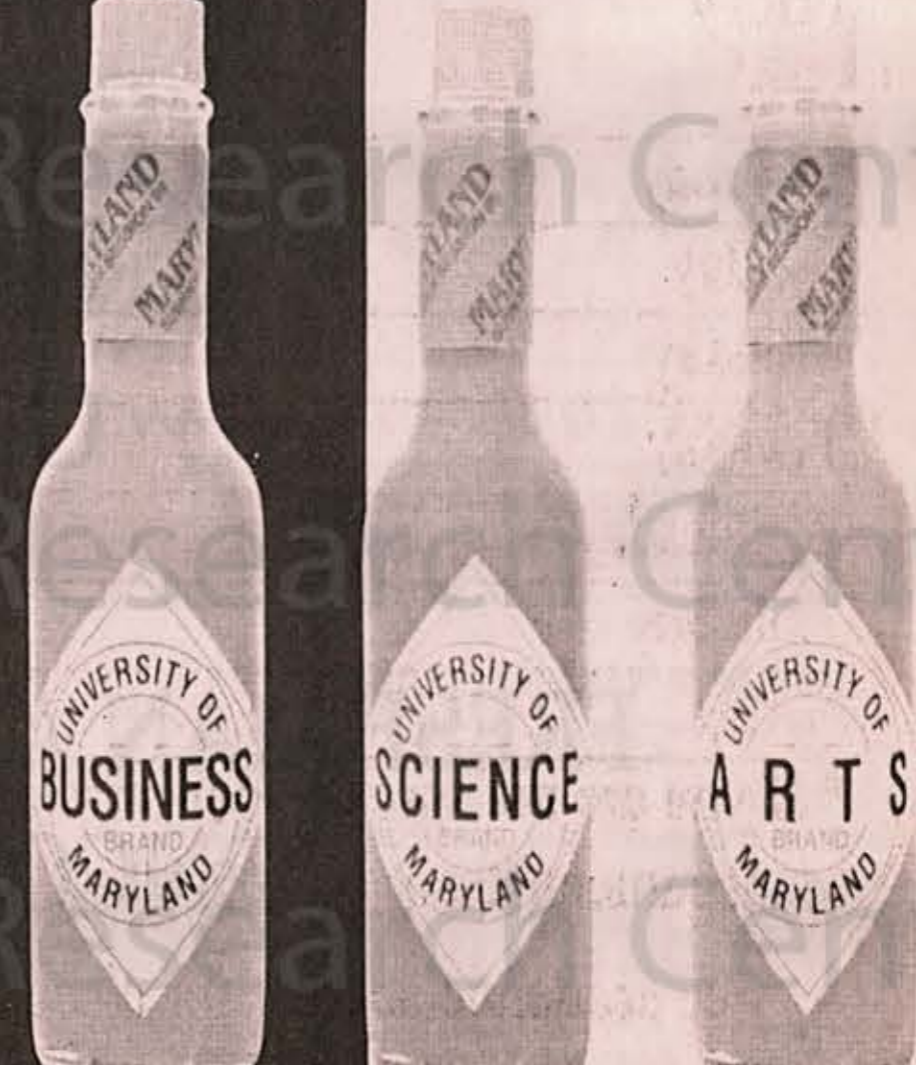
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THE CITY

Guardian Angels: 'Visual Deterrents for Crime'

By APRIL DANIELS
Hilltop Staff Writer

District resident John Ayala put in a call to the metropolitan police department reporting a disturbance by a local youth in the Southeast community near the Guardian Angels headquarters, late Sunday evening.

The 29-year-old director of the Guardian Angels in the District expressed that the volunteers are visual deterrents for crime—which was proof that night by the menacing young man who threatened with bodily harm if he and the other Angels did not leave the neighborhood.

The Angels in the Southeast are not scared away that easily. In the year that they have been at the headquarters on 15th and K Street, they have experienced several altercations like the one on Sunday.

"This area was an open drug market," he said. "The Angels came out here and stood amongst the drug dealers and interfered on transactions and other crimes slowly moving the crime out."

There are members of the community that welcome the red berets and red jackets of the Guardian Angels. "I am glad they have expanded to this neighborhood," said Alice Grey, a long-time Southeast resident. "They have really made a big difference on these streets, and I actually feel safer when I walk down the street."

The Guardian Angels are launching a new program for youth who are not old enough to patrol the streets. The new program, called Urban Angels, will allow children between the ages of 10 and 15 to actively participate in ridding their neighborhoods of crime.

"This program offers children an alternative to drugs, gangs and violence," said Lipstick, the leader of the patrol group. "We are excited about this program because it will teach the youth community service, support and conflict management."

Andre Porter, a local youth said he was excited about the program. "We do not have anything to do around here," Porter said. "My friends and I plan to join the group soon."

The Angels are a national group originating from New York. It was founded 20 years ago by Curtis Sliwa with a team of 13 patrolling the subway system in New York. "The crime on the subway was terrible and there was not enough money for security," Alaya said.

Since the origination of the group, over 28 chapters have been established, even as far away as Tokyo. The chapters in the District patrol twice a week on metro lines such as the Red and the Green line and extend their patrol to areas like Adams Morgan and other parts of the Northwest region.

Many youth are interested in continuing the program. Terrance Vaughn, a Northwest teenager, said he would join the Angels to try to help make a difference in his neighborhood. He said that next year when he turns 16 he will join. "I can't wait to sign up," he said.

Those who are interested in patrolling their neighborhood as an Angel must be at least 16-years old and must commit 10 hours a week. Volunteers are needed, but that is not all the Angels need. "Money and office space are hard to come by," Alaya said. "We are not funded by the government or big businesses. We depend on donations and help from the community."

He said The Angels are willing to work hard for as long as they can. "There are a lot of communities that need our help and as long as we are here we will stand up to our motto Dare to Care."

Sanchez's Poetry Inspires Students

By KEYA GRAVES
Hilltop Staff Writer

The pouring rain on Saturday did not stop the crowd from gathering at Martin Luther King, Jr., library to hear poet Sonia Sanchez recite poems from her latest book, *Shake Loose My Skin*.

With the popularity of poetry growing in the District, it was hard for some people to find a seat.

About 60 people were seated in the lobby of MLK library and many others had to stand as they waited to hear the prolific voice of Sanchez. Many fans said it is her grace, love for her people and tone that make her readings so powerful.

"She draws you in and makes you feel her thoughts, it's different from reading it," said Carla Benjermian, a DC resident.

Shake Loose My Skin, is a collection of poems taken from the early 1960s to her most recent poems of the '90s. The book speaks about love, racism and the political powers and struggles of the award-winning artist. Sanchez is not just a poet and professor, but an activist for the rights of women and Blacks. She received many community service and literary awards for books like, *Homegirls and Homegrenades*.

Sanchez, a short woman with dread locks and who wore an African print scarf tied around her head, graced the microphone with warm charisma. The Temple University professor, greeted her audience first by thanking the men for coming out. She said due to the basketball game she was not expecting a large crowd of men.

She began by reading a poem titled *Homecoming*. She said she wrote it in the '60s; at a time when many African Americans were searching for their roots.

"It was a coming home to ourselves at that time," Sanchez said.

She was an active member in getting the Black Studies program started in California in 1966. She taught Garveyism in her classes and many times was interrogated by the FBI. They labeled her as a radical for teaching African-American literature.

She said when Blacks like Sterling Brown first started writing poetry, people criticized it and said it was not poetry. In her book she dedicates two poems to him, acknowledging him as a hero and how he needs to be remembered, taught and read.

In her book, Sanchez dedicates a poem to slain rap artist Tupac Shakur. She said it is important for older people not to reject the rap industry and "diss" the young people. Crit-

icizing the young people of the '90s, she said is doing the same thing that was done to the young people in the '60s when they were protesting against the Vietnam war and for different courses in colleges. Sanchez said listening to rap music shows how we are connected in the "battle field called life."

Many of her viewers called themselves poets and said they were there to learn.

"Sanchez inspires me that I too can someday become a successful writer," said Jamil Mitchell, a local Washington poet who performs at Bar Nun.

Sanchez said writers have a duty to make the words impact people. She said to do this, writers must take the truth create it and lie. She suggested walking as a way to get rid of some of the things you endure in academic life and prepare to write.

Sanchez became popular among the young people after her poem was read by Nia Long, in the movie *Love Jones*. The audience that gathered at MLK requested her to read that poem entitled "Poem No. 3."

"When she reads the last line high, the way she said it, expresses how one feels when they are in love and how high they get from it," said Marline Madison, a student at George Washington.

It's Tea Time in the District

By ANGELICA MORRISON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Sitting on the base of a sculpture in DuPont Circle, Dean Hamer and friend, Brian McKernan, chat and prepare to drink their tea in the Saturday sun.

"Coffee houses are for yuppies," said Hamer, who is a scientist at the National Institute of Health. "This is for a different type of yuppie."

In a city lined up with Starbucks, Xandos and local coffee joints, Teatism is one of a few teahouses in the District. Passers-by are enticed by the aroma of Asian spices and teas that seep into the air of R Street, Northwest. Yet, at the same, time passers-by are confronted with the aroma of Teatism's neighbor Starbucks.

Jennifer Williamson, manager of the restaurant, said the coffee trend is being replaced with tea.

Despite its location in one of the District's most upbeat

area—DuPont Circle—patrons and visitors say the teahouse offers an inviting, home-like atmosphere. Tranquility in the middle of chaos or serenity at the end of a stressful day, is the experience people say they get when they breathe the warm aroma of Teatism.

"I've been coming here every week for five years," said Martin Smith, who runs a motorcycle messenger company. Smith has been a resident of the District for 10 years and calls himself a "major regular."

On the inside, the restaurant is like a warm cottage with hard wood floors and walls, and a staircase that leads to a dining area the size of a small bedroom.

"It's got that rusty comfortable thing going on," said Williamson, "sometimes people come in here four times a day."

The Asian tradition of tea is what Teatism patterns itself after instead of the European "tea and crumpets" tradition. Teatism serves 50 different types of teas ranging from

Green teas, such as Gen Mai Cha and Sea Anemone, to black teas such as Earl Grey and Golden Needle. The chai, one of the most popular teas served, is a chai spiced tea with milk and sugar. Teas are also sold in loose leaf form and are freshly brewed in the restaurant.

To accompany the variety of the teas, Teatism also serves a variety of foods for breakfast, lunch and dinner. French toast, Irish oatmeal, cilantro scrambled organic eggs are a few of the items served for breakfast. Ostrich burgers, Bento Boxes (Asian box meals), curry vegetables and chicken, and Ochazuke—a soup made of rice and tea mixture—are some of the foods served for lunch and dinner.

"It brings back memories of my engagement at a Japanese spa (a place similar to Teatism), said Jenny Price-Smith. "It just needs to be bigger."

The owners of Teatism plan to open a new Teatism on March 15 near the White House and another one near the MCI Center in September.

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Blue Lights Or Broken Lights

Recent incidents on campus have raised concern about safety on Howard's campus. Beatings and muggings have caused students to be afraid to walk home from the library late at night or go through the valley in the wee hours of the morning.

That's common sense, you say? Of course; we're in Washington, D.C. But sure the University has a responsibility to make sure its students are safe?

We think so, and supposedly, they do too. We have a blue-light system here at Howard that has stations all over the campus and at all of the dorms. The problem is that students don't trust the system.

And with valid reason.

Students are alarmed because, when walking the blue lights, one hears noise, coming from the speakers, the batteries are usually low, and no one is ever sure if they really work. But here's the kicker: If someone is using the system because they are, say, being mugged at Meridian, someone who is facing a sexual assault in front of the "A" building cannot use it at the same time.

Therefore, the system is fallible—in a big way.

But the biggest problem is that, because of these problems, students will hesitate before pushing the button—

and that hesitation can cost them their lives, or, if they're lucky, only their cash and credit cards.

And given the way that campus security has failed the students in the past, why *should* they trust them to even pick up if they call? Why should they trust them to come and put their lives on the line? When a girl was beaten in front of the West Towers last semester, the guards on duty refused to stick their necks out. The blue light in front of the building went unused—but what was the point? Security was already there, and they didn't do jack.

For students to feel safe on campus, the system must be beefed up, the batteries must be checked, the light bulbs for more than one person to call for help at a time. But most of all, Howard must get security that does their job—protecting the students. They need to be on duty at all times, not just during the day or when they feel like working.

We don't need to hire people who took the job for an easy paycheck—this is serious. Our lives are on the line.

Is It All About The Benjamins?

This past Saturday at Howard's annual Charter Day, entertainer Sean "Puffy" Combs was presented with a distinguished alumni award by Howard University's administration. He did not graduate from Howard but completed two years in the school of business. The university has said to be considered an alumnus of the university only when he completed two years. Combs was honored for his great accomplishments in the music industry. He made 80 million dollars last year producing songs with lyrics like, "it's all about the benjamins" and videos that portray a Mercedes Benz and beautiful women dressed in skimpy clothing as the key to success.

It is true that Combs knows how to play the game in the music industry and does produce songs that climb the charts; there is no doubt that he is a success. But is this type of success that should be honored by Howard University, a university that holds such merit and is known for producing leaders that uplift the black community and challenge the stereotypes?

What is the criteria to be distinguished with a distinguished alumni award? It is said that you must be accomplished in your field of work. Is the criteria that simply?

In the past, Howard has honored distinguished alumni who have made a difference in the black community—through medicine, law or teaching, people who

honestly made a change in the lives of others.

Who says Combs will be a success in the years to follow? He may fall off the charts just like so many other entertainers, but a contribution to science or a breath taking form of literature are accomplishments that will always affect black life. So what was the University thinking, "Let's grab this little piece of the University before he falls?" Or was it "all about the benjamins" as Combs said?

To those alumni who have worked hard, the honoring of Combs is like a slap in the face. Combs is not to blame for it, he accepted an award that was handed to him. It wasn't given to him free—he had to buy it. But he will not let the University forget that he paid half a million dollars for it.

Combs simply supplies the people with an outlet of entertainment with unrealistic topics—it's a shame his fame and glitz have not only won the hearts of young people and made them hungry for a piece of the action, but has even affected adults, our university. Is he the new type of leader Howard is producing, the new type of distinguished alumni?

Combs, this past Saturday, has proven that the Howard community *can* buy everything—it can even buy you a distinguished award, whether you have earned it or not.

Faulty Elections

A number of discrepancies in the March 3rd Primary Elections have surfaced, raising the question—Were the elections legitimate? And if not, must the student body call for a recall?

A number of students have stepped forward, admitting that they had the opportunity to vote for both graduate and undergraduate trustee.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that undergraduate students vote exclusively for undergraduate trustee, and graduate students vote for graduate trustee. But somehow, students were allowed to vote for both. Because of this occurrence, the numbers reported are not accurate. If multiple cases of this damage have reached *The Hilltop*, there must be numbers more that went unreported.

Also, the number of graduate students that were turned away from the polls was unusually high. Graduate students in the School of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy have reported that many of them were turned away, due to not being included as students on the official roster list. Poll workers failed to realize that that professional students vote as graduate students. Many complaints have also surfaced about poll workers who were observed sleeping at the Medical School and the failure of the Election Committee to stipulate which identification was suitable to permit students to vote. Also, the confusion in the lobby area caused many students to turn away; the lines simply looked too long and confusing.

Many professional students have complained that the polls were out of their reach, causing them not to vote

because they could not fit time into their hectic schedules. The booths should have been distributed evenly, instead of being placed two in the Law School and Medical School, they should have been placed fairly.

Issues with the election go back to a Law School Primary that was held Feb. 9 between then-Graduate Trustee Candidates Eugene Akers and Che' Sayles. According to Election Eugene, any primary held before elections that requires that a person drop out of the race is illegal. Election chair Anthony Santagati referred to the primary as a "friendly gentlemen's agreement," when it was clearly obvious that the primary was binding and forced Akers out of the race. The Law School even went as far to call it just that in the Feb. 26 issue of *The Barrister*, the newspaper of the Law School.

Changes must be enforced to make the election process run more smoothly—there must be two days of voting to fully resolve the student body. Some students do not come on campus every day and should not have to make a special trip to place their vote. Also, in the future, students should be given the opportunity to vote by telephone. Something needs to be done; change must take place.

With the irregularities that have existed with the election process in regards to students voting for the wrong elections, illegal Law School primaries and registered students being turned away from the polls, simply put, the students deserve another election process.

A fair, legal, and just one.



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To Catch a Killer

KIMOTHY K. BROWN

Tuesday marked the two-year anniversary of the death of rap superstar Christopher "Biggie Smalls" Wallace. He was fatally shot outside of the Palladium in Los Angeles following the Soul Train Music Awards. His death came almost exactly six months after the death of another popular rapper, Tupac Shakur, who died in September 1996. And just like Tupac's murder, Biggie's remains an unsolved mystery.

Of course, most of us know what led up to the killings of these two musical giants—something pretty stupid. They had problems with each other that was never resolved, which stemmed from the whole East Coast/West Coast controversy. So, two lives were lost because of a silly regional rivalry.

Now, nearly two years later, both murders remain unsolved. Why? But like so many other young black men who have died in America, law enforcement simply does not care.

Case in point, compare the Jon Benet Ramsey case to that of Biggie and Tupac. The police are eagerly trying to track down the killer(s) of this rich, white girl. But what about the killer(s) of these two hip-hop icons? The Ramsey case has gone on for ages, and I'm tired of it. I don't know what the difference is between the murders of Tupac, Biggie and Ramsey.

Many people around and on Howard University's campus can care less about Biggie. But these are among the main people who listen to his music religiously. They all say "he was just a rapper." No, he was a person with a family.

Maybe he did not do anything for us personally, but some people did look up to him. He was liked by all regions of the country, which is rare for a rapper. His lyrics were clever, he had a good personality and he was a comedian. His first album, *Ready to Die*, is a hip-hop classic.

I was a freshman living in Drew Hall when Biggie passed away. I was shocked at first, but realized that

maybe it was bound to happen. Following the death of Tupac, sadly enough, people wondered how long it would take for Biggie to go down. I remembered when I woke up and my roommate told me the news. I really thought it was because of a heart attack at first. The deaths of two stars in one school year!

I really think that if both Biggie and Tupac were alive today, they would have resolved their differences. A number of other things would not be the same in the rap world today. We would not know exactly who Mase is, Master P probably would not be as huge, and people would not be taking money out of Afeni Shakur's pocket by selling "bootleg" copies of Tupac's music. But it's not Master P or Mase's fault that the two kings of rap died.

So now we're in 1999 still wondering who are the responsible parties for the deaths. At first, police pointed to Orlando Anderson, a gang member as the killer of Shakur. Anderson was shot to death late last year. Also, police were saying the suspects were in a white car in Las Vegas where the shooting occurred. How can you not find a white car in the middle of the desert? Several people think Tupac is still alive and well today—kind of representing a black Elvis Presley.

As for Biggie, it's pretty vague who the potential killer(s) are. It can be anybody connected with the East Coast/West Coast "beef" at this point. But unfortunately I don't think we will ever find out. We'll know what happened to John Gotti before we know a tidbit of who killed Biggie and Tupac.

So we must move on with our lives, something most of us have done already. All we can do is continue listening to the music of both, and hold on to the memories. I wouldn't call them martyrs, but they died for something that made no sense at all!

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Those That Tend To Differ At The Mecca Missed My Point...

TA-NEHISI COATES

Whenever I publish an article in the *Washington City Paper*, I usually make the assumption that no one is reading the articles I write. So when I picked up *The Hilltop* last Friday and saw the three editorials responding to my article on Howard, I was shocked. I must say that I am pleased that there is some intellectual debate being stirred. I appreciate critical response, positive or negative.

Unfortunately most of the response voiced in the three editorials were criticisms aimed at an editorial I did not write.

I begin with Elizabeth Circo's intellectual-challenged response, "Looking For A Modern Day Moses." The column begins by asserting that my essay "Return Of The Mecca" was unreported. As the article continues, I find Circo agreeing with one of the central components of my essay, [saying, "...Coates' 'article'...does have a point: We are not producing leaders of the black community—at least not the kind of leaders Coates wants us to produce"]. She does this by writing that Howard is not about the business of producing earth-shakers, but rather, "people who are ready to be successful—by America's money-hungry, capitalistic standards." Circo does not question those "money-hungry" standards; instead, she endorses them in the next sentence by saying "What's wrong with that?"

I categorically refuse to even address such a baseless, or rather base, argument. The fact that Howard is producing philosophy majors who don't question America's "money-hungry" standards is quite enough, but I am offended by Circo's charge that the article was unreported.

I spent a week in Mooreland-Springarn researching Howard's history

for the article. I also attempted, numerous times, to speak with Howard's administration with little or no success.

The essay did include the views of both students and professors. Circo's charge that the essay was "unreported" is laughable at best and professionally insulting at worst.

Keene and Keya Graves' criticisms, while better argued, still miss the key points of my argument. First, both Graves and Keene argued that my essay longed for the 1960s. But a

that this means that student awareness still exists. But even if all 700 people at Rankin were students, which they weren't, that would still only make about one-tenth of the student population. Consider that, in the 1930s, one-fourth of the student population came out to protest Italy's invasion of Ethiopia. Today, the cold fact is that you couldn't get one-fourth of Howard students out to honor a progressive alumnus, much less to protest some invasion in east Africa.

Moreover, my article does not request for a repeat of history. It argues for visionary action over short-sighted mediocrity. I'm not asking for weekly occupations of the A-building. I'm not asking for Afros and I'm not asking for protest. I'm challenging Howard students to create new methods for new problems. There was no crack epidemic in the 1930s and lynching, not black-on-black crime was the order of the day. People who argue as Graves does, that the cause "no longer exists," do so at the peril of themselves and the entire black community.

The fact of the matter is that once Howard's most distinguished graduates were people like Zora Neale Hurston—now Howard honors a man named Puff Daddy. What has he done but introduce thought-provoking acts like Lil' Kim? Here is a man who measures accomplishments in Benzes and Versace suits. Just like Combs, Circo's article demonstrates that a lot of folks at Howard aren't looking to challenge the world; they just want to "step into the bourgeoisie," as Circo puts it. Such thinking is the recipe for a paradise of fools where mediocrity reigns and the black community languishes.

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thorough read of the essay reveals that only a small part of the meat of the argument takes place in the 1960s. Most of the activism highlighted takes place in the 1930s. Furthermore, only two of the six highlighted distinguished graduates and professors were even involved with Howard during the 1960s. The essay argued for a lengthy activist and intellectual tradition that stretches from Alain Locke on down. In its instead of addressing the issue in its historical entirety, Graves and Keene erect strawman allegations about 1960s nostalgia and attack an argument I never made.

Keene says that because 700 people, several of whom were students, showed up at the Ture rally in Rankin Chapel,

Her Side of the Story

KEYA GRAVES

Before the Barbara Walters interview with Monica Lewinsky, I viewed Monica as a fat disgusting pig who was a home-breaker and cared about no one but herself.

But somehow, watching her interview with Walters made me sympathize with her. The young "overweight" intern with low self-esteem was told by the president, Bill Clinton, she was beautiful.

What she did was not right; it was morally wrong, but she was tricked into believing that she had a relationship with one of the most powerful men in the world. This idea gave her the self-worth she was lacking.

Watching her eyes sparkle and her smile beam as she spoke about her intimate moments with the president, made me realize there was something I was missing from the newspaper articles, and that was her side of the story. It may be true that Lewinsky is no child when it comes to sexual games and married men, but on the other hand, when it comes to relationships she's as gullible and dreamy as a high school girl. She is naive.

The young intern actually fell madly in love with Clinton, and part of her still longs to be with him.

Whatever Clinton whispered to her in the bathroom of the oval office

convinced her that he genially cared about her; and that they were in a relationship.

Lewinsky said he cried with her and he confided in her. She said when she asked Clinton if the relationship was just about sex, his eyes watered and he said he was hurt because of the assumption she had made.

So the oral sex she provided was not dirty nor was she a "whore" or a "red hot mama." She wanted to please the man she thought she had a relationship with.

She was hooked, and when she was transferred she went ballistic. Lewinsky said the "meannies" wanted her to leave.

She said she did not see him privately for a year because he was up for re-election, but said he called her frequently saying how much he wanted to hold her and kiss her.

This man was the player of all players: He told her exactly what she wanted to hear and the sad thing is that she believed him.

Yes, she was stupid to fall for him and had a "big mouth" telling 10 other people about her "relationship" with the president, but she thought his feelings were real.

How many of your women have been there, believed the lies a man told you no matter how many times your girlfriends called you a fool?

Many people out there are pointing

a finger at her exclaiming what she did was wrong.

My roommate called her a "hooker who" who used her power to "hook" the president in and "hoed him". She claimed she used him for her own popularity.

How does a 21-year-old intern "hook" the president of the United States?

What she did was morally wrong because President Bill Clinton is a married man, but some of the people criticizing her know that they wish to never be revealed.

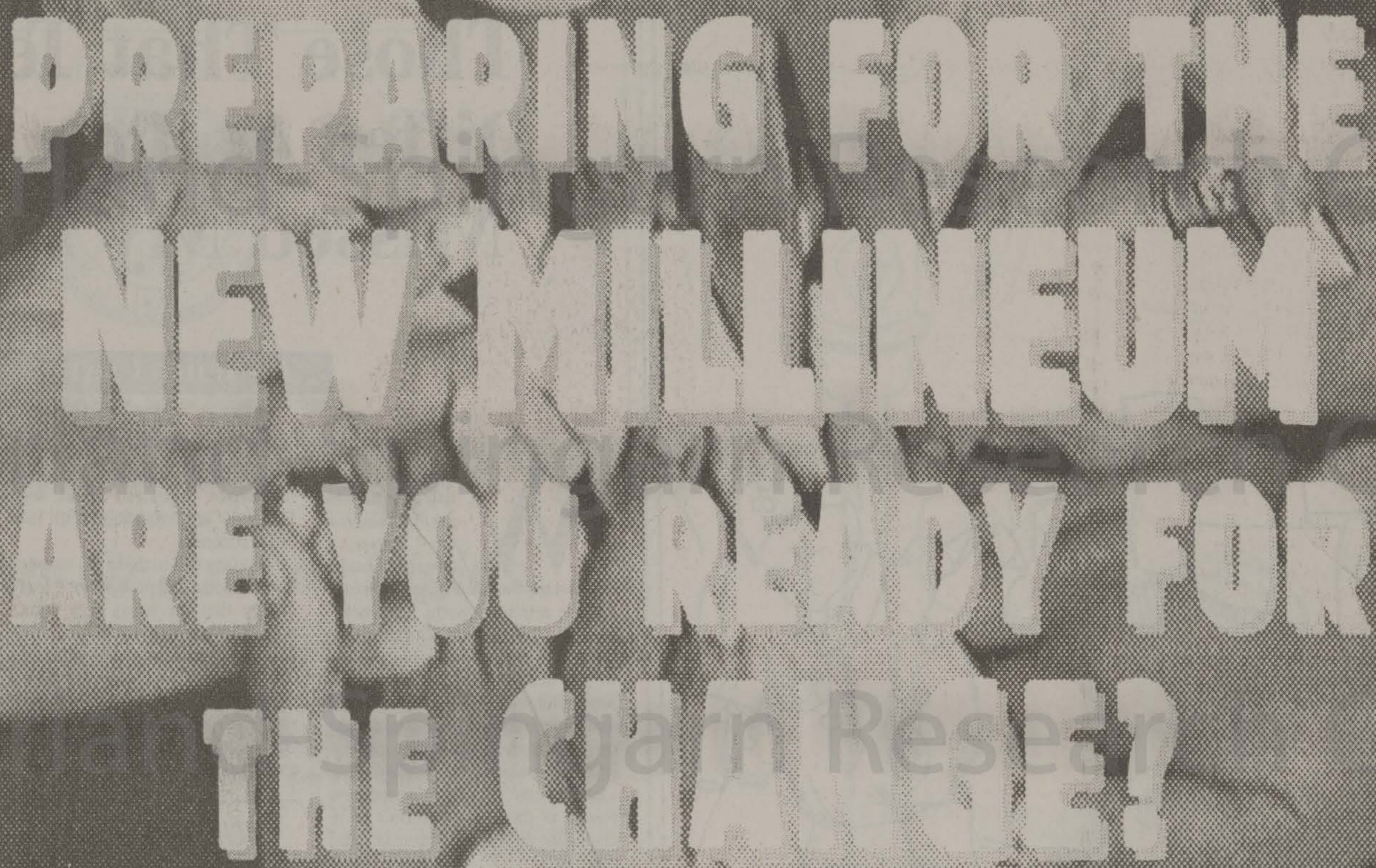
How many times have we done something that we know we had no business doing?

It just so happened that Lewinsky's secret became public notice.

As the old saying goes, what you do in the dark will eventually come to light. It's just that most of our light is not the entire world. But when our small circle of acquaintances discovers our wrongs we are ashamed; just as Monica and Bill were. We all make mistakes and we have to live with them.

We commit moral sins, but it just so happens that they got caught.

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FIRST PERSON

My Happiness Comes From Above

BY AURELLIA ANDERSON

Since the first day I arrived (and even until now), people automatically knew my legal residency was in California. They said it was my cheerful smile, my easy going spirit, and my zeal. For awhile, I played on this saying, "Yeah, California. The Cali atmosphere is what shaped me and molded me."

Now, all I can say is "Puh-leeese."

It is not a Cali-thing. It is a *Jesus* thing. I had to turn my attitude around and give God all the glory. All praises and "compliments" go to him who is the reason why I smile. God is the reason why I can say hello to people that I pass on the yard that I don't even know. He, the Almighty One, is the reason my attitude stays in check while I wait for my food in the Punchout or when a university worker gives me attitude or even while eating the Blackburn Cafeteria food.

Bison, it's not the California atmosphere living through me, but it is the one and only Savior. The day I realized he came down to die for my sins so I can have life eternally, I gave Him all blessings and honor.

The peace and love of God transcends all human understanding. Although I don't understand why this person is being mean to me or why that person is giving me dirty looks and I don't even know them, I live in peace that God is working. He is living through me so others will see how great it is to be one of His children.

So, you don't have to be a native Californian to have the love, peace, joy, happiness, patience and longsuffering that I have (Galatians 5:22-23). You just have to be a follower of Christ. Isn't that a far better deal?

The writer is a freshman English major.

Spring Break: How to Maximize the Experience

BY ALIKE BOGGAN
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When it comes down to it, there are only three basic locations or activities for Spring Break. These places include a cold temperature, a warm climate, or both. Usually in the cold places, the main activity is skiing. The warm placed activities involve the beach. The third is a combined location and activity: going abroad or camping.

To help in your enjoyment of a much anticipated vacation, I will give you some suggestions of related attire and things to bring that should increase your vacationing mood. At the least, you can practice applying your personal style for appropriate places. For instance, the following things should be on the packing list of cold weather vacationers, skiers, potential skiers, and the like: Moisturizer (cold climates are harsh and dry out the skin), Snowboard (try it if you can already ski, Insulated hiking boots, Polartec zip-neck pullover, High-tech fiber socks, Goretex anorak and pants, Thermals, Microfleece cap, Strap back-bag, Neck warmer, Bandana, Tinted lip gloss, Magazines, Fashion-wise, the place to indulge in "chicness" is in lodges. During your time inside pair the D.C. stretch jeans (that you've admired from afar but never dared to buy) with matching flashy boots and a sweater. On the other hand, try an entire denim set (jacket and jeans) with noticeable costume jewelry (don't let it look too fake). Whatever combination you decide on, it should derive from a glamour and lounge look. Since we're going "Glam" here, get a manicure (skip on the toes, no one will see them, unless you're "Money Bags" like that!) and your hair done before you go. Because your activity is already provided, your PURPOSE: socialize.

For those who may be cruising through the Bahamas and other islands and will be hittin' up the beaches, you should have these things included in your luggage: Canvas backpack, Book (Fisherman and His Soul by Oscar Wilde is a supposed good read), Sarong, Body oil, Bathing suit, Woven sandals or thongs, Wide brimmed hat, Vaseline (for lips), Beach towel (an over-sized one), Jewelry (metallic or handmade beads, wood, etc.)

Since you will most likely be blessed with a warm climate, you can enjoy an array of outdoor activities beyond that of lounging at the beach. Check out jet skiing, water skiing, or parasailing. Additionally, pamper yourself to a pedicure (and manicure if your ends allow it) before you go, or don't wear open-toed sandals! Also, be sure to purchase some native crafts and more hand-made jewelry. Such things are keepsakes that no one else (usually) will have in the States. It would also be a good idea to have a flexible hairstyle—wind, water, and sand are definitely going to become one with you! Obviously from your vacation selection of a welcoming atmosphere, your PURPOSE: relax.

Finally, for those who really are ready to travel, maybe going abroad or camping, this list is for you: Hiking boots or tennis shoes, Book (travel guide, and a novel about journeys or traveling), Athletic socks (lots), Cargo and draw-string pants, Caps and/or brimmed Kangos, Nonperishable snacks

If your plans aren't set in stone your PURPOSE: create adventure, comfortably. Thus, you will need to dress in layers. Everyone needs to find out what the weather is like before they leave. And because you will be covering a lot of ground, either as a bonafide tourist, or hiker/nomad, you need to minimize (notice the brief packing list in comparison to the other vacationers). And hair! Don't bother—work the hats.

Everyone should have the following things: Umbrella (the weather man isn't always right), Lip balm, Sun block, Journal, Camera, Bottled water, Cash or Travelers Checks, Sunglasses

Whatever you do, don't just stay at home. If you have access to such places as named above, make an effort to experience them. You won't regret it!

BY KYLA K. WILSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Internet is being touted as an information source for students. By downloading photos, short movies, and clips from television shows, the Net has also become a source of entertainment. However, could this world wide wonder be the source of an unhealthy addiction?

Many say yes.

Many doctors have recognized that like gambling and shopping, the Internet can become an addiction. Some users are spending hours on the net while neglecting their loved ones or financial responsibilities. According to Howard University psychiatrist Wilbert Lacey, some students have developed an Internet behavioral addiction. The users are unable to stop logging onto the Net. This behavior is psychological, unlike drug and alcohol addictions, when the person has a physical dependency.

"There is no sign of withdrawal [with Internet addiction] just a sense of sadness and sense of loss when without it," said Lacey.

Time can be spent on the Internet in various ways. Of the uses of the Internet, information retrieval, online games, news, and chat rooms are the most popular. Some say chat rooms are the most addictive. These "rooms" have groups of people that share in a virtual conversation. Typed thoughts are transmitted to whoever has logged onto the page. Chat room topics can range from math to television. Most people do not use their real names, but pseudo screen names. Vincent King, a junior journalism major, spends six to seven hours a day on the net. He thinks the Internet is a good way to relax and relieve tension. King can spend three to four hours in America Online's chat rooms. He says he likes the diversity of people you meet in the chat rooms and the conversations that take place.

"You meet different people from all over the world and you engage in conversation you normally wouldn't find yourself engaged [in if you were talking] to people person to person," said King.

King started to neglect his homework, so he stopped visiting the chat rooms and, instead, found himself surfing the web.

"I will get on the Internet with the intent to do homework. All of a sudden my mind wanders and I see



Students and doctors agree that the Internet can be addictive.

Hilltop Staff/Jason T. Smith

these banners which look interesting and I'll just happen to click on the banner to see what it is and end up losing focus of what I'm doing. I will eventually find my way back to my homework," said King.

The Net can make students lose focus on their homework, but it can also help them. Kelli Fair, a sophomore speech major, says the Internet has become her library.

"It's the best thing that ever happened to me as far as academics," said Fair. However, Fair says because she does not own a computer she has not yet taken advantage of Internet entertainment.

Like other addictions, the Internet is a substitute for something that is lacking in the lives of those who are addicted to it.

"You have to look to see if it is the primary interest in their lives, you have to look at what they did before they had a computer," Lacey said. "They were

probably addicted to something else before the Internet came along."

King does not believe he has an addiction, but he admits that he would skip classes and eat in front of his computer or skip meals to spend time on the Internet.

"I had to train myself not to get on the Internet until classes were over," said King. "I always eat in front of my computer, it is just a habit. I found that I would eat one meal a day...If I am on the Internet I don't want to eat."

Yet, King says he will not decrease his time on the Internet, he sees it as just an interest of his.

"I don't think that I have a problem with Internet addiction. To me it is all in the individual. I can live without the Internet," King said. "I know if I wanted to stop using the Internet I would, but I'm not because it is my hobby."

movies

Cruel Intentions: Sex, Lies, and Vengeance

BY JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last year, audiences were hooked by the teen horror film *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, which introduced a cast of hip young talented actors with real star power.

Sarah Michelle Gellar and Ryan Phillippe had lead roles in the blockbuster.

Although both were left in the long line of carnage by the man with the hook, they both gave memorable performances.

Fast-forward to a year later, and you have *Cruel Intentions*. Gellar and Phillippe team up again to create on-screen magic. This time they show that they can make the jump from terrorized teens to sexually charged young adults in the Big Apple.

Cruel Intentions takes place in upscale Manhattan.

Sebastian Valmont (Phillippe) and Kathryn Merteuil (Gellar) are incestuous stepsiblings. They are super-rich and have an insatiable hunger for sex, mischief, and recklessness.

Sebastian is a prep-school stud. He has an appetite for the female species. Sebastian likes to bed them, photograph them, and then humiliate them by posting their nude bodies on the Internet.

Kathryn is the "perfect" student body president by day, and a freak behind closed doors at night. She gives a new meaning to the phrase "house devil, street angel." Kathryn hides behind the cross around her neck (which doubles as a cocaine dispenser), and pretends that she is a pristine saint. The two of them work secretly to manipulate and toy with others. When the two

learn that a new girl by the name of Annette Hargrove (Reese Witherspoon—*Pleasantville*, *Fear*, and *Freeway*) will be attending their school in the fall, their over-sexed, devious minds start to work. However, when they find out that the self-proclaimed virgin is the new headmaster's daughter, their brains go into overload. Hence, "The Best."

The stakes are high. If Sebastian cannot break down Annette's strong wall of virginity he must give away his prized antique 1956 Jaguar to Kathryn. But, if Annette gives into Sebastian's advances then he will be able to do whatever sexual act he wants to Kathryn (racy, isn't it?).

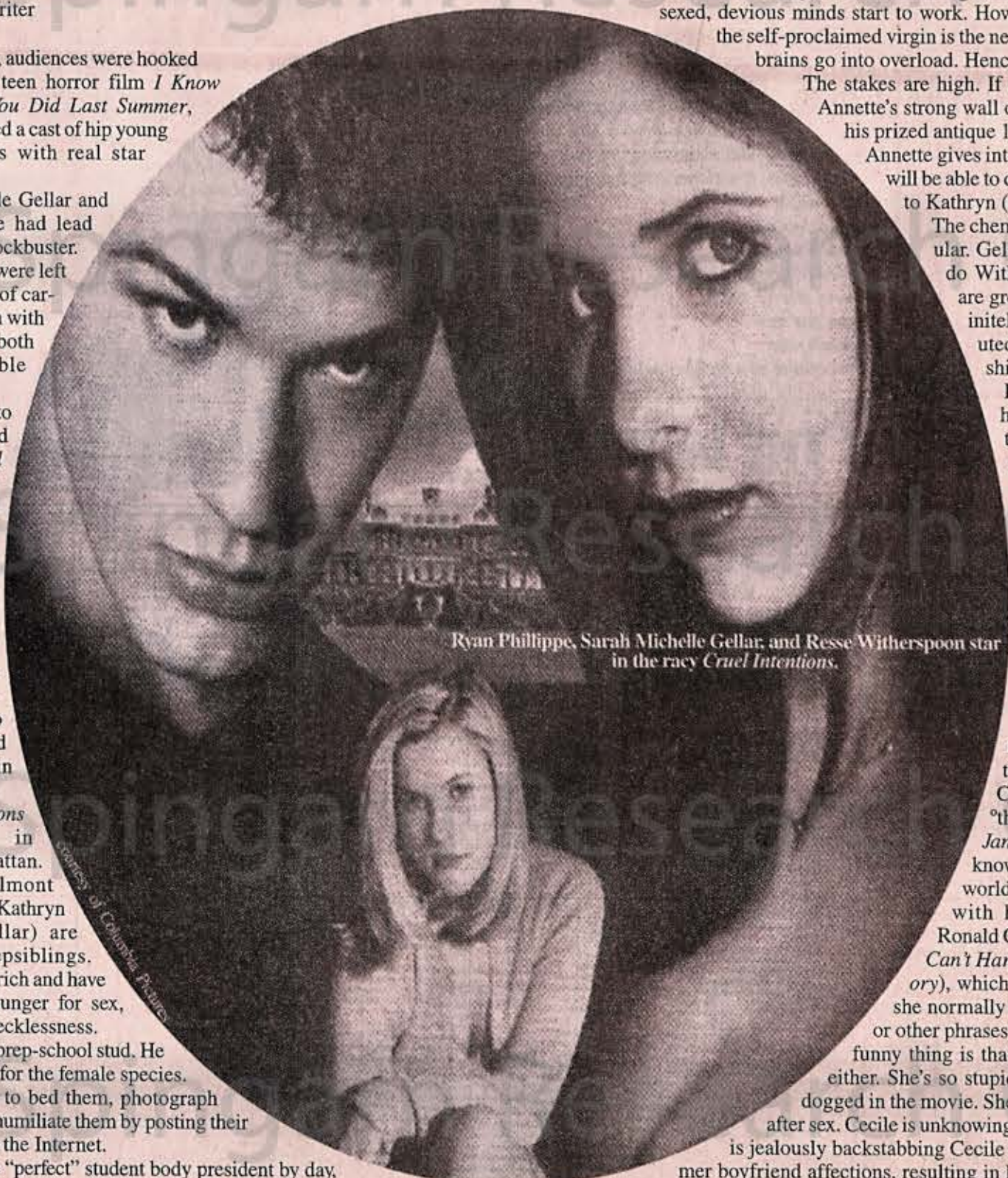
The chemistry in this movie is spectacular. Gellar and Phillippe shine, but so do Witherspoon and Phillippe. They are great. The on-screen heat is definitely there. This might be attributed to their off-screen relationship.

Phillippe and Witherspoon have been an item for some time. In fact, Witherspoon is pregnant with Phillippe's baby and the two plan to wed sometime in the near future (talk about life imitating art).

Cruel Intentions is stuffed full of sex, sex, and more sex. The movie not only deals with typical teenage heterosexual sex, it dips into the tabooish realm of homosexuality. This movie has it all.

The movie is also filled with hilarious moments. Many of them come at the expense of Cecile Caldwell (Selma Blair—*the WB's Zoe, Duncan, Jack & Jane*), a clueless idiot who doesn't know the first thing about sex or the world around her. She's infatuated with her black music instructor Ronald Clifford (Sean Patrick Thomas—*Can't Hardly Wait*, and *Conspiracy Theory*), which results in her using lingo that she normally doesn't use, like "Punch Out," or other phrases that are out of style. The truly funny thing is that Ronald doesn't talk like that either. She's so stupid it's funny. Cecile really gets dogged in the movie. She is literally thrown out of beds after sex. Cecile is unknowingly humiliated by Kathryn (who is jealously backstabbing Cecile for being the object of her former boyfriend affections, resulting in him dumping her), throughout the movie.

Unfortunately the movie has a horrible ending. The first 95 percent of the movie is great but the ending really leaves the audience with a bad taste in their mouth. The ending was really a cruel intention.



Ryan Phillippe, Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Reese Witherspoon star in the racy *Cruel Intentions*.

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health

Gene Discovery May Answer America's Weighted Questions

By TRACEY AUSTIN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Reagan McGaughey, a freshman sociology major, is a size 13-14, and according to society she is "overweight." However, McGaughey does not see herself as overweight or obese. Her feelings are not that different from most black women her size. A study conducted by Jaqueline Wilcott-McQuigg found that most black women do not see themselves as being overweight or obese by medical standards. They are compared to white women of an equal or bigger size who think that they are overweight or obese.

McGaughey has been what many consider as overweight since childhood. She is comfortable with her weight and feels that her size is natural for her. McGaughey works out daily and tries to lose weight but it does not work.

McGaughey says she is just as capable of participating in physical activities as anyone else. As a member of the Howard University tennis team she is an active woman, McGaughey practices with the team everyday and even works out on her own. Although she feels that her size may sometimes be a disadvantage when competing, she knows she is in better shape and a lot more fit than someone who is 120 pounds or "underweight."

Why is it so difficult for some people to gain weight and so easy for others to lose weight? Are some people destined to be bigger than others are? Is a person who is overweight as a child destined to be overweight as an adult and can this person lose the weight and keep it off?

Now, there is evidence to answer all of these questions and more questions in regards to the incidence of over-

weight, the age of its onset and its prevalence. Many studies have been conducted to identify the cause of obesity. Scientists have been successful in devising several theories which can explain the various possibilities. A theory that is just recently becoming popularized is the "genetic inheritance theory."

Scientists have successfully identified several different genes and genetic products that can be useful in determining whether someone is genetically destined to be overweight or obese. One of the most significant findings is the gene called obese or simply the "ob."

Research was conducted on a strain of mice that ballooned up to five times the girth of normal mice when fed the same amount. After numerous studies were conducted scientists isolated a gene that appeared normal in average size mice and mutated in the oversize mice. The ob gene is activated by adipose tissue, or fat tissue, of the body where it causes the production of a fat-signaling, hormone-like protein called leptin. The ob gene operates by creating a hormone within the fat cell responsible for satiety. The satiety hormone moves from the fat cell and enters the bloodstream. This satiety hormone then signals the hypothalamus of the brain to reduce the urge to eat after the caloric intake is sufficient to maintain ideal fat stores. Within a defective gene, however, an inadequate amount of hormone is produced, or no hormone at all. Thus the brain is not given a proper assessment of the body's adipose status. Thus, the urge to eat is constant.

This theory of the existence of a feedback loop was proposed nearly 40 years ago. Similar to what is known as the "set point theory." Both theories propose that a biological control mechanism exists in the body that triggers a response to change a controlled variable, opposing the

change and driving that variable in the opposite direction. The "set point" theory presumes that the body tends to maintain a certain weight by means of its own internal controls. The "genetic inheritance theory" relates to the concept of a "set point" in the sense that the body chooses a weight that it wants to be and defends that weight by regulating eating behaviors and hormonal actions.

These concepts, theories, and new findings are becoming very useful in answering questions, such as, those posed in the beginning. Evidence has already proven that "a person with one parent who is obese or overweight has a 60 percent chance of becoming obese and if both parents have obesity the probability rises as high as 90 percent." Evidence has also proven that the majority of people trying to lose weight end up gaining the weight back. Perhaps this is because the body is thought to acquire faster energy expenditures with a decrease in weight and slower energy expenditures with an increase in weight.

Dr. Otelio Randall, who works at the Howard University Hospital General Clinic Research Center (GCRC), said, "the ob gene has been identified but it is probably not the cause of obesity, most people are overweight because of too little energy expenditure and an over-consumption of calories." However, he feels "the ob gene may help with better understanding why some people eat a lot and do not gain any weight and others do not eat a lot but still gain weight faster than normal."

McGaughey feels that the isolation of the ob gene will help people who are dealing with their weight cope with their situation. "It is okay because genetically that is what happened and there is nothing you can do to change it."

THE 411: The Hilltop's Weekly Calendar

Exhibitions

Figuratively speaking: A group show of paintings, woodcuts and photography at Gallery 505. Call (202) 785-3151.

New Acquisitions: Gifts from the Lawrence Gussman Collection at the National Museum of African Art.

Behind the Himalayas: Paintings of Mustang will be featured in the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave., SW.

An American Century of Photography: From Dry-Plate to Digital, selections from the Hallmark Photographic Collection will be featured in The Phillips Collection of Washington, D.C. beginning Jan. 23. Call (202) 387-2151.

Baule: African Art/Western Eyes: This exhibition of art from the Baule people of West Africa will be on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave., SW. Opens on Feb. 7 and closes on May 9. Free. Call (202) 357-4818.

Concerts

Jazz Night in Southwest: The Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW, will host a jazz concert every Friday night until Feb. 26 featuring local artists. The concerts will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost: \$5 adults, young people free. For more information call (202) 484-7700.

On Stage

Now through Feb. 21: Clare Boothe Luce's *The Women* at Arena Stage on the Fichandler Stage, 1101 6th St., NW. Tickets range from \$24 to \$45 with discounts available for students, groups, persons with disabilities and senior citizens. Call (202) 488-3300.

The 411 is a standing column in the TEMPO section. It is compiled by Hilltop Staff Writers. To include your listing please send information well in advance to The Hilltop, Attn.: Calendar Listings, 2251 Sherman Ave., N.W., West Towers, D.C. 20001.

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1. Things Fall Apart—The Roots
2. The Ablast—Rob Swift
3. A Prince Among Thieves—Prince Paul
4. Seven Eyes, Seven Horns—Scaramanga
5. Love and Consequences—Gerald Levert
6. Fan Mail—TLC
7. Shanice—Shanice
8. It's A Beautiful Thing—Keith Murray
9. Sacred Love Songs—Bishop T.D. Jakes
10. Valence Street—The Neville Brothers

A weekly round-up of musical hits selected by The Hilltop's staff. Selections appear in no particular order.

books

Sanchez: A True Poet For The Masses

By KEYA GRAVES
Hilltop Staff Writer

The love for poetry is on the rise. Poetry houses are popping up all over and people are packing into them, either to get a taste of the poets who are reading or to grip the microphone to share their own thoughts.

The power and beauty of poetry has returned, and those looking to feel the cool breeze of a powerful poet should embrace Sonia Sanchez's new book, *Shake Loose My Skin*.

Sanchez is an award-winning author and a professor of English and Women's Studies at Temple University. She is the author of such books as *I've Been a Woman*, *Under A Soprano Sky*, *Wounded in the House of A Friend* and *Homegirls and Handgrenades*, which won her the Community Service Award.

Her latest book is a collection of poems written from the late 1960s to the 1990s, including a couple of new pieces.

Sanchez, who recently became well known for Poem No. 8, which was read by Nia Long in *Love Jones*, writes not only about the beauty of love and romance, but political issues facing blacks, paying tribute to Malcolm X, Tupac Shakur, Nikki Giovanni and Sterling Brown. She also discusses the trials and tribulations of everyday life.

Poem No. 8 whispers the thoughts of a broken love affair:

*i gather up
each sound
you left behind
and stretch them
on our bed
each nite
i breathe you and become high.*

In this poem you can feel the arms of the one you love as you take in the scents and memories they left behind.

Her tributes not only reveal the ideal hero, but help you understand the undying passion for a cause or people. She shows just being who you are is making a stance as long as you have fire. This is evident in the poem, *Catch the Fire*, as Sanchez speaks to young adults demanding they go after the "fire" in order to be a success:

*The fire of living.....Not dying
The fire of loving.....Not killing
The fire of Blackness.....Not gangster shadows.*

She makes you question who you are and reach for your inner soul.

In her poem entitled *Kwa mama zetu waliotuzaza*, which means "for our mothers who gave us birth," Sanchez takes the reader through the many circumstances women have undergone to give birth—including pregnancies that came from rape or from love, and the struggle to have a child. It reveals the love of a mother, the hopes and dreams she has for her child. It touches the inside of your womb, making you realize the strength and beauty of motherhood.

Sanchez has written two poems about Tupac, and in "Love Poem for Tupac," you feel his pain and relate it to the pain so many young people endure today. But you also hear the hope in her words:

*whose gold is carrying you home?
whose wealth is walking you through
this urban terror? whose greed
left you shipwrecked with golden
eyes staring in sudden death?*

In her writings you feel the words that are written and hunger for more.

Sanchez's work has a rhythm that makes you sway as you hear the drums in her forceful words or sometimes sweet birds humming. She pulls you into her thoughts and lets you feel her inner soul.

music

JT Money Comes Correct With 'Who Dat?'

By JASON T. SMITH
Hilltop Staff Writer

Single: Who Dat?
Artist: JT Money
Hilltop View: Validated

Watch out Master P. Your "unnnnggggh" is played out. The South has a new anthem. And JT is its father.

"Who dat," you ask?

JT Money, formerly of The Poison Clan, has shaken off the shackles of the half-juvenile and half-erotic booty-shaking music of the likes of Luke and the 69 Boys to develop a truly universal sound. His newly released single, "Who Dat?" has already been jamming radio signals all along the East Coast and it's sure to be a hit in the West with its quasi-rodeo rhythm.

As his first single from his solo debut, "Pimpin' On Wax," JT makes it clear that the South is still the originator of in-your-face rage rap.

Money, who grew up on the rough and tumble streets of South Florida, once said that JT stood for "Jackin' Tourist," a claim that's not too unbelievable. His verses on "Who Dat?" don't stray too far from his original Poison Clan theme—he's still smoking "trees" but, now older, he says "If you ain't with the squad you bound to get scarred/Young boys run their mouth true playas run the yard."

Money is joined by female rapper Sole of the Red Zone Clique. The ghetto union sharpens the edge of the song just enough to make it slice through any previously held notions about true Southern rap.

The hypnotic chant of "who dat trying to get up in my crew?" is sure to have folks bouncing their heads for a long time.

Rating System: We at *The Hilltop* believe in empowering the student. For that reason, we have given our cadre of music and movie reviewers the power to Validate and Purge, just as the power-wielding sorcerers in the Administration Building have.

Essentially, if we find the CD or movie agreeable, we will VALIDATE it for your listening pleasures. But if the music or movie stinks to high heaven then it will be PURGED from our gotta-get-it list.

—The Editor

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THE HILLTOP

Women's Lacrosse Team Making Strides

BY KIMOTHY K. BROWN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lacrosse is usually a sport played at traditionally white institutions like Princeton, Harvard, Yale, and Syracuse. Howard University's women's lacrosse team is the first at a Historically Black College or University, and in Head Coach Laurie Ann Podmilsak's opinion, the Howard community has something to be proud of.

The team is totally independent, recording a 3-8 mark last season. One of the team's goals is to improve on that record. In addition, the team hopes to continue setting individual as well as team goals centered around priorities. Building on fundamentals and basics is another key if the team hopes to be successful this season, according to Podmilsak.

Podmilsak says lack of game strategy and having less experience is among the team's weaknesses while

speed, hard work and mental toughness are its strengths. In addition, the fact that the lacrosse program is relatively young plays a major factor.

"Working hard is so important because we often have less experience than other teams," said Podmilsak.

Podmilsak says she has a good time watching the team compete. The games are usually fast and intense. Since Howard often plays schools with 20-year-old programs, she feels good observing how well the women play.

"[We] get to see the fruits of [our] labor during games," said Podmilsak. "The younger players follow the example of the older players. All we can do is go up from here."

Financial support from the administration and improved recruiting efforts are a big help as well.

The lacrosse team, which is managed by 1998 Rhodes' Scholar Carla Peterman, stresses the impor-

ance of academic excellence. Podmilsak has a background as a learning specialist, so she often helps the team by tutoring them.

"It's [academics] the main reason they're here. It's very important to encourage them to do their best," Podmilsak said.

As with many other aspects of Howard University, the school has yet to fully catch onto the sport of lacrosse. However, the team does appreciate the fans that routinely support the squad. Podmilsak played lacrosse at James Madison University. She also spent time coaching at camps and at a Virginia high school, and working as a lacrosse official.

"If people see how hard the team works and start to know more of the women, they will start coming to games. People at Howard University should pick up on this exciting sport," added Podmilsak.

Of course, all members of the team play a vital part in its success, but Podmilsak highlights a few key play-

ers. On offense, sophomore Hope Rhodes has the speed and shots to be successful in the sport, says Podmilsak. She said Rhodes has improved on defense and stick skills. Rhodes is one of the leading scorers on the team.

On defense, sophomore Chari Chester is a key element. The coach said she's defensively tough and has good positioning. Kamillah Billue and Casey McDaniels serve as the team's co-captains. The team entered this year with five beginners, four of whom never played the game before.

Therefore, the team will continue to make strides and gain respect as a legitimate team at Howard University. The women will play hard for coach Podmilsak, who thanks the fans and appreciates their support. She hopes the enthusiasm of the team's few fans will become contagious.

Sports Commentary

Gear up for Another Year of March Madness!

BY KIMOTHY K. BROWN
Hilltop Staff Writer

MEN'S TOURNAMENT

DESTINATION: TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

Again, it's tournament time for NCAA men's and women's basketball. Unfortunately, neither of Howard University's teams are participating. Nevertheless, life goes on and everyone is getting ready for basketball's listening and viewing pleasure.

The men's tournament tipped off yesterday. The top four seeds are Duke, Auburn, Connecticut, and Michigan State. Looking at Duke's East Regional bracket, I say they have the easiest route to Tampa Bay and the 1999 Final Four. The toughest opponent for the Blue Devils will be the third-seeded Cincinnati Bearcats, who beat Duke, 77-75, in November. Duke plays Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) champion Florida A&M. Well, Duke will be playing and FAMU will be watching! A No. 16 seed has never defeated a No. 1, and it definitely won't happen here.

This has to be the biggest setup in the history of the NCAA Tournament. FAMU entered the tournament with a losing record of 12-18. FAMU was not even the best team in the MEAC this year. They entered as losers, and they will surely exit as losers! Other teams in the south bracket include Miami (Fla.), Tennessee and Wisconsin.

The toughest regional is the west. The top seeds

include Connecticut, Stanford, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Iowa. If Connecticut plans to advance to the "big dance," they will have a few tough teams to get past. A North Carolina-Connecticut match-up in the regional finals would be intriguing!

Surprisingly, Auburn is the top team in the south regional. The SEC's (Southeastern Conference) Tigers will battle Winthrop in the opening round. Many people underestimate Auburn, but the Tigers should have a good showing in the tournament. If they can survive the SEC, the best conference in any sport, they can handle whatever other teams may throw their way.

Maryland is the No. 2 seed in the south. The Terrapins bring a talented team, including Laron Profit and Steve Francis, to March Madness 1999. Although they lost to ACC rival North Carolina, the Terrapins will make it to at least the final eight, maybe even the Final Four. Other top teams in the bracket include St. John's, Ohio State, and UCLA. Look for these three teams to have a good showing and make some noise.

Big Ten champion Michigan State emerges as the top seed in the Midwest Regional. The 29-4 Spartans led by Big Ten Player of the Year Mateen Cleaves, will play Mt. St. Mary's in the opening round. The Spartans should have no problem advancing to at least the regional finals.

These other tough programs show up in this bracket, defending national champions Kentucky, who plays New Mexico State in the first round, will be the biggest competition for Michigan State. The Arizona Wildcats, who beat Kentucky three years ago for the national championship, will also be a threat. Arizona Head Coach Lute Olsen will have his team prepared. The Wildcats have had some problems in the first round in

the past, but they won't this year. Arizona plays the Oklahoma Sooners first.

The Utah Utes, led by Head Coach Rick Majerus, had another great season. They will enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed and face Arkansas State in the first round. The Utes lost in the championship game to Kentucky last year. Utah's slow and methodical pace should give a couple of teams trouble, but I don't think Utah can handle Michigan State, Kentucky, or Arizona.

Therefore, to make a long story short, my picks for the Final Four are Maryland, Stanford, Duke & Kentucky. At least one SEC team has to be in the Final Four!

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

DESTINATION: SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

As for the women, this will probably be the most competitive tournament in years. The top four women's seeds are Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Connecticut and Purdue.

For Tennessee, it's their 11th No. 1 seed and 18th straight berth in the NCAA tournament. Only Louisiana Tech has participated in all 18 tournaments. The Lady Vols will host Appalachian State in Knoxville tomorrow night and play either Boston College or Ohio State in the second round with a win. However, the road won't be easy for Tennessee. Last year, they did not have to leave the state of Tennessee until the Final Four in Kansas City. They beat teams by an average of 30 points. Two of Tennessee's losses included games played against Purdue and Louisiana State. Senior standouts Chamique Holdsclaw and Kellie Jolly are looking to become the only players ever to win four consecutive national championships.

The Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters are led by senior forward Amanda Wilson. The Lady Techsters were 26-2, losing to Tennessee by 19 points. The other loss was to Purdue by six. Louisiana Tech has shown they can't beat top ranked teams, but they have tournament experience and should easily advance to the Final Four. The Lady Techsters were defeated in the Sun Belt Conference.

Purdue is the top seed in the Midwest. The Boilermakers enter with a 28-1 mark, going undefeated in the Big Ten Conference. Led by second-year Coach Carolyn Peck, Purdue ran past Northwestern and Ohio State before defeating Illinois in the Big Ten championship game. Purdue has won a Big Ten record of 26 straight games by an average of nearly 20 points. Key players for Purdue are Stephanie White-McCarthy, Ukari Figgs, and Kelly Komara. The Boilermakers should have only one team to worry about; Texas Tech. Purdue has proven they can go to war with the best. They face Oral Roberts in the first round.

Lastly, Connecticut has a first round match-up against St. Francis (Pa.) at Gampel Pavilion today. If they beat St. Francis, they will face the winner of the Florida International-Xavier (Ohio) game. Other top seeds in the Midwest region include No. 2 seed Clemson, No. 3 seed Georgia and No. 4 seed Iowa State. Top players for the Huskies are Svetlana Abrosimova, Tamika Williams and Shea Ralph, who was named the Big East Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Connecticut won the title in 1995 with Rebecca Lobo.

All in all, the women's tournament should be interesting, but all the top seeds will advance to the Final Four in San Jose. So look for Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, Purdue, and Connecticut to battle it out for the national championship.

NCAA Men's Tournament Top Seeds

*Bold Face Indicates Key Player

- Duke Blue Devils**
(32-1, 16-0 ACC)
- Head Coach-Mike Krzyzewski
 - East Regional First Round vs. Florida A&M
 - Roster**
 - 3 Justin Caldbeck (senior guard)
 - 5 William Avery (sophomore guard)
 - 13 J.D. Simpson (sophomore guard)
 - 14 Nate James (sophomore forward)
 - 21 Trajan Langdon (senior guard)
 - 22 Jay Heaps (senior guard)
 - 23 Chris Carrawell (junior forward)
 - 31 Shane Battier (sophomore forward)
 - 34 Chris Burgess (sophomore center)
 - 40 Taymon Domzalski (senior center)
 - 41 Matt Christensen (sophomore forward)
 - 42 Elton Brand (sophomore forward)**
 - 50 Corey Maggette (freshman forward)

- Connecticut Huskies**
(28-2, 16-2 Big East)
- Head Coach-Jim Calhoun
 - West Regional First Round vs. TX-San Antonio
 - Roster**
 - 3 Rashamel Jones (senior guard/forward)
 - 5 Beau Archibald (junior guard/forward)
 - 15 Kevin Freeman (junior forward)
 - 20 Justin Brown (freshman center)
 - 21 Ricky Moore (senior guard)
 - 22 Antrick Klaiber (senior forward/center)
 - 23 Albert Mouring (sophomore guard)
 - 25 Ed Tonella (junior guard)
 - 31 E.J. Harrison (senior guard)
 - 32 Richard Hamilton (junior guard/forward)**
 - 34 Souleymane Wane (junior center/forward)
 - 35 Richard Moore (freshman guard)
 - 42 Khalid El-Amin (sophomore guard)
 - 43 Jake Voskuhl (junior center)
 - 51 Edmund Saunders (sophomore forward)

- Michigan State Spartans**
(29-4, 15-1 Big 10)*
- Head Coach-Tom Izzo
- Midwest Regional First Round vs. Mt. St. Mary's
 - Roster**
 - 3 Thomas Kelley (senior guard)
 - 5 Lorenzo Guess (sophomore guard)
 - 55 Adam Ballinger (freshman forward)
 - 14 Charlie Bell (sophomore guard)
 - 25 Steve Cherry (sophomore forward)
 - 12 Mateen Cleaves (junior guard)**
 - 30 Doug Davis (sophomore guard)
 - 43 A.J. Granger (junior forward)
 - 34 Andre Hutson (sophomore forward)
 - 44 Jason Klein (senior forward)
 - 42 Morris Peterson (junior forward)
 - 13 Antonio Smith (senior forward)
 - 23 Brandon Smith (junior guard)
 - 11 David Thomas (junior forward)

- Auburn Tigers**
(27-3, 14-2 SEC)
- Head Coach-Cliff Ellis
 - South Regional First Round vs. Winthrop
 - Roster**
 - 3 Reggie Sharp (sophomore guard)
 - 4 Chris Porter (junior forward)**
 - 10 Scott Pohlman (sophomore guard)
 - 12 Jay Heard (freshman guard)
 - 13 Bryant Smith (senior guard/forward)
 - 20 Corey Watkins (freshman guard)
 - 23 Daymeon Fishback (junior guard)
 - 31 Mack McGadney (freshman forward)
 - 34 Mamadou N'diaye (junior center)
 - 40 Abe Smith (freshman forward)
 - 42 Adrian Chilliast (senior forward)
 - 44 David Hamilton (freshman forward)
 - 50 Doc Robinson (junior guard)

NCAA Women's Tournament Top Four Seeds

*Bold Face Indicates Key Player

- Tennessee Lady Volunteers**
(28-2, 13-1 SEC)
- Head Coach-Pat Summitt
 - 1st Round East Regional vs. Florida A&M
 - Roster**
 - 3 Niya Butts (junior forward)
 - 5 Kyra Elzy (junior guard/forward)
 - 24 Tamika Catchings (sophomore forward)
 - 33 Kristen Clement (sophomore guard)
 - 40 Teresa Geter (sophomore center)
 - 13 Misty Greene (senior guard/forward)
 - 23 Chamique Holdsclaw (senior forward)**
 - 14 Kellie Jolly (senior guard)
 - 31 Brynae Laxton (senior forward)
 - 50 Shalon Pillow (freshman center)
 - 21 Semeka Randall (sophomore guard)
 - 00 Michelle Snow (freshman center)

- Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters**
(26-2, 12-0 Sun Belt)
- Head Coach-Leon Barmore
 - 1st Round East Regional vs. Central Florida
 - Roster**
 - 3 Shaka Massey (junior guard)
 - 32 Crystal Allen (freshman forward)
 - 54 Melshika Bowman (sophomore center)
 - 23 Danielle Butler (sophomore center)
 - 52 Priya Gilmore (senior center)
 - 35 Tamicha Jackson (junior guard)
 - 24 Brooke Lassiter (freshman guard)
 - 25 Betty Lennox (junior guard)
 - 42 Takeisha Lewis (freshman center)
 - 21 Monica Maxwell (senior forward)
 - 33 Jamie Scheppman (junior guard)
 - 22 Christie Sides (junior guard)
 - 10 LaQuan Stallworth (senior guard)
 - 12 Ayana Walker (freshman center)
 - 30 Amanda Wilson (senior forward)**

- Connecticut Huskies**
(27-4, 17-1 Big East)
- Head Coach-Geno Aurieemma

- 1st Round Midwest Regional vs. St. Francis
- Roster**
- 4 Tihana Abrlic (senior guard/forward)
- 10 Sue Bird (freshman guard)
- 11 Kelly Schumacher (sophomore forward/center)
- 12 Marci Glenney (sophomore guard)
- 13 Marci Czel (sophomore guard)
- 14 Keirsten Walters (freshman guard)
- 15 Ashja Jones (freshman forward)
- 20 Stacy Hansmeyer (junior forward)
- 22 Amy Duran (senior guard/forward)
- 23 Swintayla Cash (freshman forward)
- 25 Svetlana Abrosimova (sophomore forward)**
- 32 Courtney Gaine (senior guard/forward)
- 33 Shea Ralph (sophomore guard/forward)
- 34 Tamika Williams (freshman forward)
- 41 Paige Sauer (junior center)

- Purdue Boilermakers**
(28-1, 16-0 Big Ten)
- Head Coach-Carolyn Peck
 - 1st Round Midwest Regional vs. Oral Roberts
 - Roster**
 - 3 Kelly Komara (freshman guard)
 - 5 Ukari Figgs (senior guard)
 - 15 Danielle Bird (junior guard)
 - 42 Camille Cooper (sophomore center)
 - 31 Candi Crawford (sophomore forward)
 - 25 Mackenzie Curless (junior forward)
 - 32 Katie Douglas (sophomore guard/forward)
 - 33 Michelle Duhart (junior forward)
 - 41 Monique Langston (sophomore guard/forward)
 - 24 Beth Lapaich (junior forward)
 - 40 Connie Murdock (sophomore forward)
 - 55 Mary Jo Noon (freshman center)
 - 21 Shayla Porter (junior guard)
 - 52 Amy Shaffer (senior forward)
 - 22 S. White-McCarthy (senior guard/forward)**
 - 23 Tiffany Young (junior guard)

HOWARD UNIVERSITY



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and the Department of Political Science,*

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It is hoped that each and every graduate and professional program is represented. In the past the OMB has chosen not to come to HU due to a prior lack of student participation. This year, however they have decided to come to the Capstone and draw from the relevent pool of human capital available.

Let's "Represent"!!!

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Damon at 806.7000 or via e-mail at RisingH2Os@aol.com.





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 Kimberlin "All we need is" Love
 Memone Paden (past Chairs in da house)
 Dr. Theresa Bush
 Aaron "Hall" Fields
 Neville Welch (Georgetown's own)
 Michelle Richardson
 John Hutto (What time is it???)
 VP Raymond Archer
 Keri Archer
 Little Stevie Wonder
 Shawn "Puffy" Combs
 Amelia "Ty" Cobb (I got a crush on you)
 Arrelle "Pagemaker" Anderson
 Big ups to tha Borough of Brooklyn
 Rev. Daniel L. Goodwin (of the SC Mafia)
 Francesca from the Caff
 J. R. "Ewing" Dixon
 Corey Martin (delivering justice)
 H. Patrick Swygert
 In Case y'all were wondering, the Elections Committee is:
 Don Anthony Santagati III
 The Hon. Fabrice Laurent, Esq. PhD, JD, ASC
 Jewel "DEC-ATLaen" James
 Shenita "Homecoming-for-Life" Johnson
 Othniel "tha Haitian Pimp" Alphonse
 Ticcoya "Air" Kendricks
 Faith "Wallace-Evans" Robinson
 David "Hersey" Hawkins
 Keisha "Hay, in da middle of tha" Barnes
 Jamye "Milk" Spiller
 Akosua "Coast 2 Coast" Brent-Kirk
 Abeni "NY" Cooper
 Anya "tha Russian Prophet" Smith
 Jessica "Ways and" Means

On a more serious note, special thanks goes out to the candidates. It takes a special student to step up and do something while all around you just complain. We give our respect. To anyone we left out, you probably weren't that important anyway. Just kidding.



LAST SUMMER, WHILE WATCHING A CONCERT AT RFK STADIUM, LYSA SELFON WAS

struck by lightning.

Luckily, EXPERIENCED WASHINGTON HOSPITAL CENTER PHYSICIANS WERE IN THE CROWD — AND THEY HELPED RESUSCITATE HER. SHE WAS *rushed* TO OUR *nationally recognized burn center*, WHERE OUR ENTIRE STAFF CONTRIBUTED TO HELP HER *recover* IN TIME FOR HER LAW CLASSES IN THE FALL.



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- Receive a copy of David Bauer's popular *"The How To" Grants Manual: Successful Grantseeking Techniques for Obtaining Public and Private Grants, Third Edition* (a \$29.95 value) and other handouts.

Workshop Date(s): Monday, April 12, 1999 or Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$75 per person (limited to 40 people per day)
Location: Howard University - Wonder Plaza
 ISAS, The Office of Technology, Room 334
 2301 Georgia Avenue, NW

Contact Person(s): Ms. Betty Fontaine -- 806-5567
 Ms. Diane Peoples -- 806-6677

Meet the Instructor: David G. Bauer, the author of the *"How To" Grants Manual* in its third edition, is one of the leading authorities in grant acquisition. His book has sold thousands of copies and is the book recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) as a "must" book for all grantseekers. Presently, Dr. Bauer travels the country, giving lectures on grantseeking. He is a true teacher's teacher and is dedicated to assisting grantseekers to develop the skills they need to succeed. Dr. Bauer is also the author of eight books and the developer of software and videos focusing on all aspects of the grants process. He is the owner and president of David G. Bauer Associates Inc. which was established in 1981. The corporation's primary focus is to provide educational institutions and other non-profit organizations with in-house seminars in grantseeking and fundraising.

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BEEP Executives will be at Howard University to DIALOG with students. Regardless of Major or Academic discipline, come meet them.

March 11th

&

March 12th

One-on-One Face-to-Face Interaction with Business Executives.

Remember...

It's not what you know,
 it's WHO you know.

For More information call Mr. Terry Samuels @ 806-7000
 (Office of Student Activities-Blackburn Center)

THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR IS APPROACHING...

The 1999 Bison Ball "Harlem Nights"

(A FORMAL EVENT)



To be held in the Blackburn Ballroom
on the Thirteenth of March, 1999
from Nine o'clock p.m. to Two o'clock a.m.

Hot hors d'oeuvres will be served

A live Jazz Band and DJ will provide the evening's musical selections

A Photographer will be available so you can remember the night forever!

Please direct all questions and concerns to Novella or Shenita at 806-4133

Presented by the Howard University Student Association

I can't believe it's FINALLY here...

The 1999 Excellence Awards

**REBIRTH OF EXCELLENCE:
Renaissance for the Millennium**

(A FORMAL EVENT)



Come celebrate some of Howard University's most exuberant students, professors, faculty & staff

**TOMORROW, March 13th, 1999
at Cramton Auditorium
Tickets are \$5.00 or
free with purchase of a Bison Ball ticket
The Awards begin at 6:00 p.m.**

Special guest performances by members of the Howard Community

Presented by the Howard University Student Association

Please direct all questions and concerns to Shenita Johnson at 202 806-4133 or suite 102 in Blackburn

HILLTOPICS

All HILLTOPICS are due, paid in full, by the Monday before publication. Announcements by campus organizations for meetings, seminars or non-profit are charged as individuals. Individuals advertising for the purpose of announcing a service, buying or selling are charged \$5 for the first 20 words and \$1 for every additional five words. Local companies are charged \$10 for the first 20 words and \$2 for every five words thereafter. Personal ads are \$2 for the first 10 word and a \$1 for every additional five words.

Applications for the 1999-00 Staff of The Hilltop are now available in the Office of Student Activities in Blackburn Center. The deadline for all applications is Wed. March 17th at 5 p.m. Positions Available:
 Managing Editors
 Section Editors
 Special Projects Editor
 Reporters
 Columnists
 Free-lance Writers
 Copy Editors
 Cartoonists
 Photographers
 Graphic Designers
 On-line Editor
 Freshman and Graduate Students Encouraged to Apply. All Majors Welcome To Apply. For More Info, Email: AprilIT@aol.com

DUKE NEXT SEMESTER?
 See Ms. Betty Aikens (Room G11, Admin Bldg) about the Duke & Howard Exchange Program

S.O.U.L.
 Meeting 5:30pm
 March 16, Thursday
 Forum Rm
 Blackburn

TSA/NOONDAY
 Presents
A Christian Party
 Celebrating Religious Awareness Week
 Featuring: DJ Aaron Williams (Night Light Ministries)
 Bringing: Hip-Hop, R&B, Go-Go, Reggae, Contemporary, Gospel Flavors
 & The Alpha Omega Steppers
Date: Tonight, March 12, 1999
Time: 9pm-1am
Place: Blackburn Center (Hilltop Lounge)
Info: 202.526.5360
 Refreshments Served
 Donations Welcome

The College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and AHS is in need of candidates for the positions of President, VP, Treas., Sec. and UGSA Reps. Please pick up a petition and call 806.5391 or 328.7902 for more info.

Last Chance!
 Pre-à-porter fashion club auction interest meeting. Rm G-128 Human Ecology Bldg. Tues. March 16 6:30pm

Florida Club Represent:
 There will be a Florida Club meeting on March 17 in Douglass Hall Rm 125 @ 7pm

Interested in doing a Health Policy Internship or Visiting Clerkship at Harvard Medical School? There will be a meeting March 16th at 6:30pm
 Hilltop Lounge or call Amelia at 806-8866.

FOR RENT

1 Bedrm Apt. (basement) Shephard Park. *Nice area. Sep. entrance. W/D spacious, convenient to metro, restaurants, shops, and grocery stores. Lots of street parking. \$600 util. incl. 202.291.4970 or daytime 202.274.7136

Rooms 4 Rent. 2 Bdrms left. 2 Ba., W/W, W/D, Disp. Harvard and Georgia Ave area. \$250. Call 301.278.6641 or page 202.592.7902

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3BRs, 1.5BA located across from SB & Banneker High School. House has large living room, dining room & kitchen. Amenities include:cable, W/D, W/W carpet, AC, heat, parking, dishwasher. Available in May/June. \$275-\$325 + utilities. Call 232.6587 for more info.

Seeking a mature Graduate/professional or working female as a roommate. Call for details. 301.441.1022

Home for sale in Shephard Park \$259000. Custom builders home all brick 3 bedrooms 2 full & 2 half baths living room with fireplace separate dining room tablespace kitchen screened porch finished p.c room walkout basement central air conditioning & much more. 1322 roxanna Rd. NW Owner 301.460.3117

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FOR SALE

Black history calendar
 A journey through 365 days of Black History. For the month of Feb. calendars are \$10 plus \$3.50S+H (priority mail), \$1 extra each additional calendar. Checks or money orders made payable to:lokts
 Attention: Grandmas Children
 P.O. Box 798
 Bladensburg, MD 20710

BUSINESS SALE: Sorority/Fraternity Specialty, Terrapin Oldthespin, College Park, Maryland; 16 years old; high turnover/profit margin; \$80,000 negotiable; 301.779.7766.

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Volunteer Computer Teachers Needed
 Byte Back, is a DC based non-profit organization which provides free computer training to inner-city DC residents. They are looking for volunteers to teach (5) 90 minute class over five weeks. Classes include Windows 95, Word, Excel, Power Point, Access and the Internet. If you are interested in volunteering for this important cause please email volunteer@byteback.org or call the Byte Back office at 202.518.5700. You can also see their Website at www.byteback.org.

Internet Models needed for exclusive entertainment company via internet. \$\$\$Earn \$600-1000/week parttime \$\$\$ Private, convenient location. 202.737.3500

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 Amazing oral spray combines the most effective fat fighting ingredients with the most effective delivery system to incinerate fat instantly. To start losing weight by this week-end-guaranteed, call 202.216.2034

Intern needed for Grassroot Politics start immediately. Flexible hours. Call 202.246.6873

Tutor courses are needed for a 6 week residential program. Current Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student with proficiency in English, Mathematics, Science, computer Science, Engineering, or Spanish. 2.00 or better GPA. \$1500 plus room and board. Applications and test sheets available:
 Howard University
 Upward Bound Program
 Carnegie Building
 2395 6th Street NW
 Room 9-10

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Interested in Working for the
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PERSONALS

Happy 21st Birthday to Joe Raper with no Paper!!
 "Crew Love"

Tired of Bogus "Forums"?
 Come to the first annual crew team clinic series.
 Clinic #1: "Coping with Player-haterism"
 Speaker: Bull The Vamp
 Tonight, 6:26pm, West Towers Pent-house

5 Weeks and counting...
 DP '99

Playboy
 Welcome back to the Mecca.
 Missed you----Peaches

One time for all the Annenbergers out there!
 "The Only Real Honors Program!"

Happy 19th Birthday to Iota Rho Chapter of The International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. March 8, 1980 Keeping Business in the Black!

To TSL,
 Please realize that I like you an awful lot, and we should spend time together at least everyday!
 -KKB (ya boy)

Hey Pretzel Boy!
 I'll always have the last word!
 --Haiku Man

I'd like to say what's up to my people from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Shreveport, Marrero, Gulfport, Biola, and even Abbeville!
 -Kimothy (Violet, LA)

BeeGee 3---Stay True-The darkest hour is just before the dawn!
 Joy cometh in the morning.

Everybody from New Orleans should represent to the fullest whether you're from Uptown, Downtown, Across the River, The East, Jefferson Parish & of course my very own St. Bernard Parish!
 -Kimothy K. Brown

School of Communications
 A Week for Us
 None but Ourselves
 Tonite
 Blackburn Gameroom
 5pm-8:30

Saturday, March 13, 1999
 Community Service Day
 meet 10 am CBPowell

Sunday, March 14, 1999
 Call to Chapel
 11 am

Monday, March 15, 1999
 Alumni-Student Mixer
 Hilltop Lounge
 7 pm-9pm

Tuesday, March 16, 1999
 Panel:
 Communication & Technology
 2pm-3pm
 &
 School of C Barbeque
 Lobby School of C
 3pm-6pm

Wednesday, March 17, 1999
 Works of Today's Students
 TBA
 Screening Room West

Come Represent for C III 99...

Happy Birthday
Abena Lewis
 Much Love,
 Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday
ABENA
 the Dillons, Carter,
 Benjaminus

Abena, Happy Birthday
 Uncle Ed Clark

Birthday Congrats Abena
 from
Bola, Diedra, Sekwana
 & Marjorie


Abena Lewis
 Enjoy Your Birthday
 Aunt Yvette Aidara
 & Cheikh Aidara

Happy Birthday Abena
 Lewis from your HU
 cousins
 Jonette, Jimmy, Kizzy, Jan
 and George

Happy 21 st Birthday, Shawna
 Love Marie, Sam, Ebony, Katrell
 and the WHOLE ATL. CREW

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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2 PM
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FOR BATTLE ENTRY CONTACT:
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Friday March 12, 1999
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Tracey Kim Simone
 Invite you to a Pre-Black College Spring Break Party & Happy Hour
HAPPY HOUR: 9:00 - 10:30 PM
 (free buffet, 1/2 price drink special)
PARTY: 10:30 - until
 \$5 @ 10:30
 Dress to Impress!!!!
The 1999 Pre-Black College Spring Break Party
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Republic Gardens' Seniors Night
Thursday March 18th
 5pm to 3am



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