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THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Million Woman March Gains Local Support As Day Draws Near

By ELISHA R. BROWDER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hanging from the wall at the Million Woman March headquarters at 808 Fourth St., N.W., in the District is a portrait of a grandmother cuddling her grandbaby as she rocks her in rocking chair.

This portrait is symbolic of the mission statement behind the Million Woman March: Great-Grandmothers taught Grandmothers. Grandmothers taught Mothers. Mothers taught daughters.

The call has gone out for all women -- grandmothers, mother, sisters, daughters -- to bring together a spiritual reunion of women of African descent to uplift, empower and organize, according to Million Woman March organizers.

Eli Shabazz-Ali, a coordinator of the march, said the Oct. 25 gathering is not in competition with the Million Man March, but in accordance.

Blair Haley, a sophomore political science major, said the Million Woman March is just as important as the Million Man March. Haley uses the analogy of a choir and choir director.

"God is the choir director and in a choir you have the soprano section and the tenor section. Each section must learn its individual part before the choir can come together, before they can sing

together in perfect unity and harmony. The men had their march, now it is only fitting that the women have theirs," Haley said.

The mission statement says the march is an assertive effort that will begin the process of prioritizing challenges that have caused the deterioration Black families and communities.

Platform issues include: 1. The development of health facilities that can offer preventive and therapeutic treatment and a major emphasis on alternative and traditional medicines; 2. The further development of Black women, who are or who wish to become professional, entrepreneurs and/or politicians; 3. The examination of Human Rights violations of Africans in the Americas and its effects.

Shabazz-Ali said the location of the march, which is Philadelphia, has significant meaning.

"The liberty bell, located in Philadelphia, has a crack in it. We as Black women feel as though we have been falling through that crack," Shabazz-Ali said.

Several organizations from Howard will be participate in the march. Meridian Hill Hall, the Howard University Student Association and the National Council of Negro Women will join the march under the name Howard Women United.

"We have had an excellent

response from the students interested in the march and it gains momentum everyday," said Shawn Harvey, vice president of HUSA.

"I hope that the Million Woman March will provide a platform for economic, spiritual, political and social growth and prompt African-American women to work together with a sense of unity and purpose with a basis of innovation and education," said Denalerie Johnson, Howard chapter president of NCNW.

Johnson said there will be a follow-up discussion after the march to devise a strategic plan to implement the issues discussed.

Makida Williams, a resident assistant at the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle, is requiring her residents to attend the march.

"As women of African descent, we must relish the opportunity to empower ourselves with as much education and information as possible," Williams said. "With that knowledge, we can empower an entire nation."

The speakers for the march will include Winnie Mandela, Maya Angelou, Sonia Sanchez, Julia Wright and Maxine Waters.

According to Shabazz-Ali, the march is not limited to persons in the United States.

"We have had letters of support from all around the world including Japan and Australia," she said.

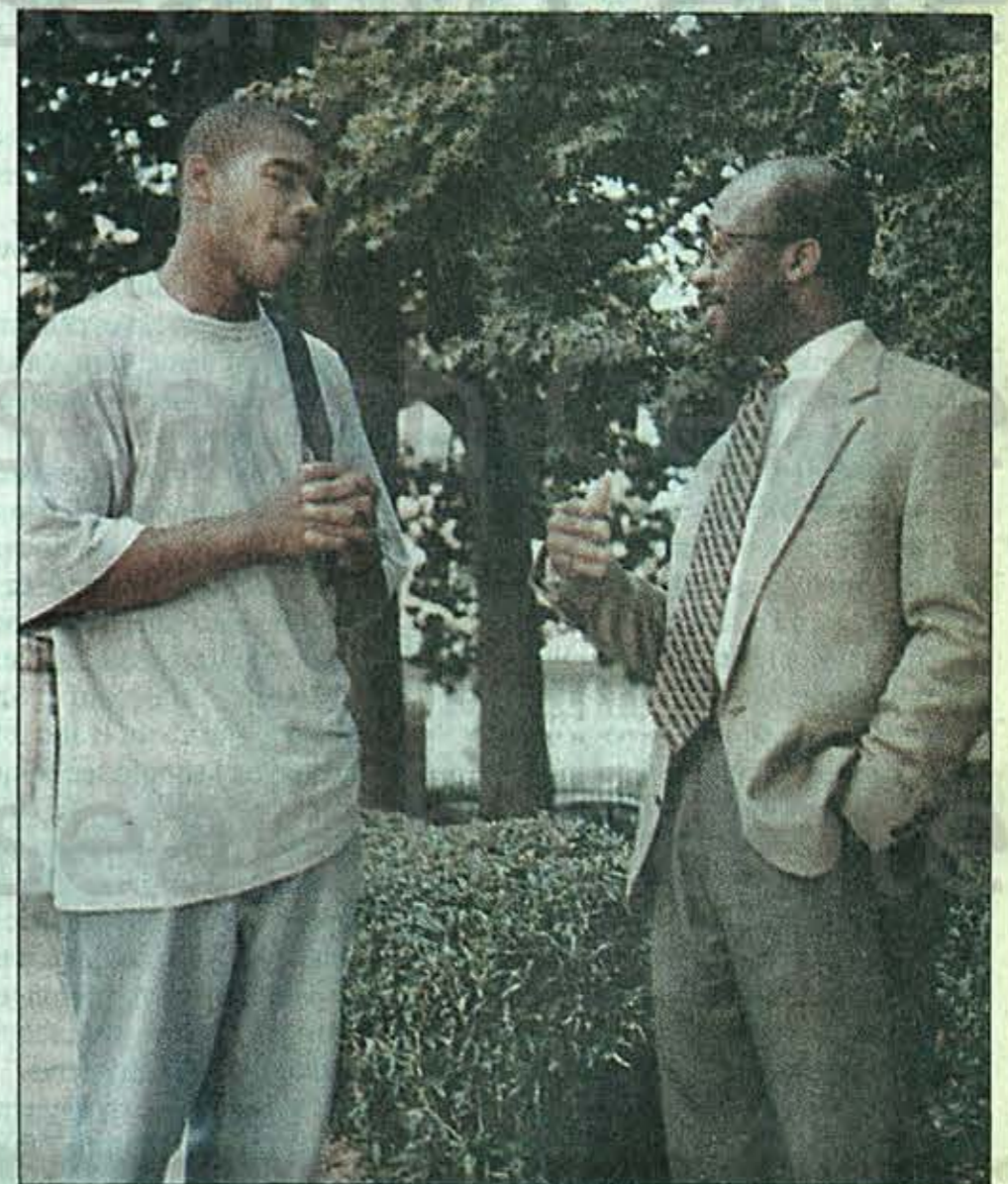


Photo by Danette Lambert

Professor Patrick Ifedi, a professor in the political science department explains to a student unfair imprisonment in Nigeria.

Nigerians Await Outcome Of Next Election

By KENNETH RUSSELL
Hilltop Staff Writer

A report from the Nigerian Army, which says it will support dictatorial president Sani Abacha if he decides to seek election as a civilian, has created fears that Nigeria's upcoming presidential elections will not be free or fair.

"If Abacha runs for president, it will confirm suspicion that he is just using the process to take off his uniform, while holding on to power," said Mwiza Muntali, an information specialist at TransAfrica.

Army spokesman Lt. Col. Liman Adulugba, in a statement released on Friday, Sept. 26, said he will endorse Abacha if he seeks the country's highest office.

"If he declares his intention to stand for the presidency, the Nigerian army will support him absolutely," the statement read.

Abacha seized control of the Nigerian government in a 1993 coup, disregarding the results of the country's first democratic elections and imprisoning the elected leader, Moshhood Abiola.

Abacha's regime, the Provisional Ruling Council, has since ruled the country of more than 120 million by decrees, suspending the constitution and restricting democratic political activities.

Information attaché at the Nigerian Embassy Patrick Ayendi dismissed claims that the government intends to manipulate election procedures. He said the regime has initiated a program of civil rule, which will ensure a return to democratic rule.

"The people have accepted the transition program as the only way forward and are sticking toward the president very good," Ayendi said.

Nigeria has come under international scrutiny for widespread human rights violations, such as extra judicial killings and harassment of human rights activists and pro-democracy groups.

Last month, police broke up a pro-democracy conference in the northern city of Jos, arresting 70 people. In November of 1995, the government publicly hung nine Ogoni activists despite cries from the international community for a fair trial.

The Nigerian embassy denies any wrong doing on the part of Abacha's regime, pointing to the newly-established Nigerian Human

Rights Commission as recourse for those who feel their rights have been violated.

"If a Nigerian feels his or her rights has been violated, the Nigerian Human Rights Commission will take up the case with the government," Ayendi said.

But Janet Fleischman, director of the Washington branch of Human Rights Watch, said the regime has not done much to end abuses.

"The transition is a sham," Fleischman said. "Attacks on journalists and pro-democracy groups continue to take place. We are extremely concerned."

Esigie Ajuele, president of the African Students Association, who visited Nigeria last January, said he saw nothing to suggest widespread violations.

"Nobody was being harassed, nobody was being prevented from saying what they felt," Ajuele said. "People were not disappearing overnight."

Patrick Ifedi, a professor in the political science department who visited Nigeria in June, said he read stories about unfair imprisonment.

"With the decrees of the present government these acts may not be civil rights violations, they could be lawful," he said.

African Studies professor Nikonko BaNikongo shares the same sentiments. He said military rulers see law and order as more important than civil rights.

"Abacha's concern is not individual rights but what's in the country's interest," BaNikongo said. "In his mind, civil rights has to be secondary to law and order."

Since the 1993 coup, the United States policy on Nigeria has not changed much and did little to return democratic rule. Nigeria's economy relies on oil exports, and more than a third is bought by the United States.

"The United States and other Western powers are happier with a military government because of the stability it brings," BaNikongo said. "They have commercial interests in Nigeria and business strives, not rights and freedom but political stability."

Louis Segesvary, a State Department official, refused to comment on the issue.

Nigerian presidential elections are set for August 1, 1998, and Abacha has promised to return the country to civilian rule by October 1, 1998.

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Political Prisoners Fight For Freedom Behind Bars

By ZERLINE A. HUGHES
Pulse Editor

Marshall "Eddie" Conway waits patiently. He has been waiting for 27 years -- behind bars.

Conway is an inmate in the Maryland House of Corrections in Jessup for a crime he said he did not commit.

Convicted of murder and two counts of assault on two Baltimore city police officers, Conway said he was framed by the government because of his involvement with the Black Panther Party and alleged attempts to expose government spy operations.

This weekend, a rally and informational conference will be held on his behalf at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

"I was 24 when I was locked up," Conway said. "I was a sergeant out on honorable discharge on my way to Vietnam when I decided I needed to make changes in the community. I got into something serious, which led me into the Black Panther Party, and I have been here (prison) ever since. Now, I'm 51."

Conway's governmental accusations make him one of more than 100 political prisoners in the nation waiting for the judicial system to salvage his life.

What makes political prisoners different from other inmates is that they are prisoners of conscience, usu-

ally jailed for their political beliefs, said Edith Jones, Conway's lawyer.

"America has been waging war with Blacks for over 400 years," Jones said. "He's in prison because he worked against the system, encouraging Black people not to take oppression."

"[As a lawyer, my] responsibility is to give my client a vigorous defense. [I] have the burden of showing that he has been wronged in court."

Instead of waiting in prison for more court dates, Conway's family and friends established the Marshall "Eddie" Conway Support Committee more than 27 years ago.

The committee aides in keeping Conway's case at the forefront with increasing publicity. Conway has been instrumental in helping to arrange lectures, events and also maintaining a website with information on other political prisoners -- all while he remains in prison.

"Eddie works not only to prove his own innocence, but to bring about justice for all," said Njinga,

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Photo courtesy of Lou Jones

Mumia Abu-Jamal is one of many political prisoners on death row in the United States.

Former Student Accuses Howard Law School Of Discrimination

By NATALIE HOPKINSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

A former White law student's accusations of racism and dishonesty at Howard University's Law School have sent waves of outrage among students, faculty and administration at the Northwest Washington campus.

David "Chip" Venie, who was a first-year law student during the 1996-97 school year, alleged in the Sept. 8 issue of *Legal Times* that although his fifth ranking in the class made him qualified, he was

not awarded a merit scholarship. Venie withdrew from the University on the first day of class and transferred to the University of Virginia Law School.

He told the *Legal Times* he suspected that a majority of the problems he had were race-related, and rampant cheating took place at the school.

Tedd Miller, the school's assistant dean and director of admissions, said the claims of racism are untrue, and that if Venie had remained enrolled, he would have collected a \$9,000 merit scholarship.

"He didn't get a notification of an

award because he didn't stay around long enough," Miller said.

But the delay in notifying Venie was unacceptable, Miller said. He said most students know the "slow culture" at Howard, and the award process was stalled because the faculty was late turning in grades.

As for the racism accusations, Miller said the school has enrolled White students since its inception, and many have gone on to be successful lawyers. Eleven percent of the student body is White,

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Students Should Relieve Stress Buildup, Health Officials Say

By KENYATTA MATTHEWS

Hilltop Staff Writer

Renee Kennedy, a third-year medical school student, thought she accurately diagnosed her problem. When she started experiencing abdominal pains, she suspected she had a bladder infection. But a trip to the doctor revealed she had common gastritis, a digestive tract pain caused by stress.

Many minor aches and pains, such as the ones Kennedy experienced, can be a result of stress, said Dr. Lynette Munday, director of medical services at the Student Health Center.

"Statistics show over 70 percent of all illnesses have psychological components that can be aggravated or induced by stress," Munday said.

Dr. Nicole Scott, of University Counseling Services, defines stress as "pressure from the outside that affects how you feel on the inside." Scott said in everyday situations, stress is normal.

"Stress is a part of everyday life," she said. "It serves as motivation. When you know a paper is due at the end of the week, that can motivate you to get it done."

Stress can also be caused by any kind of sudden change. That change could be positive or negative, Scott said.

"Most people think of stress coming from loss of a loved one or a job," she said. "But people also experience stress over something joyful like college graduation. While you're happy for making it through, anxiety also sets in about where this change is going to take you in the future."

Minor, or acute, stress is a common experience for most. Symptoms include agitation and headaches. For many, acute stress is caused by a heavy work load or multiple responsibilities.

"On top of going to school, students hold down jobs and belong to various organizations," Munday said. "Many students have spouses and children. These roles can add stress to your life."

Kennedy said she encountered the symptoms but ignored the warning signs of stress.

"As a medical school student, I should have known better," Kennedy said. "But as

students, we tend to push our bodies and tend to go on with our daily routine."

Scott warns against allowing stress to build up.

"Too much stress over a long period of time can cause physical and mental damage," Scott said.

Kennedy's pains persisted for six months before a friend suggested she go to a doctor.

"My friend noticed that around exam time I'd always have trouble breathing, and the pains," she said. "She talked to me about it and told me maybe I should see someone."

Stress can lead to eating and sleeping disorders, ulcers, depression and hypertension. Munday advises students who suspect they have prolonged stress to follow Kennedy's lead and visit a physician.

"If a student is experiencing these types of pains, they should get them checked out," Munday said. "It may not be something serious, but if it is, it can be treated."

Kennedy's stress was caused by anxiety over medical exams. But Scott said in most cases, a student's personality, not major, can reveal who have stress.

"Perfectionists, people who put a lot of pressure on themselves, are more likely to get stressed," Scott said. "People who judge their worth by the work will get stressed as opposed to a person who is relaxed and understands that their work is not a reflection of their worth."

Treatments for stress vary as much as the causes. Scott said she is against negative coping solutions such as alcohol, cigarettes, caffeine and drugs.

"Those substances agitate the user even more and doesn't solve your problem in a healthy way," she said. "It can cause more serious problems to develop."

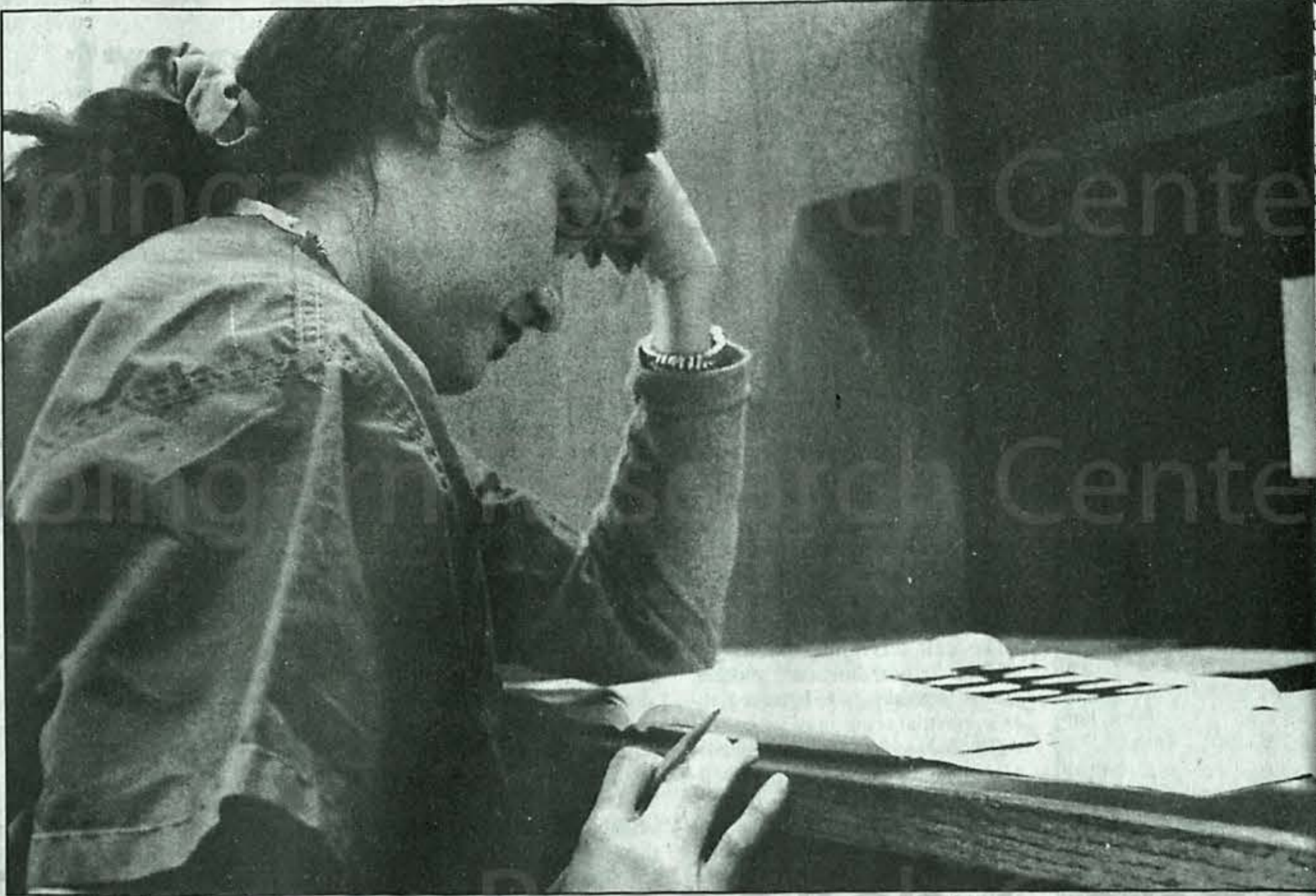


Photo by Rashida H.

Like many students, Mayra Ayab, a first year medical student, is sometimes overwhelmed with school work, which is known to stress. The University Counseling Center offers free individual and group counseling sessions.

Munday lists exercise and deep breathing as positive physical solutions to controlling stress. Under her doctor's decision, Kennedy takes walks to relieve stress.

"My roommate and I go walking twice a week or whenever we start to feel stressed," she said. "It works. It helps to get out and it takes my mind off of whatever is stressing me."

Scott also suggests taking breaks and talking to relieve stress.

"It's okay to take a break and relax," she said. "Taking breaks is a way of rewarding

yourself for your hard work. Talking to someone allows you to vent some of your anxiety instead of keeping it bottled up and possibly turning into something serious."

University Counseling Services offer students an ear when stress becomes too much. The Center provides free individual and group counseling sessions, and students can visit the Center from 10 to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Resident assistants can also request seminars for students.

The health center hosts an open house fea-

ture workshops on such issues as... The open house and other services are for students. The next session is scheduled Oct. 21.

Although there are many options to relieve stress, Scott said students should find the method that works for them.

"People need to focus on what they relax," she said. "Every individual is different, and what works for one might not work for another."

Homecoming Committee Plans 'Family Reunion'

Puffy And 'The Family' Back Out Of Hip-hop Concert

By APRILL TURNER

Hilltop Staff Writer

The Saturday Oct. 18 Homecoming hip-hop concert headliners, Puff Daddy and the Family, canceled their performance after confirming an appearance.

Sean "Puffy" Combs, a former Howard student, said the D.C. Armory is not big enough for his show. He also questioned security at the event. "As far as I know, the D.C. Armory is the safest place in D.C.," said Haki Halisi, Homecoming chairman.

But the Homecoming Committee should not be held accountable for the cancellation, said Damion Hall, vice chairman of the Homecoming Committee. Hall said the committee dealt strictly with the promoter, News Entertainment.

"I think that it is really unprofessional for him to cancel at the last moment because he is supposedly a business man, and he was also at one time a Bison," said Nami Gizzaza, a sophomore political science major.

Even with the cancellation, the performance must still go on.

The hip-hop and the step shows will now be a combined event. The big-name talent is still unknown.

Events planned for the remainder of the week include what was formally known as the Yard Fest, "Verve: Howard's Family Reunion," on Friday, which event coordinators said could draw a crowd of more than 50,000 people.

With the exception of the step show and hip-hop concert, the majority of this year's Homecoming events will take place on campus.

"A lot of people are excited about it," Halisi said. "They heard it was going to be back on 'the Yard' — they're coming home."

The festivities will begin with a Call to Chapel, featuring the Howard Law School Gospel Choir, on Sunday.

On Sunday, there will be a free movie screening of "When We Were Kings" in Cramton Auditorium. After the movie there will a Libation Ceremony and a fireworks display on "the Yard."

On Monday, Oct. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m., Nikki Giovanni will be the featured poet during an evening of poetry at Cramton.

Tuesday's program will include an evening of dance featuring Kankouran, a West African dance troupe, in Cramton from 7 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday's comedy show will take place in Cramton with Michael Brooks and "Sam I Am."

The O'Jays will head the alumni concert, which will be held in Burdick Auditorium on Friday from 8-10 p.m.

The week will also include its share of promotions and giveaways. Gillette and Shabazz Brothers gear will be given out all week. Companies will also flock to the event with promotions for new artist tickets to events will also be given out daily. At least 20 tickets will be given out for the O'Jays concert, Halisi said.

Saturday afternoon's step show, now in conjunction with the hip-hop concert, will feature Shabazz Brothers' Urban Experience.

This Homecoming, Halisi said, will surpass others because of the support given by the Howard family.

"Everyone at the University has gone out of their way to help with this coming," Halisi said. "Everyone from Ms. Watkins to Dean Archibald to the Homecoming Policy Board, have all played a part in making this year's Homecoming be a success."

Transfer Student Union In Search Of Recognition

By MICHELLE HORN

Hilltop Staff Writer

When Marva Gibbs, a sophomore acting major, applied to Howard as a transfer student, she waited for months before receiving notification of her acceptance. It was just days before classes were scheduled to begin that she found out she would be attending "the Mecca."

"I found out [this] happens to other transfer students," Gibbs said. "This messes up housing and other deadlines."

The Transfer Student Union was created to alleviate some of the problems students such as Gibbs face when transferring from other institutions.

Founded by Michelle Richardson, a 32-year-old junior public relations major from City College of San Francisco, the Union is the first to serve the needs of transfer students at the University.

"Students who transferred to Howard University noticed the lack of representation, scholarships and respect for transfer students," Richardson said.

Although the group is still vying for recognition as an official campus organization, the first meeting of the Transfer Student Association was held October 6 in the Undergraduate Library.

Thirteen students went to the meeting to voice concerns about registration, scholarship money, one-on-one counseling, transfer credits, campus security and complications trying to get housing.

Keith Gill, a sophomore systems and computer science major from State University of New York at Buffalo, said he was most concerned with dorm restrictions.

"Although I feel it's a good University, it seems that all the love that the administration professes to have for the masses of Howard students stops when it comes to making an effort to make university life a little more comfortable for the students," Gill said.

Richardson said the administration plays a crucial role in the student's adjustment to campus.

"We want to work with HUSA and student enrollment to help the needs of transfers, but we also don't want to be lumped in with the freshmen either," Richardson said.

Despite these pleas for administrative backing, in order for the group to gain organization status at the University, it must first submit a constitution and bylaws.

After a review from the Office of Student Activities and the Student Association offices, Vice-President of Student Affairs Steve Richardson must sign forms approving the student union.

Belinda Watkins, director of student activities, is one administrator in support of the union.

"It's a good idea," Watkins said. "Transfer students have certain needs and I am sure there are concerns that we are not cognizant of."

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Yoruba Courses Cut From Language Dept.

By PATRICK PALMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The West African language of Yoruba, offered as a four semester course at Howard, was dropped in 1996 due to low enrollment and lack of funds, according to modern language officials.

With the cancellation of Yoruba, the University no longer offers any West African languages, which some say limits students who plan to enter the work force with companies that do business in Africa.

Leanne Shepard, a Howard graduate student, studied Yoruba IV and took an intensive advanced study of Yoruba in Nigeria.

"It's a shame because it was the only language that linked Howard to West Africa and because of that class, I have had an experience that changed my life," Shepard said.

Administrators said they regretted the loss of the class but placed the blame on students.

"We're not insensitive to the language," said Paul Logan, associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "We just didn't have the money. Because of the great student demand, funds were allocated by the former chair of modern languages to French and Spanish."

Robert Frost, the acting chair of the modern languages department, said the decision was made before he took the position. He also said he does not know the extent to which the faculty had in the decision and does not know anything about the vote. However, Frost spoke on behalf of the entire language department.

"The modern language department is in full support of the course and believes it ought to be reinstated," Frost said. "If the University wants Yoruba, the school should

fund it. We are looking for an alternative that is economically and financially sound."

The modern language department is investigating a tutorial program which would replace classes like Yoruba. Called the National Association of Self-instruction and Programs, it would have native speakers of various languages teaching classes. The tutorial program will be worth normal foreign language credits.

A consortium class, Yoruba is the only course offered along most of the Eastern Seaboard — from Connecticut to North Carolina. Many students from Georgetown, American University, George Washington and Trinity College participated in the foreign language course at Howard. Funded by grants, the course began in the African studies department, but administration later decided to transfer Yoruba (and classes like Swahili, Arabic and Amheric) into the modern language department. Currently, Howard offers only Swahili and Arabic.

Many majors require students to take a foreign language, and with the influx of business majors who are in their first year of meeting these requirements, some expected the rate of students taking Yoruba to increase. International business students focusing on West Africa no longer have the opportunity to learn a language in that region.

Many students are unaware of courses in modern languages. The modern languages are listed in a separate section from the foreign languages in the course selection booklet. This, some say, may have contributed to the low enrollment of courses like Yoruba.

"The courses are sought as they relate to students lives," Frost said. "Unfortunately, most students are comfortable with taking Spanish."

Speak Out! Speak Out! Speak Out!

Is your knowledge of sexually transmitted diseases based on fact or fiction? More than eight million people under the age of 25 are diagnosed with an STD. College students have the greatest risk of being infected with STDs because they are more likely to have multiple partners and engage in unprotected sex, University health officials said.

The student health center provides information on prevention and treatment of STDs. Education and awareness of STDs is the key to reducing the high rate of STDs among college students, officials said.

Students on Howard's campus were given a five-question quiz, testing their "STD IQ." Twenty points were given for each correct answer.

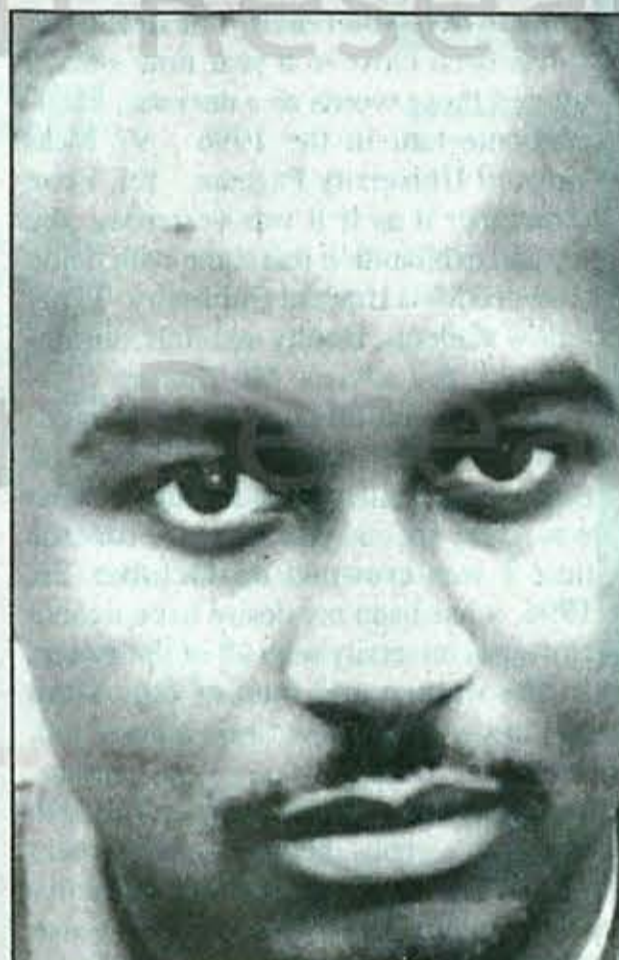
- 1) I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration). Fact or Fiction
- 2) The most common STD on college campuses is human papilloma virus (HPV), the virus that causes genital warts. Fact or Fiction
- 3) Condoms provide 100% protection from HPV. Fact or Fiction
- 4) All STDs have symptoms. Fact or Fiction
- 5) Women are at greater risk of getting an STD than men. Fact or Fiction

How did HU students stand up to the test?



"More information, like pamphlets, should be given on campus about STDs."

-- Amin Joseph,
sophomore acting major.



"Wow, I did not know about women being at greater risk than men for STDs."

-- Ronald Cureton,
senior music education major.



"Too many young woman don't know enough about STDs. Condoms are great, but we need to be aware of the danger we can be in when engaging in sexual intercourse, even if it's 'safe sex.'"

-- Takiyah Amin,
sophomore dance major.

PRISONERS, From A1

A committee member and veteran Panther who prefers to go by one name.

The committee is calling on all concerned citizens, civic organizations, progressive groups and activists to attend its first political prisoner and prisoner of war rally in Baltimore. The conference, which will be held at Morgan State University's Christian Center, will focus mainly on the struggle and hopes of political prisoners and POWs. The intent of the conference is to heighten awareness of political prisoners in America.

"We have to make it an issue in the public arena so people can start to recognize that there is this whole group of people that no one is paying attention to," Conway said.

The bulk of this group are Black Americans who were involved in some type of grassroots organization, and who claim they were framed.

Other political prisoners are former Philadelphia radio journalist Mumia Abu Jamal, who is on death row after being convicted in 1981 of murdering a Philadelphia police officer; Fred Hampton Jr., who was convicted of aggravated arson in the Chicago bombing of two Korean-owned clothing stores in the wake of the Rodney King beating in 1993. Recently released political prisoner Geronimo Pratt, who was charged with the murder of a woman in Berkeley, Calif., spent more than 20 years behind bars.

Conway, who was sentenced to life plus 30 years, hopes to be free, too. After 27 years of imprisonment and federal run around, he remains optimistic.

His legal team filed a writ of habeas corpus for a new trial in April, July, August and September. Each time, Conway has been given postponements. Conway awaits a hearing in

November.

"I believe that if we work together and organize across the country justice can be attained," Conway said. "The Pratt case definitely boosted my morale. It gives us all hope that we can have an open hearing against Cointelpro (the Counter Intelligence Program operated by the FBI in 1963 to watch subversive groups), leading to a class action suit."

High profile Panthers will be in attendance, including Bobby Seale and Pratt. Along with political prisoner organizations, representatives of POWs including Jamal and Leonard Peliter -- accused of killing a federal agent -- will also attend. WOL radio's Lisa Mitchell will serve as commentator for the affair.

"We don't want the community to come just because of the high profile names," Njinga said. "We're really about business. We want to accomplish something. We want to provide better direction and understanding of what's necessary to heighten and bring to the United States the fact that there are American political prisoners in our U.S. jails and that they have been unjustly incarcerated. We want to figure out means to get them released."

As for Conway, he said he will continue to wait patiently as do 99 others, who may be suffering under worse conditions in isolated federal institutions or solitary confinement. Conway has been afforded some privileges. He begins his day at 6 a.m. working for the state prison industry as a computer programmer. After dinner, he attends discussion groups with other prisoners.

"There's always tension, stabbings, the whole jail thing," Conway said. "But after 27 years, I see it, and I don't see it. I guess I live a normal day -- except they won't let me go home."

STUDENT, From A1

42 percent is African American, and seven percent is Asian or Latino.

When contacted by *The Hilltop* at his Charlottesville, Va., home, Venie declined to comment on the matter.

"At this point, I really feel like I really don't want to comment on it," said Venie, who wants to be a civil rights attorney. "I've been here (at the University of Virginia) for seven or eight weeks now and I feel like I've said my piece on the matter already."

Venie's accusations of cheating drew the most fire. While there were other anonymous students quoted in the *Legal Times* article who said cheating took place, Venie was the only one who filed a complaint to the administration and agreed to be named in the article.

There were two cases in which Venie alleged cheating took place. In associate professor Reginald Robinson's Real Property class, Venie said students collaborated on a take-home exam.

Robinson said the students he confronted denied cheating, but if his investigation proves that cheating took place, he would reevaluate the grades.

The other incident Venie noted happened in professor Leah Leggett's first-year torts class, where a copy of the test was circulating among the students. Leggett had administered the same test questions from three years before.

Leggett said he ordered another test to be given again after getting a tip from a student that the test was circulating. He said it was an unfortunate incident, especially considering each student's class rank is public and affects competition

for jobs.

But, he said, the allegations were "clearly overblown."

Charles Lature, a second-year student who played on the intramural basketball team with Venie and took Robinson's take-home exam, said he did not know about any cheating and that the article was generally unfair.

"Basically, they took one person's allegations as truth and ran with it," he said.

Other students who knew Venie said his charges were exaggerated or simply inaccurate, and that he misunderstood the atmosphere at Howard.

"The problem is that he's overly competitive," said Brett Allan, a second-year student who shared a legal writing class with Venie. "Competition among students is there, but it is underlying. The kind of clawing and digging that people do at other schools, we don't do here."

Allan said the racism allegations were also ridiculous, but that Venie's case is more obvious because he is a White student igniting controversy at a predominantly Black university.

"It is not a race issue," he said. "We are here to learn the law, not necessarily fight with other people and compete with other people."

Gerald Smalls, president of the Student Bar Association, denied that widespread academic dishonesty takes place at Howard. He lamented that the whole controversy has cast a dark cloud over the campus and has hurt many students who have taken the criticism as an unfair affront on Howard's name.

"It's like an open wound that keeps getting salt poured on it," Allan said.

NIGERIA, From A1

Nigeria is not ready for free and fair elections, but the people are willing to accept anything that changes the present aristocracy," said Abacha has not openly dis-

cussed his plans, but many Nigerians say he will probably win if he seeks election as a civilian.

"If he allows all interested parties to run, he is guaranteed to win, because a number of factions will enter candidates, thus splitting the opposition," BaNikongo said.

Nigerian Anieken Okon, a sophomore psychology major, said having Abacha serve as president might actually be good for Nigeria.

"If he is still there, things will be easier for the common man," Okon said. "Things are hard now but they are much better than four or five years ago."

International monitors have not yet been invited to monitor the elections, but the Nigerian Embassy said it will be done soon.

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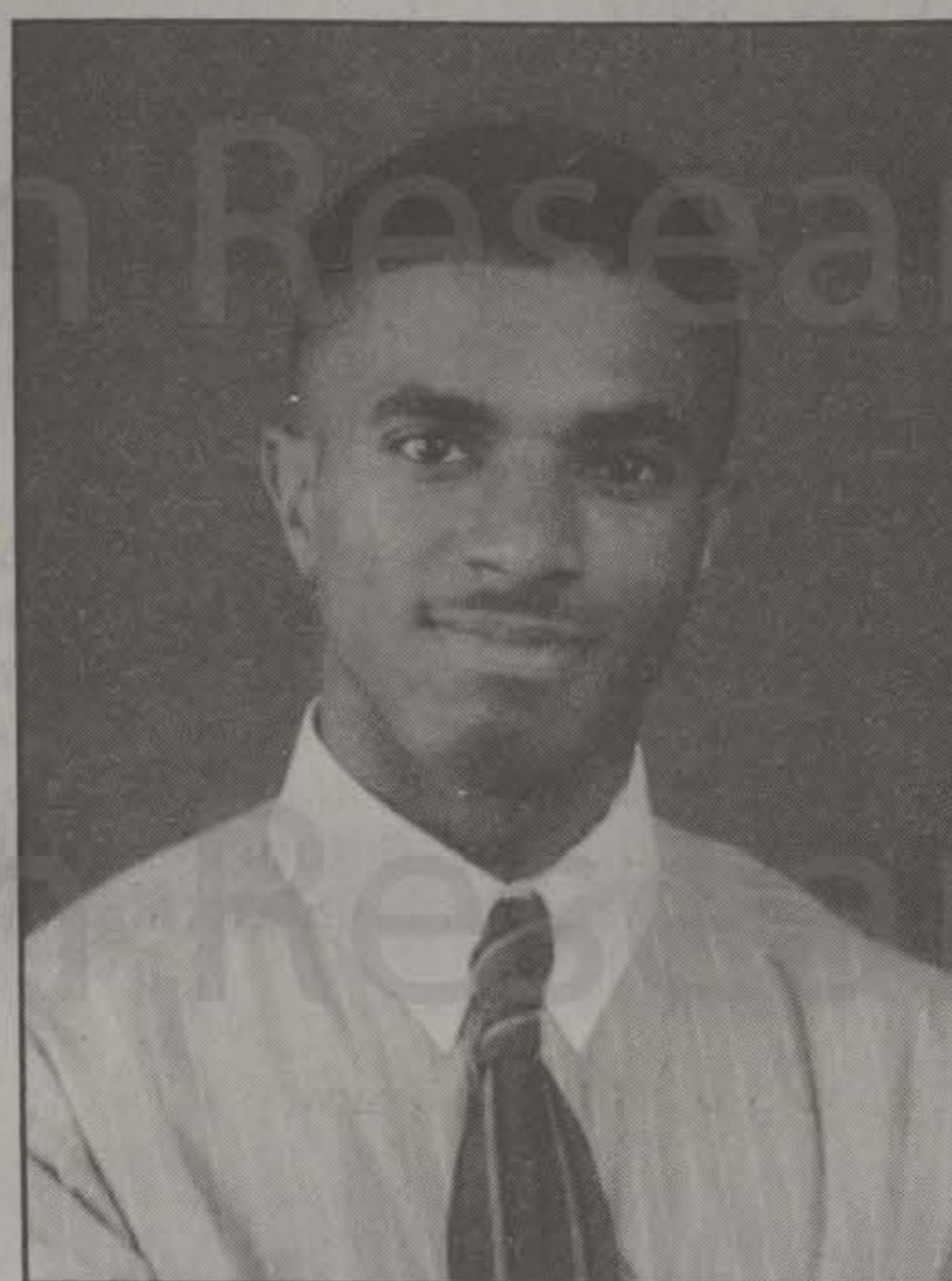
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"Fear not those things which God has sent though trouble-some they may seem for he knows best what must be done to help you reach your dream..."

It has been close to a year now since I uttered those words as a nervous, excited contestant in the 1996 - 97 Miss Howard University Pageant. Yet, I can remember it as if it was yesterday...the joy and exhilaration that came with being crowned Miss Howard University. To my fellow students, faculty and staff, administrators, my advisor Mr. Daanen Strachan, my beautiful court, and my handsome King, Mr. Christopher Tyson, let me first say thank you for sharing in what was a very special year for me. From the time I was crowned on October 21, 1996, it has been my desire to represent Howard University with all of the grace,

pride, dignity, and intelligence found in the women and men of our Alma Mater throughout history...and I'm proud to say I think I've done a great job. Thank you Howard for allowing me to represent you. During the past year, Christopher and I made it our mission to be involved with not only our campus, but also our community. I participated in several events on campus including recruitment activities, awards activities, and dormitory events. As a part of my community outreach, I was able to visit the Creative Community for Non-Violence. I also had the opportunity to interact with, and spread my message of empowerment to, young people throughout the District. As well I've donated funds to good causes throughout the year. The accomplishment I am most proud of, however, has very little to do with me. My Sister Circle met for the first time this semester. My Sister Circle, which was a major part of my platform, is a meeting place for sisters on campus to come share their stories, their hopes, and their dreams. We've come together twice this semester and I see great possibilities for this program as the year progresses. Thank you to all of the young ladies who came out to support me and make this program a success. I'd like to send Best Wishes to all of the participants in the 1996-97 pageant. As well, I'd like to Congratulate all of the Queens and Kings that will participate in this year's pageant - Good Luck!! To the young lady who will follow in my footsteps, I give you all my love and support - we have work to do!! Finally to my King, Mr. Christopher Tyson, I have so enjoyed the time we've spent getting to know each other better this year. You are a handsome, charming, intelligent, and sincere young man; and with your talents and abilities I know you will go far. Thank you for vibing with me when I just couldn't control the laughter and I know we'll always support each other when it comes to getting free food and other valuable items!!! Congratulations on a wonderful year and God's Blessings of all things beautiful and peaceful - you deserve it!! To my supportive family and my wonderful parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldus and Sandra Jones, thank you for allowing me to search, for encouraging me to follow my dreams, and for always supporting me in all I do - I love you; Granny, I hope I made you proud. To my linesisters of Authentic 35 and older Sorors, thank you for all of your help and support from day one. Milli, Linda, Mia, Shawn, Diggity, Les, Adrienne, Bern, Lisa, Tegene, and Tiera - without your help what would I have done? To Miss Solange Garvey, you are a sweetheart and I am convinced that had you not been there to help me I would be half crazy by now. To the CP's you know I love y'all. To Miss LaChanda best wishes, many thanks.. and all that Virgo love babe. Okay, now really, finally, to my sweetheart, Mr. M.T. Masimini, simply thank you - for everything - ily.



Greetings. Tonight will mark another passing of the title of Mr. and Miss Howard University. I hope that as your Mr. Howard University I made you proud.

As your king I was able to work closely with the **Each One, Teach One** program of Gage Eckington Elementary School and the **S.I.M.B.A.** program of Sojourner's Neighborhood Center. Last spring I brought you programs such as the **Tribute to Dr. King** and lecturer and author **Anthony Browder**. This summer I placed first runner-up in the **Mr. Collegiate African-American** competition held here on Howard's campus. I thank you all for supporting my initiatives and I hope that you will continue to regard your campus king with the same level of respect and love that you have shown me.

To the new school and college kings and queens, my hat goes off to you. As you compete this evening for the title, remember that you are all bound by a common love for Howard University. That love demands that you pattern your life after values of truth and service. After the winners are crowned and the lights go down, remember that in your own way you are all kings and queens of Howard - the **MECCA!** Take that spirit with you into the campus and surrounding community and effect change!

To my queen, **Zhaundra Jones**, I have had an incredible time getting close to you as a partner and friend. We have shared a lot of laughs and have had a lot of fun. As **Miss Howard University** you have become a role model for young women across the campus and in the surrounding community. I am proud to have shared my reign with someone as special as you are. In every way you are truly a lady. You have added sophistication and refinement to the crown.

I can't leave without giving a few shout-outs. To all those who have aided me during my reign, I thank you with all that is in me. To **Dean Archer, Mrs. Watkins, Danaan Strachan, and the Office of Student Activities** thank you for all of your support and especially the use of the fax machine! Thanks to **Lamont Geddis**, my predecessor, and congratulations to you on the inspirational and successful **S.I.M.B.A.** program. **Desmond Dunham**, I hope I was able to help and you know who to call if you ever need anything. **Campus Pals** is one of the livest organizations on campus and thank you for supporting me from the night of the pageant! To the **Brothers of Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** thanks for being my rock through the highs and the lows. Much love to **The Masters**. Peace to the original **10 BRYANT!**

And finally, I am not only stepping down, but I am stepping out! As I prepare for graduation on **May 9, 1998**, I reflect on my incredible journey through Howard University. Since my arrival I have seen Howard undergo a virtual metamorphosis. I have watched living legends from all over the world address the University community. I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the world's most talented individuals and have the distinction of calling many of them my friends. I have watched this University change my life and inspire me to effect change in the lives of others. Howard University is truly home. To those that I leave behind always remember that you have an uncompromising responsibility to protect and preserve this wonderful experience called Howard. Just as we have inherited this great legacy from our ancestors, let's continue to pass it on!

Farewell and thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Tyson
Mr. Howard University, 1996-1997

Best Wishes to Mr. and Miss Howard University 1997-98!!!

Special Thanks to: Mr. Daanen Strachan, Ms. Belinda Watkins, Dean Raymond Archer, Dr. Steve Favors, Dr. Janice Nicholson, President H. Patrick Swygert, Ms. Karen House, Ms. Sandra Norrell-Thomas, Mr. Avon Dennis, Mr. Ford, Mr. Newsome, the HU Band and Cheerleaders, the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and all of those who we inspired and who inspired us along the way.

Peace!!!

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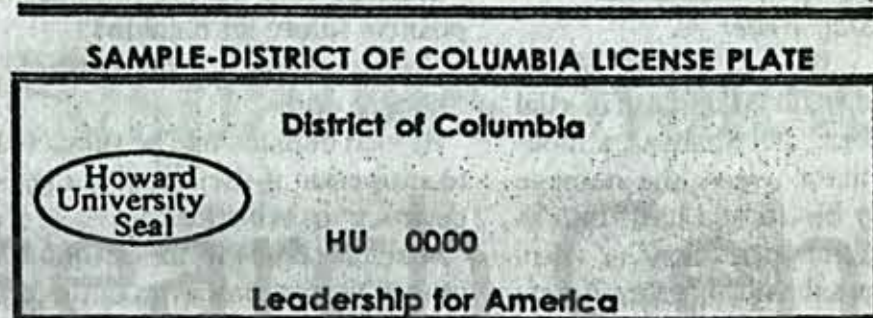
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Ali Shabazz Takes Back His Life Through Dedication To Young People

By Q. TERAH JACKSON III

Hilltop Staff Writer

Dressed in his Akikijitsu martial arts uniform, Ali Shabazz, a modern gladiator, views the damage humanity has locked itself into as "doomed for destruction."

He knows the ills that face American society and himself.

Shabazz, an army veteran, began drinking in the 1950s because he thought alcohol would fade the harsh realities of war. His drinking led to alcoholism and cocaine addiction.

He said drinking created distance between his family and his soul. He said he lived to drink, smoke and

eat between drug usage.

Shabazz said he does not see a positive future for mankind.

"Were going to be extinct," Shabazz said.

He said humans will be subjected to extinction if they continue self-destructive behavior.

Shabazz stands in the desolation of the District after overcoming 27 years of poverty and drugs. The discipline of Islam and martial arts helped him to survive, he said. Shabazz attributes the prayers and support of his family to his recovery from drug addiction. He has prevailed and has become a role model.

Shabazz was a drug counselor who taught substance abuse class-

es in the District school system until the program was terminated. He said he knew no one would want to hire a Black man who is 55 years of age without a degree.

Now, he is the principal of his self-made business, "Submitting to God."

His primary tool is martial arts. The business also includes counseling, substance abuse education, conflict resolution and a mentor programs.

Shabazz said he is training a future generation to deal with their current struggles and the problems they may encounter. He said the children he teaches become more stable and acquire higher self-esteem.

Shabazz said he will not allow his age or politics to stop him from fighting to heal the human condition.

He said he sees a struggling world, slowly sliding into the abyss of chaos and immoral behavior. He said a poverty of values tends to a poverty of life. He said he believes society has broken down in the communities and students are not being taught values.

Shabazz compared his childhood to the vastly different environment of today's youth. In his town, there were no strangers.

"People took care of each other, took care of each others kid," Shabazz said. "It was a village."

He said his childhood was not perfect, but having two parents in the household gave him stability.

"Although families struggled, and we struggled as a family, we were a family," Shabazz said.

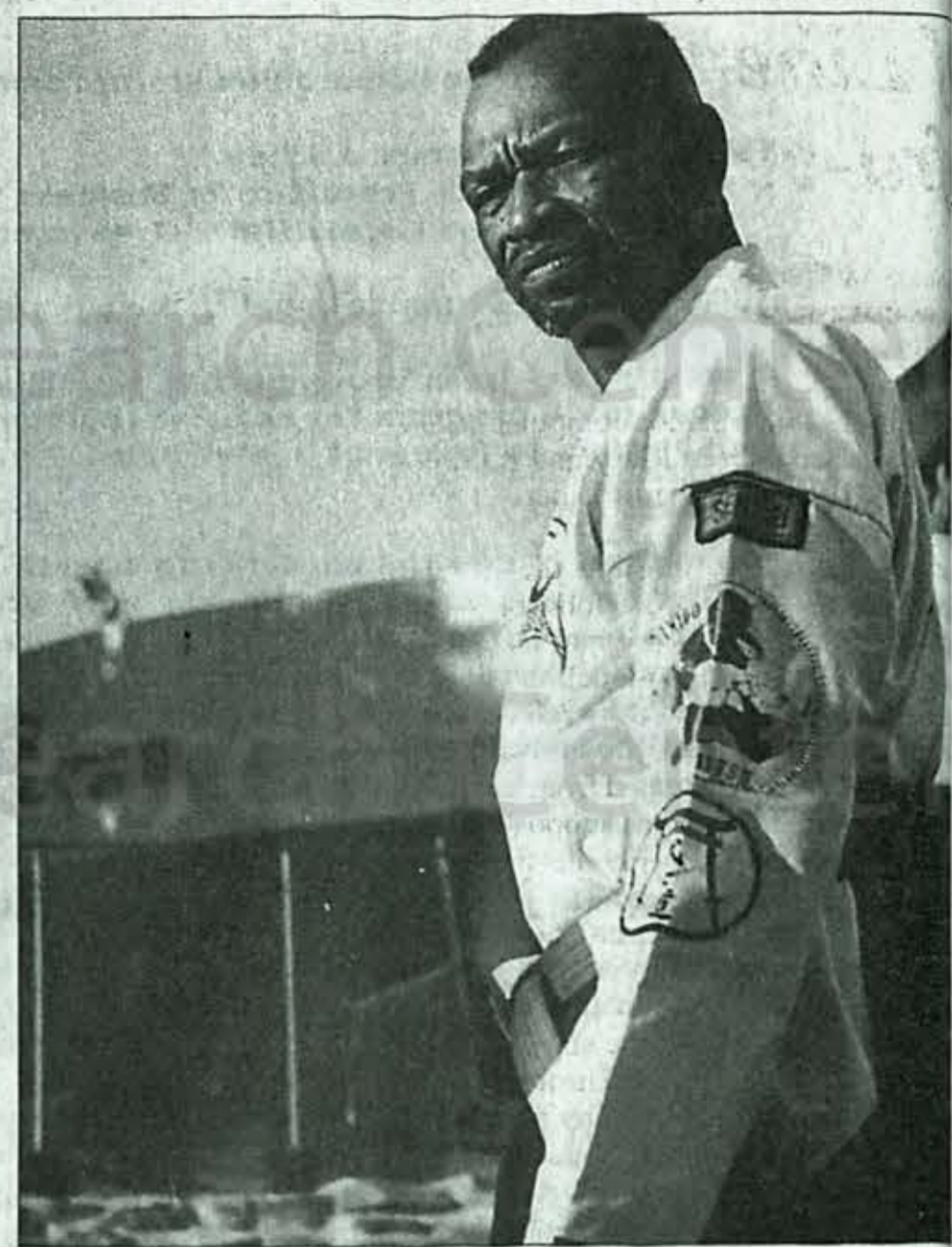
He said single parent homes are one of the main factors that lead to the break down in society, but he blames the systematic government which continues to put Black men in jail.

Shabazz said the absence of Black men in schools and in communities are decreasing children's self-esteem and destroying the village. He said to be found, Black men must be hunted.

"They should not be like some d--foul," he said. "That's going into the extinction list."

Shabazz said because the United States has a drug-based economy, his business strives to attack social ills on all levels in communities.

He said rather than exercise and maintain good health, people use



Photos by Q. Terah Jackson

Former drug and alcohol counselor, Ali Shabazz, uses martial arts to train youth to deal with their current problems.

drugs to live. He said in order to fight the extinction of Black men, everyone must get involved.

Howard's existence is a viable community, Shabazz said, and he believes Howard can make the surrounding area a village.

"We can change the human con-

dition, but we just have to be for the fight," he said.

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All Shabazz, former drug and alcohol counselor, reaches out to youth by providing them with the practice of martial arts.

Promise Keepers Converge On Mall

Controversial Organization Gathers For Annual Rally

By CATHLEEN HARRINGTON

Hilltop Staff Writer

A river of thousands of men passed out copies of the New Testament and flooded the National Mall between the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument for the Promise Keepers Rally last Saturday.

According to Randy Phillips, the organization's president, the purpose of the event was to "bow our lives in submission before the one true God."

Promise Keepers, a Christian Men's organization, was founded by former University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney. Members say they believe the answers to the moral crisis of society can be found in the Bible. This male organization said it is man's duty to ask for forgiveness for his transgressions of the past so he can lead his family, community and nation to a better future.

Although there was not an official count, Promise Keepers was estimated to be one of the largest crowds in the Mall's history.

The National Park Service decided to stop issuing estimates after controversy over estimates of the 1995 Million Man March.

"I'm here!" said John Sole, a participant from Birmingham, Ala. "I'm here to praise and worship God ... I'm a man who needs to get back with God and take charge of my family and wife and help lead this country back to God."

Though women were not included as an integral part of the event, many women came along and provided support by volunteering on the sidelines.

"I thought it was a worthy cause that God had ordained ... If my husband is in line with Christ, it's a much easier life," said Ann Leeum, an Ohio native.

"I'm not a door mat, we are a team. There is not a stance here for the men to be Lord and Master of their home, running over their

wives," Leeum said. "They are to be lovers of their wives, as Christ loved the church. It's not a political thing, just a time to exalt Christ as Lord and Savior."

In addition to the participants there were many protesters at the event -- mostly members from the American Atheist and the National Organization for Women (NOW).

"We support laws that separate the relationship between church and state," said David Ogen, a spokesman for American Atheist, based in Austin, Tex. "The Promise Keepers are a fundamentalist political movement. The facts show they are racist. They hold values that hold women as second class citizens."

"While in Colorado we were first to see them for what they stood for ... Coach McCartney was reprimanded for sending out materials against gays, lesbians and abortion on Colorado State stationary," said Vanessa Salinas, former president of the Colorado chapter of NOW. Members of NOW passed out flyers containing quotes from members of the Promise Keepers that they said proved the organization was sexist, homophobic and racist. Quotes included were:

"The demise of our community and culture is the fault of sissified men who have been overly influenced by women," said Tony Evans, co-editor of Seven Promises of Promise Keepers.

"Homosexuality is an abomination (by) Almighty God," said Bill McCartney, founder.

"I want to boldly affirm Uncle Tom. The Black community must stop criticizing Uncle Tom. He is a role model," said Wellington Boone, editorial board member of New Man, the Promise Keepers' official magazine.

The ethnic diversity of the crowd varied. Though the majority of participants were White, Blacks, Latinos and Asians represented.



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Women protesters against the Promise Keepers, a Christian Men's organization.

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Internet Claims Black Lady Liberty

E-mail Message Circulates Theory Of Liberty's Afro-centric Heritage

By LAKEISHA HEARD

Hilltop Staff Writer

As David Johnson, a senior computer science major at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, stared at the Statue of Liberty, he said he was filled with awe.

Later, while strolling through the museum within the statue's foundation, Johnson said he found himself staring at an original scale model of Lady Liberty. The scale model had one distinct difference about it from the structure sitting in the midst of New York's harbor — broken chains lay at her feet and draped from her hands.

"First, I wondered if she was supposed to be a slave and if she was supposed to be an African-American slave," Johnson said.

One University of California-Davis, student posed the same question and came up with an answer. John Cortinias started an e-mail circulation stating his belief that the statue originally had an Afro-centric design. Through circulation of this e-mail message, many people have begun to question whether the statue represents a Black slave.

Cortinias said the broken chains at the feet and in the hands of the original model along with proof from Jim Haskins, a professor of English at the University of Florida, present a strong case for the Statue of Liberty's ethnicity.

In his book, "The Journey of the Songhai People," Haskins, a member of the National Education Advisory Board of the Liberty-Ellis Island Committee, said the idea for the creation of the statue stemmed from the role Black soldiers played in ending slavery in the United States.

Haskins states in his book that French historian Edouard de Laboulaye along with French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi proposed

that the French government give a statue of liberty to America as a gift in recognition of the pivotal role that Black soldiers played in winning the Civil War. Because the gift was to honor the Black soldiers, Haskins said the statue may have been designed after an African slave.

According to Cortinias, the shackles do not appear on the Ellis Island statue because the U.S. Minister to France felt that the broken chains would be offensive to the South, reminding it of its defeat in the war. The shackles were removed out of sensitivity to the South.

Many scholars support Haskins and Cortinias



File Photo

Historical documents say that Lady Liberty was intended to be a slave.

theory of the Statue of Liberty's African heritage.

"The Black Americans' direct connection to Lady Liberty is unknown to the majority of

Americans — Black or White," said Suzanne Nakasian, director of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundations' National Ethnic Campaign.

Nakasian said Blacks do have a strong link to the statue although much proof has not been affirmed.

Arnold Taylor, a Howard University professor of history, said he is unaware of the statue's possible African heritage. However, Taylor said Cortinias' argument possesses validity.

"It's possible, but the statement that Blacks won the Civil War is a gross overstatement," Taylor said. "Blacks played an important role, but they did not win the war. This idea is new to me. I'd have to do further research."

Cortinias' theory has caused speculation from many who have received the e-mail message. One Washington, D.C., youth, who read the theory, disagreed with it.

"The Statue of Liberty is not a Black person," said Omar Parker, a student at Calvin Coolidge High School. "The facial features are not African, and the hair is not nappy. Do you think that they would actually have a historical landmark for Blacks? It's possible that she represents freedom, but the statue couldn't possibly be a Black person."

Historically, there is not sufficient evidence to support Cortinias or Haskins' theory of the statue's African heritage, but some say facts have been omitted from history books.

According to Statue of Liberty history, French historian and republican Edouard René Lefebvre de Laboulaye and other French republicans admired America as a thriving republic that had achieved a delicate balance between liberty and stability that had eluded France. Laboulaye proposed a monument that would keep alive the republican ideal in France and strengthen the friendship between two nations that shared that ideal.

Sculptor Auguste Bartholdi created the statue, while engineer Auguste Eiffel, famous for the Eiffel Tower, designed the framework. France completed the statue in 1884, before dismantling it and sending it to America in 1885. After architect Richard Hunt completed the base, Lady Liberty was erected and dedicated on Oct. 28, 1886, on Ellis Island.

Although the statue proved durable, 100 years began to take its toll. For the statue's Centennial Celebration in 1986, Lady Liberty was completely refurbished.

US Poverty Rate Shows Slight Increase Among Hispanics, Blacks

By KENYATTA HARPER

Hilltop Staff Writer

While some Americans are enjoying a higher income, the number of Americans living in poverty has increased, statistics released by the Census Bureau show.

According to the latest Census statistics for 1996, the median income has rose to \$35,392, up 1.2 percent from 1995.

The Census reported that 36.5 percent of Americans are living in poverty. Hispanic Americans have the highest poverty rate, with 29.4 percent. The African-American poverty rate is 28.4 percent, and the White poverty rate is at 11.2 percent.

"The Latino poverty rate is among the working poor," said Sonya Perez, of the National Council on La Raza, an advocate organization for Latino interests. "Latino men have the highest work participation rate than any other group."

"The problem is that Latinos have been concentrated to low level jobs. Jobs where the pay has been low and the benefits have been non-existence."

The Census also reported that 1.1 million Americans are without health insurance. A large portion of the uninsured are children. More than half of all African-American children go without health insurance, the highest rate among any group of the nation's children.

Within the last couple of years, many states have cut back on programs aimed at providing health insurance to children and the poor.

Perez said that the top five percent of Americans claim 49 percent of the earnings.

"Even in a strong economy, benefits have not trickled down," Perez said. "People say you have to be working, but people are working and are not making it."

The poverty rate among single mothers has also increased. More than a third of all families headed by single mothers are either at the poverty level or below the poverty level, compared to the 5.6 percent of married households.

"It is not surprising," said Joanne Ammon of the Center for the Research of Women in Memphis, Tenn. "A household headed by single mothers is without that extra income. Plus, historically women have made less than men."

With the government cutting back on welfare and health benefits, the gap among rich and poor is expected to increase.

"We need to focus on those who are not benefiting from this economy," Perez said. "The policy makers must not forget those Americans who are unable to make it."

CDC Business Convention Encourages Work Place HIV/AIDS Prevention

By SALETTA COLEMAN

Hilltop Staff Writer

In an effort to help businesses and unions across the country develop and implement comprehensive workplace based HIV/AIDS prevention education programs for employees, the Centers for Disease Control hosted its first National Business and Labor Conference last week.

The two-day conference held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel comes just days after statistics released by the CDC stated that two-thirds of all Americans who are infected with AIDS know it. According to the research report, 775,000 Americans carry HIV, and at least 500,000 have been tested and know their status.

AIDS is the leading cause of death among all 25-44 year olds. More than half of the nation's 126 million workers are in that group, making work-based programs necessary.

"That 25-44 year-old age group are the college graduates at the turn of this century," said Eric Jordan, a student in Atlanta at the conference. "That will be us in that group."

Seventy-five percent of working Americans surveyed by the CDC said their employers should offer a formal work place AIDS education initiative. Because the survey indicates the need to educate and foster HIV/AIDS prevention programs

in the work place, the CDC created the Business Responds to AIDS and Labor Responds to AIDS programs and the annual conference.

Goals of the conference included preventing the spread of HIV, promoting education, preventing discrimination and fostering community service and volunteerism both in the workplace and community.

CDC director David Satcher spoke at the conference and encouraged businesses to begin prevention programs.

"Prevention methods are not simple," Satcher said. "It takes work." Satcher was recently nominated by President Clinton to serve as Surgeon General.

Topic sessions at the conference were designed to accommodate employees from different occupations and different races. Dr. Ledia Martinez, the Hispanic HIV/AIDS program coordinator for the American Red Cross, stressed the culturally sensitive approach to prevention programs in her session.

"This epidemic sees no color, it does not discriminate," Martinez said.

In 1995, the CDC reported declining deaths among all ethnic groups. The decrease was greater among Whites (21 percent) than among African Americans (two percent) and Hispanics (10 percent). Many attribute the decline to education and the improvement of drug treatments. Washington, D.C., is included in the Northeast region of the country where deaths are down 15

percent.

"It is hard to keep the attention high, when the battle has gone on more than 15 years," Satcher said.

"The involvement of corporations like the GAP, Levi Strauss, IBM and the NBA make the partnership with the CDC, a business and labor powerhouse," said Lou Dobbs, president of CNN in Atlanta.

Corporations that have been on the forefront of implementing workplace HIV/AIDS policies were presented with awards for service and support. Presentations were made in categories. Polaroid Corporation received the "Employees and Worker Education" award, the "Best Policy in Labor Union" award went to the National Basketball Association, and GAP Incorp. was recognized for "Volunteerism and Community Service."

Alicia Winston, a senior in Howard's School of Business, said she was impressed with the CDC's commitment to employees.

"It's wonderful that the corporate community has an outlet of support to use as a resource," she said.

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Homecoming on American college and university campuses has traditionally been a time of celebration of things past and present. At Howard University, it has been a time of connections. In recent years, connections with alumni and friends have been broken because the homecoming football game has not been played on the campus.

For the first time since 1991, the Howard University homecoming game will be played in Greene Stadium. In addition to this game, a Virtual Game will be telecast on a Jumbotron in the Yard (live via satellite).

Join the University family for a week of Homecoming activities. Come home to connect with students, alumni, and friends!

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Friday, October 10th

7:00 pm Mr./Ms. Howard Pageant, *Cramton*

Sunday, October 12th

TBA Call to Chapel, *Rankin Chapel*

TBA Gospel Show, *Rankin Chapel*

5:00 pm Movie, "When We Were Kings", *Cramton*

8:30 pm Libation Ceremony - "Defining Your Generation", *Main Campus*

Monday, October 13th

6:00 pm An Evening of Poetry with Nikki Giovanni, *Cramton*

Tuesday, October 14th

7:00 pm An Evening of Dance, *Cramton*

Wednesday, October 15th

7:00 pm Comedy Show -- "Michael Brooks", *Cramton*

Thursday, October 16th

12-3 pm Million Man March Anniversary Celebration, *Ballroom, Hilltop Lounge, Room 142*

7:00 pm Student Fashion Show, *Cramton*

10:00 pm Student Fashion Show, *Cramton*

Friday, October 17th

8:00 am Golf & Tennis Classic, *Indian Springs*

5pm-8pm Friends of Founders Library Dinner, *Founders Library*

11am-5pm Family Reunion, *Main Campus*

8:00 pm Homecoming Concert w/The O'Jays, *Burr Gym*

Saturday, October 18th

8-11 am Bison Breakfast, *Blackburn Center*

9:30 am Homecoming Parade

10:30 am Debbie Allen Workshop, *Cramton*

1:00 pm Virtual Game on the Yard, *Main Yard*

1:00 pm Football Game H.U. vs. Morehouse, *Greene Stadium*

1:00 pm Bison Roundup, *Greene Stadium*

2-5 pm Reception, *Ballroom*

5-8 pm Step Show, *DC Armory*

9:00 pm Hip Hop Concert, *DC Armory*

9:00 pm Alumni Dinner Cruise, *Spirit of Washington*

Sunday, October 19th

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Tickets to the Virtual Game on the Yard are \$10.00.

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WORLD

Former Foes Unite, Launch Political Party

By NGOZI MESSAM

Hilltop Staff Writer

Two ex-rivals in South Africa's political arena last week launched the country's newest political party.

Roelf Meyer, who is White and Harrington Bantubonke Holomisa, who is Black proposed starting a multiracial party — the United Democratic Movement — as an option to the African National Congress. "There are still other alternatives to the ANC," said Robert Edgar, a professor in the Department of African Studies.

Earlier this year, Roelf Meyer a former top official for the National Party, which led South Africa's apartheid regime, was encouraged to leave because he collaborated with Blacks to transform apartheid.

Four days after leaving the National Party May 17, 1996, Meyer formed the New Movement Process and continued to seek support from Black and White politicians, including some National Party members.

Some speculate that the new party might pose some problems for the National Party.

"It [NDM] will probably take away some of its moderate supporters," said Mwiza Munthali, an information specialist at Trans-Africa. "Including members who feel that they cannot maneuver in the National Party and want a more racially tolerant South Africa."

The National Party's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission may work against it in terms of support, he said.

Because it was the ruling party during the apartheid era, Munthali said many people are displeased with the National Party's lack of "ownership for heinous acts committed during its reign."

"The [National] Party is like a dinosaur — not changing with the time," he said.

As for the ANC, there is nothing to worry about,

Munthali said.

Together Meyer and Holomisa hope that their break-away party will draw support from the ANC and forge a nonracial movement that is the answer to those South Africans who feel their political needs and expectations are not fulfilled.

Bantubonke Holomisa was a top official in the African National Congress who was expelled after accusing ANC leaders of corruption. Holomisa, ousted from the ANC last July, became leader of the National Consultative Forum.

According to the May 23, issue of *Electronic Mail & Guardian*, a South African publication, Holomisa said a day after the announcement of the New Movement Process, he was notified by Meyer that he had similar plans.

"When I hear him speaking about an integrated South Africa, I think we speak the same language there."

Meyer said in a position statement issued by the New Movement Process earlier this year: "It is becoming increasingly clear that what is wanted is a diverse, compassionate party, unfettered by political baggage ... We will seek to form a new social partnership of all South Africans and of all our communities."

Marilyn Hoosen, a graduate student majoring in African Studies said the men have ulterior motives.

Hoosen argued that while Meyer and Holomisa may claim to want to build a multiracial party their real attempt is to ensure that Whites remain in the political life of South Africa.

It is a strategy to market the party, she said.

"They're teaming up with Black people, which dilutes the whole image of just putting out a White face. If you have a Black male and a White male they're likely to score more votes."

Others can only hope the alliance is genuine.

"I hope [Meyer's] reason for doing this is to be part of the future, for the cause of democracy," Munthali said.

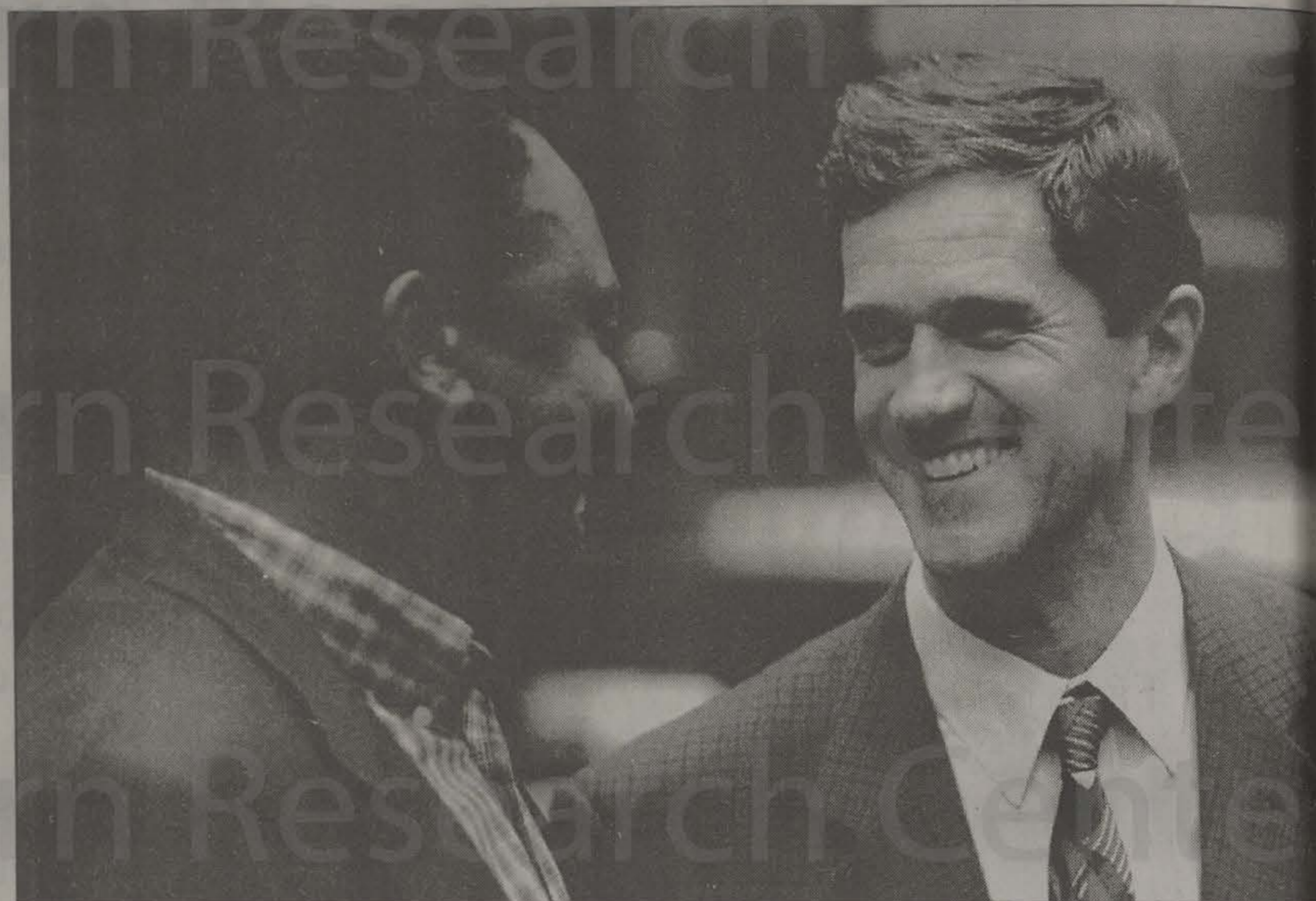


Photo by AP / Adil Bradlow

Cyril Ramaphosa and Roelf Meyer are co-founders of the new National Party in South Africa

To gain support from the people, some say the party needs credibility. Others say the party needs to raise funds and do some grassroots organizing.

The new party's code of ethics is still not known. While it supports the New South African constitution, the party criticizes the ANC for corruption and failure to fulfill policies properly or fairly.

Hoosen said criticizing the government is an old polit-

ical strategy, but the question is whether Meyer and Holomisa can do a better job.

The people of South Africa may not be as happy with the ANC as they were three years ago, but they care less about new parties as they do about improving their life chances, Hoosen said. She sees the party's only supporters among South Africans dissatisfied with the Truth Commission.

Activist Speaks Against Exploited Haitian Labor Disney Under Fire For Deplorable Working Conditions

By KAREN THOMAS

World Editor

Yannick Etienne, a Haitian labor activist, urged the Howard community to join the struggle in ending the exploitation of Haitian factory workers by Disney and other U.S.-owned corporations operating in the region.

"Workers are fighting to be treated as human beings in their own country," said Etienne, of the thousands of workers who sew clothes and assemble toys and other items for Disney.

"Radical changes are needed in Haiti — the crisis is so bad."

The discussion was sponsored by Witness For Peace, a D.C. based labor rights organization that seeks to change U.S.-foreign policies that contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean. The program was held Thursday at the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center.

The issue of worker exploitation in developing countries has heated recently as international and local human rights groups seek to end child labor and other inhumane working conditions.

Now, the groups have their sights set on Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Haiti's unemployment rate is almost 70 percent.

Etienne said she blames the United States who "is still calling the shots in Haiti."

Batan Ouvriye (meaning Workers Struggle), the organization Etienne works for, is trying to improve conditions, including wage increase, changing the economic policies and increasing workers rights both to organize and to fight all forms of abuse, she said.

Stressing the need to support the cause of sweatshop workers, Etienne detailed some of the factory conditions, such

as contaminated drinking water, unventilated buildings, low wages, verbal abuse, sexual harassment and other physical and psychological abuses.

In addition to sweatshops, abusive child labor is also a problem, Etienne said. Children as young as

turned Haiti in to a low wage export-oriented economy, Morris said.

"Right now, the United States sees Haiti as something it does not want to invest in," he said.

But since the campaign began, some factories have improved working

their workers better, she said.

Etienne said the government is not enforcing labor laws.

"The government is not working in the interest of the people," she said.

Etienne asked the audience to get educated



Local groups fight for improved conditions for Haitian factory workers.

eight work as domestic help in homes of well-to-do Haitians.

"It is really heartbreaking to see little kids working in those houses," she said.

Although factories pay the minimum wage, Etienne said it is not enough.

"Malnutrition is very high, workers cannot feed their families, buy clothes or send their children to school," Etienne said. "Instead, they are constantly in debt, they have to borrow money to live. The morning after pay day the worker is broke."

Lorenzo Morris, professor in the Department of Political Science and a member of the panel, said the deplorable conditions could have been avoided if the United States delivered the \$5 million it promised to Haiti two years ago.

The United States has

conditions by providing cleaner facilities and drinking water, Etienne said.

"It is important that people continue to support the campaign and continue to be involved," she said.

Disney and other corporations, Etienne said, have been exploiting cheap labor for too long.

"The United States interest in Haiti is cheap, cheap labor, cheap wage," she said. "This is not work for any human being, I don't think any human being should live in those conditions."

Etienne said the Haitian business elite treat workers similarly.

She urged Haitians abroad "with the right consciousness" to return and help. While Batan Ouvriye wants investors to remain in Haiti, it demands that they treat

about capitalism, free market abuses, and corporations and how they make the products we consume.

Christopher Clement, political science Ph.D. candidate, said the problem is the type of investment.

"It is clearly an imperialist mind-set where you invest in a country not to develop it but to destroy it," he said.

Etienne will tour the United States for three weeks, visiting churches, universities and solidarity groups in Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Florida lecturing people about Haiti's labor problems.

The group declared Oct. 4 as the National Day of Conscience to Stop Sweatshop Abuses.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1997	Howard Bison vs. Morehouse Tigers (Greene Stadium) 1pm - 4pm Step Show 5pm - 8pm The Resurrected Reunion From Alpha to Omega featuring: "Shabazz Brothers Urban Experience" Hip-Hop Fashion Show (D.C. Armory) Hip Hop Concert (D.C. Armory) 9pm - 12am	\$12 students adv. \$15 general adv. TBA



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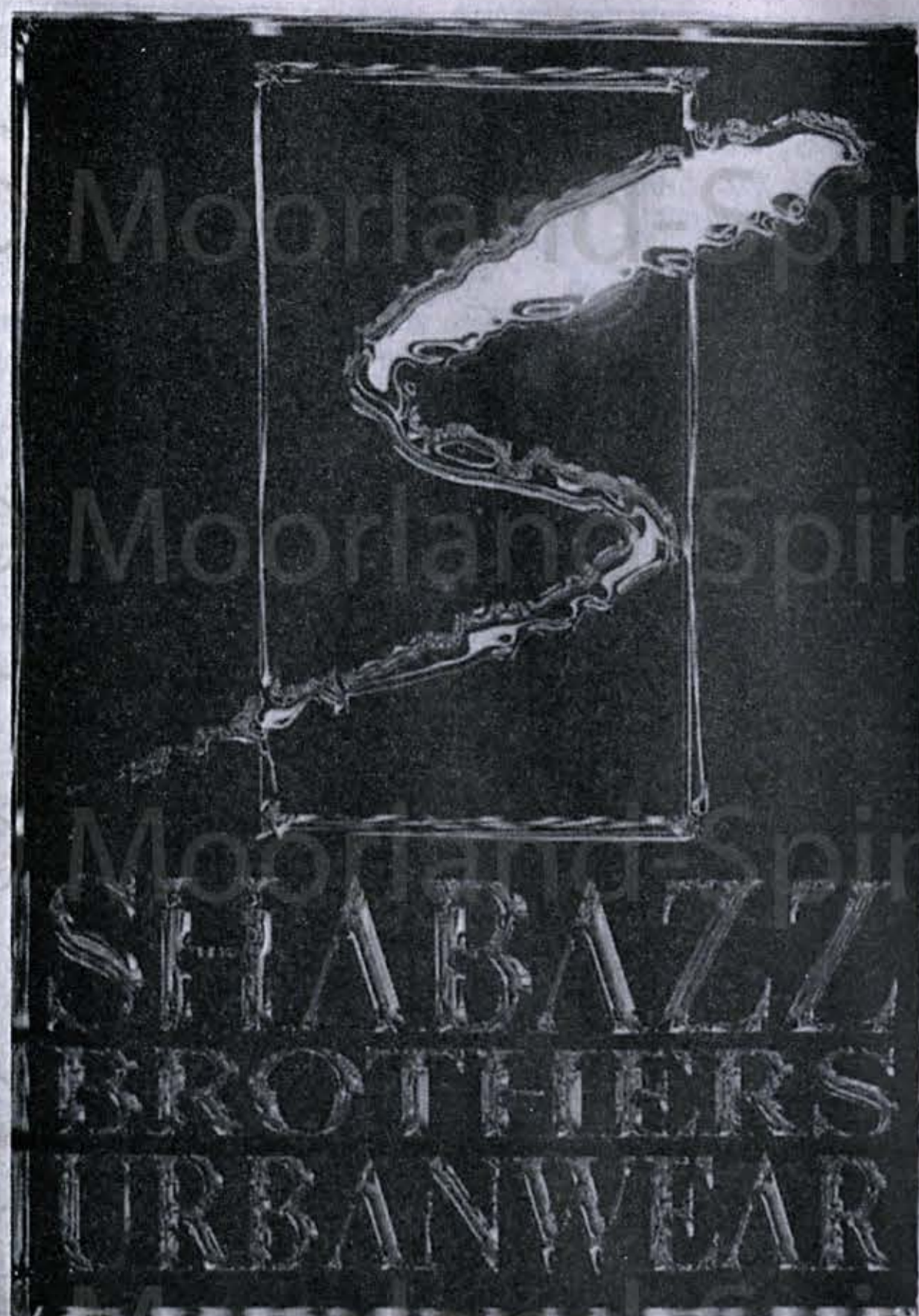
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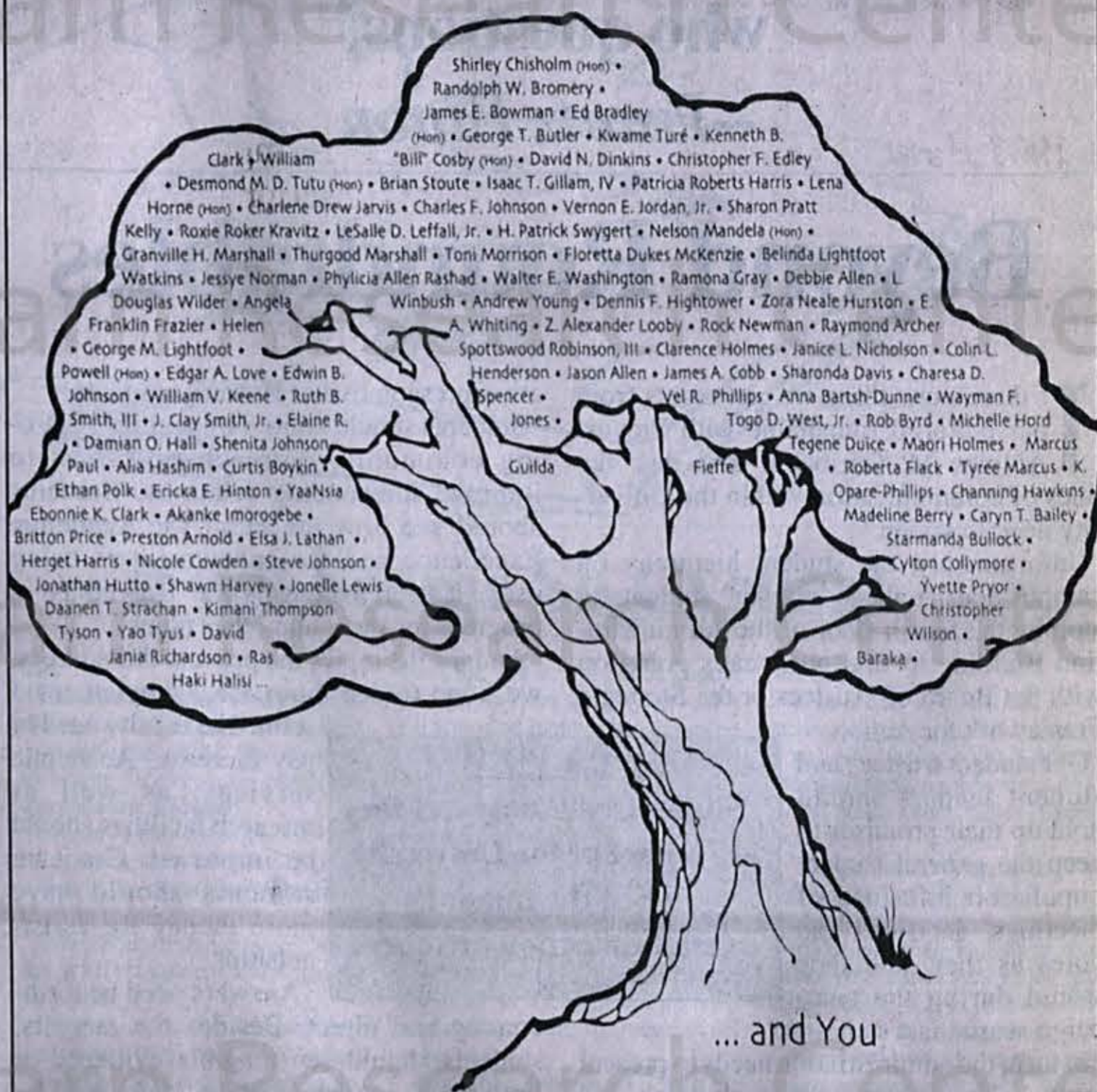
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EDITORIAL

THE HILLTOP

"Make of me always a man [woman] who questions."

--Frantz Fanon

Beyond Roundtables

If there's one thing we can assess from our editorial roundtable with Provost Antoine M. Garibaldi, it is this: the lines of communication within the University need to widen.

Unfortunately, the student hierarchy on campus doesn't allow "regular" students to stop by the fourth floor of the Administration Building to find out what's going on with the Board of Trustees or the Strategic Framework for Action.

Our student trustees and student leaders should hold up their promises to keep the general student population informed of meetings, decisions and votes as they said they would during the campaign season last semester.

In turn, the administration needs to present town hall meetings with a question and answer forum afterward. These small efforts save students from wondering, "What next and when?"

Students need disclosure and honesty concerning issues that affect them. While Garibaldi answered all of our questions, some things still lingered in our minds. The language of the Framework is written in legalese, so translators are necessary.

We need specifics about what will be the core curriculum. We need to know how diverse the student representation is on their implementation panels, and that they truly

are representative of Howard students.

Students should know the specifics regarding community outreach programs to improve surrounding relations. Students should see how the Fund for Academic Excellence and the endowment is being used. How far along is the University in progress for these and other plans?

And for the topics the provost did address, we hope to see those ideas implemented soon. The faculty needs a pay increase. Academic services, as well as research facilities should be improved. Graduate students should have more money for assistantships.

Answers need to be forthcoming and direct. Besides the mergers, students should see tangible evidence of Framework implementation. If not now, by May 1998. Granted, changes do not happen overnight, but more than just the physical and exterior ones should be apparent.

Sometimes questions such as these get wound up in promises and paltry explanations across the board at the University.

We strongly recommends communication. E-mail exists here and as do other modes of communication. Student leaders, remember that. Administrators, please practice it.

We all have a stake in this University, as it represents not only our children's future but the future of all Black people.

OUR VIEW:
Students will only feel they are a part of the University when the lines of communication are open.

NASA's Nuclear Crapshoot

As the Challenger space shuttle split, burning and careening across the atmosphere, the American people were once again reminded of humankind's fallibility.

But 10 years later it seems the pain of this tragedy and potential failure of launches following it have been ignored.

NASA's planned launch of the Cassini probe not only endangers the lives of Americans but the health of the entire globe.

Armed with 72.3 pounds of nuclear fuel, a Cassini disaster during launch or as the probe passes the Earth on its way to Saturn could effect some 5 billion people.

The Challenger disaster presents an alarming scenario.

The spacecraft's next scheduled launch was to carry 24.2 pounds of plutonium. Had the Challenger exploded with that amount of radioactive material on board, the radiation would have caused a fatal lung disease in every living person, scientists say.

The scientific achievements to be gained from Cassini's exploration of Saturn and its

moons could prove invaluable.

But the risks outweigh the benefits in this launch. NASA and the White House have demonstrated callous judgment in assessing its potential apocalyptic fallout.

Given government studied risk scenarios and the spotty record of space launches, President Clinton's decision to proceed with Cassini is reckless.

Several NASA scientists have quit because of the issue and now deride the administration for not exploring alternatives to the launch.

NASA purportedly could use solar radiation to power Cassini in space allowing the agency to comply with demands for a "smaller, faster, cheaper" program.

Instead, NASA plans to proceed next week pleasing only those who wish to see the further use of plutonium -- as a weapon of war.

Ironically, it is these individuals who have secured themselves elaborate emergency scenarios during nuclear fallout, while the rest of the world burns.

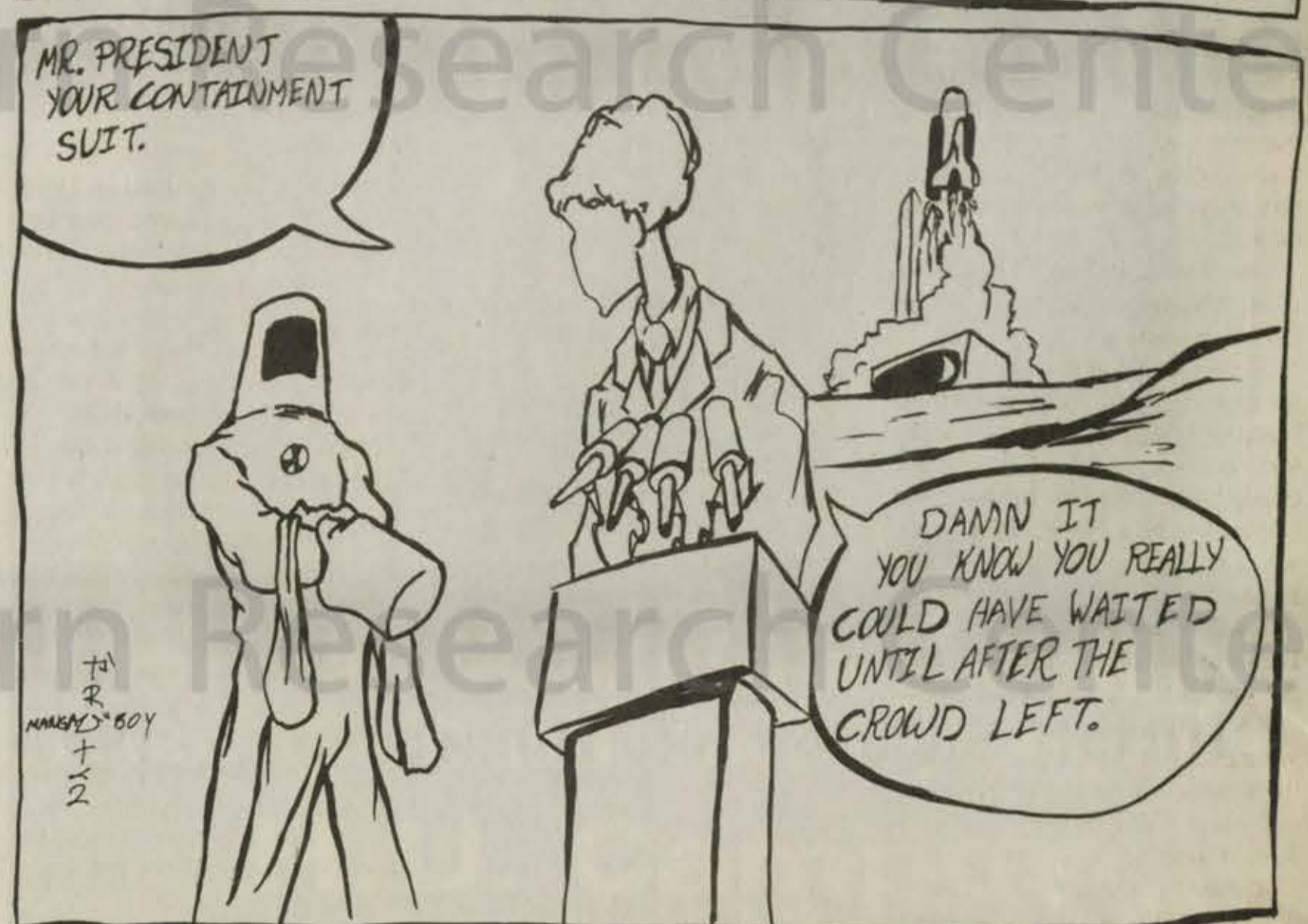
OUR VIEW:
The Cassini probe jeopardizes the lives of the entire world. President Clinton's decision to proceed with it is reckless.

Quote Of The Week:

"It's a shame because, it was the only language that linked Howard to West Africa. And because of that class, I have had an experience that changed my life."

Leanne Shepard, Howard Graduate Student who took Yoruba and studied in Nigeria.

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Racial Reconciliation: A Clinton Photo-Op

The Little Rock Nine reunion really disgusted me. I realize that it is indeed a milestone for those who endured the experience, but President Clinton, who has the authenticity of a three-dollar bill, is a hard-core trailer-trash-com-political-hypocrite.

Clinton loves dramatic occasions to show he is not racist. Who cares! I resent Clinton and his five-year legacy of backstabbing Black people, and his Racial Reconciliation Commission Panel along with his spotty record with Blacks leaves me cold.

He's Elmer Gantry with a little WD-40 on his fly.

Clinton's selection of Blacks for the Racial Commission offers a shrewd observer the clearest evidence that he has total contempt for Black people. This panel features two racial stereotypes John Hope Franklin (who is a great historian, but just too old) who acts as an uncle figure and Rev. Suzan Johnson who's the mammy-in-residence.

How does a man a thread away from 90 represent anybody in age-conscious America?

Clinton and Gore have pimped their new generation status for their campaign. Shouldn't Black folks too have a new generation of leadership? As for the Rev. Johnson, she claimed to be a Harvard professor when she was really just a White House Fellow.

However, nobody called her on it. How can we be sure of what they put her on the Commission for?

Black America is replete with young and authentic scholars and intellectuals capable of pleading our case. Clinton knows this. In fact, among the best people for the Commission the president knows are former Howard professors Mary Frances Berry and Ronald Walters. Professor Berry has served on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for more than a decade. Her reports are among the best research done on racial relations.

However, her advice and counsel have been ignored by the Clinton administration. Her recommendations continue to fall on deaf ears — Clinton's Manning Marable, James Jennings, Martin Kilson, Claybourne Carson, Leon Higginbotham and other intellectual jewels

MANNING MARABLE

Black Americans were outraged last month when New York City police officers brutally tortured a young Black man. Abner Louima, a 30-year-old Haitian immigrant employed as a security guard, was arrested after an altercation with police.

Once he had arrived at the precinct, Louima was viciously assaulted. Louima was raped with the wooden handle of a toilet plunger shoved up his rectum and then in his mouth, breaking his teeth.

The police officers screamed racist epithets as they worked on Louima. One attacker said, "This is Giuliani time, not Dinkins time," a reference to Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's predecessor, Black liberal Democrat David Dinkins.

Released in critical condition, the same cop threatened Louima that he would kill him and family if the incident became known.

However, the public outcry over

have not been called on by the "hugging president."

Clinton's personal treatment of Blacks leaves much to be desired. Whatever happened to all of his Black friends since 1992? Remember Lani Guanier, Dr. Henry Foster, Dr. Jocelyn Elders, Hazel O'Leary, Ronald Brown, Mike Espy, Cleo Fields ...

What about Clinton's silence of the elimination of the majority-Black congressional districts in 1996? Or his failure to create an urban policy for the hurting cities?

Clinton was mum on rulings that keep Blacks and Hispanics in jail caught with crack-cocaine 10 times longer than Whites apprehended with powder-cocaine? Why did 90 Black churches have to burn before he spoke up?

Where are the billions of dollars promised to South Africa and Haiti? Who highlighted Black females for the signing of the welfare reform bill? Why has he been silent about Nigeria? Why is covert aid still going to Jonas Savimbi in Angola?

Why have the number of claims of racial discrimination soared but no investigation by the EEOC? Look what he's let happen to Washington, D.C.

All this under his watch.

The same Clinton who attacked Sista Souljah is the same Clinton I know, and he's the one who has a face and a forked-tongue attuned to each audience.

His phony Horton-hears-a-hoo-I-ain't-a-racist act is totally unbelievable and disingenuous. Any myopic soul can see the only thing he's done for Black folk is smooze them. And, sadly, there are so many with deep-seated inferiority complexes who would fight any foe and bare and burden to be petted by a grinning White man.

Until Blacks tire of White, liberal paternalistic racism and symbolism, we will be deserving losers and chaff in this society.

The writer is a Hilltop columnist.



SEAN TIERNEY

It All Seems So Cyclical

After graduating from the University of Rhode Island in 1995, I worked at Adult Correctional Institution, the Rhode Island State Prison. I taught inmates very basic life skills such as budgeting money, securing community resources, how to interview for a job and sometimes basic math skills.

Whereas the national recidivism rate for convicted criminals is 70 percent; for our program it was only 30 percent. The inmates I worked with were predominantly Black and their educational level was extremely low.

I always stressed the importance of education and learning. I told them education was the key to staying out of jail. During my time at the prison, I found that out of inmates who receive college degrees, 97 percent of them never re-offend.

Given the big business nature of corrections, it is no wonder inmates can no longer receive Pell Grants. The federal government pulled the grant that funded our program after 10 weeks. I began to understand not just the power of knowledge, but of ignorance.

I met James Garros at the Institution. He was in his mid-20s and had done six years for putting a drug dealer in the hospital.

I never could see that side of him, and I was grateful. The funny thing is that the victim, after recovering from the attack, gave up "the life," returned to school and went to col-

lege. James said he understood what he did was wrong and that he deserved to spend time in jail. Having been locked up for five years, James had a good sense of humor.

One day I bemoaned the fact that there was no way to connect a television in the classroom to the cable that ran across the ceiling.

"No problem," James said. "After lunch I'll bring in my shank and we can splice it in!"

Everyone but me started laughing, and when they noticed I wasn't laughing, they laughed even more. I wasn't sure if he was kidding or not. I doubted he would do it, just as I doubted he had a shank. But I wasn't sure, and I think James knew that.

That's what I mean about his sense of humor. I started laughing too, because I knew James would be fine. Anyone who could joke like that after doing five years in prison would have to make it.

Through talking to him I discovered that he had never read a book from start to finish. I was surprised, but not shocked. I read daily, and I believe it is the best thing to keep your mind sharp. I assigned books for everyone to read with subjects they would enjoy. The subjects were predictable: the Mafia, sex, serial murders, sex, the Vietnam War, sex-true crimes, sex, true sex, etc. I didn't see the point in trying to force the classics on them.

For James, I chose "Catch Me If

You Can," a true story of an impostor who posed as an attorney, a pilot a doctor and many other things he was not. James enjoyed it and was willing to discuss it in class. He even wrote a book report, as did everyone else.

My supervisor was surprised when he found out I was able to get the men to do such work. He didn't think it was possible. I knew it was. The first victim of incarceration is the mind. If left to atrophy, it will shut down, making the return to jail more likely.

James had done so well with his first book that I gave him another, Elmore Leonard's "Rum Punch," a gritty tale about criminals in Florida. I figured James would enjoy the dialogue and situations. The next day he cornered me in class. "This is the worst book I ever read!" he said.

"James, it's the second book you've ever read. You're not really saying much. What's the matter with it?" I said.

"These people talk like morons!" he said, referring to Leonard's use of street expressions, vulgarity and dialects, for which the author is not only known but venerated.

"They talk like real everyday people, James. I thought you'd like it."

"I hear people say this s--- all the time in here! If I'm gonna go through the trouble to read a book, I wanna hear decent English!" I couldn't argue with him on that point, but I convinced him finish

the book.

Soon after, my position at the prison was terminated. That spring, I ran into Jason, another inmate, who had been paroled. He asked if I had heard about James. I said I hadn't.

"He got stabbed, man. He died. Wasn't out but a few days."

Apparently, James had been paroled less than four days when someone stabbed and killed him. The attacker was in custody, and I remember thinking that it all seemed so cyclical—as if prison was a contagious disease.

James Garros was not a perfect man, but he was a human being. He had a little girl to take care of because her mother was addicted to crack. I still think about James and how he died having read only two books, and they were the books I gave him.

I do not know how many books I have read in my life, and cannot remember their names, but I know of two I can never forget. They weren't enough to keep him alive. He never even got to see if they were enough to keep him out of jail.

James Garros will never read this as you are now doing, and I don't believe it is only the fault of the man who stabbed him.

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Killer Cops Out Of Control

Nobody Turn Us Around," the marchers represented a range of religious, labor and civil rights organizations.

Protesters, outraged at the shooting of two Hispanic young men by Bronx police officers, staged a boisterous sit-in in October 1995 outside the Bronx District Attorney's office.

On June 13, 1996, in Brooklyn, Aswan Keshawn Watson, an unarmed 21-year-old Black male, was killed by two White plainclothes officers who fired 18 bullets into him. Activists in central Brooklyn held a mass forum on August 5, 1996, charging Watson's death "as evidence of blatant police contempt."

On May 2, 1997, a Brooklyn grand jury found the officers "were justified in believing themselves to be in danger" when they mistakenly judged Watson's car steering-wheel lock for a gun.

In Patterson, NJ, in February 1995, teenagers led a demonstration

outside that city's police headquarters to protest the killing of a sixteen-year-old by a rookie police officer. In Staten Island on May 1, 1994, hundreds of school children, parents and working people marched in the Clifton section of the borough to protest the death of Ernest Savon, who was allegedly beaten to death by police. To publicize the scores of police shootings of Black and Latino young men in metro New York since 1993, several mothers' groups and community activists have organized annual protests on the theme, "Racial Justice Day."

The April 1997 rally brought 300 protesters to City Hall Park. As the demonstration moved uptown toward Washington Square Park, chanting "The people united will never be defeated," hundreds of onlookers joined the march, growing the estimated number to 1,000.

In other major American cities, the same situation exists. In Chicago, on July 30, 1995, Joseph Gould,

an unarmed homeless Black man, was killed by an off-duty White police officer. The policeman was first charged only with "official misconduct," but after a series of public demonstrations the Illinois state attorney increased the charge to "armed violence." On Oct. 3, 1995, Honduran immigrant Jorge Guillen died in police custody from suffocation. The state attorney refused to prosecute, claiming "lack of evidence of any criminal conduct." These and other incidents prompted some Chicago activists to organize a demonstration marking a "National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality, Repression and Criminalization of a Generation," on Oct. 22, 1996.

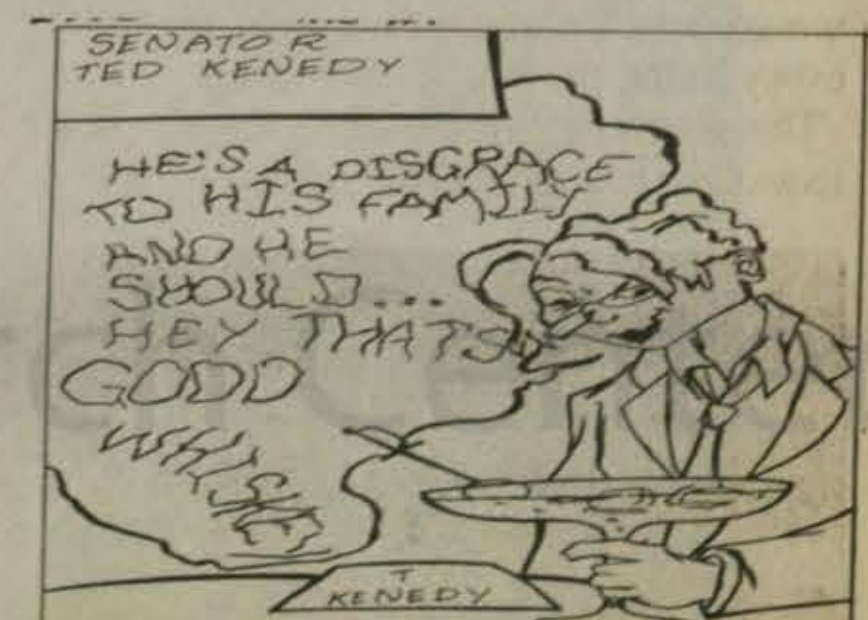
In San Francisco of June 1995, militant protesters packed a meeting of the city's police commission to denounce the killing of a Black man by officers.

In July 1994, a crowd of demonstrators protested at a police district station in Baltimore, denounc-

ing the death of a Black man, Jesse Chapman, while in custody. In nearby Prince George's County that same year, Archie Elliot III, a Black man, was shot 14 times by two county police officers. Dorothy Copp Elliot, the deceased's mother, began speaking out at community events and neighborhood churches "to protest her son's death."

To stop police violence requires more than lawsuits. We must not be silent. We must protest to defend the lives of our brothers, sons and husbands.

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Pitter-Patter Of Little Feet

College Students Cope With Parenthood, Classes

By HEATHER SAVAGE

Hilltop Staff Writer



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Dionna Smith juggles books and bottles with 14-month-old son Ahmad.



Dionna Smith walks across campus with a small lingering shadow that does not disappear at night.

Smith, a senior legal communications major, should be among the Who's Who of Howard University students. Not only for her scholastic abilities, but for her dual role as full-time student and mother.

Studying for midterms is not the same for Smith as it is for other students. She may have to put down her pen to read a bedtime story or change a diaper.

A long blink may mean danger for Smith. While attempting to chat on the telephone, the little hands of her 14-month-old son, Ahmad, take him far beyond "mommy's boundaries."

"No honey, please don't play with that. We can't play with those things," said Smith to her son.

Smith entered the world of motherhood in her junior year of college. Ahmad gives his mother's life a set of responsibilities far different from that of other college students.

From 7 a.m., Smith and Ahmad's father Jerry Bratton, also a Howard student, alternate parent and student shifts.

Before Ahmad entered day-care two weeks ago, Smith would leave him home with Bratton for her to work from 8 to 11 a.m. When she arrived home Bratton would go to class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Smith would then have to go to class while Bratton watches Ahmad from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Finally, Smith is in for the night as Bratton goes to work from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"We don't have much free time at all," Smith said. "If a class is canceled, it would be to my best benefit to go to the library."

But this mom doesn't always go to class alone. Sometimes, all the help the couple receives is not enough and Ahmad is required to be on his best behavior next to Smith in class. However, two hours of Introduction to Debate can prove trying to even the most well-mannered 14-month-old.

"He's not always so cooperative in class, but my professor Dr. Thomas is very patient with him," Smith said.

Smith is very optimistic about the response she has received from other students on campus. She said most men are very respectful of her determination to her

college endeavors.

"Everyone has been very helpful and supportive," she said. "A lot of people are curious ... so they'll ask me about my situation."

Every situation has its challenges. Finances has been one of the biggest challenges for Smith. She said supporting a child and going to school can be a financial burden.

The roles of a student and mother have been an obstacle that presents Smith with new hurdles everyday.

"We both have a lot of schoolwork, but I try really hard not to take out my frustrations on Ahmad," Smith said.

Smith said she realizes her child must be given a chance to be a child. In her free time, she takes Ahmad to the park so he can play.

"We make the best of every free moment we have," Smith said.

After graduating, Smith plans to attend law school. Not only one that is enriching to her, but one that will be equally rewarding to her son. Day-care programs rank high among her selection criteria.

One Howard mother took it upon herself to unite other cradle-rocking coeds. Denise VanDeCruz, a senior chemistry and chemical engineer double major, formed a group called College Parents Association in 1994. This organization's foundation was an effort for college parents to get together in support of one another.

"We're working on becoming a recognized organization at Howard University," VanDeCruz said. "Unfortunately, it's not as active as I want it to be because I don't have enough time."

As a mother of 3-year-old Nneke, VanDeCruz knows the benefits this organization offers college parents who seek other outlets for consolation.

"The College Parents Association enriches the quality of life for a child," VanDeCruz said. "Some of these parents have no support groups whatsoever. ... This organization will enable them to be better parents."

The organization, not limited to women, focuses on decreasing the burdens of parenting for a college student. The group trades clothing with one another, sets up car pooling for their children and gives advice as to what schools are the best in the area.

Groups such as these were not always available for college parents like VanDeCruz, who had to learn on her own what

challenges parenting and going to school would bring. Realizing that any decisions she made would have to be in the best interests of not only herself but her daughter Nneke, VanDeCruz took some time away from the books to get a better focus on her future.

"I needed that time to figure out what I wanted to do," she said. "My whole perspective had to change ... you're sacrificing everything for your child."

Now VanDeCruz is back and she is continuing her efforts to assist other college parents who may have to make some of the tough decisions she made along the way.

The emphasis of the organization is for the well-being of the child, who is also experiencing a unique lifestyle.

But these campus moms are not the only ones who have had to take on a dual role. Since March of 1996, Eric Dedmon, senior health management major, has worn the hat of student and parent.

LaTyra, Dedmon's daughter, lives with her mother in Detroit, but she spent last summer with her father, and wanted all his attention.

"She's at the age where she wants to get into everything," Dedmon said. "She doesn't just sit there, so I have to give her all the attention she needs."

Because he was in school this summer, Dedmon had to manage his schedule around LaTyra's naps and play times.

"It gets really hectic at times," Dedmon said. "I have to dedicate my time to schoolwork, but I can't ignore her. ... I have to put aside my work and spend time with her."

Though Dedmon's situation is a little different from VanDeCruz's and Smith's, he said he understands the many challenges of parenthood. He said time management would be the most difficult challenge if LaTyra lived with him.

Whether these three parents are studying for midterms, implementing programs or singing nursery rhymes to their young ones, they have proved to give a new meaning to the "all around college student."

For more information about College Parents Association call (202) 667-0224 or access the group's website at www.cldc.howard.edu/~cpa

Websites Of The Week

www.gowendy.com

New York's radio talk show host Wendy Williams' new website dishes dirt on the hottest musicians and entertainers on a weekly basis.

Williams, a disc jockey on New York City's Hot 97, is known for having the biggest mouth on air. Her website, like her talk show, is off the hook.

The website features the "Grimee," which is probably where many people read the notorious article written by Sadat X about the "Gay Rapper."

This week's "Grimee" features Williams' interview with Arnell Simpson and Vivica Fox. The interviews are usually not very informative and sometimes they make you wonder whether Williams did her homework before she interviewed these people.

"Soul Food," a movie Fox stars in, was not mentioned in Williams' interview.

The website also contains a section called "Interviews" and shows where DJ Skeletor gives the low-down on special events and parties going on within the tri-state area. Skeletor, who is also a DJ on Hot 97 writes about how much fun he had drinking at these parties, but he forgets to advertise on-line.

The website offers "Off the Press," a place where Williams airs the dirty laundry of some of the entertainment industry's major players. This is a place where you can find out who's dating who, who's gay, who's straight and who's into picking up transsexuals.

This week, Williams reveals that a certain foxy lady is getting engaged to the man she burned. Ooooooh.

The site used to contain letters written by the public exposing the shady lives of various artists as well as a section dedicated to pictures of Wendy Williams hanging out at industry parties with the famous and not so rich. The site is undergoing a major renovation process, so now those sections are not available. The graphics are not spectacular, but if you're looking for gossip, this is the place to go.

www.phys.com

Whether you are fighting the "freshman 15" or "super senior 70," proper eating habits are always essential.

Catch up on the latest trends in health and fitness at this website. Learn what's bad and why. The site, which boasts as being the only place online to read Allure articles, provides information on healthier alternatives to food.

The site also recommends the calorie conscious making gravy at home.

-- Compiled by Aisha Williams

Herbalism: Alternative Remedies For The Mind, Body, Spirit

AISHA HOOKS

Staff Writer

Shelves are stocked with medium and small jars filled with green, orange and yellow twigs and bark. All come from the earth and all are used to remedy many of life's discomforts.

Herbal remedies is healing by nature," said Etanah Withers, a former Howard University student. "It's nature's way of healing as opposed to chemicals, and man-made things. I live naturally because it is a natural healing because it is a natural way."

Withers frequents the Blue Nile, an herbal store for those looking for a natural alternative to today's modern medicine. This store offers a natural solution for those suffering from headaches, the common cold, menstrual cramps, asthma, high blood pressure, stress or other ailments that affect the body.

Entering the store visitors are delighted to see an assortment of spices, books, vitamins, body care products, fabric, herbal preparations, incense, jewelry and candles.

There is a vast and growing interest in natural remedies as alternative medicine. Herbs are most commonly consumed as a tea. Traditional teas are safe, convenient and easy to use. Herbal teas can be prepared over the counter or they can be prepared at home by adding

Herbal Stores

Blue Nile
2826 Georgia Ave.
(202) 232-3535

Hetep Foods
2849 Georgia Ave.
(202) 332-7247

Senbeb Natural Food Store
5924 Georgia Ave.
(202) 723-5566

Naturally Yours
2029 P St.
(202) 429-1718

Yes Natural Gourmet
1825 Columbia Rd.
(202) 462-5150

the herb to boiling water. Herbs can also be taken in a powder form that can be stirred into a drink.

Tyson caught on the herbal wave three years ago after a relative suffered from side effects of modern medicine.

Tyson stressed the importance of women using natural healing methods. She recommends a mixture of red raspberry and blue cohosh to soothe menstrual cramps. This mixture is effective because it relaxes the muscles. In order to get the full effect, she suggests following a healthy regimen.

"I do not take anything artificial," said Troy Withers, a fresh-



Photo by Aida Muluneh

man history major.

Withers recommends using herbal remedies because the ingredients are all natural.

"Herbal remedies encourage life instead of a quick fix," Withers said. Withers said he uses cayenne to remedy colds, ginger to boost energy levels, and his sister drinks lemon juice to relieve menstrual cramps.

There are many benefits in choosing herbal remedies over modern medicine. Herbs can be easily digested, they are less expensive, they cleanse more than one organ and allow a person to have more control over what enters their body.

Commonly Used Herbs:

Black Cohosh -- provides relief for asthma, high blood pressure, bronchitis both chronic and acute.

Chamomile -- provides relief for menstrual cramps, hysteria, insomnia, fevers and nervousness.

Dandelion -- promotes a healthy circulation, strengthens weak arteries and cleanses skin blemishes.

Dong Quai -- is effective against almost every type of complaint dealing with the female system.

Echinacea -- increases the production of white blood cells thus improving the body's ability to resist infections. It is a natural antibiotic and helps remove toxins from the blood. It has been said to help against HIV.

Ginger -- is good for fighting off colds and the flu, relieves headaches, and other aches and pains, removes congestion and stuffy noses.

Ginkgo -- is good for increasing memory power.

Ginseng -- stimulates the entire body to overcome fatigue and weakness.

Goldenseal -- is valuable for all congestion, either in the nasal area, bronchial tubes, throat, intestines, stomach or bladder.

"My mother has experienced some positive effects from using herbal remedies," said Ekkulanza Nabugemi, a physics major. "After my mother used herbal remedies, her energy level was higher, her hair grew back, her cataract cleared up and her skin was rejuvenated."

According to Nabugemi, herbal remedies heal the entire person. She said her mother began thinking more positively.

Nabugemi uses a mixture of senna, burdock, dandelion root and uva ursi to cleanse several organs.

Herbs at the Blue Nile range

from \$.80 to \$5.00 per ounce. The beginner should start by drinking the recommended eight glasses a day to flush out the impurities in the system. Taking vitamin C will also help fight infections.

Most importantly, a person should not rush for results.

"It is all about a process," Withers said. "It is not an overnight thing."

Before using any alternative remedies, consumers should research the various herbs and consult with their doctor.

PULSE

Like Father, Like Son

'Monk On Monk' Keeps Music In The Family

By CHARISSE LAMBERT

Hilltop Staff Writer

The music of jazz legend Thelonious Monk explored the artistic vision of a man who took the piano from stride to bob, to classical to urban, and beyond. Monk, the master, was a traditionalist who went outside of tradition to help write the book on modern jazz.

Drummer T.S. Monk, the late pianist and composer's son, assembled an array of all-star musicians to commemorate what would be the 80th birthday of the late jazz master at the legendary Blues Alley Club in Georgetown last Thursday and Friday.

The lively, 80-minute jam session opened with the heart-pounding composition "I Mean You," with the band leader vigorously providing the rhythmic foundation for the unvarnished sound and power of

the gathered musicians.

The evening was a showcase for the uncensored passion of jazz music. Monk navigated the musical excursion with the crash of his Zildjian cymbals, as the nine assembled musicians showcased their talents, highlighting cuts from the tribute recording "Monk on Monk."

The album features a dream team of musicians, including pianists Herbie Hancock, Geri Allen and Danilo Perez; saxophonists Jimmy Heath and Wayne Shorter; trumpeters Arturo Sandoval, Wallace Roney and Roy Hargrove; and singers Kevin Mahogany, Dianne Reeves and Nnenna Freelon. Freelon appeared alongside Monk, displaying the range in her magical scat on the cut, "Suddenly," also known as "In Walked Bud."

The exhilarating musicianship of the ensemble was apparent in the lively performance of "Jackie-ing," that highlighted the talent of the

collective, which included the efforts of Bobby Watson, Eddie Bert and Howard Johnson. Howard awed all in attendance with his skills on the baritone sax.

The highlight of the set was the performance of "Crepuscle with Nellie," perhaps one of Monk's best composed pieces, which accentuated the serene sounds of Willie Williams on soprano saxophone to the audience's delight.

"The show was gratifying because it showed the strength of jazz music, past, present and future," said Alim Rodgers, a jazz enthusiast at Blues Alley Club. "In lieu of the recent death of WDCU (an all jazz radio station) and other attempts at the extinction of the jazz art form, nights like these prove that jazz is still alive and being heard. It's just important to support it."

Electric Relaxation: Local Radio Stations Aim To Please Washington, Student Listeners

By CHARISSE LAMBERT

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Being that life is rhythm and rhythm is life, it is imperative for today's college student to stay on beat. Local radio stations provide music and entertainment that enable students to alleviate the stress of a long day high on "the Hilltop."

For the early birds who are able to rise and shine, Russ Parr and Olivia Fox start your morning off. Hosting the "Russ Parr in the Morning Show," from 6-10 a.m. every weekday on WKYS-93.9 FM, Russ and Olivia keep audiences rolling to work or school by mastering a coupling of music and comedy.

"The key to this show is balance," Parr said.

"We are the people's station and we provide the voice of the people," Fox said. "We address topics that concern people, things that are going on, or stories that are in the news."

Some of the popular characters that frequent the airwaves are Annie Awesome, Incomplete and the infamous Mickey.

"I enjoy doing all the characters, but Mickey is probably the most popular," Parr said. "The key to doing the characters is making use of improv skills. None of it's planned. We just do it and if it's funny, then we go with it."

On the show, the two make fun of everyone from athletes to politicians. The morning crew consisting of Parr, Fox, Queen Aishah, Big Ted and the show's producer.

"Make sure that you give the ladies of the Russ Parr Morning Show their props," said Fox, as she prepares herself for another mic break. "This isn't like some places where there's just a female sidekick."

Although this comment was offered in jest, the issues of women in radio is often overlooked.

"Most women are placed in midday or late nights and there aren't a lot of opportunities for us to get on the morning or afternoon drives," Fox said. "Things have changed somewhat, but it is still a struggle for women to get certain opportunities."

The cohesiveness that Parr and Fox exhibit in the studio can be felt over the airwaves.

"I love Russ in the morning," said Terrance Carter, a junior political science major. "All the different characters that he does, the comedy skits. I especially like the Norv Turner parodies. The brother is funny."

In addition to keeping people

laughing in the morning, Parr and Fox address social topics such as Black-on-Black crime, relationships and domestic violence.

"Because we are on the radio and people do hear us, it is important to attempt to impact people's lives," Parr said. "If what I do or say every day can impact someone's life, then I feel like I have given back and am making a difference in people's lives, and that is important to me."

In the afternoons, the station to have your dial locked on is WPGC-95.5 FM. Adimu hosts the afternoon drive from 2-6 p.m., keeping listeners in tune with the latest "butters" on the street.

A 1996 graduate of Hampton University, Adimu came to WPGC last year as the co-host of Love Talk and Slow Jams, WPGC's hot, nighttime talk and love dedications show.

"When I was doing Love Talk, I was so focused on making that

younger, more contemporary audience. Labeling itself as the station that represents hip hop and R&B, WPGC targets listeners 18-34 years old, by appealing to the street sound made popular by stations in larger markets, such as New York's Hot 97.

"I listen to WPGC on my way home because they play what's hot," said Patrice Neville, a senior biology major. "The mixes during rush hour keep me grooving in my car while traffic is backed up on the Beltway."

Loaded with an arsenal of DJs, WPGC's Five O'Clock Mix Tape session blesses the true beat junkie with the illest cuts and mixes of hip hop, R&B and old school dance tracks. Beware of DJ Tracy spinning the rare grooves and house classics. This lady is no joke on the wheels of steel.

For the mature souls, WMMJ-102.3 FM and WHUR-96.3 FM provide the best in the soul classics of the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, while playing the hits of the 1990s. WMMJ provides the programming that caters to the needs of an adult contemporary audience. In addition, the stations Saturday Night Old School Party with Special K plays the classic jams from the 1970s and 1980s.

The originators of "The Quiet Storm," WHUR gives listeners the music to cool out to after a hard day's work.

"HUR's Quiet Storm is the best around because they started the format," said Eric Daley, a senior finance major. "They mix the old jams with the current adult hits—that is good listening during the late nights or when you want to just chill."

WPFW-89.3 FM is the solution for those who yearn for a variety of Black music. A listener-funded radio station, WPFW takes listeners on a rhythmic voyage through all forms of ethnic music. From jazz to the world beat, WPFW provides a vast array of rhythms that provide entertainment and culture to listeners.

"WPFW is the choice selection for jazz and blues, particularly with the closing of WDCU," said Derrick Hollis, a junior radio production major. "They provide a cultural alternative to the monotony of mainstream radio stations."

Central African Treasures Displayed At African Museum Of Art

By ERIKA WORTHAM

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The National Museum of African Art is currently the home of some of the most exquisite pieces of African art in the world. The traveling exhibit, "Treasures from Tervuren," is a display of selections from the Belgian Royal Museum for Central Africa, which was founded in 1897-1898 by King Leopold II of Belgium.

The Belgian Museum, considered the world's greatest collection of Central African art, includes more than 250,000 objects. The international traveling exhibit is showcasing some 125 works selected from the galleries and storerooms of the Tervuren Museum.

Upon entrance into the exhibit, there is an odd humanistic figure made of wood pigments, glass resin, iron and leopard claws welcoming viewers.

The unique figurine has fine details including prominent ribs that indicate lung ailments and a protruding tongue that alludes to the practice of licking ritual medicines. The male figurine also carries a bag that holds magical elements.

Throughout this exhibit, viewers can see intriguing figures that fascinate with its cultural significance and imaginative simplicity. The exhibit also includes several large and complete Kongo *minkisi*, figures that hold powerful medicines. These figures are colored with red and black pigments that serve as a reminder that a *minkisi* acts not only to cure illnesses, but also to bring retribution.

Other objects in the showcase include royal regalia such as stools, staffs and containers. There are also a variety of masks, ranging from naturalistic white-faced Kongo diviner's masks to a Pende mask with a flowing beard of ram's hair topped with a crest of blue feathers.

One piece that is significant to the exhibit is an obscure coffin from the Ntomba peoples. A human figure

lay atop the coffin intended to represent the deceased.

Several gallery discussions are planned in conjunction with the exhibit. These lectures will deviate from the norm by including more intellectual lectures. The lectures will be paired with special tours focused on specific objects for further enjoyment and understanding.

Londyn Simms, a sophomore

respect, and they helped the and infertile.

The public's response to the exhibit has been good, but not near overwhelming according to Bryna Freyer, coordinating curator for the exhibit. She said she people should be lined up.

"It is definitely a unique chance," Freyer said. "I don't anticipate [sures from Tervuren] coming



Photo by Roger Assel

A statue of a drummer from Zaire is part of "Treasures from Tervuren," an exhibit at the National Museum of African Art.

human development major, attended the special exhibit and lectures and was enlightened by the exhibit's offerings.

"It features different aspects of African society and culture and gives an understanding of how Africans perceive art," Simms said.

Each of the treasures holds special meaning. The chief's staff is an enduring link between ancestors and the living. The staff also served as a communication facilitator and legitimized the chief's rule. The many masks throughout the exhibit represented obedience and

another 30 years. The objects are fragile and so rare that if we National Museum of African Art had them, we probably would lend them."

After its stop in Washington, the exhibit will travel to Fort Worth, Tex.; San Francisco, New York, and Chicago. European cities include Dusseldorf, Germany and Barcelona, Spain.

Central African Treasures will be on display in Washington from Oct. 19. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call (202) 357-4814.

Poetry: An Alternative To Mainstream Hip hop

By

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Poetry, a synthesis of hip hop, is entering the new millennium with a touch of pizzazz. Poetry is redefining its traditional vibe and delivery, catering towards an audience that is ready for change.

Being revitalized by a combination of live jazz, hip-hop instrumentals and saucy slang, poetry is creating a style that breathes innovation into a free flowing verse, much like The Last Poet's Gil Scott Heron and his echoes of "the revolution will not be televised."

The cipher, as a movement, like most innovative creations, is spreading on college campuses. Howard University has embraced the cipher movement into its setting of hip-hop junkies through upcoming Homecoming festivities. Next week, the Homecoming Committee will present its annual Poetry Cipher in full effect, inviting all students to vibe and share works of all genres.

Howard alumnus Duane McDonald, owner of Down Low Entertainment Productions, has tasted this new flavor. Donald encourages hip-hop lovers to embrace poetry as its "Eve," while hip hop remains the "Adam" of the industry. McDonald is working with several lyricists who carry this innovative style of rhyming.

Many would like to separate poetry from hip hop, but poet Falona Brown, a senior sociology major doesn't see a reason for the separation.

"Poetry is hip hop and I don't see hip hop going anywhere," Brown said.

As poetry ciphers creep into joints like Bar None,

State Of The Union, Georgia Cafe and even the Burn Gallery Lounge, redundant talk of "b—s" and "hoes" are being wiped out by poetic modification.

Marlon Benjamin, a sophomore COBIS major, calls himself "Master of Self," a reference to his lyrical prowess. He defines artistic innovation as "an artist's unique expression of his or her's creative nature within a cipher."

As the cipher continues, artificial lyricists are a their contradictory states "keepin' it real." One attempts to "keep it real," ever, is lyricist Dionysus. Senior management major Eagle said poetry will create new flavor establishing "a new activity, conscientiousness and ituality" for all audiences. He said "hip hop is a culture that will evolve and capture the minds of the young, giving them food for thought."

Living in today's world, it is time for young Black men to feed their souls and not their egos. It is our responsibility as a community to innovate and control what we want to be instead of being "pimped" by the industry.

Symmons Charest, sophomore physician's assistant major, said an artist should take a stand for what he or she believes in. "Don't allow yourself to be exploited," Charest said.

As we drop "past the blunt" rhymes at the back of the line, there enters a new flavor for the new millennium. The cipher continues to bless its audiences with the essence of freestyling, feeding poetic innovation into dead lyrics.

From the eyes of Brown, "the revolution will not be the entertainment."

Check out next week's Homecoming Poetry Cipher on Monday, 6-9 p.m. at Cramton Auditorium featuring Nikki Giovanni.



Photo by Belinda Vickerson

Russ Parr, of WKYS-FM, is on the air weekday mornings.

show the best possible show and we took that show to the number one show in the city for that slot," said Adimu, during a break from a live broadcast. "I wasn't really thinking about doing the afternoon drive, but when the opportunity presented itself, I was willing to meet the challenge."

Indeed, it was a challenge. Adimu was filling the shoes of longtime host Albie Dee, who decided to make a change by moving to WPGC's sister station in Baltimore to do the morning show.

"There was a lot of pressure taking over after Albie Dee left," Adimu said. "I am young and I feel that the changes made in the show reflect the changes that the station is undergoing, in terms of our format."

Adimu attributes the success of his show to his background.

"I am only 23 years old, so I am able to bring a knowledge and understanding of this music and culture to the airwaves," he said. "I am articulating what is hot on the streets."

WPGC is heavily involved in format changes. Attempting to separate from the competition, WPGC has shifted to a more urban contemporary format that targets a

WEEKEND BEAT

Things To Do Around The District, Maryland, Virginia

Performances:

Dance Place features "Women of Substance," a mixture of dance, music and theater performed by three of Washington's most accomplished African-American female artists: Kimberli Boyd, Kwelismith and Michelle Parkerson. Performances are tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Following the Saturday performance will be a post-performance discussion with the artists. A movement improvisation workshop will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (202) 269-1600. Dance Place is located at 3225 Eighth St. N.E. Student discount tickets are \$12.

The Kennedy Center presents a tribute to Muddy Waters, King of the Blues, hosted by Billy Dee Williams. Performances include Bill Morris, Bo Diddley, Keb Mo and G.E. Smith's band direction. For more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W. Tickets are \$35-50.

Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center with alto saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera will be featured Monday, Oct. 13 throughout the year. Special programs will be featured for each performance. For more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W. All tickets are \$15.

Simon's new romantic comedy "Proposals" opens the Kennedy Center's 1997-98 theater season with a pre-Broadway engagement in the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater. Slated for Oct. 1-26, "Proposals" is the heart of a summertime family reunion full of laughter and the unexpected. For more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W. Tickets are \$40-50.

Gail Niwa performs at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater Saturday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. Niwa's performance will include Haydn, Rachmaninoff and Chopin sonatas. For more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W. Tickets are \$17.50.

The Kennedy Center offers free performances daily on its Millennium Stage at 6 p.m. Tonight, the Pepe Gonzalez Latin Band performs salsa and Latin music. Tomorrow, Randy Barrett's bluegrass trio performs and Saturday blues duo Cephas and Wiggins perform. No tickets are required. For more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W.

Shakespeare Theatre presents "The Tempest" through Oct. 26 and "Othello" in November. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Weekend matinees are at 2 p.m. For tickets, call (202) 393-2700. The Shakespeare Theatre is located at 450 Seventh St., N.W.

"Orange Pieta," a play by Ian Allen runs tonight and tomorrow at 10 p.m. at the D.C. Arts Center. The play, which blends comedy with bigotry, is expected to cause controversy. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (202) 462-7833. The D.C. Arts Center is located at 2438 18th St., N.W.

The Houston Ballet will perform in the Kennedy Center's Opera House Oct. 14-19. Performing Ben Stevenson's "Don Quixote," the repertoire offers an East Coast premiere performance. For tickets and for more information, call (202) 467-4600. The Kennedy Center is located at 2600 F St., N.W.

National Theatre presents the Tony award-winning "Rent" running through Nov. 2, Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m. Weekend matinees at 2 p.m. For tickets, call (202) 628-6161. The National Theatre is located at 1321 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.



Photo by Howard Simmons

Howard grad Ayanna Jenkins is a model in the Ebony Fashion Week "The Jazz Age of Fashions," fashion show.

The famous circus act, the Karamozov Brothers, is performing through Oct. 19 at the Arena Stage. For tickets, call (202) 488-3300. The Arena Stage is located at 1101 Sixth St., S.W.

Exhibits:

Howard University Blackburn Center Gallery exhibits "Frank Frazier's Art: A 35-Year Retrospective." Celebrating more than 10 years association with the Congressional Black Caucus, Frazier's art will be on exhibi-

it until Oct. 13. For more information, call (202) 806-5689. Admission is free.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art celebrates 10 years on the Mall with "Gifts to the National Collection of African Art" and "Treasures from Tervuren: Selections from the Belgian Royal Museum for Central Africa." The National Museum of African Art is located at 950 Independence Ave., S.W. For more information, call (202) 357-4600. Admission is free. (See Pulse page.)

The National Gallery of Art exhibits its "Memorial to Robert Gould Shaw and the Massachusetts 54th Regiment," the first Black infantry unit in the Union Army. Sculptures are by artist Augustus Saint-Audens. The National Gallery of Art is located on Fourth St. and Constitution avenues, N.W. For more information, call (202) 737-4215. Admission is free.

African-American photographer, composer and writer Gordon Parks presents "Half Past Autumn," an exhibit running at the Corcoran Gallery of Art through January 1998. Several different programs, hands-on art workshops and celebrations will be offered. For program schedule, call (202) 639-1725. The Corcoran Gallery is located at 500 17th St., N.W. Admission is free.

"Wade in the Water: African-American Sacred Music Traditions" will be at the National Museum of American History on Oct. 11 through Dec. 7. The exhibit traces the growth of this form of music from its roots in slavery to its contemporary interpretation in today's Black churches. The National Museum of American History is located at 14th Street and Constitution avenues, N.W. For more information, call (202) 357-2700.

The Smithsonian's Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden's final day of "Stanley Spencer: An English Vision," ends Saturday, Oct. 11. The exhibit provides vivid, dramatic images on one of Britain's preeminent



Photo courtesy of Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden "Woman From Above," is part of the Louise Lawlor: Monochrome exhibit at the Hirshorn.

figurative artists of the 20th century. The Hirshorn Museum is located on Independence Ave. at Seventh St., S.W. For more information, call (202) 357-2700. Admission is free.

"Direction -- Louise Lawlor: Monochrome," is an exhibit of 14 photographs of art objects in different spaces and situations by New York-based artist. The exhibit is on view at the Smithsonian's Hirshorn Museum and Sculpture Garden throughout Oct. 19. The museum is located at Independence Ave. and Seventh streets, S.W. For more information, call (202) 357-2700. Admission is free.

Conferences:

The Washington Convention Center is sponsoring "For Sisters Only," a two-day celebration of women of color coming to the District on Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 12. Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief of *Essence* magazine, actress Kim Coles (FOX's "Living Single"), actor Kristoff St. John (CBS' "Young & The Restless") and gospel recording artist Vicki Winans are featured guests. For more information, call (301) 441-3500. The Convention Center is located at 900 Ninth St., N.W. Admission is \$5.

The 40th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair presents "The Jazz Age of Fashions" sponsored by the Washington, D.C., Continental Society Inc. on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1997 at 4 p.m. Howard University 1996 alumnae Ayanna Jenkins is a featured model. Tickets range from \$30-50. For ticket information, call (202) 298-0832.

Book signings:

Vertigo Books sponsors daily book signings featuring famous authors. Tonight, "Trespassing" author Gwendolyn Parker will be featured at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Oct. 14 authors David Simon & Edward Burns of "The Corner" will be in attendance at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday brings "No Crystal Stair" author Mairuth Sarsfield at 6 p.m. For schedule of guests, call (202) 429-9272. Vertigo Books is located at 1337 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Admission is free.



Photo by Carl Posey

Organized Konfusion will perform at the Black Cat in a benefit concert for sickle cell disease.

Donald Bogle, author of award-winning books on popular culture, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Arts Club of Washington's first program in the 1997-1998 "Conversations with the Authors." Bogle will sign and discuss the new book "Dorothy Dandridge: A Biography." A reception will follow. The Club is located in the historic home of President James Monroe at 2017 I St., N.W. For more information call (202) 331-7282, ext. 25. Admission is free.

In Concert:

The O'Jays will be featured at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium for the Homecoming R&B concert on Friday, Oct. 17. On Friday, Oct. 24, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, the Manhattans, the Persuaders and Force MDs share the stage with Sharon Page and Ted "Wizard" Mills. For ticket prices, call (202) 432-SEAT.

Eartha Kitt performs at Blues Alley from Tues. through Sun., Oct. 21-26. Show times are nightly at 8 and 10 p.m. Blues Alley is located at Wisconsin Ave. below M St. in Georgetown. For ticket prices or more information, call (202) 337-4141.

A Benefit for the Sickle Cell Disease Center will feature Eric B. and Rakim, Common Sense and Organized Konfusion at the Black Cat located on Saturday Oct. 18 at 1831 14th St., N.W. For more information, call (202) 667-7960. Tickets are \$20.

The D.C. Blues Society, in celebration of its 10th anniversary, begins its Founders Series of concerts with John Jackson on Oct. 15. All shows start at 8:30 p.m. City Blues is located at 2651 Connecticut Ave., N.W. For more information, call (202) 828-3028. Admission is \$5.

Movie Openings/Screenings:

From the makers of "Sankofa," a film by Shrikiana Aina will premiere at Cramton Auditorium, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. "Through The Door of No Return," a film about confronting the difficult past of the African slave trade will precede a special reception. The film will also show at the Cineplex Odeon Foundry Theatre beginning Oct. 25.

The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art are showing films throughout October. On Friday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 26, there will be a screening of "Immaculate Conception." The movie follows the story of an Anglo-American couple who seek out a sacred shrine in Pakistan to help them overcome infertility. The museum is located at 1050 Independence Ave., S.W. For more information, call (202) 357-2000. Admission is free.

The Key Theatre will premiere "My Sex Life ... Or How I Got Into an Argument," this weekend. The French film focuses on the choices of a grad student, intertwining romanticism. The Key Theatre is located at 1222 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., in Georgetown. For more information, call (202) 965-4401.

Other ...

The Taste of D.C., sponsored by NBC-4, takes place this weekend through Monday. Located on the Mall, entertainment and food of all sorts will be offered. The Taste of D.C. is open to the public and free of charge with the exception of food.

Sankofa Bookstore presents "An Evening Of Spoken Word." The poetry reading features Ernesto Mercer and Lisa Pergrams on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Sankofa Bookstore is located at 2714 Georgia Ave., N.W. For more information, call (202) 234-4755. Admission is free.

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In the 80's there was Bo Jackson. In the 90's it's Deion Sanders. Now

Howard has its own multi-sport superstar athlete: **Marvin Lester**.



How can Lester lay claim to this title? Try six years of football, four years of track, three years of boxing, and three years of powerlifting. The Washington, D.C. native has participated in football and track and taught boxing for Howard University. He also has played semi-professional football.

On any given day, Lester uses many types of cross-training combinations, including weight training, aerobic training, boxing, track, football, plyometrics, isometrics, calisthenics, and an

assortment of skill drills. To avoid burnout, Lester makes sure that he is committed to having fun, and focused on his goals. His next goal is to represent the United States in the upcoming Olympics in Track and Field.

In his free time, Lester is starting a program that introduces inner-city youths to non-traditional sports like speed skating, body building, gymnastics, and diving. In the millennium, Marvin's name might be as well-known as Bo or Deion.

Attention, Bison: If you like to run, join our running night at the track on Monday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Running in a group is better than running alone. See you there . . . If you've been supporting the Lady Bison Basketball Team, keep it up. We expect them to go all the way . . . If you haven't been supporting the team, then it's time you do. **Lady Bison: GOOD LUCK!**

LIL' PENNY STILL ROLLING
Did your invitation to Lil' Penny's Super Bowl party get lost in the mail? Here's another chance to hang out with Anfernee Hardaway's alter ego: The Lil' Penny World Tour is coming to



campus. Keep your eyes peeled and your bathing suit handy.

SPORTS

Women's Tennis Team Swings Into Action

By DERRICK S. EDWARDS

Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard women's tennis team continues excellent play on the courts. The women beat Loyola six games to three last Wednesday, improving their record 2-0 on the season. Howard has overpowered its competitors early on this season.

"I think our keys to success is mainly preparation," said team captain Tracey Nicole Austin. "We've been working really hard to improve on different areas such as strengthening, conditioning and endurance ... as a result we came out Wednesday and overpowered and outplayed our opponents by far."

The team entered the eighth annual D.C. Metro Tennis Championships last weekend. George Mason University, American University, Georgetown University, George Washington University and Mount St. Mary's College also participated in the area wide competition.

The field was stiff and most of the team got served up in the first round landing into the consolation bracket. Gia Landry, was an exception, advancing to the quarterfinals.

At the quarterfinals, Landry lost a tough match 6-4, 6-4 to Misty Mendez of Mount St. Mary's. However, it did not overshadow the great run the freshman player had.

"I was expecting to redeem myself from a disappointing loss in my match against Loyola," Landry said. "I decided to come out a little stronger [in my tournament] and that's exactly what I did. I felt like I should've won my match this morning."

Tennis is one of the few sports that requires its athletes to play both as individuals and with a team.

"Playing individually kinda created some type of wall between



Photo by Aida Mulunah

you [and the other players] because everyone is focused on their match," said senior Tunisia Davis. "If the team is playing, everyone focuses on each others matches and no one is left with a burden of carrying themselves."

HU's inexperience in match play could have been another factor in the Bison's overall performance in the tournament.

"For most players, the first match you play in the tournament is the toughest because sometimes it takes a while before you become a match tough," said sophomore Katya Okpala.

Despite losing in the first round, many of the girls went on to play successfully in the consolation bracket. Howard's continued

competitiveness and talent may come as a surprise to other area schools, but not to head coach Larry Strickland.

"We have superior athletes on this year's team," Strickland said. "This is a team with a lot of potential."

Strickland said he is not worried about how his team fares in competition as much as how well they're coming along.

"This tournament is preparation," Strickland said. "We play in this tournament to get work in. We play in this tournament for match toughness."

Booters Lose To Central Connecticut In Overtime

By DERRICK S. EDWARDS

Hilltop Staff Writer

Central Connecticut State University served up a loss on Sunday to Howard's men's soccer team 2-1 in overtime.

Central Connecticut ended HU's one-and-a-half year home winning streak at Greene Stadium.

"It was a shock," said midfielder Jason Chum. "This really serves as a wakeup call."

Howard remained undefeated last year in games played at home and in the Mid-Continent Conference regular season.

The game started as a vigorous up and down, back and forth competition for both teams. Central Connecticut connected on a goal in its only shot in the first half to make the score 1-0 at halftime.

"We both had chances in the first half, we (Howard) just didn't take advantage of ours," coach Curtis Landry said.

In the second half, Howard was able to control the tempo of the game in its favor. Striker Greg Simmonds continued his torrid scoring by converting a penalty kick into a goal. Howard and Central Connecticut continued to battle for the rest of the half, and the game went into overtime tied at 1.

In overtime, Central Connecticut prevailed as a wild scramble for the ball in front of Howard's goal led to Connecticut putting the ball in the net. Central Connecticut captured the 2-1 victory.

The Howard men's soccer team fell to 6-4-1 after the loss, and 0-1 in conference play.

Howard has not lost its spirit or allowed the loss at home to dampen

the teams enthusiasm for the next game, said midfielder Carlington Clarke.

"If you look at it one game at a time, you can face it (the next game) positive minded," Carlington said.

The men's soccer team has a busy schedule this week. It will play four games in only seven days.

On Wednesday, the Booters play at Virginia Commonwealth University. They match up with Oneonta University on Friday at Greene Stadium. In a Homecoming showdown, the team faces the University of Buffalo at Greene Stadium on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Playing games back to back brings questions of injuries, small ailments, aches and endurance. However, Landry said he feels the team will remedy the situation.

"You always worry about injuries, but other guys who aren't injured are going to have to step up," Landry said.

Landry said the next few games of this season are important.

"We have to take care of business this week," Landry said.

Landry urged the Howard community to come out and support the team at the two home games this week.

"It's not hard for guys at Drew Hall to come 50 yards or so and support the team," Landry said. "The guys at Cooke only have to travel 20 yards or so. I think the Howard student body should come out to support all of their sports teams, not just the big sports teams."

All soccer games are free of charge and open to the general public and student body alike.



Photo by Edward Leneus

Lady Spikers Optimist After Loss To MSU

By DERRICK S. EDWARDS

Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard's volleyball team has been on an emotional tour de force this last week. It hit an unforeseen lull in a crucial loss to Morgan State University last Wednesday, followed by three decisive wins at the Howard Classic last weekend in Burr Gym.

Howard started the week optimistically, coming off an undefeated slate of victories in a tournament at Florida A&M University on Sept. 27. Next on the schedule was a showdown with bitter conference rival Morgan State University.

The atmosphere was competitive between two of the MEAC's perennial powers. Most people in the crowd expected Howard to dominate Morgan State University as it has grown accustomed to doing over the last several years.

Morgan State University opened up with a strong effort in the first game that resulted in a win 15-9.

In the second set, Howard showed determination as its aggressive style allowed it to turn a 6-3 deficit into a 15-9 second game victory.

As the Bison team continued the game with intensity and fire built up from game two, they seemed to have seized control of the match in the third set.

Howard quickly built a 3-0 lead. But this time it was Morgan who survived Howard's run and then dictated the pace and flow of the game through its imposing middle hitter Malia Price. She crushed several huge kills in a Morgan run that pushed her team out to a 12-4 lead.

Howard responded by using the support from its fans and a sense of urgency within the team to rally to 13-9. However, Morgan kept its composure and instead of using overpowering spikes, used tricky placement attacks to beat the Lady Spikers 15-9.

The fourth game led toward a rout as Morgan consistently angled shots so Howard defenders were not able to race out to a 9-1 lead. Though Howard battled back one more time, it lost the game and match 15-6.

After the game, Morgan shared its formula for upsetting the Spikers at home.

"We definitely needed to play smart," Malia Price said. "Howard is a fundamentally sound team, so we had to play smart and finish the play."

After the game, Howard was visibly upset about losing to Morgan State.

"The only competition we have is Morgan and FAMU," Adrian

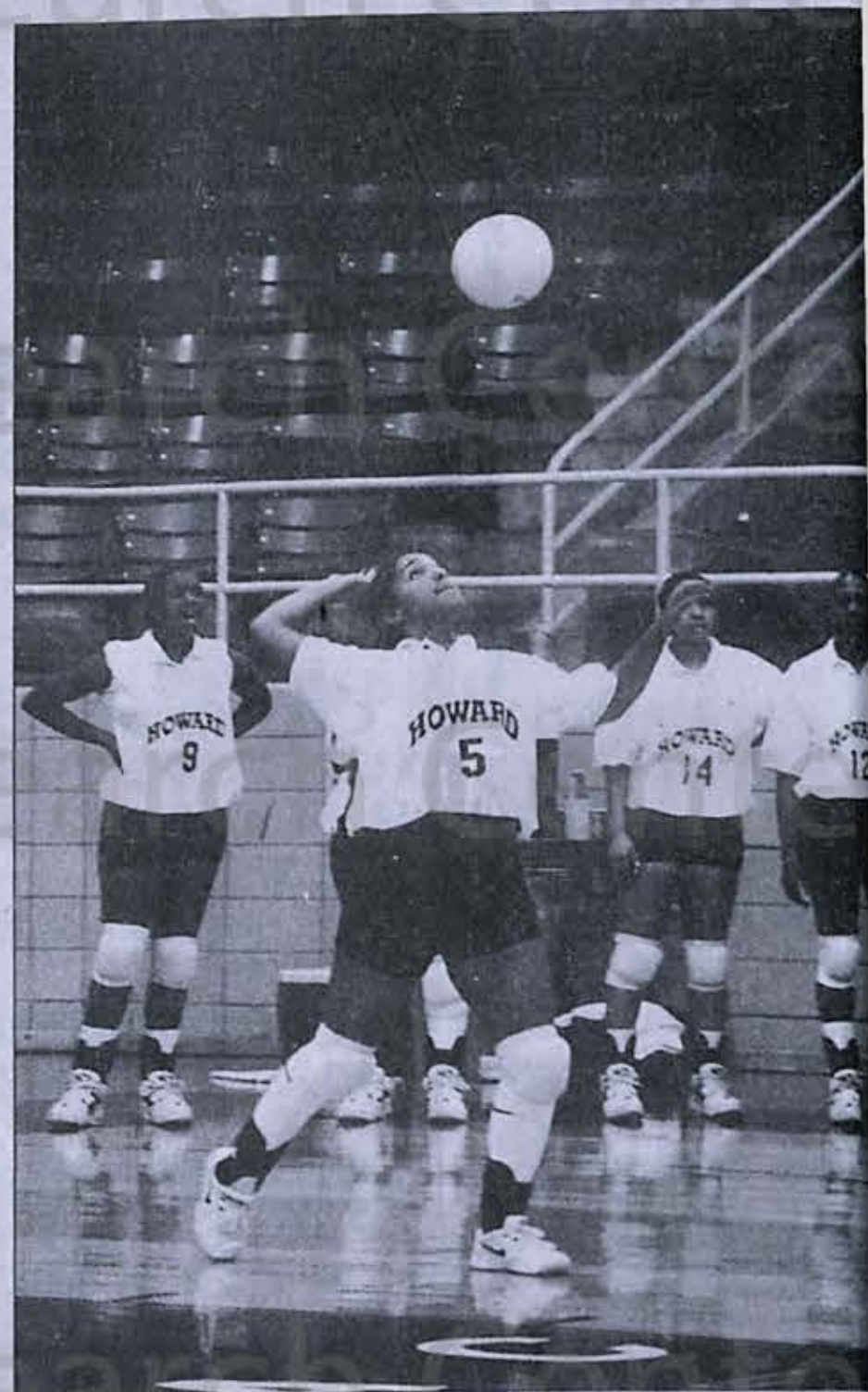


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The Women's Volleyball Team has a 3-1 conference record.

Lofton said. "We beat FAMU ... we beat them well."

Howard not only beat FAMU but all of the other teams in the tournament enough that maybe it took beating Morgan for granted.

"Morgan was scared," Lofton said. "We need killer instinct. We don't have killer instinct. It'll get better. These are the type of games that count and we didn't execute."

Howard then used its fuel from that loss to go out and crush three opponents in the Howard Classic last Friday and Saturday. In the first match against Virginia State University, injury forced VSU to forfeit the game because it only had six remaining players.

In the second match on Saturday morning, Howard swept University of Maryland Eastern Shore in three straight games 15-2, 15-13 and 15-7. Howard then successfully completed the hat trick with a three game to one victory over Robert Morris College 15-7, 15-13, 7-15 and 15-12.

The Spikers were elated because they won all of their matches at the

classic, but their minds were their own effort and revenge Morgan.

"Although we did win all games in the tournament, not play up to our potential outside hitter Ericka Rodon. They were wins, but were not wins."

"We're going to settle ours Morgan, at Morgan," said blocker Rita Floyd.

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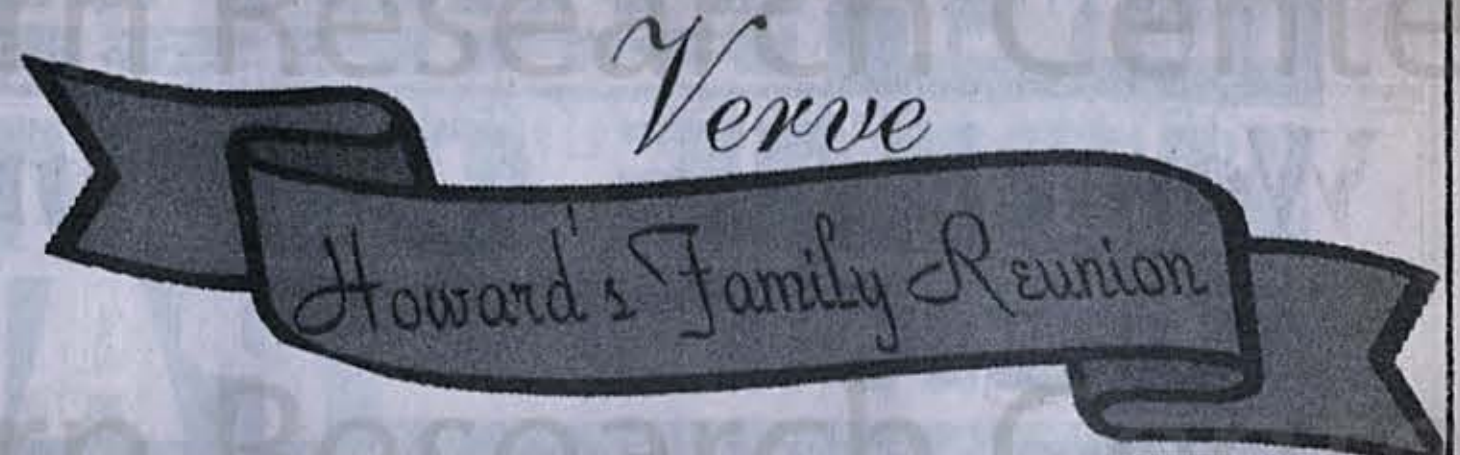
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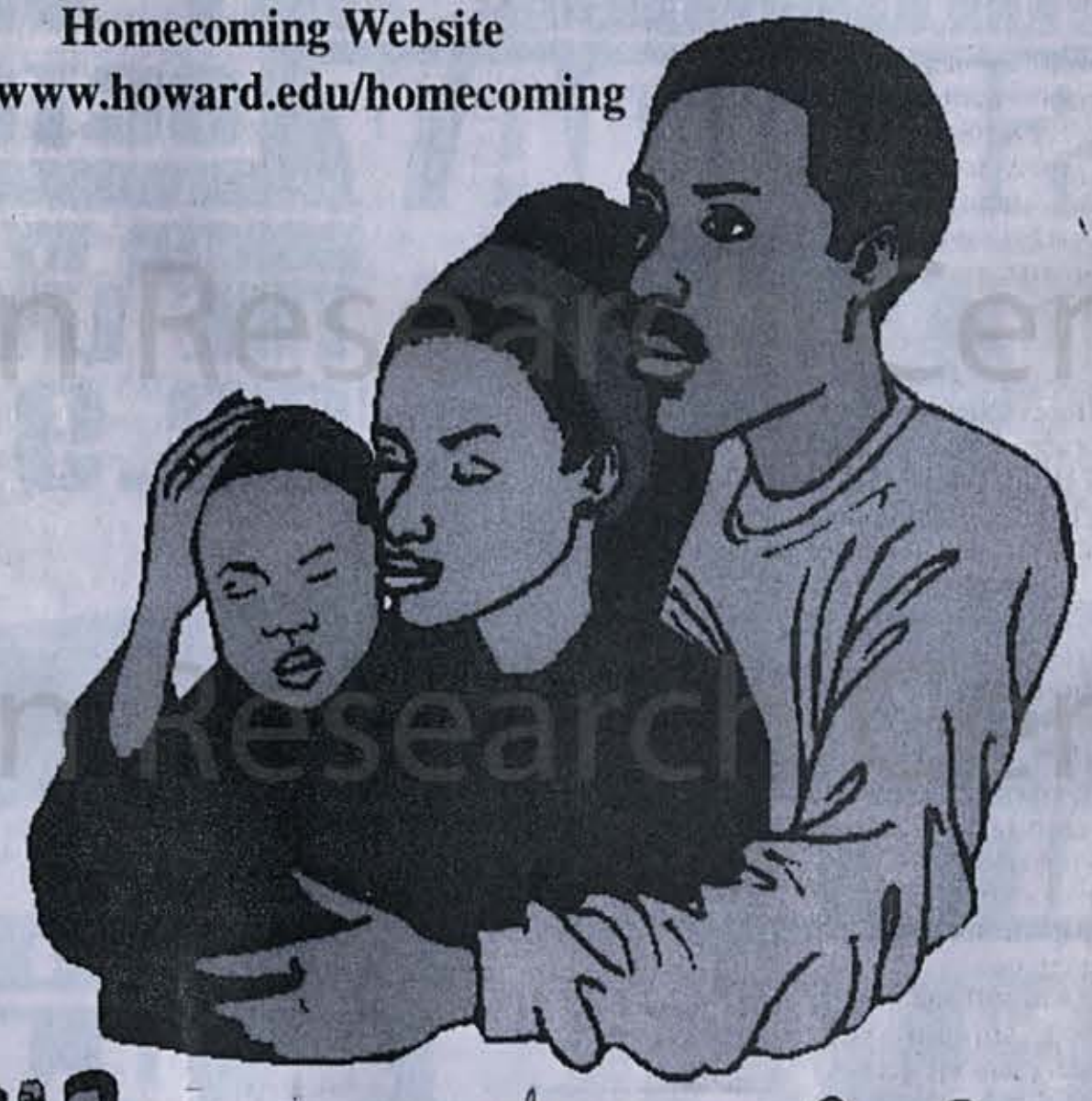
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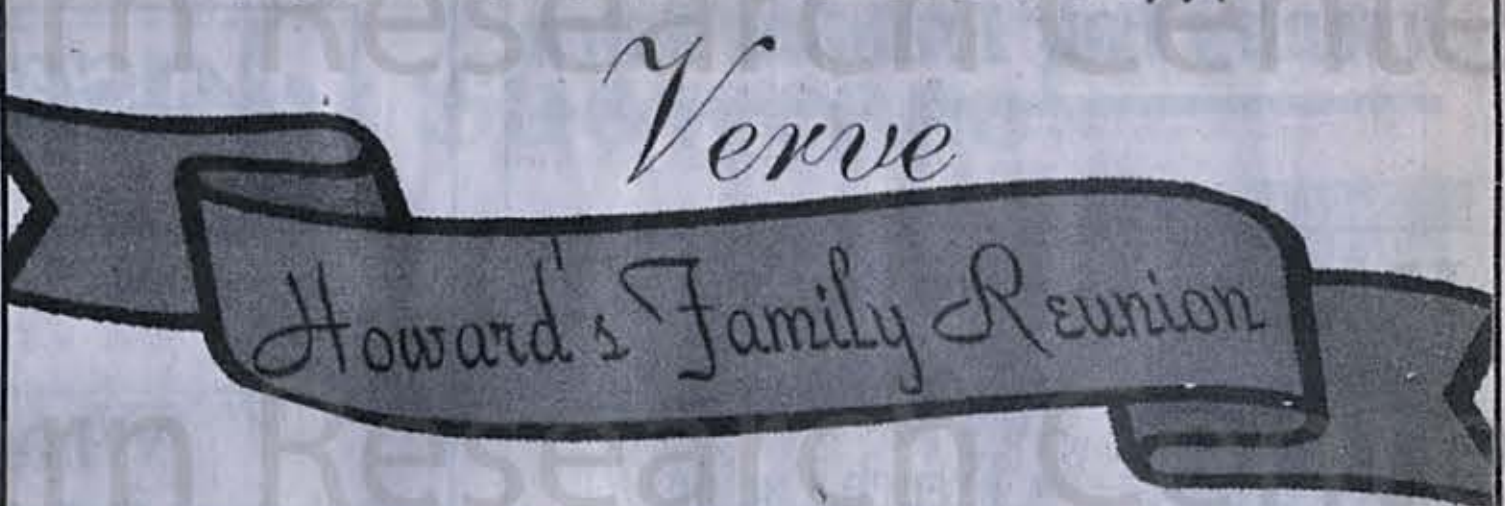
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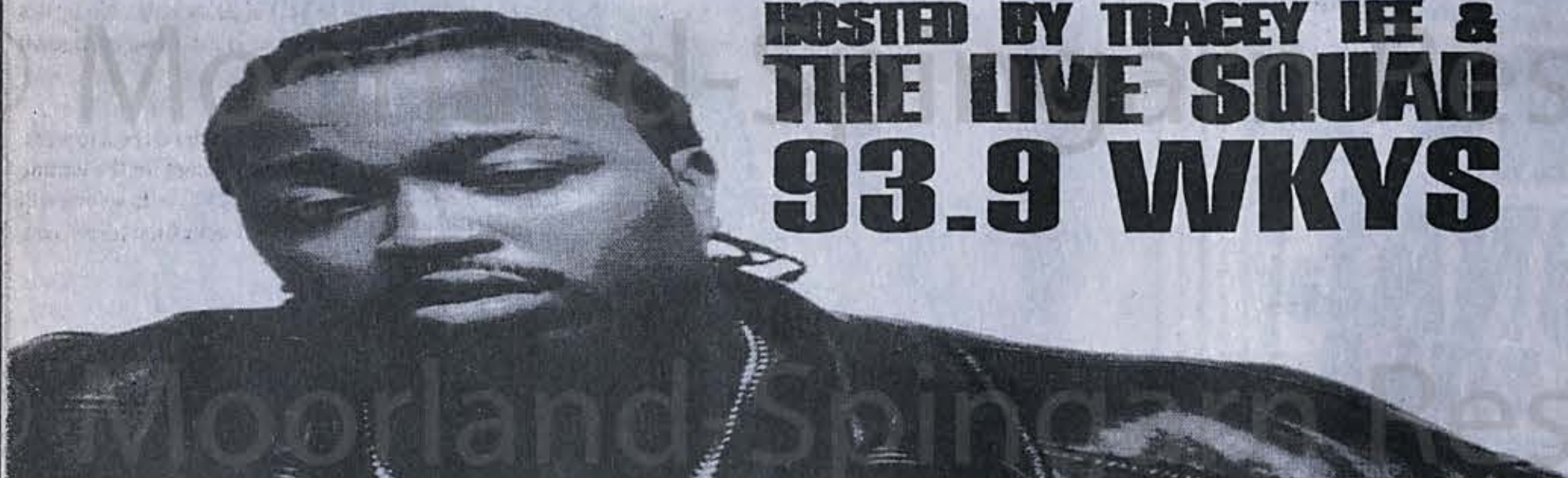
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All forms are to be forwarded to HUSSO, P.O. Box 134, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059, No later than October 20, 1997. You will thereafter be contacted by a HUSSO member acknowledging receipt.

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Are you interested in community service? NCNW general body meeting 7pm Tues., Oct. 14th in Blackburn Forum.

Join the NCNW and the Chapel Assistants in the University Wide dormitory clothing drive beginning Sept. 30th. 939-0032.

The Buddy 2 Buddy Program will have its first official meeting on Oct. 21th. In the Reading Lounge in Blackburn @ 6:30 pm. All interested please come.

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