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Conduct Code Revision Draws Fierce Debate

By Brian J. Cox and Sufiya Abdur-Rahman
Hilltop Staff Writers

The controversy surrounding a proposed revision of Howard University's Student Code of Conduct continues to swirl, as students accuse the administration of attempting to seize an undue amount of power.

A joint committee of University administrators and students is reviewing the code, a move which could make it easier for students to be expelled from school for engaging in activities or voicing opinions considered inappropriate by President H. Patrick Swygert.

Under the existing code, the dean for special student services, Dean Vincent Johns, has jurisdiction over student misconduct warranting immediate disciplinary action. Students faced with disciplinary action now have the right to a hearing. If the proposed changes to the code are approved by the board, that right may be suspended.

After students complained about the board's decision to vote on the proposed revisions to the code in July, it was ruled to postpone the vote until later this year.

"It's not in the best interest of the student body to vote on the student code of conduct while 90 to 95 percent of the students are on summer vacation," said Jonathan Hutto, outgoing Howard University See CONDUCT, A3

Smoking Rates Soar Among Black Youth

By TEKIAE WARREN Hilltop Health Writer

Researchers nationwide are puzzled by recent studies showing that smoking among African Americans is on the rise — especially among black youth.

According to the federal government's Centers for Disease Control, the smoking rate among black teenagers increased by 80-percent between 1991 and 1997, while the smoking rate among white teenagers rose by 28-percent.

In the same period, smoking rates among Latino teenagers rose by 34-percent.

What's more, the smoking rate among all black men in the same period nearly doubled, while the rate of smoking among black women rose by 58-percent, the CDC said.

Traditionally, African-Americans have smoked considerably less than other ethnic groups.

According to the CDC's figures, more black youth are smoking more than just cigarettes. Many black youth are choosing to smoke both cigarettes and marijuana.

THC is the active ingredient in marijuana responsible for the "high" the drug induces. These brain sensations are caused by a chemical in the brain called "dopamine."

"Smoking boosts the high of weed," said one freshman interior design major who would only identify himself as "John."

"I started by gradually smoking one cigarette after I'd eat, and one in the morning. But now, I know I'm addicted," he added.

According to the CDC, roughly 6,000 young people smoke for the first time each day, and more than

half of them become regular smokers as a result.

Sophomore film major Jermaine Thomas said he tried a cigarette once when he was 13 or 14-years-old and hated it. He said he doesn't condone youth smok-

and hated it. He said he doesn't condone youth smoking because it poses a serious threat to an individual's health.

"I have asthma, and smoking just never appealed

to me," Thomas said.
Others students say they began smoking merely out

"Just trying it once can get you addicted," Charles said. "I started smoking because I wanted to see how the smoke would come out of my nose."

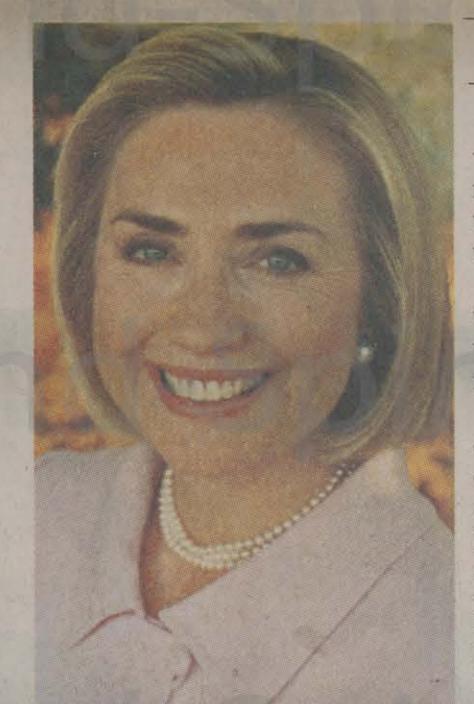
A fact sheet published annually by the American Lung Association reports that in 1994, 27-percent of African Americans smoked. The same report found that 47,000 African Americans die each year from smoking-related illnesses.

Smoking leads to lung cancer, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, among other diseases.

Sarcodiosis is a disease that affects more African Americans than Whites. African Americans are 10 times more likely to die of this disease than Whites.



Hillary Clinton to Deliver Commencement Address



By APRILL O. TURNER
Hilltop Staff Writer

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will deliver the 130th Commencement Address today on the University Quadrangle, marking her third visit to Howard this year.

The 1998 graduating class that Clinton will address is comprised of more than 2,000 students, bringing the total number of alumni to roughly 85,000.

Five people will receive honorary degrees during the commencement ceremony: Kenneth Chenault, president and CEO of the American Express Company; Ann M. Fudge, executive vice president of Kraft Foods and president of its Maxwell House and Post Divisions; Edmund Gordon, professor emeritus at Yale University; the Honorable Joseph

Hatchet, chief justice of the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; and Gordon Parks, the celebrated photographer, filmaker and composer.

"First Lady Clinton embodies the strength, intellect and character that constitutes the American spirit," President H. Patrick Swygert said. "She brings to Howard University not only her world vision, but a message of excellence and achievement."

Clinton, a native of Chicago, is a graduate of Wellesley College and Yale University Law School. Since 1995, Clinton has written a weekly nationally syndicated column, titled: "Talking It Over." In 1996, she published. "It Takes A Village and Other Lessons Children Teach Us."

Comedy Magazine in the Works at HU Plan Calls for Course in Black Comedy

By JASON T. SMITH Hilltop Staff Writer

If negotiations between comedian Chris Rock and School of Communications officials hold, Howard University will become the first historically Black college to produce a comedy magazine satirizing life and politics from an urban perspective.

Months after Rock announced his plans for the magazine, a three-member School of Communications team of professors have sent Rock a detailed outline projecting the cost of production.

Under the proposal, the School of Communications would develop two new courses. One class would be a survey course focusing on comedy writing and the history of Black comics in America, while the other would be a hands-on lab in which students would produce the magazine.

The magazine will be published once each semester and will serve as a training ground for young black comedy writers. The proposal officials sent to Rock also called for expanding the program from the journalism department to the department of radio, television and film.

"We also suggested that we produce a comedy program for WHUT-TV, which would be directed and written by students in the Radio, Tele-

wision and Film department," Barlow said. "We consulted some of the students
on that and they thought that it would be a great idea."

Although officials are remaining tight-lipped about the cost of the plan, early estimates call for Rock to pay at least \$100,000 to get the program running as soon as possible.

"Of course, the next thing to do would be to negotiate the money involved, because we would like to bring these classes on line in the fall," Barlow said.

The reason for a comedy magazine at a historically Black university is clear, says Bill Stephney, a friend whom Rock asked to execute the idea.

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Law Students Urge Swygert to Increase School Funds

By APRILL O. TURNER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Frustrated by what they charge is a limiting curriculum, dilapidated facilities and a lack of student representation on new hire search committees, Howard University Law School students met with President H. Patrick Swygert Tuesday, after two failed attempts to discuss their grievances.

During the 90-minute meeting, Law School student leaders urged Swygert to expand the school's curriculum to offer more courses bolstering students' preparation for the Bar Exam.

After presenting the president with a six-page list of grievances and a video tape showing the decaying condition of the Law School's buildings, students urged Swygert to increase funding for renovations and additional maintenance staff.

Responding to the list of grievances, Swygert promised that attempts will be made to resolve the problems, adding that more meetings between students and the administration will be held in the fall.

"I've heard a number of issues and concerns today. Obviously some of the issues are issues that need to be resolved inside the Law School...," Swygert said, noting he was disturbed by an April 27 Legal Times article in which, an anonymous Howard Law student wrote that the only subjects he studied were dead Black lawyers.

"I hear talk of shame about this Law School," Swygert said. "Shame is when...someone is quoted as saying, 'all we do at this law school is learn about dead Black lawyers."

"And you, the students of this school do not take to the streets in protest? It's shameful that you are not protesting such slander," Swygert added.

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Eldridge Cleaver, Dead at 62

By Jason T. Smith and Rafiah Davis
Hilltop Staff Writers

His is the story of a black boy born into the 1930s segregated South, who developed a fierce appetite for reading, became a convict, joined the Nation of Islam and followed Malcom X when he left the organization in 1965. His rise to power in the Black Panther Party empowered Blacks across the country and struck fear in the hearts of the nation's elite — both Black and White.

Eldridge Cleaver, the former minister of the Black Panther Party-turned-born-again Christian and Republican political hopeful, died last week of undisclosed causes. Cleaver was 62.

His 1968 book, "Soul on Ice," deeply shaped the intellectual world's understanding of the Black Revolution. More acutely, "Soul on Ice" told, in unfiltered detail, the black male's struggle for survival in America. The book — which was penned while Cleaver was confined to the Folsom State Prison, where he was serving time on a rape conviction — became an instant best-seller.

"People like Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Huey Newton and Eldridge Cleaver were the visual point-people for elevation in a racist society," said Alvin Thornton, chairman of the political science department. "At a young age, Cleaver stepped forward. He chose to be mature beyond his years and to confront White power. Students should isolate that part of his initial life and apply it to their lives."

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The 'Firm' Hires Staff, Prepares for New Year

By JASON T. SMITH Hilltop Staff Writer

To many students, the summer brings days of recreation. But for one group of students, the summer will be filled with work. After chosing most of its staff, the Firm administration now stands poised

"We have to work during the summer, because the people in the Administration building are working," Welch said. "If they are working, then we have to be onpoint. We are not going to put down our guns until everything is alright."

In addition to staying abreast with what University officials are

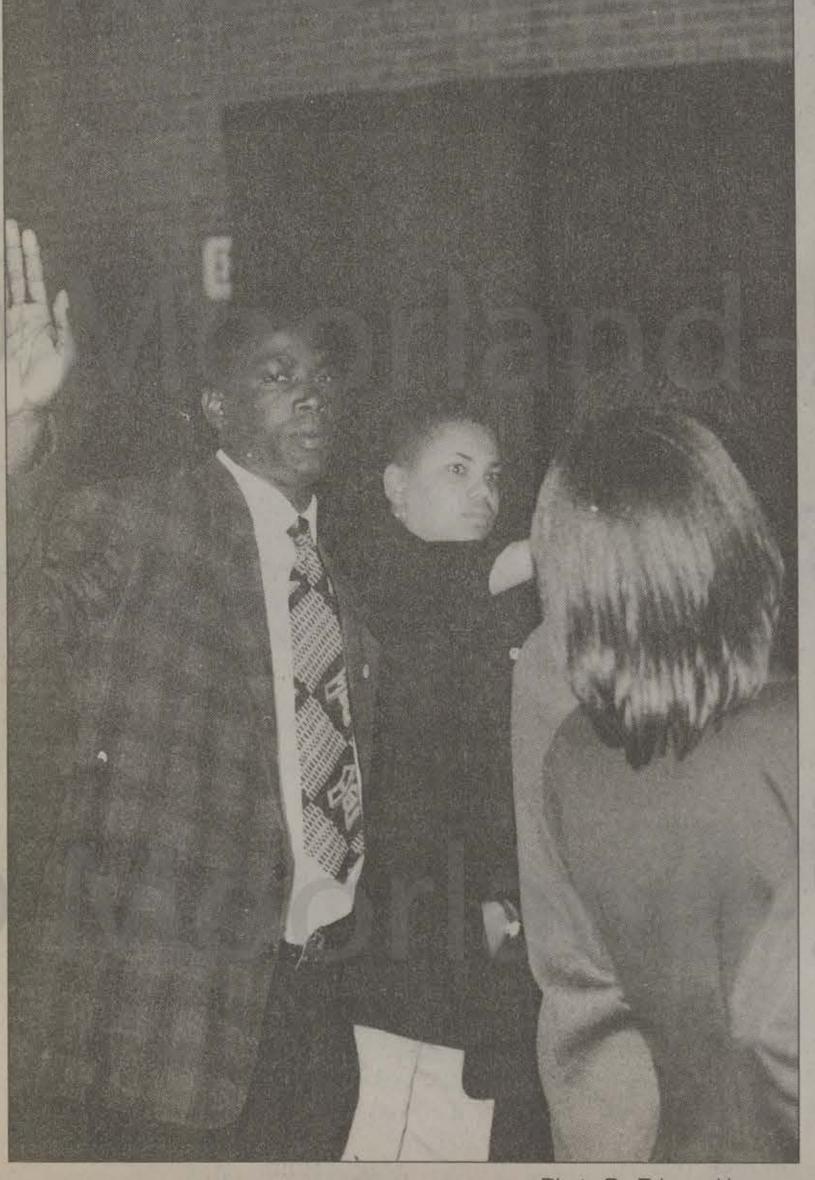


Photo By Edouard Leneus

Neville Welch and Michelle Richardson recruit staff for next year.

to lead the Howard University Student Association.

President-elect Neville Welch and vice president-elect Michelle Richardson will spend the summer planning for the upcoming school year. Welch said there is a definite need to work.

doing, the new HUSA administration said they will be involved in several workshops dedicated to managing internal affairs.

"Over the summer we will conduct workshops with the staff to establish bonds and friendships amongst ourselves. Then we will

Nationwide Search for Student

Affairs Vice President Launched

go into plenary sessions and review things like Robert's Rules of Order," Welch said.

Currently, Welch has hired 10 paid students to his staff. That's four more paid staff members than were hired by the last HUSA administration. Welch said it was consistent with one plank on the Firm's "interactive and accessible" student government platform.

"Our goal is to increase the number of people working with HUSA this year than there were last year" Welch said. "Why give one person \$280 when you can give \$140 to two people?"

The staff is comprised of two freshmen. Erick Watson has been named to the post of program director, while Jennifer Anderson will be one of two public relations directors.

Talent, not age, Welch said, was the defining factor in building the staff.

"Our staff is highly motivated and their interpersonal skills are compatible with what is expected of them," Welch said, adding: "Our job is to recognize talent and use it, and the staff we chose has a lot of talent."

The Firm administration has also hired two members of the outgoing Nation Time administration to keep a level of consistency in the HUSA office. Jami Harris, who is currently the Community Outreach Director, will retain her post. Taneika Hughes will has been rehired as the volunteer coordinator.

Perhaps the most noticiable change, however, will be a shift in HUSA's focus from programing to policy.

"I would say that our administration will be 70% policy and 30% programming. Nation Time did a good job at running programs, so we will be focusing on areas that we feel HUSA has been lacking in," said Esiege Aguele the Firm's chief of staff.

Newly-Elected Student Trustees Have Fall Plans

By MIA MATTA Hilltop Staff Writer

Newly elected student trustees, Jonathan Hutto and Randy Short, are proposing to make prominent changes for the students during the 1998-1999 school year.

Hutto, former Howard University Student Association president, was elected as undergraduate trustee. He plans to bring the position back to the students through initiatives that will redefine the responsibilities of the student trustee.

Hutto ran for the Board of Trustees under his platform entitled the "4-A Plan," which encompasses: accountability, accessibility, alumni outreach, and academics."The role of the undergraduate trustee is to insure that the views of the undergradute students are not overlooked when the final decisions are made that affect the University," Hutto said .

He plans to make sure the students know who the student trustees are, what they do, and what their goals are for the term. He promises to be more accessible and informative by placing advertisements in the Hilltop, keeping strong ties with the student government and other campus organizations.

Short's three main concerns are financial aid, the library system and the poor conditions of campus facilities. As one of the elected student trustees for the next academic year, Short's agenda is quite full.

"I want to propose the possibility of getting help from administration so that students could raise money that will go directly toward financial aid in the form of scholarships and need-based funding," he said. Short plans to revamp the inade-



File Photo

As one of the elected student trustees for next year, Randy Short's agenda is quite full.

school's libraries," Short said. Hutto and Short will be presented to the Board of Trustees on July 1. The Board of Trustees will review if they are in good academ-

ic standing (a 2.5 GPA), full-time

students, United States citizens, and

committee appointments. Both Hutto and Short will be appointed to two of the Board's nine commit-

In Short's opinion this limits student representation on the Board. "There should be four student

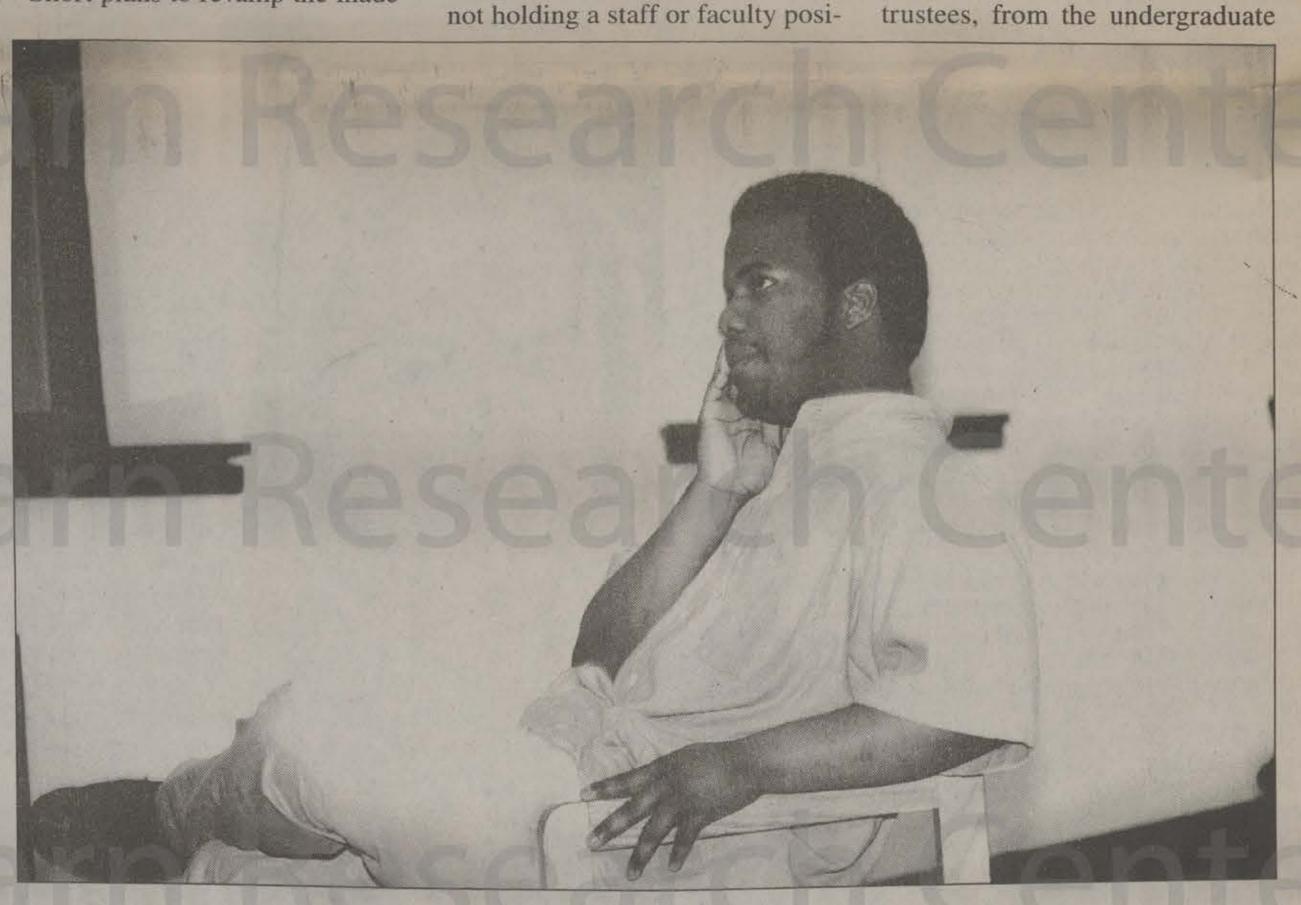


Photo By Edouard Leneus

Jonathon Hutto, HUSA president, is the newly elected undergraduate trustee for next year.

By Von-Anise McKoy Hilltop Staff Writer

The University has launched a nationwide search for a new vice president of student affairs. The current vice president, Steve Favors, was named president of Grambling University in Louisiana earlier this year.

Dean of Student Activities Raymond Archer was named interim dean of student affairs. Arhcer will replace Favors until a perma-

Archer Named Interim VP of Student Affairs nent vice president is selected.

> A selection committee has been appointed to conduct the search, but President H. Patrick Swygert will make the final decision.

> "The position is such an important one, that a nationwide search is in order," Swygert said. "Limiting the position to only Howard University faculty is not in the best interest of the students or the University."

> Swygert said the search committee will consider several factors, such as length of experience and educational background. Favors

> > agreed, saying the University must pay critical attention to such factors.

"I don't think that qualifications should be limited only to educational background, but the position does call for someone with a doctoral degree Favors said. "If someone has twenty-five years of experience in the field, then they might be the best person for the job."

Many faculty and students say they view Favors' departure as a bitter-sweet farewell. Although they are happy about Favors' new position, many people said they are sad to University.

"Steve Favors came from the outside, but he did a wonderful job," Swygert said.

Favors has open office hours for students Monday through Thursday, from 12 to 1 and from 4 to 5 in the afternoon. Favors, a Texas native, said he hopes his successor will open his or her door for students, noting that that helped him build a rapport with the student body.

Favors is an expert in dealing with a vast array of students. Prior to his seven years of service here, Favors served for five years as vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of New Orleans. He later left U.N.O. for nearby Dillard University, where he served as vicepresident of student affairs.

"A position as vice president at Howard University is very prestigious. Many African Americans across the nation want to come to Howard," Favors said. "It's not as important that the person be African American as it is that the person has had experience dealing with the a large population of African American students."

"This is a difficult time to recruit someone because at this late date, many candidates have already made commitments to other institutions", Swygert said.

Favors said he hopes the next vice president will maintain the studentcentered atmosphere that his office tried to create. "The person must be most understanding of the needs of the students, and know that this is one of the most stressful times in a young person's life."

quate library facilities. "There should be a computer database

where students are able to get infor-

mation on the contents of other

The Board of Trustees does its work through committees. The chairman of the Board, Frank Savage, is in charge of making and graduate level, to ensure student perspectives are being represented in at least eight of the nine committees," Short said.

African Economic Development Debated at Howard University

By KAREN THOMAS Hilltop Staff Writer

In the wake of President Clinton's recent six-month African tour, Howard University on Tuesday analyzed the business relationships forged during the trip, in a town hall meeting at the School of Business auditorium.

"The effort to forge U.S.-Africa partnerships brings us here this evening," said Kojo Nnamdi, a WHUT-TV anchor and the meeting's moderator.

The program, titled, "Expanding U.S.-African Partnership," was sponsored jointly by Howard University Republic of South Africa Project and the television station.

The program united academics, social and political experts, ambassadors and other officials.

"The U.S. must offer Africa its markets and expertise and all the benefits that partners are given," said Rev. Jessie Jackson, secretary of state for the promotion of democracy in Africa via a video address.

"The 20th century was one of Asian tigers," said African Development Foundation chair Ernest Green. "The 21st century will be one of African Lions," he added.

The panel was divided into three critical issues of partnership: The reasons for amalgamation, types of partnerships and the necessary steps to seal the deal so that Africa gets a fair share.

Rodney Slater, U.S. Secretary of Transportation mentioned work already in progress in Ghana and Senegal. More than \$60 million in grants is set aside to build power plants there. In Senegal, aviation work is being done to tackle safety and security concerns, while in South Africa, an agreement is signed to technically monitor rolling stock and the movement of goods.

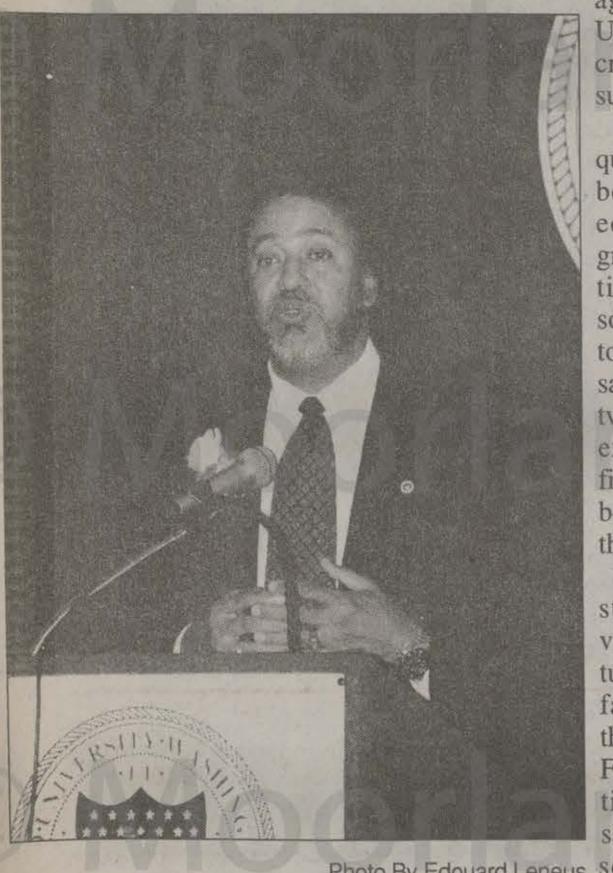
"We believe that it is important to support Africa," said Carol Peasley, acting assistant administrator for Africa, USAID.

On the issue of how to deal with the large debts most African countries now face, members of the audience said the money allocated for Africa was not enough. "Until we bind this relationship between African

Americans and Africans, we will not reap the benefits," said

AFRICARE Payne Lucas. "You don't get wealthy by making a salary, but by

making investments."



Steve Favors, the current vice president of student affairs, was named president of Grambling University.

Photo By Edouard Leneus see him leave the

CAMPUS

Students Demand Shuttle Service Improvements

By JENNIFER RANDLE Hilltop Staff Writer

After receiving complaints from students charging that the University's dormitory shuttle bus service ran infrequently and were often overcrowded, officials responsible for the shuttle's operations say improvements are underway for the fall.

Students complained that buses often ran late and were driven by poorly-trained drivers.

The dormitory shuttle service is managed by Rev. James Coleman, associate dean of Residence Life. Coleman said the Office has taken steps to address many of the issues raised by students, and that the University is not to blame for overcrowded shuttle

This year, the Office of Residence Life, in conjunction with students, created a shuttle schedule. And for residents of Meridian Hill Hall, an express line was

Each shuttle is designed to carry between 70 and 75 passengers. During the morning hours and early evening hours, there is an express bus.

There are nearly 150 seats available to students. Currently. There are only 400 residents in Meridian, and according to Coleman, there is ample room and convenient scheduling for students to enjoy a comfortable ride to and from campus.

Currently, the both Parking Office and the Office of Residence Life are doing everything possible to meet the needs of the expanding transportation demands on campus. According to Coleman, the two offices are considering a move to place all the shuttle bus service under one

shuttle compa-

ny. This plan is



The Howard University Shuttle

designed to maintain the level of transportation efficiency at

"The shuttle is not a chauffeur service. It is offered to assist and give a fair and safe means of transportation," said Coleman.

Stacie Ottley, a member of the committee designed to hear the community's concerns regarding the shuttle service, says that schedule is not the only problem - saftely is on the list, too. Ottley acknowledged that a shuttle has been designed to meet the needs of students. But there is no system, she said, designed to insure that drivers acutely follow the schedule.

"If a student is waiting out on Fourth Street at night, there is no adequate lighting, nor is there someone patrolling the area," Ottley said.

"If the schedule says 12 a.m., the shuttle shouldn't come at 11:50 p.m. There is no telling when the bus will be back around. And now a student is stuck in an unsafe environment until that time."

Both Ottley and the residents of Meridian say the drivers need to be more courteous. Although Coleman argues that each driver has been trained in a customer service, Ottley says that their courtesy training is insufficient.

"On paper, everything sounds fine. But when you have drivers speaking rudely to the students, then something is lacking," Ottley said.

Although Ottley is dissatisfied with the shuttle service, she also placed much of the blame on the students. According to Ottley, during the last meeting, which was publicized in Blackburn, the Administration building and the dorms, she was the only student that showed

"We cannot sit down and complain and then become apathetic when it comes to taking action, said Ottley. This is our money and our service. Students need to be active."

Law Students Urge Swygert to Increase School Funds

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For many of the nearly 60 students who attended Tuesday's gathering, the meeting served a reverse purpose.

"As was demonstrated, Swygert does not get the message," said third-year law student Charles Williams. "This is about fessional manner and School the soul of this law

school, I have no confidence in this administration."

I can't believe he's going to disrespect us," said third-year law student Lakeisha Harrison. "I think that we have conducted ourselves in a prostudent leaders, drafted letters and petitions.

"The next step was to conduct a town meeting, she added."

First-year law student Ardrelle Bahar said emotions at Tuesday's meeting ran high, and that Law students' have gone through our demands will not be

addressed overnight.

"I think what's happening here is a combination of youth and immaturity," said Bahar. "HU can't just snap its finger and make things happen overnight. They are willing to listen to the students, it just takes time.'

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Undergraduate Trustee. "No decision should be made without proper student dialogue," Hutto said.

HUSA President-elect Neville Welch said administrators are attempting to alleviate concerns over the code. "The president made a commitment not to decide over the summer," Welch said. Welch is one of five student representatives on the committee drafting the code.

Many students have complained about the lack of student representation on the Committee. "The ratio of students to administrators [on the committee] is pathetic," Hutto said. Students make up a quarter of the committee.

Attempts to reach President Swygert for comment for this story were unsuccessful.

Under the proposed revisions to the code of student conduct, the president "reserves the right to take emergency administrative action to immediately terminate that student's registration," if he determines that student's behavior is "not in concert with the best interests of the safety, health, or welfare of the University community."

That phrasing troubles some students, many of whom interpret the change as an expansion of presidential power at the expense of their right to free expression.

In addition, the enrollment of students convicted of infractions as minor as a misdemeanor, could potentially result in an indefinite suspension from the University.

Welch said he doesn't plan to let the revised code of conduct pass unless limits in presidential authority are added to the code. As a remedy. Welch said he would like to see more balance in the relationship between students and the administration. "It's just too much power for the President to have," Welch

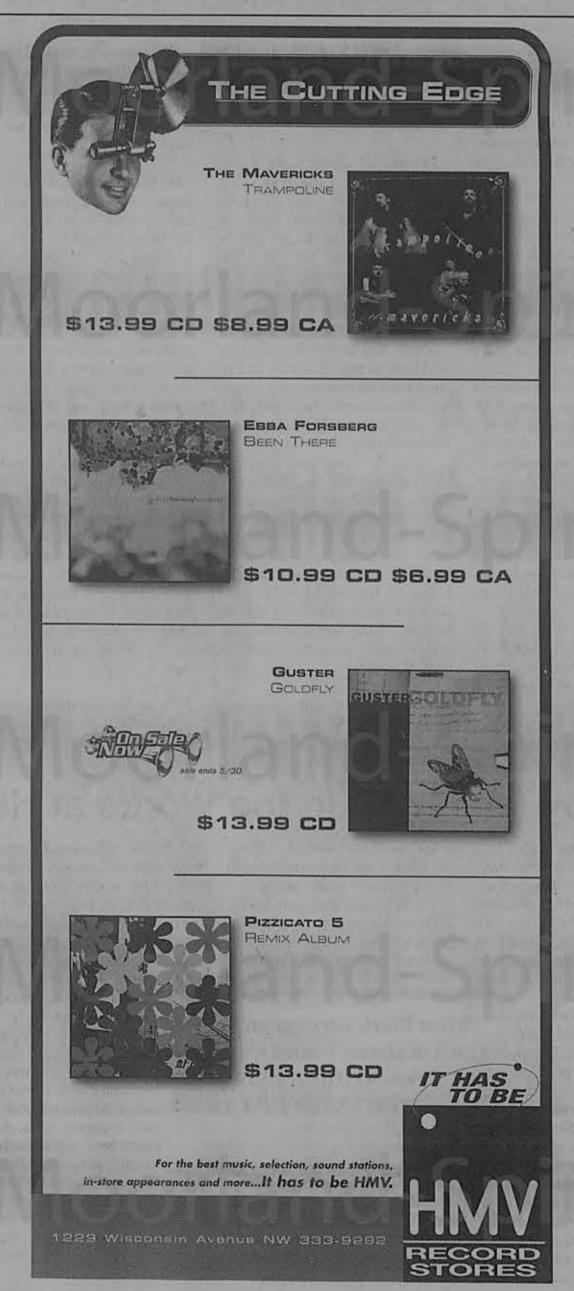
Other students agree.

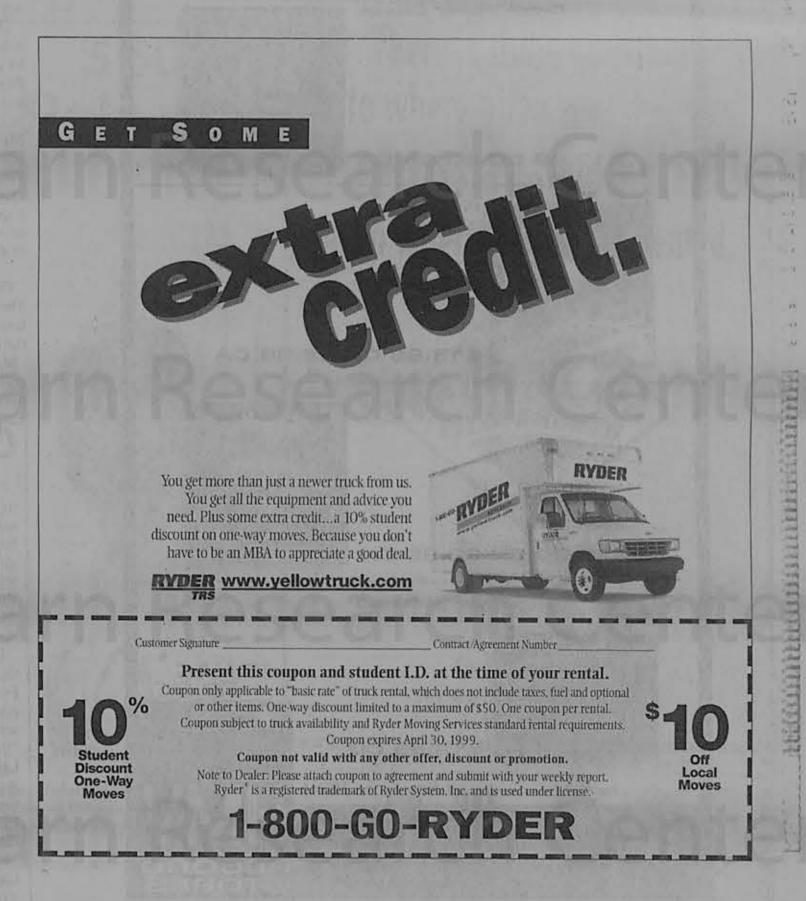
"President Swygert should never have the exclusive power to expel a student simply because he finds his or her actions displeasing," said freshman engineering major Erick

See CODE A2 "Every student, regardless of what he or she does, is guaranteed a hearing before his peers," Hutto said.

Under the proposed revision to the code, the president would have the authority to suspend students accused of wrongful action, expel them from University housing or ban them from campus.

According to a draft of the revised code, student-led rallies would be permitted, but only if they do not "disrupt regular essential operations of the Universities or significantly infringe on the rights of oth-





GAMPUS

Housing Rates Spiked By Six Percent

By RAFIAH DAVIS Hilltop Staff Writer

The Office of Student Life will raise the cost of campus housing by 6-percent next year, a move which will generate \$822,000 for the University's General Fund, officials said.

Office of Residence Life dean William V. Keene said the housing rate increase was necessary because the University has generally offered lower housing rates than other Universities, and the cost of maintaining Howard's dormitories is on the rise.

"We're trying to gradually increase rates to cover expenses," Keene said.

While the increase will raise more than three-quarters of a million dollars for the University's General Fund, if campus-wide dormitory occupancy reaches 84-percent, the school could make more than \$12.6 million, Keene said.

The housing rate increase immediately raised concern among many students, such as freshman biology major Kanika Harris.

Harris, who was assigned to live in the Howard Plaza Towers East next fall, is concerned about the housing increase. "I think it's a shame that Howard consistently increases their costs. Six percent may seem small, but it has a big effect."

Freshman Keith Brownhill said he does not think a housing rate increase is necessary. "I don't see why we need an increase in housing when every year there's an increase in tuition," Brownhill said. "It's costing more to go to school, and there is no improvement."

Keene said the Office will begin "regular routine work," such as painting and minor repairs, on the residence halls. He added that the University may repair the existing elevator or add another elevator in Drew Hall.

Renovations in Truth and Crandall Halls in Tubman Quadrangle are expected to start this summer, Keene

And despite the results of a recent survey of 100 Meridian Hill Hall students, which found that the majority supported restoring that dorm's cafeteria, the University has no plans to do so. Keene said that roughly 70-percent of students surveyed said they would sign-up for a meal plan if it were a pre-requisite to reopen the cafeteria.

"The cafeteria in Meridian is far from a done deal," Keene said, adding that the University is still mulling over proposals to install cable television campus-wide.

But even before the housing rate increase, dormitory residents were complaining about campus housing. Now that the price has gone up, some students are weighing their options.

Nkosa Cetewayo, a freshman communications major, is currently searching for a house to share with friends in the fall.

"The dorm prices are too high," complained Cetewayo. "They charge too much, and I don't like the restrictions that the University housing puts on students."

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Howard University Plaza Towers, residence hall.

Library Searches for Ways

By LYNN SIMMONDS Hilltop Staff Writer

During the last few weeks of the semester, many students have crowded in the library to study and do research. With Howard University's current library system, many students' searches are unpro-

Dwight Greene, a freshman telecommunications major, said he could not find a book he needed for a term paper in the library. When he asked a library employee for help, he received this response: "If it's not on the shelf, we don't have it." This is the response that many say they students receive.

The problem of missing books is a large concern of the library. Due to such a large volume of books, determining how many of them are missing is very difficult unless an inventory is conducted. However, Mohamed Mekkawi, Director of Founders Library, says that conducting an inventory is just too expensive. "The question at hand is a question of where to spend the money that we have," Mekkawi said.

The libraries have an "Adopt-A-Shelf' program, in which, volunteers do an inventory and organize the book stacks, section by section.

Mr. Mekkawi said that with 2.8 million books, it is too massive an operation to undergo. Instead,

financial resources go to hiring staff, purchasing and updating com-

to Keep Books In-house

puters.

The administrators compensate for the loss of books by expanding in other areas, such as providing more than 3,000 full text journals that are accessible on-line in all libraries and dorms. In order to regain some of the

University's missing books, the libraries have occasionally announced "forgiveness days," on which all overdue books can be turned in without penalties. The library administrators oppose to doing this too often, however, out of fear that students will come to depend on it. Mr. Mekkawi cautions students that sooner or later they will have to pay the fines, and all fines must be paid before graduating. When overdue fees reach \$25, the student is no longer allowed to borrow books.

In this upcoming 1998-1999 school year, library administration will make it easier for students to use library resources, and more difficult for students to abuse them. Students will no longer have to bring in the books they want renewed, but simply fill out a form instead. Library administrators will seek to tighten security to deter the theft of books.

According to Clara Guyton, Coordinator of Access Services in the Undergraduate Library, one method the library has implemented to prevent book theft is a book check at the exit. The check is a backup to the alarm system.

"We have to be fair and check all bags," said Guyton. It is not uncommon for student employees to get embarrassed when asking faculty and older patrons to open their

Mr. Mekkawi stated that students contribute to the problem of missing and stolen books by attempting to "protect material so they can find them later." Purposefully misplacing books in different areas makes it difficult for library staff to help students locate a book when it is needed. Students will often tear pages in the book, rendering it useless to other patrons. Mekkawi and Guyton both agreed that the students are only hurting themselves by continuing this type of behavior.

Ms. Guyton encourages students to look carefully and then ask for help. She cites that often times students do not write down the correct or entire call number, or they do not know how to look up the books using the call number system. If a book cannot be found, a Search Request Form should be filled out. Book replacement can then be taken care of on an individual

"We (library administrators) make improvements by what our youth say they need," said Guyton.

Comedy Magazine in the Works at HU

"The motive for the magazine is to give an outlet to urban satire," says Stephney, who also operates StepSun records and has produced groups such as Public Enemy. "It's really a good-faith attempt on Rock's part to nurture the comedy environment in the African-

The magazine would mirror the popular Harvard Lampoon. "Most Black sitcoms suffer from accepting audience here at the popular Harvard Lampoon. Live," and "The Simpsons." audience." And late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien wrote for the Lampoon before graduating from

could swell the number of Black writers - all by using Howard University as a spring board.

"All one has to do is turn on the UPN or WB Network and see that we don't have strong writers who interpret our culture," Stephney said. "Most Black sitcoms suffer

whether he will accept the proposal, officials remain optimistic. "We remain committed to this

project. We are awaiting word on the proposal and we are hopeful," said Nesta Bernard, Director of Alumni Affairs.

Barlow said the humor magazine would not have trouble

two students who won prizes beat most of the faculty by using comedy acts that were well developed," said

Black audience." Although the University is still

have White writers writing for a

American community."

Harvard in 1985. Frustrated at the abundance of Lampoon alumni in the comedy writing industry, Rock conceived the idea to launch a magazine that

Founded in 1876, the Lampoona lack of strong comedy structure the University. contributors have gone on to and joke writing. Some have "When the School of write for shows such as White writers writing for a Black end of the year talent show,

> from a lack of strong comedy structure and joke writing. Some Barlow. "The talent is here."

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Plans to Revitalize GA Ave. Gains Fuel

By ANGELICA MORRISON Hilltop Staff Writer

Georgia Avenue, the largest commercial corridor in the District of Columbia, will be revitalized through the collaborative efforts of business owners and community members.

The International House of Pancakes, Morrison's Cafeteria, Payless Shoe Source and Western Auto are some of the businesses that community members hope will occupy the estimated 120,000 square feet of usable space along the corridor. The date of the arrival of the new businesses has not been determined.

According to an economic development survey by the RER Economic Consultants, most of the available sales is now empty, disheveled buildings and vacant lots.

"It's ironic to be in the School of Business, looking across the street and seeing businesses that aren't as good as they could be," said Howard University student Isa Abdur-Rahman, who expressed an interest in the revitalization of the corridor.



Closed shops along Georgia Avenue.

The study determined that Georgia Avenue has 260 retail stores, and with good planning,

experts say the area can utilize its economic potential and attract new businesses.

"We can't bring change if we don't have a strategy," said City Council member Frank Smith, Jr., who is involved in the planning process. Smith said he hopes that the corridor will become just as successful as it was in the past.

Georgia Avenue was the once a prosperous business corridor. But of competition from suburban markets and changing demographics retail activity dropped its viability.

"The corridor deserves lots of attention, and valuable changes need to be made," said Jonathan Utomi, member of the Peoples Involvement Corporation.

Revitalization on the corridor will begin from S Street on the south side to Eastern Avenue on the north side. The revitalization process has been divided into three sections.

Sections one and two of the revitalization plan include the area of 7th and S Streets to Rock Creek Church Road, where Howard University and the Peoples Involvement Corporation are active community members.

Developments such as improved parking, new health care facilities and additional office spaced have been proposed.

Community leaders and business owners say they welcome any support they can muster from Howard University.

"Howard University is taking responsibility for the corridor - as it should," said Andree Gandy, executive director of PIC.

"Economic development is hard and it takes perseverance. It is good that Howard is interested," said City Council member Charlene Drew Jarvis, who is also involved in the

planning process. Before construction begins, some business owners and community members say that the issue of crime along the corridor must be addressed.

Reconstruction of the corridor could, according to the economic study, reduce crime. "It's like a western movie," said

Lester Jinkins, who owns both residential and commercial property along the corridor. He described instances where his

tenants told him that they were afraid to enter and to exit their homes.

Jinkins said that illicit activities on the corridor, such as prostitution and drug trafficking, prevent him from making money.

"I close at five and I feel like I'm turning my property over to the drug dealers."

'UniverCity' Plan Calls for New **Constructions if Community Approves**

By APRILL O. TURNER Hilltop Staff Writer

If the Central Campus Plan wins the approval of the community, major changes will take place.

The Strategic Framework For Action is a major force in the development of the plan. Named "UniverCity 20/20," the plan shapes the direction the University take in the next decade.

The Campus Plan, drafted each decade by the University, includes all upcoming building projects and face-lifts the University will undergo.

The 1998 Central Campus Plan proposes eleven projects -- only two of which are new constructions. The remaining projects involve the renovation and re-use of current buildings. The plan also calls for the demolition of one building, the Women's Gymnasium.

including Howard -- devise plans for the building projects they foresee at their institutions. Since these changes not only affect the schools, but the local community as well, all plans must be approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA). Howard's Campus Plan will go before the BZA on July 15

Tony Norman, chairman of the Howard University Community Relations Committee and member of the Pleasant Plains Civic Association, backs the plan, providing the University upholds its part of the deal.

"We are in favor of the Campus Plan, providing that certain stipulations are met," said Norman. "The University has promised to reduce the amount of traffic into the community, and to make the community more a part of campus activities," Norman said, expressing concern of what he called the University's

"The community would like to be more involved as to what is taking place on the campus," said Norman. "For example if First Lady Hillary Clinton comes to speak, the community would like to be notified and included in such an

Norman quickly pointed out that community residents supported the University's decision against closing city streets. That decision bolstered community support for the Campus Plan, he said.

In the University's last campus plan, some changes to the University included the building of Howard Plaza Towers East and West, the Bethune Hall Annex, additions to Cook Hall, and the construction of the parking lot at Fifth and Oakdale Streets.

In the current Campus Plan, the University has proposed construct-

All universities in the District -- pattern of excluding the communi- ing a state of the art Health Science Library, and renovating the Miner Building -- converting it into the home of the National Center for the Study of African-American Heritage and Culture.

> If approved, the plan would also create a Student Organization Center in the space now occupied by the School of Education, and the University Book Store would move into the Howard Center on Georgia Avenue. Community leader Norman Wood, of the Central Northwest Citizens Association, sees no major stumbling blocks with the plan and thinks there should be no problems when presented to the BZA.

> "I think that this Campus Plan is much better than the one presented in 1988," said Wood. "The plan has been reviewed by the association three times, we do not find any major opposition to it."

Eames, Jahi **Announce City** Council Run

By ANGELICA MORRISON and MAYA JACKSON Hilltop Staff Writers

Howard University alumni Baruti Jahi is running for a seat on the City Council, Ward 1 with the Democrat Party.

His competitor, Nick Eames, who is attends the University, is running with the Umoja Party. Eames and Jahi said if they both receive a position on the council, they plan to work together to benefit the community and the University.

Jahi said he plans to unite the

community and Howard by implementing community policing. He said this will make the area safer for both the district's residents and area stu-

The elections are Sept. 15, 1998. Students and community residents who are registered to vote in the district may participate in the election.

Emphasizing unity between the University and the community, Jahi said, "This is Howard with the community- not Howard and then the communi-

McDonald's Awards \$500 Scholarships to Campus Pals



McDonald's scholarships were awarded to Howard University Campus Pals Stephanie Miller and Samiayah Johnson.

Miller and Johnson each received \$500 scholarships during the annual Campus Pal's

banquet on April the 26.

The decisions were based on the students'

participation in campus organizations and grade point average.

McDonald's not only offers scholarships, but they also assist Campus Pals by welcoming incoming freshmen to the University. Les Brown, the manager of the Georgia Avenue McDonald's, presented the scholarships and complimentary T-shirts to Miller

and Johnson.

Both of thehe scholarship recipients participated in the Campus Pal organization for two years and will be graduating seniors next year.

-- Angelica Morrison

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NATION/WORLD

High School Graduation Rates Rise Among Blacks, Latinos

By NATALIE REID Hilltop Staff Writer

The high school graduation rate for Blacks will rise 12 percent nationwide, by the year 2012. The graduation rate for Latinos living in the western part of the nation will increase 30 percent, according to a recent College Board study.

Experts say the increased number of students of color enrolled in the nation's high schools will bolster the demand for change in America's school systems.

The long-standing problem of over-crowded classrooms will spark a school building boom, experts

"When schools are over-populated there is no way that teachers and students can meet the academic standards," said Janice Gams, director of Public Affairs at College Board.

Classroom over-population has been a problem nationwide, but mostly in the eastern part of the

country. As a result, thousands of students are forced to attend private institutions that cost thousands of dollars.

La-Kia Lester, 10, was moved from Vare Middle School in South Philadelphia to St. Thomas Aquinas, a parochial school. It costs her parents \$1,400 a year for tuition.

Vare Middle School faces not only the problem of over-population, it is also filled with dismal test scores and street violence just outside

its doors.

"The government needs to develop the educational system so that American families are given option between private and public schools," Gams said.

Jere Mock, communications director at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, said, "Western America's educational system is better because of the strong economic and social fac-

For example, the Rio Rancho

High School in New Mexico has received large funding by business and community leaders to redevelop its curriculum. The initiative began to curb the school's escalating high school drop out rate.

Today, Rio Rancho has multiple campuses and students have the opportunity to choose from various fields of study. Each campus offers opportunities with local businesses for guidance and internships.

"Americans need to take responsibility to make sure that children are given the best education," Mock said. "It takes parents, teachers, children and the community to make sure that the education a child receives is the best."

The majority of students at Rio Rancho are Latino, and the number of minorities is increasing in New Mexico and throughout the western states. According to an article published by WICHE and The College Board, 65,200 more Latino's will graduate in 2001 than in 1995 and

The same article said the bulk of

growth among African-American high school graduates will take place in the South.

Last year, African Americans represented roughly one-quarter of public high school graduates in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland and several other Southern states.

With the increased number of minority students, education experts say that state and federal governments should increase funding for programs to insure that students from all ethnic groups receive quality education.

Howard Everson, staff member of the College Board's Teaching and Learning division said, "We hope [the rates] will prompt states and communities to evaluate their standards and take the necessary steps to ensure that all students achieve to the maximum, regardless of their backgrounds."

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College Students Gettin' Good Fares on the 'Net

By NATALIE REID Hilltop Staff Writer

As the Internet becomes a major business marketplace, many large airline companies are creating web sites that allow web-surfers, such as college students, a chance to book flights on their comput-

United Airlines' web site gives students fast and relatively valuable information about their services. For example, students are able to check air fares, schedules, flight arrival and departure times. Students are even able to retrieve gate information online.

Freshman Syreeta Robinson is one of many Howard students who log-on to the Internet each week in search of cheap air fares.

"I use the airline web sites to compare air fares between travel agenceis and the different airlines," said Robinson, a marketing major.

Other students have joined Internet clubs such as E-Savers, U.S. Airways' program, which sends e-mail notices to members with lists of the week's cheapest air fares each week.

The United Airline's is one of the airlines which send student email about E-fares on their latest fare sales and destination specials every Wednesday. These airfares are low rate ticket prices that are reasonable for a college student budget. Joe Nelson, customer service representative for United Airlines said, "E-fares can only be purchased on Wednesdays within 24 hours. They are advertised every Wednesday and come with good

benefits." Tanya Brooks, finance major and frequent flyer member, said,"Every Wednesday, I look forward to United Airline e-mailing me with E-fare ticket prices. The E-fare provides me with a \$250 ticket to fly to Los Angeles, where I live."

The E-fare provides a variety of fare prices to different destinations across the country and outside the United States.

The Internet is a popular resource that makes traveling easier because it provides features such as travel intelligence. This feature is found at the Northwest Airlines World Web Travel Center. It states travel advice

such as check-in guidelines, airport maps, seat charts and flight routes.

The travel intelligence supplies graphical information that gives travelers a chance to see the interior and exterior of the plane before the actual travel date.

Airline web site features are fast ways of gaining information on specials and holiday packages. It also eliminates telephone contact of travel agencies to shop around for cheap airfares.

"Whenever I need to find out what airlines are currently having specials, I go to the web," Robinson said.

These airline web sites also provide information on international airfares.

"When I go on the 'Net, I am able to find tickets to go to the Virgin Islands," said senior biology major Heather Victorine.

Rich Atkinson, marketing director at A Better Airfare Travel Service, said "With the wide use computers among Americans], not having a website for my travel service is like not having a computer."

The web site provides comprehensive information that is quick and easy to read. This web-site allows surfers to help themselves by following the icons of specific interest. However, if information is not clear, telephone numbers are available at the bottom of the page to obtain more informa-

Even though airline web-sites are a convenient resource for travelers, most surfers prefer to use travel agencies. One such person who prefers to use travel services is Victorine.

"I am able to negotiate prices with the travel services while I am not able to do so with the computer," she said.

Travel services provide personal contacts with someone, but computers only give written information and contact numbers for follow-ups. Airline web-sites are places to explore present educational information about airlines. They allow airlines to take their businesses to another level. Web-sites make traveling easier by providing a little site-seeing before travelers make a final decision.

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NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Senate Approves NATO Expansion

By TAMARA TOWNSEND Hilltop StaffWriter

Amid fierce controversy: the U.S. Senate has approved a resolution to expand the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's membership to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The additions requires the

approval of all 16 NATO mem- indeed, for the cause of freedom in bers. When President Clinton rat- the aftermath of the Cold War." ifies the resolution, the United States will become the fifth country to support the resolution, joining Canada, Germany, Denmark and Norway.

President Clinton called the Senate's approval of the resolution a "great day not only for Europe and the United States, but

Critics of the resolution charge the expansion, if passed, could strain U.S. relations with Russia and create a new iron curtain across Europe. The expansion will allow the U.S. to build more military bases in Europe and penetrate military and security systems in countries surrounding the Russian

In the years since the Cold War's end, NATO has been restructured to play a larger role in the economic resurgence of Europe.

The expansion will cost the organization \$125 billion over the next 13 years, with both Eastern and Western European nations picking up 85-percent of the bill.

to Head South African Military

BY TAMARA TOWNSEND Hilltop Staff Writer

After decades of involvement in underground South African politics, Lt. Siphiwe Nyada, last month, became the first Black South African to head that nation's military.

In 1976, Nyada fled South Africa when the Soweto riots began and joined the military unit of the African National Congress, Umkhonto WeSizwe.

In 1988, Nyada served as deputy head of the ANC's military underground. As a result of his involvement, he was arrested and imprisoned for five months in 1990.

Nyada joined the South African Defense Force as Chief of Staff in 1994. Since May of 1997, Nyada served as deputy chief of the South African National Defense Force.

Former chief of the South African National Defense Force, Gen. George Miering resigned early last April after submitting an inaccurate military report to President Nelson Mandela. In that report Nyada was named in a conspiracy to overthrow the South African government and assassinate President Mandela.

Nyada, First Black Florida Legislators Approve Pro-Life License Plates

BY TAMARA TOWNSEND Hilltop Staff Writer

Florida legislators have passed a bill to create "choose life" license plates, allowing drivers to express their views on abortion.

The license plates will have the slogan "choose life" on a bright yellow background with drawings of a smiling girl and boy.

A percentage of the \$20 license plate's profits will be donated to private groups that help women who want to place their children up for adoption.

The bill's critics say the plates

reflect a political statement against abortion, not one for adoption.

Florida's House also killed a proposal to require teenagers seeking abortions in that state to notify their parents.

Pro-choice lawmakers fear the license plates could provoke violence among pro-life advocates. They quickly pointed the deaths of two doctors who were killed outside of abortion clinics in Florida over the last five years.

Florida offers 41 specialty plates that focus on everything from endangered animals to the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers.

Debate Rages Over Rights of Student Newspapers

By Susan Carroll University of Arizona

TUSCON, Ariz., — As college presses across the country gear up for major court battles defending students' right to campus information, the future of college newspapers remains less than secure.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Arlington, Va.,-based Student Press Law Center, last week guided journalism students through a maze of court cases defending students' right to publish information.

Goodman, who was here to accept the journalism department's Zenger Award for Outstanding Contribution in Support of Freedom of the Press, took a hard line on the information should make public.

"Schools have to give more information, or they will find themselves in court," he said.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act has been the major barrier between students' quests for information about the safety, criminal proceedings and administrative decisions at their schools,

Goodman said.

Congress passed FERPA, as the 1974 law is known, to prohibit schools from releasing students' "personally identifiable information.

"The law is so abused, it's so confusing," Goodman said. "In my

and both edges are being used against the campus community,"

He said many universities use FERPA as a shield against releasing information that would put the school in an unfavorable light, but there is no punishment for releasing

"(Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a two-edged sword, and both edges are being used against the has become campus community,"

-- Jim Mitchell, professor of law at the follow when University of Arizona

mind, the solution is a whole-scale dumping of FERPA and starting over."

Jim Mitchell, who teaches a media law course here at the University of Arizona, agreed that FERPA should be discarded.

"It's viable and necessary in my mind," he said, adding that he wants to see campus crime records and disciplinary proceedings open to the public.

"FERPA is a two-edged sword,

Mitchell said.

the informa-

"FERPA a law that schools can they want to and not follow when

tion when

they choose

they don't," Goodman said. Two court cases have supported First Amendment protection for universities in the face of FERPA.

A 1993 Georgia case opened campus court hearings at the University of Georgia after the state Supreme Court ruled that campus court records are not protected by FERPA.

Goodman called the ruling "incredibly lucky," saying it set a positive precedent.

"One of the things I think we need to study is what happened at the University of Georgia," he said. Goodman said open judicial hear-

ings have no negative consequences, and the same number of witness would come forward in the open courts.

A case that hit the Ohio state Supreme Court forced Miami University of Ohio to release student disciplinary records to its school paper. But these changes have only come in two states, Goodman said.

"The solution ultimately has to be some pretty dramatic changes in FERPA," he said.

Goodman said a Maryland case closely parallels a battle by the Arizona Daily Wildcat to obtain records of University of Arizona disciplinary proceedings.

The University of Maryland's student newspaper, The Diamondback, is suing its school to obtain parking ticket records of student athletes.

Goodman said the case should be decided within the week.

"That will be a signal, too, to send a message about whatever FERPA does or doesn't cover," he said.

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Finally, Having Their Say

n Monday, during their long-awaited meeting with President H. Patrick Swygert, students in the Howard University School of Law received a bit more than they bargained for.

Law school students argue that their curriculum has lost focus from its historical mission, which was to train lawyers capable of "fighting for the civil rights and human rights for all within the nation and across the world."

The students also argue that the courses offered at the Law School do not adequately prepare all of its students to pass the Bar Exam. They are calling for a stronger curriculum, and a larger role in shaping policies that affect their lives as students.

In our opinion, the Law School students have attempted to resolve their grievances in an appropriate manner. For example, on April 14, students held their first "Family Meeting" to discuss with President Swygert their concern over the course the school is taking.

More than half the Law School students were present at that meeting, but President Swygert was not. Instead, Provost and Chief Academic Officer Antoine Garabaldi came to inform students that President Swygert had another engagement that day.

A second opportunity was extended to the president on April 27. A disappointed group of law students showed up, only to find President Swygert no where to be found. During the second meeting, no one from the administration was present. In a six-page grievance letter sent to President Swygert, the law students outlined their dissatisfaction with the school's curriculum as well as their recommendations on how to solve the problems.

Among the students' concerns is the lack of a cashier at the Van Ness campus.

In addition to these concerns, the law students also have major qualms about their academic facility. A10-minute video sent out with their grievance letter told a tale of poor facilities in dire need of repair. Everything from leaky ceilings, garbage in the hall-ways, insufficient computer facilities, and fire code violations highlight some of the students' concerns with their facility.

Rightly dissatisfied with their facility and the indifference they are met with by top university officials, one can only conclude that Howard University Law Students are of minor importance to the administration.

The concerns of any of the graduate or professional schools are the concerns of all of the students, and law students' concerns deserve to be dealt with fairly and swiftly.

Though the students have adhered to the proper channels to effect change by drafting petitions, sending off letters, and having student leaders meet with the administration, as of yet their efforts have not

Change does not occur immediately, but sitting down to listen and talk is a start.

PROFESSOR BARRY?

he dangling of a professorship before D.C.
Mayor Marion Barry in exchange for not seeking a fifth term in office smacks of sheer elitism and a gross disrespect for voters here in the nation's capital -- the "seat of democra-

Efforts to silence the will of the people is the fuel behind attempts to offer Barry a rotating professorship in the Washington Metro Area Consortium. Proponents of such a move say that if Barry were to accept a cushy professorship, he won't bother to seek a fifth term in office.

So much for political impartiality in the halls of

"No one can bribe me out of running," Barry has said. Maybe not. But if schools truly wish to manipulate the outcome of elections, instead of attempting to lure the Mayor out of City Hall, universities should hold voter registration drives. Then again, doings things right isn't

always favored by politicos or university presidents bent on circumventing the popular will.

Universities and Congress only strengthen their wellearned reputations as bastions of elitism when it engages in mean-spirited tactics such as these. The push to buy-out Barry is part of a larger, more sinister plot to render democracy in the nation's capital effectively dead

The powers that be -- out of sheer arrogance disguised as genuine concern for the District's welfare -- have virtually stripped Mayor Barry of the ability to do what the voters of this city elected him to do on four separate occasions: The task of governing the nation's capital. To get an idea of the magnitude of the attack, as recently as three years ago, 35,000 municipal employees were under Mayor Barry's authority. Today, that figure stands at barely over 400.

Rogue powers claim to know better than the voters who should hold control. The trouble with such an outlook is that it runs contrary to the democratic ideals of our government.

AL-NAQBA AT 50

he steady round of applause by mainstream media, occasioned by the 50th Anniversary of Israel's birth, ignores the plight of more than 750,000 Palestinians uprooted to make room for Jewish settlers.

In the flickering light of bursting fireworks in the skies over Jerusalem during the anniversary celebrations, many Palestinians have resigned themselves to remembering "Al-Naqba," Arabic for "Great Catastrophe."

Their lament continues to go unheeded.

Palestinians, who once accounted for 70-percent of the population and owned 92-percent of the land now called Israel, were allocated barely half the land. The United Nations, which helped establish Israel in 1948, estimates that roughly 8 million Palestinians remain scattered throughout the region -- homeless and without a nation to call their own.

Is it really a wonder why Israel maintains an uneasy

existence with its Arab neighbors in the Middle East? Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres provided a solution to the strife in that region: "To keep Israel as a Jewish state, we need a Palestinian state. The choice is between a binational state, or a binational tragedy, if you will -- and two states," Peres said.

The deplorable acts of terrorism ignited by several Palestinian groups has done nothing to gain a sympathetic ear in the West. But such zealotry is born of a desire to regain ancestral property. And the violent acts of a desperate few cannot be used to determine the fate of an entire people.

Regardless of how many handshakes between opposing leaders are broadcast here in the United States, no matter how many photographs depicting President Bill Clinton interceding for peace are captured on film, a lasting peace will never be realized until Palestinians have what is rightfully theirs -- a place to call their home.

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The Two Nations of Black America

EW YORK--Watching Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s recent PBS documentary on the class division among African Americans was akin to watching tribal warfare in 3-D.

By that I mean to say I expected a thoughtful and serious analysis of the class crisis afflicting black America, but was left feeling the black underclass was mercilessly battered -- only this time by members of the black middle class or, more precisely, the black intellectual elite.

As someone who is both a product of the black underclass and a black professional, I have been fortunate enough to view class problems in black America from both sides.

My experiences as a "successful" young black person -- the numerous high-profile, rhetoric-driven panels I've attended on the state of the race and all those invitations to Martha's Vineyard -- have left me wondering what is wrong -- intellectually and spiritually -- with the black middle class.

My reading of history tells me that Booker T. Washington, W.E.B.

DuBois, and Martin Luther King, Jr. were forever concerned with the plight of the folks at the bottom, in spite of their individual attainments and the accolades they received from the mainstream.

As a beneficiary of the Civil Rights Movement, I am completely perplexed by many of today's black politicians, ministers and intellectuals. That sense of doing for self as one does for the community has evaporated and has been replaced by a gigantic "I," as in a self-serving individualism. Why else would we be subjected to a mini-autobiography of Gates inside a documentary ostensibly about black class issues? And do we really care if Gates was terrified of the Black Panther Party, or that he seems to have been a part of every Civil Rights organization?

The bigger piece missing from both the documentary and contemporary black criticism of the black underclass is an honest assessment of the real victories and losses of the Civil Rights Movement, and how that movement helped draw a solid line between the black middle

class and the black poor. How many pundits, Gates included, have ever sat down and really asked Who benefited from the movement and why? And was integration and its manifestations really the best thing for black America? Particularly when it virtually eliminated black-operated facilities and resources and caused the black underclass to swell out of control?

In our rush to integrate into America, many blacks simultaneously abandoned our institutions, our communities and whatever sense of collectivity we once had. Imagine Harvard's cerebral "Dream Team" at a historically black college like Howard or Hampton instead. What would that have done for the prestige of one of those schools?

I feel strongly that many urban youth embrace rap culture the way we do, and feel there are little or no possibilities beyond being a rapper, a basketball player, or a street hustler, because that is what we see on a regular basis.

Sorry, but we are simply not engaged by many "intellectuals" in Harlem. Not in the way that DuBois once lived and worked here, nor the way Garvey led black-pride caravans here, nor the way Langston Hughes penned ghettocentric poetry here, nor the way Malcolm X strolled, carefree, through these gritty streets.

Those sort of genuine connections don't seem to exist any longer.

Visit any American inner city and note how few blacks -- young or old -- actually know who Gates or William Julius Wilson or Cornel West are. But this black intellectual sect, under the guise of examining black America's class divisions, self-righteously give their take anyway, as Gates admits "I find it hard to concede that these young hoodlums are part of the same community I belong to."

The challenge for Gates and the others is this: If you are serious about examining the two nations of black America, you must also be serious about examining yourselves and your class actions. Otherwise, we are left, again, with armchair quarterbacks who appear to have no vision, and no hope for the whole of black America.

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CHRISTOPHER J. TYSON

My Last Walk on the Hill

often ask myself: Why do I love Howard?"

I am then overcome with a barrage of emotions rather than a clear and definite answer. I don't really know how to put the last five years into words, I talked endlessly about the excitement of graduation. Now, I wonder if I can ever really leave.

I entered Howard in August of 1993. Howard is a different place than when I entered. Those who arrived on The Yard that fall will remember the construction site that later became the Bethune Hall Annex, and an eyesore on the Hill that has transformed into the newlyrenovated Howard Hall. Your parents probably stayed at the nowdefunct Howard Inn and were greeted by former President Franklyn Jenifer.

That first semester was colored with hits from Supercat, A Tribe Called Quest, and R. Kelly. Those who lived in Drew Hall didn't have separate showers or ceiling fans. A to soak up all that is here for you, computer lab in a residence hall was unheard of. We partied at the it back ten fold. Remember that Touchdown Club, Chuck & Billy's others went to Howard. We came to or the Roxy -- U Street was not yet . a consideration.

The film Sankofa raised our black consciousness, and when the administration attempted to kick vendors off of campus, we protest-

The experiences of freshman year have shaped the man I am today. As I reflect on my involvement, I see instances when I have made hard decisions. As Mr. Howard, a member of the Undergraduate Student Assembly and president of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, I've been more than busy.

I've grown into an individual with ambition and a drive as boundless as the human capacity to dream. So, I urge those who remain to not be careless and drift aimlessly through this once in a lifetime opportunity called Howard. Challenge yourself knowing that you will one day give Howard - the Mecca!

Some consider that elitism. I call it pride.

I do know why I love Howard: It's the feel of the sun on my face when I stand in front of Blackburn on the first day of spring. It's the peacefulness of The Yard covered with freshly-fallen snow. It's the intensity of the Homecoming Stepshow and the elegance of the Charter Day Dinner.

It's the emotion of a speakout and the politics of protest. It's Howard vs. Morehouse or Howard vs. Hampton - everyone knows who the real HU is.

Nelson Mandela knows. Bishop Desmond Tutu knows. I've heard them speak to me at the Mecca.

I marched with a million black men. I lived in Drew Hall. I lived in the Towers, I did Power Hall, I performed on the stage of Cramton and spoke from the pulpit of Rankin Chapel. Malcolm X and Maya Angelou did, too.

Mom, Dad, Granny Lou and Granny Tee, today I want you to know that I never forgot all that you taught me and everything for which you prayed. You have allowed me to see and experience the world instead of shielding me from it. I thank you for giving me the strength to handle my battles and grow not only in spite of them, but because of them. The degree I receive today is for you.

Finally, I thank you for recognizing the love I have for Howard. My life is now a part of Howard's legacy. And for that, I am thankful.

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JUBI D. HEADLEY, JR.

One Soul, At a Cross Roads

It was with a profound sense of pride that I watched C-Span broadcast the Human Rights Campaign's National Dinner in Washington, last November. Who in our community can fail to appreciate that significant historical moment when our president became the first in our nation's history to address a national gay civil rights organization?

What held even greater meaning to me was the HRC's presentation of its first National Civil Rights Award to Dorothy Height and Wade Henderson of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

I was witnessing a meeting of two movements, two communities -- African American, lesbian and gay -in which I am proud to claim membership.

My pride soon became tempered by a feeling of unease. I felt that this moment, despite its impact, was lacking. Something was missing. That something, I came to realize, was me -- or at least someone who looked, lived and loved like me.

My community -- broadly defined as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered -- is at a cross roads.

Think of it as a variation on what W.E.B. DuBois called "the crisis of double consciousness." African-American lesbian and gay people are continually pulled in two directions: We feel compelled, and are asked to distinguish between our identities as African Americans and as lesbian and gay people.

We don't seem to get very far advancing race and ethnicity issues with the larger lesbian and gay community. Similarly, our efforts to include issues relevant to lesbian and gay people have not significantly impacted upon the African-American political agenda.

Perhaps most critically, same gender loving folks of African descent often feel that our contributions to each of these communities have been historically overlooked or minimized.

Our legacy is rich and undeniable. We can point to so many individuals who have been agents for change in our crusade for civil rights. Just a few of the many who come to mind are Baynard Rustin, Audre Lourde, James Baldwin, Angela Davis and the scores of transgender and other warriors at Stonewall who refused to

be violated just one more time, whose actions became the foundation for the modern lesbian and gay civil

The marginalization comes as a surprise to no one. This is old territory for us, particularly for the thousands of African-American lesbian and gay activists around the nation. My community needs to assess whether we have been entirely vigilant in claiming our place at the table.

None of us can afford to take outmoded stereotypes with us into the next millennium, regardless of how we identify ourselves. To do so would be a mistake for all

Richly-endowed organizations and backward initiatives across the country are poised to nullify our hardwon success. They are well-oiled machines with state and local chapters. They have many names, but a common agenda: To render us silent and invisible on issues of race, gender, class and sexuality.

Can we effectively retain our success and further our cause with fractured dialogue and separate but equal agendas?

If the mission of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum can be distilled into one goal, it is to claim our legacy within the African American and gay civil rights movements, respectively.

And it is our right to that legacy which empowers us to claim our rightful leadership roles in both the African American and lesbian and gay civil rights movements -- today and in the future.

As we approach the millennium, we can take advantage of a historical opportunity for empowerment and change; it is ours to seize or to discard. We now say without arrogance that our vision for the next millennium is one in which dialogue will not begin without us, around us, or in spite of us -- but with us and initiated by us.

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BRIAN J. COX

In Retrospect

Tt's May 9th, and most of us trekking elsewhere for the summer are saying good-bye - if not until Lithe next college reunion, at least for a brief three months of interning, summer schooling or just plain kicking-it.

For my partners at Charles R. Drew Hall, the ninth of May marks the conclusion of an experience that -- for better or worse -- will be carried with us through our lifetimes.

From the day I first entered Drew, I knew I was in for something unforgettable: Speakers thumping "Triumph" by Wu-Tang, rattling the foundation of the building at four in the morning, while aspiring politicians vied for the people's attention.

Roughly 250 young black men from across the nation and world descended upon Drew in August. While I don't prentnd that all come away from their Drew experience as conscious, sage individuals ready to take their positions as teachers, physicians and captains of industry, many of us leave Drew Hall vastly different people.

Ah yes, those good-old days of freshman orientation week.

It was a time when eager-to-mingle freshmen did all they could to swivel the heads of members of the opposite sex in Blackburn cafeteria. With hair fresh from the barber shop and new Timberlands still smelling like Foot Locker, we strolled around campus, surveying all that was now ours.

We were the masters of our domain, at least, until the upperclassmen trickled in and set things straight.

The wall near the Quad wailed its siren call, and newly-minted Drew residents came scuttling from all directions to perch upon its rust-colored bricks. By the females of Tubman, we sat down. There we sat, until we remembered the pressing requirements of college-level homework.

Three essential questions issued from everyone's mouths at the first ice cream social and at clubs like the Ritz, Spy Club and Quigley's. Number one: "What's your name? " Number two: "Where are you

from?" And number three: "What's your major?" All that was repeated so often, "conversations" felt like deja-vu.

Communal living became part and parcel of living at Drew. "Mi casa es su casa," could be the official slogan. If you neglected to write down just who borrowed what item -- and when -- sorry, you were just out of luck. Kiss that broom, extension cord or set of head phones good-bye.

Right now, some sheisty individual is watching John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson discuss overseas McDonald's cuisine on my Pulp Fiction tape. Pam Grier's Foxy Brown is busy patting down her afro on the screen of somebody else's television. Moochers!

Through nights studying for exams, faces illuminated by the glow of Jerry Springer's staged fights on the WB Network, we made it through the first year. Despite the fecal surprises left on the shower floors, fires in trash cans, screaming ambulances singing us to bed with their Drew Hall lullabies, we have surmounted barriers and soaked up wisdom. Don't dwell upon the worst that's happened. Take it and build upon it. Take the setbacks we've suffered, the suspended visitations, that "C" on a term paper, and file them under the heading: "Life Experience."

Before you close your room's door one more time on your way home, look in the mirror. You might look roughly the same, despite that new "freshman 15" poundage. You probably know more people from more places than you ever did at any time in your life.

You are part of a legacy which cannot be denied. Tumble these things around in your brain, whether you call Drew, the Quad, Meridian or any of the residence halls your home. Close the door. Turn in your keys at the front desk. And walk away from your building as someone new.

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Section

TELEVISION

After Nine Seasons, 'Seinfeld' **Bids Farewell**

By HEATHER SAVAGE Hilltop Staff Writer

night in Julie Reid's room consists of homework, "Seinfeld," and Adinner -- and then more "Seinfeld."

Reid, sophomore marketing major, is an avid viewer of one of NBC's top sitcoms -- "Seinfeld." She said she will miss sitting down to a night of two episodes of fresh comedy from the characters.

Reid began watching the show when it was first syndicated. Ever since, she has remained one of its many fans. Reid said the Thursday night show stands out from other prime-time sitcoms, because the plots are based off of "nothing."

"It doesn't need to end ... it's still funny after all of these years," Reid said, adding that she is not thrilled about the ending of the "Seinfeld" era. The last "Seinfeld" show is set to air May 14.

Most viewers say they are drawn to "Seinfeld" because of the individuality portrayed in each of the show's characters. From Kramer's silly antics that send him bursting into Jerry's apartment uninvited, to George's dating problems to Elaine's whining about the simplest of life's problems, fans say they will miss what is arguably one of the quirkiest shows on American television.

Tyra Brown, a sophomore psychology major, said she heard the buzz about "Seinfeld" and finally wanted to become a critic.

She grew to enjoy the show, although she admits she is not a die-hard fan. Brown said "Seinfeld" should stay on the air because of the quality it brings viewers as a comedy show.

"Seinfeld" is a show with good wholesome comedy," Brown said. "It is so good because of the humor, as well as the topics which usually deal with real life situations."

Brown said that most television programs tend to target a specific segment of the population, but that "Seinfeld" dared to embrace viewers from many ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds -- even though the show had no recurring Black characters.

"[The show] has even helped bridge the gap of racism, because both Black

and White people can understand and enjoy the comedy," Brown said. "We just feel that we did everything we could to make sure the show stayed on as long as it did," said Matt Gromada, publicist at Castle Rock Entertainment, the show's production company.



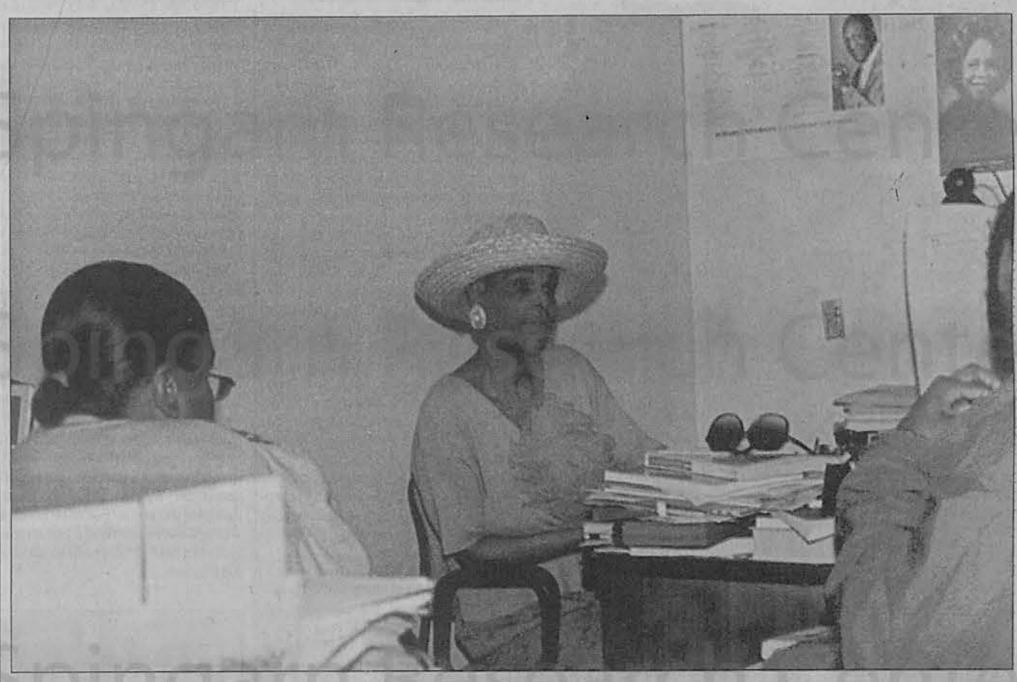


Photo By Edouard Leneus

Olive Taylor, history professor who will retire at the close of this semester, talks about her life to a couple of history students.

By Sufiya Abdur-Rahman Hilltop Staff Writer

live Taylor's place in Howard University history seems to have been set naturally. After all, four generations of her family have attended the University. But after more than three decades of teaching African-American and U.S. History at the University, Taylor has announced her retire-

"I'm gonna' sleep for a long time" Taylor said. "I'm tired!"

Taylor, who has had thousands of students clamor for seats in her Frederick Douglass Hall classes, taught material she learned from legendary Howard professors, such as John Hope Franklin, Rayford Logan and Lorraine Williams. In the 37 years she has taught at Howard, Tay-

lor, 64, has become one of the institution's leg-

When she began teaching at the University in the 1960s, Howard students were demanding civil rights and protesting national phenomenon, like the Vietnam War.

As students struggled for their voices to be heard, Taylor found it difficult to work and participate in student uprisings. But she managed and was able to balance the two.

"Howard brought about social change. I was a part of that," Taylor said. "Students can't do today what we did in the 1960s."

Taylor, a native Washingtonian, received her bachelor's degree in history from the University in 1955 and later moved to New York. She worked at Abraham & Strauss, a clothing store, before realizing that her career in fashion did not

reflect the education she received at Howard. So Taylor returned to Howard, earning a master's degree in U.S. History while working in a teaching fellowship. By 1968, Taylor was a fulltime instructor. And in 1973, she received her doctorate in history from the University.

Taylor received her high school education from Paul Lawrence Dunbar where it was assumed all graduates would enroll in Howard University.

"Under segregation, I attended the Black academic high school," she said. "It wasn't much of a choice. After all, this is the 'Capstone."

Unlike many new professors in her era who strove for positions at White universities, Taylor was adamant about teaching at Howard, "I did not want to go anyplace else," she said. "This was the premier Black institution when I was cho-

It didn't take long for Taylor to realize that her talent to teach could not be contained. "When I spoke, people listened to me," Taylor said.

"My life is based upon the realization that God has given me certain gifts. I have always understood that such gifts had to be used. I have dedicated my life to bringing those gifts into the classroom" she said.

Taylor's dedication to her students paid off in See TAYLOR, B3

Did You See That...? Late-Night Talk Shows Reel-In College Students

By Tasha Stewart Hilltop Staff Writer

television screen in a West Towers dorm room blasts the shrieks of a teenage girl whose boyfriend just ended their relationship to get involved with someone else. The young woman's mother revealed herself as "the other woman." The mother claims her daughter's boyfriend, though young enough to be her own son, is "man enough for her."

A group of female Howard University students in night-clothes sit entranced in front of the television, watching the drama unfold. When the mother and daughter throw punches at each other, they erupt in cheers and urge

"We love it when they fight," Shavonne

Richardson, a sophomore accounting major says. "Even though we know some of it's rigged, it's all entertainment." The television show "Extra" recently pro-

filed 16 former "Springer" guests who claimed the show's producers told them to lie during their appearance on the show.

"The Jerry Springer Show" is known for flying fists, teenage prostitutes, man-stealing mistresses, and flamboyant drag queens. It even spawned a spin-off video, "Jerry Springer: Too Hot for T.V.," featuring the show's out takes, considered too controversial for television. The video is the fastest-selling in Amer-

But the T.V. show, which airs at 11 p.m. every Monday through Friday in the D.C. area still keeps these girls and many other Howard stu-

dents glued to their screens. Jerry, as well as his late night "trash t.v." talk show counterparts Jenny Jones and Ricki Lake, are often criticized for having the most outrageous guests and unbelievable stories. "Springer," however, has produced a following that neither Jenny Jones nor Ricki Lake have been able to reproduce. According to a recent "Dateline" story, Springer has the number-two rated talk show in America, surpassing even "Oprah" in some regions. The high volume of Howard students who admit watching his show despite its antics confirm those ratings.

See SHOW, B3

Photo By Edouard Leneus

War of Words Mounts Between Rappers

By JENNIFER ANDERSON Hilltop Media Critic

Some call it beef while others call it sheer drama.

But the feud between veteran rapper L.L. Cool J. and new-comer Canibus has jumped from behind the scenes and into the listener's

The war of words is nothing new to hip-hop. Battles between KRS-1 and MC Shan, and the infamous feud between Kool Moe Dee and L.L. Cool J. come to mind when looking back on the history of MC

Sparks have been flying between Canibus and L.L. Cool J. ever since L.L. dropped Canibus' verse from his single, "4, 3, 2, 1," featuring Method Man, Redman and

Apparently, L.L. was offended by Canibus' comments about L.L.'s tattoo. "L.L. told me the reference to the mic on his arm felt like I was trying to play him," Canibus said in a recent MTV interview. "So I said, 'All right, I'll come down and change my verse.' And he said, 'If you change your verse, I'll change mine."

After Canibus made the changes See RAPPERS, B2

on the single, his lyrics were replaced by Master P.'s. L.L. Cool J.'s lyrics remained:

"Tearing every M.C. at the game/To play yourself out position and mention my name/I'll make a rhyme for every syllable in your name/Go platinum for every time



Photo Courtesy of Universal Records

New Comer, Rap artist Canibus.

you rhyme *** on a train/Watch your mouth, don't ever step out of line/L.L. Cool J . . . the greatest of

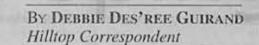
Angered, Canibus said he couldn't let the sharp lyrics go unanswered. So he issued a venom-filled

Students at Slowe Hall watch the Jerry Springer late-night talk show.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC REVIEWS

Review: BEENHE MIAN Many Moods of Moses VP Records



NEW YORK-The wickedest man, "da girls dem suga," returns with his fourth album, "Many Moods of Moses," released on Shocking Vibes/VP Records. Moses "Beenie Man" Davis puts reggae to the test with his moods when he successfully incorporates every aspect of black sounds from R&B to hip-hop, from gospel to country-western with rasta' seasonings.

The 24-year-old holds the reign of Dancehall King with the chart-topping crossover success, "Who Am I." The deep-grinding bass and pulsating guitar strings flow with the rhythmic words of Beenie Man, allowing him to put this track in a class by itself.

Other note worthy dancehall tracks to combine Beenie Man with two other reggae greats. "Woman of Sample" with Buju Banton is a wonderful blend of the two powerhouses doing what they do best with the use of electronic and digital-type sound. Beenie collaborates with Dancehall Queen Lady Saw in "So Hot," a light-hearted song of the two giving each other props in the bedroom.

Of the "Many Moods of Moses," R&B makes its entrance with "Heaven on Earth" and the rendition of Bobby Brown's "My Prerogative," Beenie style. "Got to be There," a gospel-esque version and the hip-hop experience. "Bad Man," rounds out the versatility aspect he had imagined for the album.

But Beenie Man doesn't stop there. He takes reggae two surprising steps further with an interpretation of country-western to describe the contradictory characteristics of man in "Ain't Gonna' Figure it Yet." "Sincerely" is an unplugged song which uses only the natural drums and hum sounds familiar to the Motherland.

The tracks of all tracks, "Steel Biko," is a simple song titled after the life of slain South African civil rights leader.

Photo By Brian Jahn

Steven Biko. Reminding listeners of the crisis of Apartheid, Beenie Man beautifully and skillfully incorporates Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" to express the loss of another great prophet.

The almighty Beenie Man once more gives nothing less but the best in "Many Moods of Moses." So watch

Review: CHARLI BALTIMORE

Money Untertainment

By DEBBIE DES'REE GUIRAND Hilltop Correspondent

out now, 'cauz Beenie album ready for dee kill. Geez!



Photo By John Ricardo

NEW YORK—Looks do get you far in the case of Charli Baltimore. Being the last rumored girlfriend of the late great Frank White, a.k.a Christopher Wallace, probably doesn't hurt either.

Among the new artists signed to Untertainment Records, the Philadelphia native who reveals in her first single, "Money," that she is not only beautiful, but can rhyme, too.

Or can she?

Baltimore must be one of the first failures as an MC under the guided teachings of Notorious B.I.G., at least with this single. "Money," which contains samples from the O'Jays' "For the Love of Money," proves that her lyrical ability is close to nonexistent.

She feeds listeners with materialistic lines like, "Charli rappin' about what I really got and it ain't like I am stuck on myself I'm really hot." Other self-absorbing lines scream of Baltimore's wanting "Jet skis with mine lady Rolex for the time."

Her lyrical days as a rap temptress might be numbered when one hears the acappella version on the song. Baltimore ran through the lines with speed, inconsistency, and at one point, out of breath.

If this not-so-promising rendition represents what's to come from Charli's self-titled album, then I ain't with. However, Baltimore may prove critics, like me, wrong on her album scheduled for this summer's release.

War of Words Mounts Between Rappers

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response: The single, "Second Round Knockout." That single spread across the nation, challenging L.L. and everything associated with him.

"If you really want to show off/we can get it on/Live in front of the cameras on your own sitcom/I'll let you kick a verse/...I'll even wait for the studio audience to applaud...," Canibus responded in the single.

Canibus' single has captured the attention of throngs of hip-hop fans, many of whom awaited the return of old-school lyrical competition. Last week, "Second Round K.O." was so popular, it snagged the number four spot on Billboard's Hot Rap Singles Chart.

"For a new jack, Canibus came out fearless with one of the best battle come-backs I've heard in a long time." said sophomore Asha Tyndale.

Despite Canibus' long experience in the music industry, he still felt the need to challenge L.L.'s integrity. "I basically begged, pleaded, apologized and said,

'Please don't put the song out man, please. I don't want no drama with you," L.L. said in a recent interview. It wasn't long before L.L. made his own come back,

"Return of the Ripper." Canibus said L.L. is avoiding the real matter by attacking others in his song. "He's mentioning everybody else's name in the world," Canibus said. "Come

get me." Some listeners had negative feelings towards Uncle L's come back.

"His single is whack," said Shannon Washington, an 18-year-old freshman fine arts major. "L.L.'s been in the business long enough to know what lyrically works and does not work."

L.L.'s longevity is why some are questioning if the current controversy will continue. His friction with Kool Moe Dee lasted five years before coming to an

If Canibus makes another come back, however, L.L. does not plan to participate. Def Jam publicist Heidi Schussler said, "L.L. is done with it."

By DEBBIE DES'REE GUIRAND Hilltop Correspondent

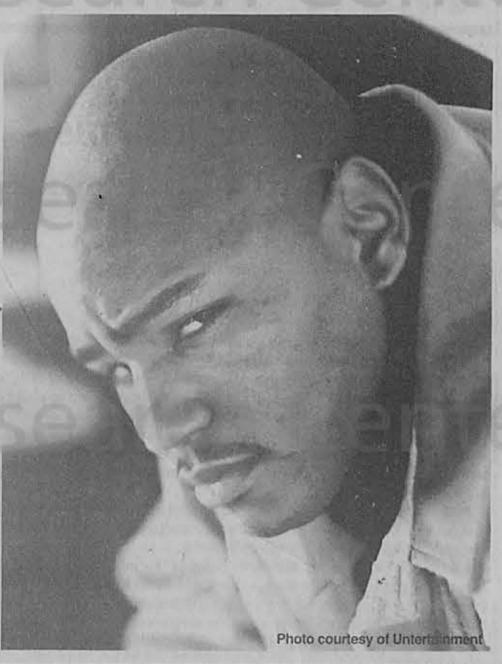
NEW YORK—Cam'ron, Untertainment's newest hip-hop sensation, is already making moves up the ladder of success with the highly-anticipated 19-track LP, "Confessions of Fire," scheduled to be released June 23.

Cam'ron already has a chart-topping hit with the first single, "357," from the Woo soundtrack which features samples from the 1980s TV show Magnum P.I. Another song on its way to success features Mase in "Horse & Carriage."

The stellar debut features many collaborations, such as "Pull It," featuring blazing newcomer DMX, "Death," with the late Notorious B.I.G.

The LP introduces Cam'ron to the hip-hop scene with "Glory," a song in which he knocks out all contenders by using the theme from the "Rocky." Cam'ron's success with his first single may be repeated when his LP drops in the summer. The album got a little something for the ladies and something for the fellas. For now, listeners will just have to be teased and amazed with the two ill joints from the one Killa' Cam.

Review: CAMISRON Confessions of Fire Untertainment



Top R&B Albums

I Got The Hook-Up!...No Limit
The Players Club....Heavyweight
Still Standing...LaFace
Bulworth—The Soundtrack...Interscope
Do or Die: Headz or Tailz...Neighborhood Watch/Rap-A-Lot
Jon B....Yab Yum/550 Music
Gang Starr: Moment of Truth C-Murder: Life or Death ... No Limit

K-Ci & Jojo: Love Always...MCA 10. Janet: The Velvet Rope Virgin

Top Singles

"Too Close," Next....Arista
"My All," Mariah Carey
"You're Still The One," Shania Twain...Mercury
"Everybody [Backstreet's Back]," Backstreet Boys...Jive

"Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden....Columbia
"Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement....A&M
"Let's Ride," Montel Jordan Feat. Master P & Silkk The Shocker

"All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo ... MCA

"Frozen." Madonna 10. "Turn It Up [Remix]/Fire It Up," Busta Rhymes

20 QUESTIONS

1. Who's the best karaoke rapper: Puff Daddy or Jermaine Dupri?



. And speaking of Puffy, what exactly did he mean when he said "take that, take that" in the Notorious B.I.G.'s "Hypnotize"? 3. Why do some females overdress to eat in Blackburn's cafeteria? And why do most of them come from the Annex? 4.

When will the basketball team win more than eight games? 5. When will the bas-

ketball team win more than three games? 6. Why do DC high school girls look older than many Howard grad students? 7. Why does it take the Shuttle half an hour to go from the front of Cook back down to the Towers.

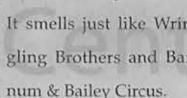
when it only takes eight minutes to walk? 8. Why

do some females think the model Tyson Beckford, is so fine but they never notice or comment on the large space between his teeth? 9. Why does Ice Cube think he can make movies? 10. Who be clubbin? Yayeeeeeeeee! Yayeeeeeeeeee! 11. Does Lil' Kim think breast implants can take the place of an ab roller? 12. And speaking of Kim, when will she realize she is too fat to wear a bikini? Maybe she should

> rename herself as Medium-sized Kim? 13. Who's on 1st? Where is it? As a matter of fact, where is the baseball field? 14. Why do stores still sell jheri curl kits? 15. And why do people still buy them? 16. Did

any one really think jheri curls could pass for naturally curly hair? 17. Who the hell is Jheri? 18.

> Does he have kids? 19. Why does Usher insist on showing his body when he doesn't have one? 20. Why does the University insist on piling manure on every patch of dirt they can find? It smells just like Wringling Brothers and Bar-



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Harvey Prepares for Life after Howard University

By DARELLE ROLLINS Hilltop Staff Writer

The time that all seniors have eagerly awaited has finally arrived; graduation day. After enduring four or more years at Howard University, the fittest students have emerged in royal blue caps and gowns in honor of their achievement. Along with hundreds of other seniors, Shawn Harvey, who represented the student body as Howard University Student Association Vice-President this year, will receive her Bachelor of Science degree.

The 22 year-old Harvey said her HUSA position allowed her to positively impact people's lives. "I gave Howard a part of my heart," Harvey said. "I changed the view of what a vice president is supposed to be. I think I have helped people."

Harvey and Jonathan Hutto, former HUSA Vice-President and President, used their "Nation Time" platform to reach out to the community and bring about more student representation on campus. "The university is becoming more student driven, more inclusive," Harvey said.

Harvey began her involvement in campus life as a freshman. After being mugged during her first year, Harvey worked to make all students at Howard feel safe. "I take every challenge head on," Harvey said. "Everyday is a learning experience, and even the hard times [come] about for a reason."

The 22-year-old New Brunswick, New Jersey native said her work within the University's student government has produced only positive experiences. "I

became involved with HUSA because Howard has given a lot to me, and before I left school I wanted to give something back," Harvey said. During her term, Harvey was fortunate to promote the University's mission while working with such elites as Hillary Clinton and Louis Farrakhan.

But Harvey did not spend all her undergraduate years in campus politics-she will receive a degree in electrical engineering today. Harvey is a member of the Engineering Honor Society, as well as a former Miss School of Engineering 1996-1997.

Outside of school, Harvey has held four internships with MCI International and another with Motorola. Her knowledge in the field of engineering has lead to her being a highly sought after student. Harvery has accepted a position with Anderson Consulting in Strategic Services Group.

Harvey is grateful for her prosperity and attributes her success to her mother who raised three children by herself. "She worked hard to make it seem like she wasn't struggling," Harvey said. Harvey aspires to be like her mother: "I am trying to walk in her footsteps, but I don't think it's possible" she said.

Today, Harvey will be walking across the stage on the "Yard," built to transform Howard students into Howard alumni. "You can go to any university and get an education, but Howard is a home," Harvey said. As she moves away from the adopted family she found at the "Capstone," Harvey heads towards new conquests. Harvey and her fellow graduates are expected to use their education and experiences to succeed in the "real world."



Photo by Aida Muleneh

Shawn Harvey talks about her Howard experiences with neighborhood kids.

Late-Night Talk Shows Reel-In Students

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"I think Jerry Springer is a good show," said Keltric Goff, a freshman biology major. "But people put too much emphasis on it," he said. "You watch it and just laugh. After being in

class all day, getting tense, it helps you laugh and

Kanisha Jenkins, a sophomore physician's assistant major agrees.

"It's not meant to be used as an educational tool," she said. "It's not meant to teach us anything. If people want to come on television and put their business out to the world, what better place to do it than Jerry? We Americans love drama."

However, some students who also watch the show disagree about the quality of its contents. They said talk shows such as "Jerry Springer" negatively affect their viewers.

"Jerry Springer is nothing but a televised boxing arena" said Sheri McKnight, a sophomore advertising major. "He promotes stereotypes and the negative aspects of all people, regardless of race or income

Marshan Jefferson, a sophomore biology major said Springer exploits his guests, but isn't discriminatory in doing so.

"Jerry is the National Inquirer of talk shows," she said. "However, he is an equal opportunity exploiter; he exploits everybody, whether Black, White, Hispanic, or whatever."

Among those who said Springer's show has a negative effect is Howard University sociology professor Dr. Wendy Winters. She is particularly concerned about how shows such as Springer's affect her students.

"I would like to believe college students would have the knowledge and exposure to be able to evaluate such shows," she said. "However, in that many of the college students are in late adolescence, they are impressionable, and that concerns me. At times, I regard Jerry Springer to be a psychological pimp."

Nicole Davis, a freshman communications major and student of Winters', did not buy into her professor's statement. She said the show was primarily a form of entertainment.

"Howard students should be intelligent enough to differentiate entertainment from reality," Davis said. But Jefferson said while the show keeps audience

members cheering and laughing, it still poses serious consequences, not only for viewers, but guests as well. "Though some of those fights may be fake, real people do come on the show, too," she said. "Real feel-

ings do get hurt and real hearts do get broken."

Debut Book: "Cheekie, A Child Out of the Desire," Touches on Family, the Projects, and Sex

By SHATIKWA BROWN Hilltop Staff Writer

At 27, Howard toxicology and chemistry alumni Clarence Nero has accomplished a lot. He currently works as a toxicological chemist in the forensic department of the District government in the area and has just released his first book.

It's no science textbook or resource guide to chemical engineering.

It's "Cheekie, A Child Out of the Desire". "Cheekie."

Nero's debut fictional novel, depicts the story of a young black man growing up in the Desire Housing Projects in New Orleans.

Nero's writing career began when he opened a fortune cookie from his favorite Chinese restaurant. The message inside read: "You are a lover of words. Someday you will write a book." Inspired by this, he decided to write about his childhood.

"I started writing actual memories for my personal understanding," Nero said. "I was working through things by writing about them. I didn't know there was anything unique about

my story until people started reading it. This motivated me to keep writing because I came to see my story as something worth telling."

"Cheekie" tells the story of a young black man coming of age despite adversity. Nero, inspired by his own success, tells the story from the eyes of a child who remembers his home as a youth in the Desire Housing Projects. He remembers Desire as it once was: Lively, well-kept and inspirational.

Later in the book, he explains that as a result of time and poor upkeep, Desire was turned into a slum, infested with drug-dealers, criminals and unkempt chil-

Cheekie (as was Nero) was born in the late 1960's. As a child he was exposed to sexual activity, rampant violence, and an abundance of crime. His parents separated at an early age and that ended Cheekie's fathers'

involvement in his life. Cheekie was raised by two women in his family, his mother and grandmother. As Cheekie matures he finds it difficult to develop his individuality as a man. All of his role models were females, strong and independent.

"The black woman has traditionally been the head of the African-American family," he said. "There are families where the man is the head of the household, but in Cheekie's family the women were the head. The black mother is the nurturer, the hope, the strength of the black family. This has always been her role in the community."

> Desire Projects, where both fictional character Cheekie and author Clarence Nero grew up, was condemned by the government in 1994. Built over a New Orleans swamp in the 1950's, four decades later it was deemed unsuitable for habitation. Today Desire Projects no longer stands, and will be replaced by low income town houses.

Nero uses this fictional novel to serve as both a story for entertainment and a memoir of his life. In an effort to write fiction from his personal experiences. Nero says that he was told he had the ability of a story-

"When I stated to shape the memories into a story, it became fiction instead of a memoir," he said.

Nero believes that growing up in the 1970's and 80's in the projects, was difficult. Many young men and women are subject to seeing sex, violence and criminal activity prematurely, as were the characters in the novel, on a daily basis. Cheekie, the

novel's protagonist, is no different.

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Nero believes that Cheekie's story is one that many people will be able to relate to. He's always had a desire to write, to reminisce, and he has finally reached his

The novel explores his struggles finding his identity, his values, his virtues.

The story of Cheekie promises to be one that many who have witnessed hardship can relate to. Clarence Nero is currently working on his second novel.

The End of An Era

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1994, when the Howard University Student Association honored her with the "Teacher of the

She also received the Outstanding Academician Award from her colleagues. Taylor called these two moments the most rewarding of her professional life. "It was a symbol that I had not only sought to be good. but in my work that the students and my peers felt that I had done that," she said.

Stepping aside from the classroom, Taylor has a 24year-old son, Cameron, who is the fifth

generation in her family to attend Howard. "He's the light of my life," she said. "He brings me joy. His presence gave me bal-

Taylor's son recently moved out of their home in Northeast Washington that her family bought in 1929. "I am currently living in my ancestral home," she said. In fact, Taylor was born there on Thanksgiving day in 1933.

She said her siblings ate peanut butter and crackers instead of the traditional turkey which was still in the refrigerator at the time of her birth. Taylor's parents, who were married for 50 years, had five sons and three daughters, only two of whom are still living.

In her retirement, Taylor plans to spend time with her sister, write, volunteer and join the Howard University Alumni Asso-

Taylor's assistant of two years, Wanda Porter, was quick to point to the fact that Taylor was the first woman in the history department to receive a Ph.D.

She symbolizes Howard University and makes me proud to be a part of the Howard University tradition," Porter said. "I will miss her."

Freshman film major Vincent Williams said he, too, learned a lot from Taylor. 'She was eccentric, but she was good," Williams said. "She definitely gave me a new way of applying knowledge." Williams took Taylor's U.S. History to 1877 course, but said he would take another of her courses if she wasn't retiring.

"In all my 37 years, I have never met a American and U.S. History to her students

dumb student," Taylor said, admitting she sometimes has had difficulty understanding what her students were trying to say on her tests.

Anyone can memorize a textbook or get a degree, but Taylor said teaching goes beyond that. "They have to see this experience not as a job, but as an opportunity to help prepare students for the world they will

Encouraging students to work hard and play hard, Taylor said: "Don't forget to live life. Students must be ready to embrace life."



Photo By Edouard Leneus

Taylor has dedicated over 30 years of teaching African-

STYLE

Summer Fashion As You Like It

Style Writer Ebony D. White Samples Summer Fashions

Photos By Nathaniel Hayward









By EBONY D. WHITE Hilltop Style Writer

porty, sleeveless, and shockingly sheer are characteristics common to many of the styles for this summer. Short hem lines with high slits show off shapely summer legs, while new below-the-knee lengths target sexy calves. Fitted tanks, tube tops, and skin-tight capris, as well as seethrough summer dresses, shirts and pants are all on the palette for this summer of the scantily clad.

Athletic gear, once strictly mainstream, has penetrated the high-fashion runways. Ralph Lauren, DKNY and Calvin Klein have all drawn inspiration from athletic brands such as Nike, Adidas and old-schools styles reminiscent of the 1980s.

Adidas' button-down polyester sweats, shell tops and zippered hoodies are popping-up everywhere. While Nike's brightly-colored shoes, such as the Air Sunder Mid, are gracing the chic feet of many.

Patterns of the moment feature bold floral prints and exotic designs inspired by Indian styles such as Jaipur; and styles of African descent such as those inspired by Tutsi women of Rwanda. Simple geometric shapes and designs are popular and plentiful.

Light featherweight, and sometimes, transparent fabrics, flow freely and may be seen in button down shirts, dresses, skirts and wide-legged draw-string pants.

Designers such as Donna Karan, Jill Stuart, and Ralph Lauren use airy, intricately woven silk knits, lace knits, cashmere, and linen to create a soft delicacy in dresses skirts, camisoles, and cardigans.

Stretchy cottons and denims are being used in the popular clingy fashions seen in pants and shirts. Colors in demand include pastels, metallics, and

ivories, creamy off-whites, and deep navy remain Trends in dresses harbor around strapless tube types

bright bolds. Neutral tones with an emphasis on crisp

and tank styles. Short, free and flirty, or body-hugging mid-calf lengths capture the distinct charm of the summertime.

Current silhouettes are also sleeveless and feature a variety of necklines from high-rounded and boxed cut, to plunging vs. Lingerie-inspired slip dresses trimmed in lace have been carried over from last season. They range in all lengths from brief and simple to floor skimming and elegant.

Skirts follow similar fashions. Lengths vary with the focus placed on micro minis, hems that hit right at the knee or the same just below the knee lengths. Simplicity is a common virtue of the summer skirt. Not much detail and deceptively understated.

Splits have begun showing up everywhere - front and

of

center, slightly off centered, or on one or both sides. They may be brief or travel high up the thigh. Side slits are showing up in pants as well, such as those seen at the bottom sides of capri pants.

Tops of the moment include a variety of styles in camisoles with a playful focus on the straps. Ribbed and fitted T-shirt styled undershirts and tanks show off muscled summer chests and arms.

Pants may be extremely tight or light and breezy. The 80s are brought back once again with the emergence of "peddle-pushers," which stop anywhere along the

Shorts are very short and fitted in stretchy fabrics, or loose and casually comfortable.

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HU Designer Brings Fresh View to Industry

By EBONY WHITE Hilltop Style Writer

oshawn Lamonte Thomas is a member of Howard University's small group of fashion majors who dream of becoming designers. Thomas' interest in the field was sparked by his belief that black female consumers consistently remain overlooked by major fashion designers, despite their powerful force within the industry.

"Most Black women who I talk to feel neglected because they don't believe they meet that 'model' stereotype," Thomas said.

It is for that reason that Thomas wants to become a successful black designer who will maintain a constant focus on what he calls the "forgotten black female consumer."

Many aspiring black designers say the industry tends to glamorize a specific body type, leaving the average-sized black woman stranded and looking for well-fitting clothing.

With his concentration placed firmly on the black female

market. Thomas said his presence in the industry will bring a refreshing change to the field.

> A zeal for simplicity drives Thomas, a 22-year-old Virginia native. That zeal makes him want to compete in the highly-competitive industry, where only a select few rise to the top.

He believes that too many designers are unable to uphold a virtue of subtlety in sophistication.

"I don't like gaudy things," Thomas said. Comparing himself to Josie Natori and Donna Karan, two of his favorite designers, Thomas said: "Josie

Natori creates elegant and simplistic designs that have Thomas said that Natori's strengths lie in her designs,

not in the materials she uses. "Fabric should accent, not create," Thomas said. Thomas, who began studying fashion in high school, points to Howard professors Nicole Gray and LaRonce Marshall as a major source of inspira-

"Nicole pushed my creativity in illustration, while Ms. Marshall helped to facilitate my resourcefulness."

After graduating from Howard, Thomas plans to continue his studies at the Fashion Institute of Technology at the State University of New York, in New York City.

Currently, Thomas is gaining sales experience at Macy's in the Fashion Center at Pentagon City. While concentrating on the business side of designing and understanding the consumer, Thomas aims to

become an executive trainee. In the future, Thomas wants to design and sketch for other designers, in an effort to gain critical knowledge the innerworkings of the fashion industry. But while sketching for another designer will be challenging Thomas says it will keep him motivated.

Summer Accessories

By EBONY WHITE Hilltop Staff Writer

Accessories have become necessities, accenting everything from casual wear to formals.

JEWELS

Detailed in design, the latest fads in accessories resemble sophisticated, yet simplistic costume jewelry derived from vintage styles. They show up in the form of necklaces and graceful chokers. Large gems like sapphires, spinels and inventive Gothic creations give new texture.

WATCHES

A decline in the popularity of watches is not seen in the near-future. Singular concentrations are now becoming as chic as the indecisive silver and gold combinations once were. Jeweled evening watches fashonably serve far more purpose than telling time.

SILVER

Silver is now treading into what was strictly gold territory. Once upon a time, gold was the leading metal of choice. Now, men and women flock to purchase everything from bracelets, necklaces and rings in sil-

GLASSES

Summer sun is perfect for pulling out the shades. But rather than merely protecting your vision, everybody knows their primary purpose is to make you look cool.

In the words of XXL Magazine, "...you need sunglasses that won't make you look like Flavor Flav in the 'Fight the Power' video." So here are the latest trends for this season: Tortoise shells, silvery plastic, wrap-arounds, and colored lenses. These styles possess a certain something that can compliment almost any

THE SKINS

Much to the dismay of animal rights activists, animal skins have become the most sought after texture in purses, belts, and shoes. Fendi features python handles in their latest handbags.

T. Anthony Limited totes are made of goatskin, while Furla uses camel leather. Other hot skins on the scene are cowhide, leather, alligator, crocodile, lizard and snakeskin. For those who refuse to tote what once lived and breathed, bags in straw create a more relaxed look. These styles can be seen embellished with bright colorful embroidery and floral prints.

THE SHOES

Sporty shoes create casual feet. It is nothing new on the fashion scene to see tennis shoes worn sockless with shorts and summer dresses. Running and canvas shoes remain a popular choice, while other sports specific styles like Donna Karen's sleek scuba shoes featured with dresses and skirts, and Helmut Lang's karate style shoes. Strappy sandals show off fresh summer pedicures (...we hope). High heels and platforms are still sexy, however the return of the flat shoe is well received and more practical.

On Fashion: The Kaleidoscope

By JO-ANN ENWEZOR Hilltop Style Writer

kaleidoscope is a constantly changing set of colors phase or events. One can never determine the avenue a kaleidoscope might take-- it can vacillate from one extreme to the other. Much like a kaleidoscope, fashion is ever changing. From designs, to colors, to concepts and style, fashion is the kaleidoscope that often governs a first and last impression.

Case in point: Ladies, a handsome gentleman approaches you with good conversation and a charming smile. Oddly, it is 1998 and he has on a turquoise, Cross Color jump suit. What do you do? How many ladies would give up the number? Better yet, how many ladies would have stopped long enough to drop that man a clue?

A great personality goes a long way, but wearing outdated, designer clothing, won't get you far. Perry Ellis is a good cologne, but not the name that should be on a spring jacket or T-shirt. Actually, if you have not already noticed, overly displaying designer logos went out with fatigues. Yes, I said it!!! Army fatigues should not be turning the century when we opened the decade. This is especially to all you 'GI Janes.'

Do not get me wrong, I am true believer in selfexpression. For 97-98 I applaud originality. As we approach the millennium, fashion is diversifying. It has become increasingly important to be different. I remember in the '80s when everyone was a Turbo or Ozone clone from the movie Breakin.' We wore leather pants, a Jerry curl, bandannas and gloves, and thought

everything was 'fresh'. Now the same people won't even shop in the mall because "everyone goes there" or they get mad when they see someone wearing their shirt they thought was a Picasso-- an absolute origi-





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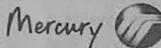


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BUSINESS

Black Computer Businessman Trades Downtown for U Street

Entrepreneur Seeks to Inspire Black Youth

By MIYAH SOMERSALL Hilltop Business Writer

Donald M. Hines, 45, always wanted to own a computer store. So, after graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University, he worked in several business-related careers - all in an effort to gain experience and muster the money to launch American Computer Resources Incorporated, or ACRI.

At first, ACRI was located at 21st and I Streets, N.W. It served the community for more than a decade, and the graphics and imaging business provides printing services such as resumes, business cards and photo scanning.

Now, the store is located along the bustling U Street Corridor.

Hines, a Richmond, Va. native, said he chose the new location because the area was ripe for potential sales growth, and it was important to bring a thriving black-owned business back to the black community.

"Everything I do now, I did at some part of my life," said Hines, who worked in graphics and photography as he made the transition from college to purchasing his first business, at the age of 32.

Hines said his new surroundings is a pleasant change from the downtown area.



Staff Photo by Melvin Mooring

Donald M. Hines works at one of his Apple computers, which is only one of the brands of computers available at his store, now located on U Street.

"It gives me a chance to meet share information," he said. other black business people and

While there are many black busi-

they are put into effect, it was not

ness plans that fall through before the same with Hines. He said the majority of the capital he invested came from friends and family.

Hines not only depended on others for funds, he prepared for his ownership from day one.

From jobs that he obtained during and after college, along with gaining experience in the computer and managing fields, Hines saved capital for his business that provided the bulk of his funds.

Hines attributes the success of his business to the satisfaction customers receive. He added that in order to succeed in business, one must be persistent.

"There is no substitute for working hard," Hines said, adding, "I don't care how much money you have, if you don't work hard, you won't be in business long."

He also wants aspiring entrepreneurs to know that in order to succeed they must set goals and know where they want to go in the future.

"Set your sights on what you want to do, don't take your eyes off of it and always remain focused," Hines said.

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Howard Students Invest While Still in College

By MIYAH SOMERSALL Hilltop Staff Writer

With song lyrics such as "money, power and respect," hip-hop artists, The Lox, gave a theme to people who believe the combination of those three elements is the key to life. But many students are not aware that investing could be an effective way of making such themes a reality.

After enrolling at Howard, Leon M. Robinson, 19-year-old finance major, said he decided to start investing because he thought it would be a way to gain a better understanding of the stock market.

"To get started, I read books, articles, watched TV programs and talked to people who are seasoned investors," Robinson said.

Following countless hours of study, Robinson opened an account

with Fidelity Investments. He now invests in penny stocks - companies that are just getting started.

"For the most part, they were

doing well," Robinson said, "Some of them did not do as well as others but the good ones came out on

The School of Business' corporate adopted team, Salmagundi, began investing in bonds and mutual funds at the beginning of the keys to investing.

Douglas Hooker, an 18-year-old freshman international business major, said the idea was started by his team leader, Jerron Redrick.

"We all said that we wanted to invest and make some money because we were supposed to be together as a group for four years," Hooker said. The investment brought them closer together and helped them better understand the

If a college student decides to

invest in a stock, bond or mutual fund, he or she may go to a local bank, such as First Union or Nations Bank.

Albert Slocum Jr., financial specialist at First Union Bank on Georgia Avenue, said that in order to get started in investing, a student must first fill out a profile which indicates financial needs. Then the bank would recommend the right product for the potential investor.

The financial specialist pointed

out that one of the more popular investments that many students choose to invest in is the Evergreen stock which is part of First Union's

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Howard Business Students Excel Through Networking Techniques

By MIYAH SOMERSALL

Hilltop Business Writer

Networking is a tool many students are using to get companies and prospective employers familiar with who they are. Many students network with recruiters with hopes of landing an internship and possibly a full-time job after graduation.

One place students find useful in their quest for networking is the Center for Professional Development, in the School of Business.

At the CDP, students meet company representatives — all in an effort to make their name, face and qualifications known.

The CPD offers a Speakers Bureau, in which company representatives talk about career opportunities at their company. Afterwards, students may ask questions about corporate representative's jobs and benefits to working for that particular company.

Students are able to learn more about the company and their own chances of getting the internship. They also network with the institution of their choice and may impress the

company employee.

Kissonda Williams, 21-year-old senior finance major, said she found the CPD very helpful in her quest for an internship.

CPD director Harold Gray helped Williams land a scholarship and internship with Soloman, Smith and Barney, an investment

"I was selected for it in my sophomore year and it carried over for two years," Williams said. She will be employed by the company after graduation.

Networking can also come from the corporate business teams that business school students are placed in upon arrival at Howard.

Jason Champion, 21, is a junior marketing major who is on a team adopted by Oxy Chem. Several corporate recruiters took the students to dinner, offering students a chance to sell themselves to the company.

"They gave internships to two people on the team - my team leader and myself," Champion said. "[From the conversation], they knew what kind of people we were and they knew who to offer the job."

Anika Sandy, freshman business major

who snagged an internship with Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich., for the summer, met recruiters at the company while she was in high school.

Sandy left the company with a good impression. She kept in touch with recruiters once she enrolled at Howard by calling them to make sure she kept her name on their

"I kind of harassed them until I got the internship," she said.

Juan Mack, junior finance major, agreed with the idea that aggressiveness is a virtue especially when it comes to effective networking. Earlier in the year, he captured the legal internship he wanted with NASDAQ's Washington office.

"I knew I wanted to get something that relates to Wall Street, but I knew I wanted to stay in D.C."

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HEALTH

Vegetarianism Hard for Students, Despite Benefits

By TEKIAE WARREN Hilltop Health Writer

Fried chicken, collard greens basted in ham hocks, barbecued beef ribs, rice and rich gravy-- these are just a few of the fattening dishes that many African Americans are accustomed to eating.

It is said that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," and many Howard students seem to agree.

Many HU students say that they are aware of the health benefits of becoming vegetarians, but they find it too difficult to give up their traditional soul food cuisine.

In a recent article published in Vegetarian Times magazine, there are reportedly 12.4 million vegetarians in the United States -- 1.1 million of whom are African American.

Eighty-one percent of African Americans say they would eat more vegetarian meals if they could buy better vegetables, but the main deterrent around campus seems to be the flavor of vegetarian meals and the tradition of eating pork, chicken and beef.

"I don't really like vegetables. I primarily eat meat, such as chicken and beef," said George Omeir, junior human development major. "I eat meat as a part of every meal, and I don't think that I would ever be able to become a vegetarian because the food that they eat isn't appealing to me."

Each year 4,500 Americans die from tainted meat, poultry and eggs, according to data from Vegetarian Awareness Network, causing more people to consider

Vegetarian Awareness Network president Lige Weill, says there are three types of vegetarians: Lacto vegetarians, lacto-ovo vegetarians and vegans.

The lacto vegetarian diet consists of all dairy products as a source of protein, fruits, and plant foods. Their diet excludes eggs, meat, poultry and fish.

Most American vegetarians are lacto-ovo vegetarians, Weill said. Lacto-ovo vegetarian diets exclude meat, poultry and fish. It includes eggs, dairy and milk products.

Vegans, otherwise known as "complete vegetarians," exclude all foods of animal origin including meat, poultry, fish, eggs and milk products. Their diet includes only plant foods and some also exclude honey.

Dietetic The American Association supports vegetarian diets. In a 1993 position statement, the ADA said that "vegetarian diets are healthful and nutritionally adequate when appropriately planned."

Vegetarians have lower death rates as a result of heart disease, hypertension (also known as high blood pressure) and fewer cases of insulin-dependent diabetic cases than non-vegetarians, according to the ADA. Vegetarians are also at a lower risk of breast and colon can-

All green leafy vegetables such as collards, broccoli, spinach, turnip greens and kale, along with yellow fruits and vegetables such as carrots, yams, squash, mango and papaya are all a source of beta

Green leafy vegetables are also a source of iron, protein and calcium, along with tofu. Vitamin B-12 can be consumed from miso -- a soy-



Photo By Keya Graves

bean paste found in Asian super-

markets and health food stores. And

tempeh, which is also made from

soy beans, is a source of fiber. The task of planning one's meals is exactly why Rashida Hudson, freshman management major, said that she doesn't see vegetarianism in her future.

"I understand that you have to have certain nutrients in the body

tion for me," she said.

Natasha Combs, junior film major, shops for vegetables at a local grocery store.

Other Howard students disagree. They say that being a vegetarian makes a person feel much healthier. Therefore, they are willing to sacrifice the convenience of fast food to prepare healthy meals.

"It's a way of life," said Christie Johnson, freshman biology and English major. "It is a more holistic way of life. You become more in and being a vegetarian is healthier, tune with your body. Sometimes if but it involves too much complica- I begin to feel weak, I know it's ian burgers.

because I don't have enough iron in my body for that day and I eat something that will give me iron." Johnson and others say they frequent vegetarian restaurant Soul

Vegetarian.

The restaurant's manager, Yoahk Isral, said that he gets 25 to 30 Howard students in his restaurant everyday. He says they order a variety of dishes from lasagna to pita pizza to different types of vegetar-

For more information on vegetarianism, call the vegetarian awarenes network at 1-800-USA-VEGE or ehttp://envirolonk.org/arrs/VRG/nut

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AIDS Scare Declared False By Red Cross Howard

By TEKIAE WARREN Hilltop Health Writer

Recently, rumors have been circulating around campus that the American Red Cross would not return to Howard due to the excessive amount of AIDS and HIV cases found at previous blood drives. These rumors have been circulating for quite a while, but the Red Cross insists that they are completely false.

"I have never heard this [news] before. This is completely shocking to me. No wonder there are not [many] students showing up for the blood drives with rumors like these going around," said Jameelah Ansari, Red Cross representative.

Ansari was adamant about the elimination of the rumor and urges students to discontinue spreading false information.

"We have always had blood drives at Howard and there has never been any type of quarantine or notice about AIDS on campus by us," Ansari said.

Many students around campus are well aware of the rumor.

"We were told about there being a large percentage of people with AIDS at Howard," said Michelle Heatley, freshman biology major. "They tried to scare us when we first got here and told us that 70 percent of people on campus had the AIDS virus."

"I hadn't heard anything about that rumor," said Victor Walters, a freshman physical therapy major. "This is the first time that I've ever heard anything like that ."

But students insist that their lack of participation in blood drives at Howard is not because of the AIDS rumors. They say that it is simply because of their lack of knowledge about the blood drives when they take place.

Brandon Presco, a senior biology major. Heatley agreed: "I didn't know about the blood drive until I saw it when I ran past it."

Regardless of the reason for low campus participation at the blood drives, Red Cross administrators encourage everyone to give blood.

Don Webb, Director of Recruitment and Collection at the Red Cross, repeatedly said that the rumor is not true. He also noted that the Red Cross was not on a mission to exclude blood drives at Howard or other predominantly black col-

the closest match for those who are in need of blood which differs in properties from race to race. He added that the occurrence of

increase the chances of achieving

HIV on a college campus "doesn't impact our blood drives. If it did we would do something about it and tell the individual and help [him or her] deal with such news through a long process of consultation and services."

However, when asked about the actual percentages of AIDS cases at Howard and surrounding universities. Webb said that he was not at Webb stressed the importance of liberty to release that information, "I didn't know about it," said Blacks giving blood. He said it will nor does the Red Cross reveal its

figures or statistics of universities on an individual basis.

Webb also said that the Red Cross would not compromise the confidentiality of those who gave blood if they were infected with AIDS because it would probably influence others' decision to give.

"There definitely has not been any major problem with AIDS at Howard," Webb said.

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African Americans Are No Exception to Sun Damage

By TEKIAE WARREN Hilltop Health Writer

As summer approaches and classes end, everyone anticipates going to the beach, taking long-awaited vacations and basking in the sun.

During summer, people begin to wear shorts, sundresses and lessrestricting attire. Those who wear less clothing will be exposed to harmful ultraviolet sun rays that could lead to skin diseases, such as skin cancer.

African Americans are just as susceptible to skin diseases that result from excessive sun exposure, such as skin cancer, as other ethnic groups.

Dr. Yolanda Holmes, of the Howard University Hospital Department of Dermatology, said it is essential that Americans -including African Americans -wear sunscreen in the summer, regardless of the length of time they will be exposed to the sun.

"Everyone should wear some sort of protection to combat the rays of the sun. Even if you have oily skin, you should wear a moisturizer, preferably one with a sunscreen in it all year long," Holmes said.

Holmes suggests moisturizers, such as those made by Oil of Olay, and a new body lotion by Kerri that contains sunscreen.

Melanin, the pigment present in the skin, is more predominant in African Americans than in whites and is responsible for the various hues of African-American skin tones. It provides added protection against the sun, but does not fully block African Americans from the dangers of the sun. Skin damage can result in wrinkles, premature aging and skin cancer.

Experts say that the sun's rays are most dangerous between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Sunscreen is most necessary during these hours because one stands a greater chance of sunburn.

"And yes, Black folks do sun- seen only one African-American

burn," Holmes said.

She said that repeated sunburn could lead to skin cancer and the development of freckles, but added that the development of freckles is often genetically predisposed.

It is also important to wash the face no more than twice a day, recommended Holmes. She cautioned that washing the face too many times could cause inflammation of the skin.

Although Holmes reports having

patient with skin cancer, and that 98 percent of the skin cancer patients that she treats are White, she still suggests that African Americans use sunscreen. Sunscreen should be applied and reapplied every two to three hours, especially if a one gets into water.

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HUH Receives \$3.3 Million for Alcoholism Study

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Howard University Hospital won a five-year, \$3.3 million research grant, paving the way for its department of pharmacology to search for the cause of alcoholism. Awarded the grant by the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism, the hospital hired 10 new researches for the study.

The researchers will study the ways in which alcohol affects specific sectors of the population, such as Blacks, the elderly and young people. The staff will conduct research on the genetic and environmental factors that contribute to an alcoholic's development.

Seven colleges applied for the grant. But Howard, Drew University and North Carolina Central University, were the only recipients.

Using the funds from the grant, Howard University Hospital offi-

cials say they will renovate the hospital's facilities to provide an environment more conducive to the needs of such advanced research. The study will allow researchers

to grip a better understanding of four main groups: Fetal alcohol syndrome, genetics, psycho-social and environmental, and basic science group.

The fetal alcohol group -- named after a disease caused by the consumption of alcohol by pregnant women -- causes newborn babies to have cognitive and developmental problems, which could lead to mild or severe retardation.

The genetics group will determine whether Blacks naturally have a gene that makes them more at risk for alcoholism.

Expanding its research globally, Howard University Hospital will also be testing Nigerians and Ethiopians for the same alcohol inducing genes.

The psycho-social and environmental group will study the factors that influence the drinking habits of youth. For example, studies show that White youth tend to begin drinking alcohol much earlier than black youths. And whites in the same age bracket tend to begin drinking in high school, reach their peak in college. Their drinking rates drop dramatically after college, studies say.

Blacks begin drinking later in life and peak in their late twenties, but their drinking rates steadily rise. Researchers such as Taylor are trying to figure whether this increase is due to stress placed on Blacks in society, depression, or a number of other reasons.

The basic science group is studying how alcohol affects brain activity. The question of why people crave alcohol is being tested.

The proposal for the grant was written by Robert E. Taylor, chairman of the department of Pharmacology at the hospital.

Howard was awarded the grant after a collaborative effort in conjunction with Indiana University, University of Kansas, Emory University, University of California San Diego, Wayne State University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Texas at Austin. "We definitely would not have

gotten the grant without their help," Taylor said. "We are all working together to create programs and perform research that will be beneficial to everyone."

Taylor was enthusiastic about their discovery: The presence of a gene controlling an enzyme in the liver that breaks down alcohol 30 times faster than Whites, causing Blacks to drink more alcohol. This eventually leads to alcoholism and its accompanying ailments, such as sclerosis of the liver, an enlarged heart and nerve disorders.

For decades, the Howard University Hospital and College of Medicine have contributed to the medical field. They have consistently been invaluable in all facets of medicine with their leadership

and work ethic. To many on campus, the hospital and College of Medicine seem to be in the distance. But hospital administrators and doctors want the Howard community to be involved in their many activities.

"A lot goes on over here," said Dr. Warren K. Aske, Associate Dean for Research at the College of Medicine.

"We have an obligation to create more research," Taylor said, indicating Howard University Hospital's goal to study genetic and environmental factors that affect Blacks and society as a whole. "In the future, we will be developing courses on alcohol abuse and health communications. We plan to get every school and college in the University involved."

The grant will last until the year 2002.

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SCI/TECH

On Internet 2, HBCUs Play the Waiting Game

By BRIAN J. COX Hilltop Sci/Tech Writer

The "World Wide Wait," as the Internet is often called, is drawing to a close at many universities as they upgrade to the faster, second generation network dubbed Internet

But for students and faculty at Howard University, the prospect of gaining campus-wide access to the next generation of the Internet seems as far off as the cashier's booth at the end of a long student validation line.

"The public Internet is inundated with traffic," said Erin McKelvey, spokesperson for Denver based Qwest Communications, a telecommunications company aiding with the creation of Internet 2.

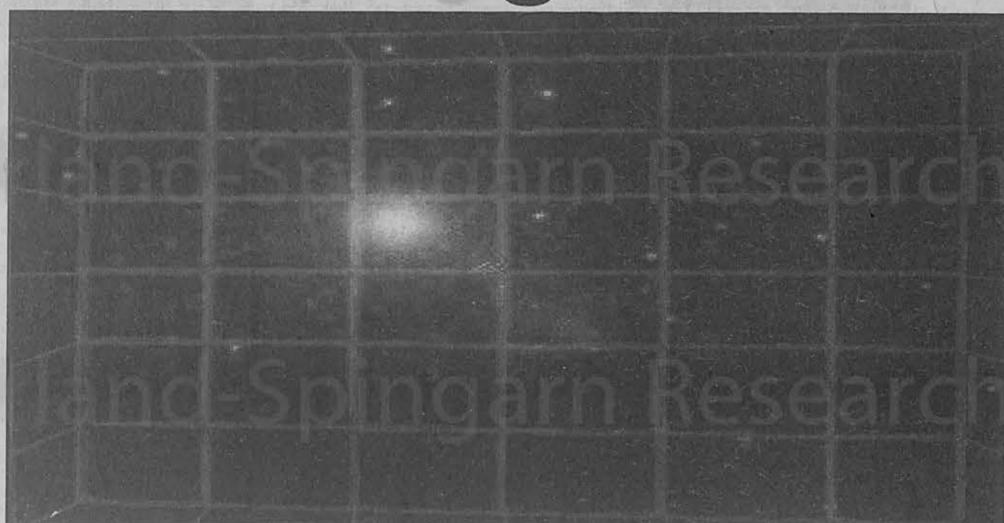
Gary Harris, the University's Associate Vice President for Research at Information Systems and Services, said Howard has a fiber-optic Internet backbone, but some computers await upgrading in order to take full advantage of it.

With computer networks, speed is of the utmost importance, so government, industry, and higher education are teaming up to extend the United States' lead in Internet technology. So far, their efforts appear to be worthwhile.

On April 14, Vice President Al Gore announced a \$500 million partnership with Qwest Communications Inc., Northern Telecom and other communications giants that would create a second "backbone" network for the Internet known as Abilene.

The new network addition would work in conjunction with present initiatives to connect universities, such as the Performance Backbone Network Service. It already links five National Science Foundation supercomputer centers and is slated to connect institutions at speeds of 2.4 gigabits per second by the year 2000.

"Change sometimes comes not slowly and gradually, but when we cross thresholds, beyond which the



Staff Graphic By Jimmianne Warner

reality is just completely different," Gore said.

Technical specifications for Internet 2 would provide connection speeds up to one gigabit (one billion bytes per second), enough to transmit the entire contents of Encyclopedia Britannica in one

Such an improvement would permit students and researchers to engage in a variety of applications that once bordered on science fic-

Researchers at the University of South Dakota, for example, could share data with their far-flung counterparts across the country.

"It's a great idea, and absolutely necessary... Internet 2 allows us to play in two games very seriously-scientific visualization and research,"said Ronald Leach, Acting Chairman of the Department of Systems and Computer Sciences. "Scientific visualization, such as the human genome, is made possible and [Internet 2] is essential for ment of Computer Information Sysscientific research."

Students at universities and colleges across the country are awaiting the arrival of INTERNET 2.

Though Howard recently announced the implementation of distance-independent learning technology, so far it is limited to students at the School of Divinity.

A consortium of 122 schools maintain membership in the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, a group helping to coordinate the transition to Internet 2. For membership, schools are required to pay \$25,000 annually in member dues and commit to specific goals; among them is establishing broadband Internet connectivity and preparing to make use of local aggregation points known as "gigapops" to achieve access to the Internet 2 intercon-

The only Historically Black Institution among the list of prestigious colleges signed up for Internet 2 is Florida A&M University. Marion

tems at FAMU, said high-speed networks like Internet 2 are essential for conducting advanced research.

"For schools competing for research dollars, having access to high bandwidth networks is going to be critical," Harmon said. Besides research, "virtual classrooms" on the internet is another possible application. Students in bunny slippers could potentially "attend" class and view a lecture from the comfort of their own dorm

The increased interactivity does not come without a price tag, however. The Communications Director for Internet 2, Greg Wood, pegs the cost of wiring a campus at \$500,000 per year for three to five

"It turns out that many [schools] are investing more than that because they see the need for broadWood said.

Upgrading the Internet has potentially universal benefits due to the trickle-down nature of the medium. Wood points out that the first network that linked universities, NSFNET, operated at a speed of 56,000 bits per second, the same connection speed many consumers now use for such tasks as downloading sports scores or trading banter in chat rooms.

Internet 2 access for Howard is not available, a state that troubles Leach and others. Internet 2 is something the University's probably going to have to have in a couple of years," Leach said.

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Income Disparity Found on Internet Usage

By BRIAN J. COX Hilltop Sci/Tech Writer

Blacks have substantially less Internet access than whites, according to the authors of a new study on Internet usage. The study, which appeared in the April 17 issue of Science, found that whites are significantly more likely than Blacks to have a computer in their household, and whites are also slightly more likely to have access to a personal computer at the workplace.

More than twice as many whites than Blacks use the web weekly -a fact that troubles many in the Black community.

"People who lack access to the Internet [are] going to be considerably disadvantaged."

-- Walda Katz-Fishman, HU sociology professor

Walda Katz-Fishman, a Howard University sociology professor, says that people "who lack access to the Internet [are] going to be considerably disadvantaged." She said they will not be prepared to be at the cutting edge.

As computers and the Internet become a major engine of commerce, the statistics regarding its use will heighten concern, experts

The U.S. Department of Commerce found that the growth of the "digital economy" grew at twice the rate of the larger economy in

"If a significant segment of our society is denied equal access to the Internet, U.S. firms will lack the technological skills needed to be competitive," wrote the authors of the study, Donna L. Hoffman and Thomas P. Novak.

The effect of socioeconomic status is explained in the study: For household incomes of \$40,000 and higher, a slightly greater proportion of Blacks than whites owned a home computer and a significantly greater percentage reported having computer access at work.

Katz-Fishman attributes the lack of Internet access for Blacks to a disproportionate number of Blacks on the economic bottom rungs.

"It's good that we're paying attention to the fact that there's an income grouping in society. We have to steel ourselves for a real battle between the haves and the havenots," she said.

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Harmon, Chairman of the Departly deploying this technology," **HU Computer Labs Exterminate Electronic** Vermin with Anti-virus Software

By BRIAN J. COX Hilltop Sci/TechWriter

Charles Coleman, Jr. knows a thing or two about computer viruses. Working late last semester, the freshman political science major lost the bulk of a 30-page paper to the electronic vermin.

"I would start working on a project in another computer lab and [then] I took it with me to the C. B. Powell Building. All of a sudden it [had] a virus," Coleman said. His disk became infected with a macro virus, one of the fastest growing forms of virus infection. The number of macro viruses increased from word processing programs like

an isolated few in 1995 to more than

The viruses penetrate a computer's hard drive or a floppy disk, infecting files and freezing up the computer. Any word processing program, like Microsoft Word or WordPerfect, is susceptible to macro virus infection. Macro viruses execute their strings of code every time an infected document is opened, turning term papers into unalterable templates. Once the virus has copied its code into the program, it can infect every document created using the program thereafter.

Macro viruses also affect non-

Microsoft Excel and Ami Pro. If the 2,300 in January of this year. icon for document files looks askew, it may indicate that the com-

> puter retains a macro virus. "Local viruses have caused me to lose several important documents. Information Systems and Services should better train RESNET lab attendants if it plans to fully meet the needs of its users," said Erick Watson, freshman engineering

Clint Walker, acting assistant director of Academic Computing Sciences, is in charge of maintaining the computer labs campus-

"All of the IBM machines have Anti-Virus software, but those on

the Macintoshes aren't as new. All of our IBMs are virus-free." Walker said.

Howard's computer labs use Norton Anti-Virus software, which is updated monthly.

Macintosh devotees' disks may easily become infected because the virus protection software on Howard's Macintoshes are older and updated less often.

Boot viruses, so-named because they infect the computer when it boots up, also pose a threat. Computer viruses have many different names and ways to infect a system: one variant of the FORM virus spreads its damage because of frequent "disk-swapping." Leaving a

floppy disk in a computer's hard drive while it boots up will infect the computer if it does not have anti-virus software. Once the virus infects the hard drive, it may display a message, play absurd sounds or destroy valuable data.

"The best protection is to scan your disks regularly using updated Anti-Virus software," said Adrian Henry, freshman computer lab assistant.

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New Technology **Grows Larger Tomatoes**

By BRIAN J. COX Hilltop Sci/Tech Writer

Researchers at Clemson University working with scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture have created a new, selectively reflective tomato plant mulch that grows bigger, juicier plants. Consumer Reports, the consumer advocacy magazine, confirms marketers' claims of up to a 20 percent improvement in tomato size.

Mary McKenna, a plant ecologist in the Department of Biology at Howard University, expresses guarded optimism for the new mulch. "It might allow us to spend less money as a result of not using herbicides,

which would be very good from an ecological point of view," McKenna said.

The underlying scientific principle behind the mulch lies in its color: red mulch reflects more far-red to red light than bare ground, which stimulates the tomato plant to produce a greater amount of phytochrome, a color-sensitive protein that regulates plant growth and development. As a result, photosynthesis is more efficient.

Sonoco Products, Inc. of Hartsville, South Carolina, currently holds the distribution rights for the product, known as SRM-Red. Michael J. Kasperbauer and Patrick Hart, co-inventors of the new product at the Agricultural

Research Service, also conducted a substantial amount of research with plants' exposure to different wavelengths of

The selectively reflective mulch they developed represents optimum conditions for tomato growth. "Basically, anyone who eats is

a customer," Kasperbauer said. Nutritionally and in regard to flavor, tomatoes grown using the mulch have proven significantly better than their counterparts grown in plain soil. The mulch does, however, have its criticism.

"I'm concerned that the mulch is made of plastic, which is derived from petroleum," McKenna said. Indeed, many mulches are biodegradable or

deteriorate when exposed to light, a feature that makes them attractive to environmentalists because their ecological imprint is very small.

SRM-Red is particularly suited to do its job, because it is made out of plastic.

"The way it is used as a plastic, it has an advantage because it won't degrade before the season is over. The plants need to be exposed to the reflected light of the mulch for the entire season," Kasperbauer said.

The plastic mulch is potentially recyclable. The mulch does not require manufacture out of plastic to be effective -but due to its light weight and insulating properties-- appears to be the preferred material.

Legions of gardeners will no

longer require green thumbs to produce a large yield from their vegetable gardens, as mulches designed for strawberries and other fruits are in the works. Companies like Burpee and Gardener's Supply Company sell the mulch at \$14.95 for a 50x4-foot roll, and it is reusable from season to season. It appears that backyard gardening will never be the same

"It developed as a theory, and it worked," Kasperbauer said.

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By EBONY D. WHITE Hilltop Staff Writer

The football team's Bobby Brown and women's track-'s Tamyra Edwards were top honorees at this year's Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony. Brown and Edwards were presented the Outstanding Male and Female Athletes of the year award, given to only one graduating male and female athlete for athletic performance over a four-year period. The two were among many receiving prestigious awards that night.

The All-Academic Awards went to those student athletes who maintained a Grade Point Average of at Dwarta, Anna Barber and Pooja Sharma. least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for the Fall semester. More than 100 athletes were recognized. Academic Honorable Mentions went to all student athletes with fewer than 30 hours earning a 3.0 or higher.

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Photos By Edouard Lener Coach Tucker (right) Jahmanie Anderson (left).

From left to right: Trudy Mason, Giselle soccer teams. DeFreitas, Gail Dale, Stephanie Griffith, Toni

cial Awards, presented by Associate Athletic Director, Deborah Johnson, were the Dual/Tri-athlete award, Bison Team

Spirit Award and the Bison Community Service Award. The Dual/Tri-athlete includes those athletes who have exhausted eligibility in their recruited sport, and have also competed in additional sports for at least one year. This award was presented to Ronee Stephens for participation in track and soccer. The Dual Bison recognition honoree was Nicholas Askew who performed in both swimming and tennis.

The swim team was recognized as having the most team spirit. Community service awards went to women's basketball and women's swimming. These teams were honored for demonstrating-- through participation (at least 50 percent team involvement)-- the highest amount of involvement, enthusiasm and dedication to members of the "Athletic Family" or Outreach Groups.

Most valuable player awards went to: Christopher Carmichael (baseball), Xavier Singletary (men's basketball), Alisha Hill (women's basketball), Carol Wyatt (women's bowling), MacArthur Johnson and Marques Douglas (football), Casey McDaniel (lacrosse), Gre- Ayanna Mackins

gory Simmonds and Jahmanie Anderson (men's soccer), Sharene Edwards (women's soccer), Nicholas Askew (men's swimming), Toni Dwarka (women's swimming), Gia Landry (women's tennis), Chad Hamilton (men's tennis), Isaac Sugut (men's cross country and outdoor track), Ayanna Mackins (women's cross country), Kiptalam Baiwyou (men's indoor track), Tamyra Edwards (women's indoor track), Abigail Harry (women's outdoor track), Adrienne Lambert, Darria Boyd, Regan Carter, Latoya Gold meda Lambert, Darria Boyd, Regan Carter, Latoya Gold meda Carter

lor (wrestling). Teams recognized for outstanding 1997-1998 Championship performances were: men's cross country, who took first place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference; men's soccer, who dominated the Mid-Continent Conference, and were National Collegiate Athletic Association First Round Qualifiers; women's bowling, who took over the Eastern Pennsylvania-Maryland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Tournament; and

> women's basketball who successfully defended its title as third year MEAC winners and NCAA First Round Qualifiers. Special ath-

> > letic honors

went to track From left to right: Jason Charter, Abigaile coach William Harry, Coach Moultrie, Tammy Edwards and Moultrie for



1997 Coach of the Year and women's basketball coach Sanya Tyler for her third consecutive year as tournament

The year's first team All-MEAC selections were Marques Douglas (football), Alisha Hill (women's basketball) who also won Player of the Year, Xavier Singletary (men's basketball), and Adrienne Lofton

Gold medal winners during 1997-1998 included Isaac

Sugut (indoor and outdoor track -5,000-meter and outdoor track -1,500-meter); the indoor track women's distance medley team consisting of Tamyra Edwards, Ayanna Mackins, Adrienne Trice and Karen Walters;

Abigail Harry (indoor track long and triple jump and outdoor track long jump). Fresh-Ayanna man Mackins, who was responsible for scoring the most individual points during outdoor track, earned the title of Outdoor Track Tournament MVP.



Tamyra Edwards and Bobby Brown.

Sports Briefs: The MEAC Championships

By ADRIENNE TRICE Hilltop Staff Writer

Championships come and go, leaving teams only to train hard over the summer and look forward to another season. Spring sports at Howard University-- tennis, track, lacrosse and baseball-- proved the Bison were a force to be reckoned with during championships.

Tennis

The men's and women's tennis teams, coached by Larry Strickland, are definitely on their way to building a sound program. At MEAC championships, held April 16-18, the men's team finished fifth overall. The women's team lost to Hampton University in the final round.

"Hopefully, with some added maturity and additional players the team will do well next season," Strickland said.

The team comprises of freshmen and sophomores, so losing matured

Track

players is not an issue.

The men's track team placed tenth at the MEAC Outdoor Championships held in Tallahassee Fla. The women's team came in fifth in the event.

Only a limited number of athletes from each team were able to compete in the championship. The MEAC implemented qualifying standards for the competition this year.

The MEAC's Most Valuable Player, Ayanna Mackins, a freshmen from

Media, Pa., led the women's team. Mackins earned 28 points, won the 1,500-meter run and the 3,000-meter run. She didn't finish there. She captured second in the 800. Abigail Harry, a senior also from Media, Pa., won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump. Tamyra Edwards, Howard University senior, placed third in the 1,500 and the 3,000. Due to an injury, Edwards had to drop out of the 800-meter race.

The men's performance in the competition is attributed to the injuries inflicted on key team members during spring championships.

However, the team produced a win. Sophomore Isaac Sugut, a native of Kenya, Africa, place first in the 500-meter run. Larry Blankenship, a sophomore from Kansas City, Mo., placed seventh in the long jump.

Newcomers to Howard, the women's lacrosse team finished the season 3-8. Laurie Podmilsak, the team's coach, said the team accomplished a lot in a short period of time. She said the team's primary focus was to develop the fundamental skills of the sport. The coach said, "With continued practice, the program will be a success."

Chuck Hinton, Chico Hinton and Eric Johnson, coaches for the baseball team, said the team played with hard hitters this season-- George Washington and the University of Maryland. The team competed in the MEAC Championships in Tallahassee, Fla., last week. Three seniors are turning in their bats at the close of the season.

Players Progress Despite Deficient Facilities

By EBONY D. WHITE Hilltop Sports Editor

Howard University's Athletic Department may justifiably claim some of the greatest athletes in its conference. Yet, it is walking on a crutch when it comes to facilities.

The training room can barely hold training devices stored inside. The weight room is often packed beyond its maximum capacity. Areas of Burr gymnasium have no air conditioning. The baseball team doesn't have a baseball field. The tennis team doesn't have tennis courts. The indoor track team doesn't have an indoor track. The divers don't have a diving well.

Facilities that house athletic activities and events, as well as equipment utilized by coaches, athletes, students and staff are inadequate and sometimes unsafe.

On any given day, as many as five athletic teams may simultaneously occupy Greene Stadium. Many athletes can attest to injuries that have come out of practicing with other sports. A lacrosse player was hit in the eye by a baseball and had to be sent to the emergency room.

"At first I just thought it was annoying to practice at the same time as so many other teams," said lacrosse player, Kamilah Billue, speaking of the accident, "but now we all realize just how unsafe it is.'

According to a university athletic trainer, danger increases each time a new sport comes on to the field.

Most everyone at Howard is aware of the conditions of Burr gym and its components. Coaches, athletes, students and staff are aware of what the athletic department has and doesn't have. Yet, unrecieved complaints bounce off dusty walls.

In spite of it all, Howard athletic teams, coaches, students and staff try not to let deficient facilities hamper their progress. Both the tennis and baseball teams practice and hold home games at fields near Banneker High School, through the District of Columbia Department of Recreation.

Howard University does not own the facilities, so it may not regulate them. This situation can be problematic when determining who uses what and when.

The tennis team must sweep and clean the courts prior to games and practice. It is not uncommon for the team members to find hypodermic needles, condoms, and beer cans on the

Martin Ewing, a former diver for Howard's swim team, had to adjust his practice times in accordance with the those of other swimmers. With no diving well, he could not practice at the same time. In other instances he had to practice elsewhere. When Ewing did practice in the regular pool, he often got scraped and bruised due to its shallow depth.

Home game attendance also suffers because of a lack of facilities. Many students say that they would attend more home games for various sports if they were located on Howard's campus. This would make them easier to locate.

During indoor track season, the track team is forced to run circles around the tiny hallway surrounding the upper basketball court. The floor is hard, which leads to injuries for the runners. Potholes in the outdoor track are a problem as well, said track Coach William Moultrie.

According to one source, these issues cannot be clearly understood unless those who are in control of the distribution of funds were attending games, meets and matches, for all the different sports.

The training room is another problem area where the biggest complaint is a lack of sufficient space.

"It's quite inadequate," said Nicole Pinnock, a trainer. "We have ample equipment, just no where to put it."

In the training room, water pumps, ice machines, rehabilitation balls, coolers, and various other objects monopolize most of the area. Trainers and massive amounts of injured athletes also have to squeeze to fit in the training room. Lack of space in the training room forces

some athletes to receive treatment in the halls, according to trainers.

The weight room has the same problem. Weight lifting equipment occupies most of the floor, leaving little space to actually work out.

"Because the hours posted for students to work out are so limited, the little weight room we do have is almost always overcrowded," said Monee Noel, a student who works out in the weight room regularly.

Lack of exercise equipment and the condition of current equipment is another complaint. Light weights to work out with are few. Some just bring their own. Many machines squeak beyond the help of oil. Many students and coaches agree that too much of the equipment is outdated.

There are two treadmills, which can be a problem for Howard's thousands of students. The remaining aerobic equipment functions improperly, if it functions at all.

The locker rooms have rusted lockers. Many toilettes in the women's locker room do not work and are unsanitary. Mildew stains the walls. Stalls that do have doors may not close. Peeling paint decorates various broken fixtures.

Complaints about Howard's athletic facilities are many, and a number of the students who use them often believe changes are too few and far between. The question is: What can bring about changes in a more timely manner?

Although the Howard University Athletic Director Hank Ford was unavailable for comment, A.B. Williamson, Head of Athletic Affairs, said he is aware of present conditions and agrees with the general consensus that the facilities are drastically in need of renovations. Budgetary allotments, however, come directly from Congress, and the department cannot appropriate funds it is not allotted. He said distribution is up to Patrick Swygert, who Williamson believes "...is committed to doing something in the future."

HU Sports Prepare for Fall Competition

Coaches Foresee Winning Season

By ADRIENNE TRICE Hilltop Staff Writer

With the completion of spring sports, coaches and athletes are preparing for fall competition.

When school resumes, most Howard fall sports will have already begun practicing and making plans for upcoming games, meets and

Howard sports such as soccer, swimming, volleyball, cross-country and football have been successful in the past. The teams now hope to strengthen their weaknesses, and demonstrate that Howard University excels not only academically, but also athletically.

The Men's and women's swimming and diving team, under the leadership of Coach E. Newton Jackson, hopes to continue their winning record.

Coach Jackson said he is expecting great things from the women's team. Women swimmers to look for next season will be Ngozi

Monu, Tony Dwarkan and Vanessa Touw. Last season, the men's swim team did exceptionally well. Coach Jackson is looking for freshman Willie Stewart to improve in lead-

ership and consistency. Touw, a graduate student, will use her last year of eligibility in the fall. She is expected to be a strong contender in the Butterfly. "Swimming is really an individual sport," says Coach Jackson, "but

as a team we are looking to win the SCC (Southern Conference Championships)."

The "Sharks," as the team is often called, will have their first meet in Burr gymnasium against Georgetown University on October 23. The team is expecting challenging competition and hopes that it will have the support of Howard students.

The men's and women's cross-country teams, coached by William Moultrie, will approach this season as they have in the past-- with vigorous practice and effort,

The men will defend their title as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions. Sophomores Isaac Sugut and Kiptalam Baiwyou will lead the team.

The women's team aims to do well despite the departure of two seniors and a graduate student. Leadership is expected from freshman Ayanna Mackins, who placed third last season at the MEAC championships.

"I hope to win MEACs next year, because I know we have the talent; we just needed some experience," Mackins said. Coach Moultrie said both teams will have a great season as long

as they remain mentally focused. Although last year's football team was plagued by injuries, this year's edition hopes to persevere despite any adversity, according

to Head Coach Steve Wilson. Under his guidance, he said he hopes the team will mature and do very well in the MEAC. The men's soccer team is expected to return to the NCAA tournament, under the leadership of Coach Keith Tucker. Last season,

despite a series of injuries, the team was able to advance to the tournament, but lost in the first round to the University of Virginia. The team is expected to remain at the top of the Mid-Continent Con-The women's soccer team, coached by Michelle Street, will join

the Big South conference next season. While getting adjusted, the ladies said they hope to demonstrate their abilities and place Howard University at the top of the conference.

Finishing third in its conference last year, the women's volleyball team hopes to return stronger in the fall. Linda Spencer will coach the ladies this year. Freshman Christina Ackah, an outside player for the team, said she really wants to focus on winning non-conference games and MEACs.

All teams said they hope that Howard students will come out to cheer and support them at games.

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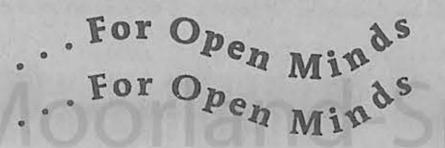
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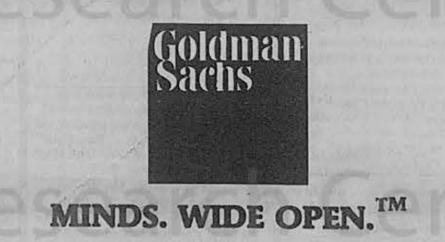
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Natalie Swift 35-A-96

Thank

Mommy,

you for everything from the support to the money. I love you with all my heart. Millie

Zyrus, Thank you for all of your support love you!!

B, Kevin and May, whatcha gonna do without me??? Hold it down!!! At lunch pour a little out for me! I'm gonna miss you guys, but I'll be around!!!

He reigns forever. Etta Mae

Represent cause' you got alot of weight to carry! Don't let me down!

Moses Where my dogz at!!!

Skip the lunch, were doing dinner now. Line, hold this piece down and let'em know!!! We ain't going no where! love ya,

Patsy You know we didn't eat lunch or ner one time this semester. We will hang out soon.

Keyana, Represent the Hilltop to the fullest!!! Millie

To my beautiful, live, sister, Keisha Sumner, you are my best friend for life!! You are truly an amazing young woman and I know you will be successful in anything that you do. Congratulations in AKA and your new job. You deserved both!

I love you very much. Love. 18-A-96 DST

CONGRATULATIONS, To The Ladies of the Awesome Authentic 35. 7-A-96: You will forever be my sister! 18-A-96:Continue to blossom like a rose! 21-A-96: I honor the place in YOU! 35-A-96: They saved the best for last!

LOVE BOSSY BABY 6-A-96! Congrats to the Class of 1998!!! Shots out to my homies: Kendra, Kia, Kikora, Toni, Luciana, Genise (Dena Love), Brittnay, Stephanie Pickney,

Damion, Dakiti, Natalie, Erin, Kory, "G", Lamont, Cookie, Themba, Chris Tyson Good luck to you all and best wishes Amelia

To: Themba, Shani, Leah, LaTasha and Line Sisters Congratulations and best wishes to you all. I love yoouu! Zhaundra C. Jones

Congratulations to Our DST Alpha Chapter Graduating Sorors: Jennifer Womack 5-A-94 Kelly Lofton 8-A-94 Leshell Hately 3-A-91

Natalic and Millicent gratulations on a 1997-98 Hilltop year very well done! Amelia

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HERE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT AND HAVE BEEN JUST AS PROUD 1 LOVE YOU DEARLY AND WISH YOU MUCH SUCESS IN ALL OF YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION AT THE UNIVER-

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Katherine Collins

know it, it'll be like we never left! Hed-Herv To those who march...I'm ALWAYS watching!!

its' tight! But just wait Before you

47-A-96, 5-A-96, 35-A-96. Thank you for all of your time, effort, and support. Congratulations on graduating. We know you all will be successful in the future . Love 47 E.N.V.Y

To the signs Thanks fpr adopting me this year. Remember they can't understand or break or bond. We have one more thing left to See you in "da Congratulations

Karen Thomas on your exceptance into the McNair Program I know you will do extremely well. From Niccie

> Congratulations!!!! Natalie Y. Moore and Erin McKinney I'll miss you guys!! Rochell Congrats!

Valisha Marshall, Ray Fisher, Keon Holmes-Goodluck, Keep in Touch-Rochell

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Pretty boy Floyd Whatever they want to call you, your still the best to me. Congadradulations to my hero. I truely admire your perserverance and I wish you the best in whatever you do. You have been my night in shinng armour ever since I had no credits and I appreciate evry bit of your strength and visdom that you have passed on to me! I

Keyana CONGRATULATIONS People don't pledge no more! All they do is skate, All they do is skate, All they

love you with all my heart!

do is skate!!!! Congats to all of the graduating Campus Pals!!

Love Erikal CONGRATS TO ALL 1998-99 HILL-TOPPERS ON A JOB WELL DONE. LOVE, YOUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

TO THE 98-99 CAMPUS SECTION STAFF --WORK IT OUT! CAN SOMEONE SAY FEEYA 98?

man in The Hilltop? Remember: When one door closes, another opens on time! When all else fails -- God prevalls! Keep rising to the top. -- Ms. Johnson.

Is Mr. Cox the hardest-working fresh-

The Hilltop. Renaissance Begins. Congratulation to all of the Spring 1996 Graduates. Love 4-A-98 Did someone say that Ebony White is

simply fierce?
Can we ever forget Angelica, Maya, Natalie Reid, Keenan, Ericka, Tasha, Amen, Jimmianne, Brandi, DaRelle, Adrienne, Takiae, Miyah and Vaughn?

Congrats brotha man on your graduation. Good lookin' out. Love sistahood. Alpha Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha

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Always remember to hold steadfast to ALPHA EXCELLENCE and the unconditional support it has to offer "as you sail life's rugged sea." Thank you for the memories that will last me Love 29-A-87 Natalie, I enjoyed working with you for

the school year. You may not believe me, but I respect and admire you alot. You did a good job as editor and you have been a good friend. I know you will excel in everything you do. Congratulations and good luck. Love, Michelle

Millicent, thank you for the opportunity to work in the Hilltop. I appreciate all of your support and all of the "hook-ups". I wish you much success in the future. Michelle.

Congratulations to all of the Spring 1998 Graduates. I love you and I will miss you. 4-A-98. 8-A-98. Thank you for being a friend

and a soror. Love 4-A-98 42-A-98, I love you and appreciate all that you have done for me. Our time ogether has been short but fun. I only wish I would've known you longer. I thank you for being you and for being

Love 4-A-98

Congratulations and much success in the future. I feel like I've known you all my life. You have been not only my friend, but a true soror. I thank you. Love 4-A-98

there for me.

Poopie, Krunky, Peaches, and Ebo. Congrats. You guys did it. I will miss you all. Thank you for all that you did. Love, Shelly

29-A-98, Congratulations. Lam proud if you and I wish you much succes in the future. Keep your head up and continue to be strong, "I see the Alpha Light," 4-

TO LOLLY: Thanks for opening my eyes to the possibilities and showing me that the sky really IS the limit! Miami J. A.C.E TO STEVE: Thanks for giving a

young Southern Gent a chance to prove his worth....Heres to a Slammin Campus Section! --- Mlami J, A.C.E. ONE TIME FOR THOSE FLA. EDI-

TORS SMOKEY, Even though things ain't like they use to be, I still love you. You'll always be my DAWG no matter what!!!! Peace & Love. Eizelle

CRAIG, Words cannot express how much you've been to me. We 've had much fun, many, many, (maybe one too many) an ignorant time, and often gotten on each other's last nerve. But guess what? Everytime I look up you're always there for me (can we say jail?)-and that's why I love you. (I think I'm gonna shed a tear) I'll miss you when you're gone. Love Always. Peace. Eizelle. PAAAAAGGGGHH!!

Young track rookie ladies: You have much talent, spirit and drive, and I wish you the best! You'll see me at you're meets in the future. Just please

don't get side tracked by any of the silly nonsense that I'm sure has already come your way, including the LITTLE (minded) boys (age is just a number). Stay FOCUSED!!! Much love, Peace, & Good Luck next year!

and confidant: NATALIE Y. MOORE Congratulations and Good Luck!! (bring me back a souvenir!) Love always, Erin F. McKinney

lo my roommate, sister-friend

Rochelle, Continue to carry that 1005W spirit during your reign as M.E. I'm so proud of you and I know you will do well. Good luck in Miami! M.E. 1997-98

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY to Mr Bevan Agard from Slim This is a shot out to all my peoples Shenelle, Stefannic, Alexis, Chivonne, Sherelle, Jesan, Michelle S, Kai, Jhaldir, Robert, and last but not least ALEX L

I love you all!!!!!! One Time For The Soul Squad! B*I*S*O*N-Tickle Me Soul-mo

Capone- Glad you're back. Malone-Finally a permanent snowflake. Lirpa Don't they know we always come out on top? Gotti- I finally got over 23, now I'm on 14, some things never change!

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-- Erin Kristy Hinds, Happy Bealted Birthday! Ha-Ha!

Can't let the year end without giving a shout-out to my girls! Kristy, Natalie, Marie... I love yall!!! Have a good summer! Love- Aprill

Congratulations on the new stall's first issue, have a safe and wonderful Summer See you Next Year! -- Rochell THE MCKINNEYS,

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