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## Election Anxiety Grips Campus

### Students Watch As Vote Recount Drama Unfolds in Florida

By BRAKKTON BOOKER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The heated battle between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush provided a down-to-the-wire struggle that had some students anxiously waiting up until 5 a.m. Wednesday to see which way Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, would go and inevitably determine who would inherit the oval office.

This year's presidential race was the closest in 40 years. As of Thursday, the Vice President was poised to

a.m. the networks then gave the state to Bush and declared him President-elect. Soon after, as more of the votes in the state were counted, the networks determined that the race was too close to call.

A win in Florida would hand the election to either candidate. Bush's slim lead in the state was not large enough to avoid a state law mandated recount of the ballots. The first of which wrapped up yesterday with the margin still too close to call.

A second hand count in key Florida counties is expected soon. The final count, including crucial absentee ballots, is not expected until next week.

Howard Political Science professor Maurice Woodard called it "a historic election."

"This exemplifies the workings of the founding father's electoral college system. One candidate can win the majority of the popular votes and not win in the electoral college," he said.

Students in the Towers scurried from room to room in search of a better television reception to catch the latest results in the race for President.

About 40 students gathered in the Blackburn Center Ballroom for an election party and watched the returns on a big screen TV.

The upbeat atmosphere was shattered after the networks took Florida away from Gore and put it back into the "too close to call" column. Still others decided to log on to the Internet to instantaneously track the election results.

While some students are fearful of what the future holds if the White House falls into the hands of the conservative Republican party, others are quite pleased with the idea of a Republican in power and fervent.

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Photo By Jason T. Smith

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win the majority of popular votes, but still stood a chance at losing the election in the electoral college.

As of yesterday, there was still no declared winner in the presidential race.

Thursday's counts showed Gore leading with 260 electoral votes to Bush's 246. The Vice President held on to 48,976,148 popular votes. There were 48,783,510 votes cast for Bush. Green Party presidential nominee Ralph Nader racked up 2,670,235 votes nationally.

Republicans were able to retain control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

On Tuesday night, hundreds of Howard students put off sleep to follow the election roller coaster as the networks first gave the pivotal state of Florida to Gore, only to take it away two hours later. At about 3

### Missing Absentee Ballots Keep Some From Voting

By KENRYA MALIKH RANKIN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Katrina L. Thomas, a senior English major from Birmingham, Alabama, is one of many Howard students who could not vote in the presidential election because she did not receive her absentee ballot.

Thomas did everything right. She sent her absentee ballot request form in before the deadline, and even called her county three times to verify that it had been received. Each time, she was assured that her ballot had already been sent and that she shouldn't worry. Thomas never received her ballot. "I am discouraged. My vote could have counted,

and I didn't even get a chance."

Several students have directed their frustration toward the student groups that registered voters and sent away for absentee ballots, namely the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) and the Howard University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Nikkole Salter, vice president of HUSA, said the blame is misplaced.

"It's unfortunate that so many students didn't receive absentee ballots, but I can attest that this office has done all that we can do on our end. We provided the services that we said we would provide. Students should call their states to find out why their ballots were not sent to them in time to

vote," Salter said.

Salter said she empathizes with students whose states failed to send their ballots to them. She mailed her own application to her home state of California on Oct. 10—21 days before the absentee ballot request form deadline. She contacted her county twice last week to check the status of her application and was told both times that it was on the way. The ballot was not delivered to her mailbox until last Saturday.

As a result, her ballot made it to California late, and may not even be counted.

Stefanie Brown, President of Howard NAACP, is apologetic to students who didn't receive their

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### Queens Of the Hill

#### Howard Students Learn the Ropes of Congress

By NICOLE FULLER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Meeting President Clinton and attending a fundraiser with Robert Johnson, President and CEO of Black Entertainment Television, during the first week on the job sounds like office perks a college student could only dream of. But for some Howard students, those perks are reality.

Sophomore political science and English major, Emilia Adams, is a fall intern for congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas). Adams has met both Clinton and Johnson because of her internship and said she views her job as an excellent opportunity to network.

"I'm getting a more hands-on perspective (from working) on Capitol Hill," Adams said.

Sporting business attire suitable for a senator, Adams makes the trek from Howard to Capitol Hill via metro four days a week, much like sophomore political science major Devyn Fomer who also works on the Hill.

Fomer has been an intern for congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) since September. She said the position has given her a taste of the professional lifestyle.

"This job has truly prepared me for the real world," Fomer said. "I have learned lessons that could not be taught in a classroom."

She said she has had the opportunity to view important hearings on the U.S. budget, as well as the controversial abortion pill, RU-486.

"Working on Capitol Hill has been a great experience," she said.

Both Fomer and Adams, who are friends, can attest to the amount of hard work put into the job. They work between 15 and 20 hours a week, in addition to a full course load on campus.

"It's very demanding, you have to be up for the task," Adams said.



Photo By Vince Smith

Sophomore political science and English major, Emilia Adams and sophomore political science major Devyn Fomer are interns on Capitol Hill.

Even though work maybe strenuous sometimes, Adams said it is truly a learning experience.

She said she learned "how government is run from the inside," and working on the Hill in the midst of such a close presidential election has intrigued her. She said apathy among young people is a big problem and hopes more students will realize that "government plays a big role in my future and opportunities."

Fomer said it is kind of hard managing a 3.6 GPA, her volunteer sessions, and a social life. "Things can get a little hectic for me at times," she said. "But this job

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### Questions Remain After Lee Visit

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Questions surrounding the Federal probe into the alleged misconduct of the Prince George's County police department went largely unanswered at a private meeting between the US Assistant Attorney General and Howard students last week.

In the three-hour meeting held in the School of Business Auditorium last Friday, US Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee fielded questions from students and administrators about police misconduct, brutality, and racial profiling. But he refused to specifically address the

Prince C. Jones case which prompted the meeting.

Students were given the opportunity to write their questions anonymously on slips of paper to be read aloud by Howard University Student Association President Sellano Simmons.

When asked why the accused officer was allowed to act outside of his jurisdiction without calling for reinforcements, Lee said, "We don't just end a hot pursuit once it's already begun and we shouldn't."

Stephanie Brown, a student who participated in Friday's session, asked, "How realistic is it that we'll get to see a swift resolution to this case?"

While not giving a definite time frame for the investigation, Lee said, "I have no interest in delaying this case by even one hour."

"After months and months of investigation, sometimes the hardest part of my job is to tell the [victim's] parents and loved ones that under the law we cannot bring charges against the accused," Lee said, not specifically speaking about the Prince Jones Case.

At times during the meeting, Lee declined to answer questions and when he did provide answers, they were evasive.

"We'll do all that we can under the law," Lee said.

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### The Hilltop This Week

#### Engage'

The Drama Department partners with Catholic University to produce "Romeo and Juliet." The show is playing at Ira Aldridge Theater through Sunday.

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# CAMPUS

## Voices & Views

### What does it take to be President of the United States?



"To be President of the United States, it takes a charismatic attitude towards his political party."

Brea Stevenson  
English/Administration of Justice—Junior



"It takes honesty and dedication to the country and people. The president should be open-minded and willing to do whatever it takes to improve the country."

Keisha Jones  
Broadcast Journalism—Junior



"It takes a strong and intelligent leader that works well with people."

Jevonte Philpot  
Psychology—Junior



"Integrity and a commitment to people."

Marlon Bennett  
Administration of Justice—Junior



"Strong sense of leadership, sincerity and a whole lot of money."

Damion Moss  
Business Management—Senior

—Compiled by Karleen Roy

## Lyricists 'Rap' Controversy Into Competition

By CHARLES NEAL  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The emcees in the second round of last Friday's Verbal Armageddon were everything but friendly towards each other.

With hundreds of students jammed tight into the Blackburn Ballroom, most of the 20 amateur emcees spit hurtful rhymes toward their opponents in order to gain the judges' seal of approval and admittance into the third and final round.

The night was like a hip-hop soap opera. Controversy loomed as emcees made fun of their opponents' hair, clothes and weight. Defending champ Jeff "Perfecto" Walsh-Roach has this to say about his opponent, Brandon "Ambition" Jolly:

"With crummy a\*\* clothes, crummy a\*\* clothes/ and bunny a\*\* flows, bunny a\*\* flows/ runny a\*\* nose, runny a\*\* nose"

The contestants were paired off based on their performances and the pairs participated in "line-for-line" or "verse-for-verse" battles for five to 10 minutes.

"Even if I were bare air you still couldn't swallow me/ after we battle I'll freestyle your apology," rapped the contestant only known as PUDA. He was battling Charles "Starorion" Coleman.

"Even if I were bare air you still couldn't swallow me/ after we battle I'll freestyle your apology,"

—PUDA

To the "oohs" and "aaahhs" of the crowd, Coleman scribbled on his hand to indicate that he thought the rhyme was written and not freestyled. The judges must have noticed it too, because they gave the victory to Coleman.

PUDA grabbed the mic and expressed his anger.

"He (Starorion) started saying stuff that was tight after his time limit, that ain't fair," he said.

PUDA's friends had to calm him and get him off the stage.

Even friends who battled put there friendship aside for the rhyme bout between rappers "Ardamus" and "Caledon," who are in the same coalition known as Ladder Day Saints, squared off to battle Friday night.

"Hey Yogi where's Boo Boo, you probably sat on him," mocked Ardamus referring to Caledon's resemblance of the cartoon character Yogi Bear. The crowd roared in laughter.

Some emcees who were crowd favorites last year and who did well were knocked out by new competition.

The next round will be announced soon.



Photo by Vince Smith  
Competition in the second round of Verbal Armageddon got intense last week.

## Cummings Captivates Chapel Audience

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Congressman Elijah Cummings, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Mecca, defined leadership at a Chapel service held in Cranton Auditorium Sunday. Only briefly mentioning Tuesday's election, Cummings reflected on the future leadership for this nation when he said, "We can have either candidate, but we will go nowhere without a vision. It's one thing to have a mission, and another to have a vision."

Cummings began by introducing the idea that visions are based on faith, using Hebrews 11:1 as a supporting proverb. In his hour long address, Cummings went further to discuss his vision for leadership. Calling on students to claim their roles as leaders, he said "You are here to be leaders for not just DC, not just Maryland, not just this country, but for the global community. It's time for you to lead."

Then, Cummings defined leadership saying that it was a delicate combination of three elements. He said that the essence of leadership is knowing right from wrong and acting accordingly even when it means sacrifice, the ability to take pride in being a "misfit," and understanding the importance and validity of each of our experiences. "Our experiences and our memories shape us. It's not the deed, it's the memory," he said. "We mustn't discount any of our journeys as they help to mold us and instill in us the compassion and understanding that allow us to empower others through our ability to share our experiences."

His anecdotal style captured the audience. "I tell stories to illustrate the message.

No matter the age, people love to hear stories," he said.

Elected to the United States House of Representatives in April 1996 in a special election for Maryland's 7th Congressional district, Cummings was re-elected for his fourth term in office Tuesday, capturing more than 80% of the vote. Cummings credits his present role in politics to his years at Howard when he served as Sophomore Class President, Student Government Treasurer, and HUSA President.

After his years at Howard, Cummings graduated from the University of Maryland Law School and practiced law for nineteen years before entering Congress. Serving as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for sixteen years, he became the first African American to be named Speaker Pro-Tem, the second highest position in the House of Delegates. He currently serves on the Government Reform Committee, is Ranking Democrat on the Civil Service Subcommittee and is a member of the Criminal Justice Drug Policy and Human Resources Subcommittee. He also serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Ground Transportation and Aviation Subcommittees. He is co-chair of the House AIDS Working Group, Democratic Policy Committee, House Task Force on Health Care Reform and Secretary for the Congressional Black Caucus.

"I owe so much of who I am today to Howard. It's such a special place because it truly grooms leaders for the world," said Cummings.



Photo By Jason T. Smith  
Students in the Blackburn Center Ballroom Tuesday were stressed and vexed at the early returns from the presidential race.

## Students Could Miss Out On Social Security, Officials Say

By KENRYA MALIKH RANKIN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Carolyn W. Colvin, Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Social Security Administration (SSA), educated students on the importance of social security benefits in the second installment of the NAACP-Howard Chapter sponsored lecture series, "LINKS: Connecting Knowledge to Success," on November 1.

Colvin showed students that social security is not just for the retired by revealing some startling statistics.

Twenty-eight percent of working 20-year-olds can expect to become disabled before

they reach age 67, which is when retirement benefits can be collected, she said.

Colvin also discussed the future of the social security program and how the results of Tuesday's election affect this future. Currently, the program only has enough money to provide benefits until the year 2037, she said. The United States has a budget surplus and there is much debate over how a portion of this money can be used to extend the life of the social security program, she said.

Freshman Carmen Callaway, a print journalism major said she was very interested

in this information.

"I thought it was interesting to hear that once our generation gets to the social security age there may not be enough money left for us," she said. "It kind of makes me want to work harder to fix that."

Most undergraduate Howard students will only be about 57 when the benefits run out—10 years before they will be eligible to collect retirement benefits. Colvin said it is critical that students have an active voice at the polls, so that they will be able to collect from the program they paid money

into.

Colvin has been with the SSA since 1994, when she was appointed as Deputy Commissioner for Policy and External Affairs. In her current capacity, Colvin manages nearly 50,000 employees, including those in the Office of Central Operations, field and regional offices, teleservice centers, and processing centers.

For more information on the social security program, visit the Social Security Administration's website at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

## Quad Residents Can Finally Dial Home

### Verizon Installs Phone Lines After Three Month Wait

By NIQUANDA BROWN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Students in Truth and Crandall Halls can now call friends and family from their rooms after almost a semester of no phone service.

Crews from Verizon Communications—the area telephone provider—placed two phonelines in more than 50 rooms last week after a three month installation delay.

"The Verizon strike delayed everything," said Ron Harris, assistant to the Dean of Residence Life. "There also was a blueprint problem, meaning that the lines could not be put in where they were suppose to be

because Verizon had the wrong floor plans."

About 110 lines were installed in Truth Hall and 58 lines in Crandall. The two lines installed in each room means that students in double or triple rooms will no longer share the same phone lines. In Crandall some roommates still share phone lines, but not for long because crews are still installing lines in the hall.

Dean of Residence Life York Campbell said his office is trying to make it possible for all Howard dorm residents in shared rooms to have separate phone lines.

The university finished renovating the halls last semester. Both halls are part of the five halls that make up Tubman Quadrangle.

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About 30 female students live on each floor of the halls, which both have four floors. There was one public phone on each floor.

Stephanie Byrd, a freshman international business major and Crandall Hall resident, said that it was hard for the girls to share one hall phone because other residents are "always tying up the line or there are a few girls waiting in line to use the phone."

She said not having a phone has prevented her from calling her parents often and caused her to rack up a \$1000 cellular phone bill.

Residence life officials said they are not

to blame for the missing phone lines.

Officials said the order for phone service in the halls was placed to Verizon sometime last semester and students should have had their phones connected upon their arrival in August.

Students are now content with their phone service.

"Everyone was extremely happy when the phones were turned on," said Rubyna Abbey, a freshman psychology major and Truth Hall resident. "We were all yelling and screaming, usually we [all the girls on her floor] would sit and talk in the hall, but when we got our phones the hall was silent."

## Chapel Rumors Prove False

By JAMIYE E. SPILLER  
Chief Copy Editor

Amidst the rumors that the Andrew Rankin Chapel services have moved permanently to Cramton Auditorium, chapel officials now say nothing is official. There have been concerns that a new chapel will be needed on campus soon due to the large amount of students who attend the weekly Sunday services.

Dr. Bernard Richardson, Dean of the Chapel says that the chapel services have been temporarily moved from Rankin Chapel to Cramton because of space limitations. "We were turning away students and others," Richardson said.

The chapel has been apart of the Howard University community for a long time. Notable guest speakers have flanked the pulpit such as minister and civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr. It has been seen by many as one of the most historic and prestigious chapels in the nation.

Chapel services began in Rankin this semester, but have been held in Cramton Auditorium since September 18. Usually, chapel services are only held in Cramton when popular guest speakers are scheduled to speak at the chapel.

Guest speakers that usually fill the chapel to capacity are ministers such as, Bishop Vashti McKenzie, Gardner C. Taylor, and Jeremiah Wright.

Before moving to Cramton, the aisles of Rankin Chapel, basement, sections of the choir stand and the back area of the building have been used as means to hold the overflowing congregation of the worship services. Even then, students were turned away because of the limited space.

Some felt that the overflowed room was unable to serve its true purpose. "It's not the same experience and I usually end up leaving because the feeling is too impersonal," Matthew Goins, a junior marketing major said. Parishioners would watch the service downstairs on a

television.

Some students feel that while the move to Cramton is a good thing, the huge auditorium does not provide a benefit for worship.

"In Cramton, you don't really get that church feeling," Goins said.

Cramton seats 1500 people, while Rankin seats 5-600 people.

Goins, a Showtime band member, thinks that the call to chapels for large organizations play a part in limiting the space available for students. "I know when the band comes, we take up at least 1/3 of the chapel," Goins said.

The call to chapels are a portion of the service designated for student organizations, visiting organizations, and others of the University community to ask for prayer and serve as a tribute to God. Some organizations used the time to gather for worship amongst the members.

However, some feel that those students who don't have seating often bring it upon themselves.

"There are lots of people who come in at 12:00 and expect to find seats," Kyneasha Dew, a senior broadcast journalism major said.

Chapel services begin every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Dew who has attended chapel services since coming to Howard, never noticed the large amount of students who were turned away. She explained that she feels that going to Rankin provides her with the positive vibe needed to start her week. "I can go to Cramton any day. Sometimes, you can go to Cramton and see half-naked people strolling across the stage. It lacks that holy feeling," Dew said.

Richardson feels that eventually there may be plans for a new chapel for the campus. "In many ways, it's a blessing [that so many students wish to attend service]," Richardson said.

## CAMPUS DIGEST

### Students Turn Out for Gullah Conference

"Gullah is more than a language or dialect, it is a culture." This was the general theme of Gullah: A Linguistic Legacy of Africans in America, a conference held November 3rd in the Blackburn Forum. The day-long seminar included various sessions including the language's origins, uses, and role in modern day society. There were keynote addresses by John Russell Rickford, Director of African American Studies at Stanford University and Rudolph Troike from the University of Arizona.

Dr. Paul Fallon, Assistant Professor of Linguistics and English, organized the conference. In planning the event, Fallon said he felt that the Howard community would be receptive to the topic because a number of Howard students are Gullah. The number of students that came to participate in the conference surprised Fallon. "I expected to see professors and linguists, but I am pleased to see so many students," said Fallon.

The Gullah are a distinctive group of Black Americans from South Carolina and Georgia in the southeastern United States. They live in small farming and fishing communities along the Atlantic coastal plain and on the chain of Sea Islands that run parallel to the coast.

The Gullah language, a Creole blend of Elizabethan English and African languages, originated in Africa during the Middle Passage, and developed in the slave communities of the isolated plantations of the coastal South. It's spoken in a rhythm and most times spoken rapidly which makes it difficult to understand for even those who grew up around it. As time has passed the use of the language has almost disappeared. Yet, the language also still lingers in the unique "geechee" accents carried by many descendants of these original settling plantation families.

Fallon feels that the conference was an overall success. "The conference was intended to integrate with classes and go beyond the textbook." He hopes to have the pro-

ceedings of the conference published and available for students and faculty members.

—Joi Ridley

### Pan Hellenic Council Hosts Greek Week

The Pan Hellenic Council at Howard University hosted its first annual Greek Week this week. The Pan Hellenic council consists of all the Black Greek Letter Organizations on campus. These organizations include Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi did not participate in the weeklong programs.

The activities began Sunday with a Call to Chapel. On Monday, the Deltas, Zetas, and Iotas hosted a seminar entitled, "No Means No." It talked about dating and its problems. Sexual harassment and the protective measures of dating were also discussed.

On Tuesday, the AKAs and Zetas hosted a poetry cipher that featured the Howard Poets. Also participating were members of the fraternities and sororities and attendees of the event.

The Alphas and Omegas hosted a seminar, "Black Man: Alpha to Omega," on Wednesday. The seminar's purpose was to talk about the different issues that African American men deal with.

Thursday, the Council wrapped up Greek Week 2000 with the Greek Olympics. A change of pace from the other serious events earlier this week, the organizations competed against each other.

Channing Hawkins, President of the Pan Hellenic Council and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said that the motivation behind Greek Week 2000 was to establish lines of communication between the various Greek organizations on campus. Hawkins intends for Greek Week to be an annual event.

—Camille Harvey

## False Alarms Pose Hazards for Meridian Residents

By CHAIA ODOMS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

A rash of false fire alarms in Meridian Hill Hall has prompted dorm officials to issue a warning to the culprits.

In a memorandum released to residents, Samuel Avor, community director of Meridian warned students of the possible dangers that could accompany false alarms.

"Repeat evacuations will result in your fellow residents becoming desensitized to the sound of the alarm," he said in the memo. "If it continues lives may be lost. This could cause a definite problem if it occurs continuously. Students will end up ignoring the sound, and may not exit the building if a real fire occurs," Avor said.

Meridian officials are still searching for the culprits. "We have been trying to catch the persons who have been pulling the alarms," Avor said. "The RAs and GAs have taken serious action to solve this problem."

The resident and graduate assistants have tried to keep close watch since the first false alarm, but have not been

able to catch anyone.

Officials at the District Fire Department are also concerned about the false alarms.

"Bogus runs to false alarms could take away from an actual fire occurring," said Fire Marshall Stuckey of the District Fire Department. "Students causing false runs may endanger other people's lives."

One of the most recent false alarms occurred on Oct. 10. The alarm awakened students at 1 a.m.

Unfortunately, some students were asleep and didn't respond to it.

"I understand fire drills are necessary for our safety, but not in the middle of the night," said Morgan Bevineau, a sophomore TV productions major.

Four days later, there was another false alarm at 4:30 a.m. That time, even less students evacuated the building.

"I didn't even hear the bell," said senior Felix Sergho, a

resident of Meridian. "If it was a real fire, I would've been trapped."

In a case at Seton Hall University in New Jersey this year, three students were killed when they failed to respond to a fire alarm. A dorm fire killed three and injured 54 others. The dorm had no sprinkler system or fire hoses.

Many students at Seton Hall ignored the alarm, since there were many false incidents in the past. Students evacuated the building only after they saw actual fire.

Since the fire, Seton Hall has taken action to install sprinklers in all dorms sprinkler and hose system.

According to federal mandate, all dorms built after 1984 are required to have sprinkler systems.

Currently, Howard Plaza Towers, Cook Hall, and the Bethune Annex are the only dorms at Howard that have sprinkler systems.

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# THE CITY

## City Sites

### Places to Visit in the Howard University Area

**LINCOLN THEATER** (1215 U) - This theater was built for African American audiences in 1922. It was restored and reopened in 1994.

**DUKE ELLINGTON MURAL** (13<sup>th</sup> & U) - G. Byron Peck's mural at the U Street Metro stop.

**WHITELAW HOTEL** (13<sup>th</sup> & T) - This building was designed by black architect Isaiah T. Hatton, and visited by Duke Ellington. It is now restored as apartments.

**VERMONT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH** (630 Vermont) - This church is one of the many Civil War era churches in this area.

**INDUSTRIAL BANK** (11<sup>th</sup> and U) - The Industrial Bank is the oldest black bank in the city. The black entrepreneur John Whitelaw Lewis financed it.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL** (Vermont & U) - 209,143 names of black Civil War soldiers and sailors are inscribed beside Ed Hamilton's 1997 bronze sculpture.



**THURGOOD MARSHALL CENTER FOR SERVICE & HERITAGE** (1816 12<sup>th</sup>) - This Shaw heritage center in the historic 12<sup>th</sup> Street YMCA was once the home of the poet Langston Hughes.

**CARTER G WOODSON'S HOME AND OFFICE** (1538 9<sup>th</sup>) - Woodson was a pioneer in the black history movement and a Howard University professor (the building is now empty).

**MARY MC CLEOD BETHUNE COUNCIL HOUSE HISTORIC SITE** (1318 Vermont) - This is the site of the founding headquarters of the National Council of Negro Women.

## Nader Fights for District Statehood

By NSENGA A. KNIGHT  
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The thousands of Nader supporters at Sunday's Nader Super Rally knew they were rallying behind a man who would lose the presidential race. People at the rally supported Nader for many reasons, one of them being his keen support of DC statehood. Noting that a 5% vote for Ralph Nader in the presidential elections would equal a federally funded Green Party, even if Ralph Nader lost the presidential campaign with only a 5% vote, those fighting for DC statehood would have won in a big way.

The Green Party and the DC statehood party merged to form one party last year. Vicki Linton, a member of the DC statehood Green Party steering committee noted that most people don't realize how disenfranchised DC is. She said that because of the merging of the two parties there has been a "real upsurge in interest that we don't have representation in Congress. Not only that, but Congress interferes in local issues." Linton believes that because of Nader's national campaign and his ability to make the issue of DC statehood known around the country, this will help the push for DC statehood.

Crystal Sylvia, a member of the International Socialist Organization and a teacher in Washington, DC said, "I know that he's not gonna win. The rally sets in place the groundwork needed for a third party. It gives expression to people. It gives DC residents confidence."

Sunday's rally marked the end of Ralph Nader's super rallies before the presidential elections. To begin his speech, Ralph Nader focused on the issue of DC statehood stating that, "The situation (referring to DC statehood) is no longer going to be a footnote on presiden-

tial campaigns." In speaking about DC residents' denial of representation in Congress, Nader said DC residents are in essence, second class citizens. "DC is essentially a colony," said Nader.

Wayne Turner, a member of ACT-UP, an organization whose main concerns are AIDS issues, is a supporter of Ralph Nader. "He is the only presidential candidate speaking directly to the issues I care for," Turner said. He noted that in DC, they were able to pass medical marijuana legislation, but was unable to implement it because of the statehood issue and Congress having ultimate control over local issues in DC. He also noted that his organization also worked to pass needle exchange program legislation in DC, but because of congresses hold over any DC legislation, the program cannot be implemented. "DC statehood is a life and death issue," said Turner. He also emphasized the fact that DC leads the nation in new HIV cases and AIDS deaths.

Nader noted that DC residents pay 2 billion dollars in federal taxes yet, can't elect people to say how it is spent. "DC is the only democracy in the world that denies its capital's residents the right to vote. Unaccountable power is by its nature abusive," said Nader.

Rob Auerbach, the co-chair of the Maryland Green Party, noted that if DC were to gain statehood it would be in better condition. "Statehood for DC is important. DC doesn't have home rule, so Congress can overturn anything DC decides. Maryland people go to DC all the time, I'd like to see a better DC," said Auerbach.

During his speech, Nader noted that a large portion of his supporters are students. Melissa Cuerton, a University of Maryland student, said, "It's students (backing Nader) because it's a grassroots movement, not corporate funded." As a student, Cuerton says that she



supports Nader. "All the issues I care about are not mentioned by other candidates, or they agree on issues I don't support. I campaign for something I believe in," Cuerton said.

Referring to DC, Nader noted that he is the first Presidential candidate in US history to campaign in Anacostia. Speaking about the situations in Anacostia, Nader said, "In Ward 8, 65,000 people live there and they don't have a supermarket."

"There are 500,000 people living in DC. DC is supposed to be a symbol of freedom, yet political participation is denied to people in DC," said Nader. "DC has [a] double infant mortality rate than any other state.... Then again, DC is a colony. Second class citizens live side by side with first class citizens."

## Jones Case Takes Another Turn

### Mother of slain victim finally speaks out

By BRAKKTON BOOKER  
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Dr. Mable Jones, the mother of Prince Jones Jr., the Howard University student who was fatally wounded by a Prince George's police officer in early September, spoke out against the version of events given by Virginia prosecutor and urged the US Attorney General to bring justice to the issue.

Dr. Mable Jones has spoken out against the Virginia prosecutor who failed to prosecute her son's murderer. Jones is the mother of slain Howard University student, Prince Jones. Jones was killed in early September by a Prince George's police officer. There has been much controversy surrounding the case since the officer was out of his jurisdiction. After weeks of waiting, the Virginia prosecutor declined to bring the officer up on charges. After weeks of silence, Jones' mother is now urging the US Attorney General to bring justice to the issue.

"There is no plausible scenario to justify the [act] committed by Carlton Jones," Jones said at her attorney's office in Washington last week. "Nor can there be any tolerance for a police department whose officers repeatedly violate the civil rights of citizens," she said.

Carlton Jones, 32, who is of no relation to Prince Jones, is the undercover narcotics detective who followed Prince Jones through three jurisdictions and 15 miles before his life was taken. According to Jones' account of the events surrounding the shooting, the Howard student was being trailed by the officer because he was mistaken for Derrell Gilchrist of Largo. Gilchrist is a suspected drug trafficker who jostled Carlton Jones's vehicle on multiple occasions over the summer.

Jones, a Philadelphia physician, however, feels that the officer's account of the story is nothing more than a fabrication. "I am convinced, more than ever, that Carlton Jones lied when he says my son got out of his jeep and came face to face with him," Jones said. "Gilchrist," according to Jamie Stockwell, staff writer for the Washington Post, "sports jaw-length dreadlocks, a beard and is nearly a foot shorter and many pounds

heavier" than Prince Jones.

"If my son came face to face with Carlton Jones," asks Mable Jones, "why then, after he shot him, did he give the dispatcher the name of the drug dealer known to him, which was obviously not my son?"

Robert F. Horan, Commonwealth Attorney of Fairfax County, divulged that criminal charges would not be filed against Cpl. Jones. Jones, a six-year police veteran, presently remains on paid administrative leave. Jones decided to go to the pinnacle of the country's judicial system urging Attorney General Janet Reno to "do the right thing and prosecute this officer under the civil rights statute."

The attorneys who represent the family of Prince Jones plan to file a civil suit sometime this month. If they file the suit, it would allow them access to evidence obtained by the Fairfax detectives. "There's still a lot of unanswered questions and this is the next step," said Ted J. Williams, one of the two Jones family lawyers. "Justice will occur and the truth will be known."

The FBI is also investigating the shooting.

## Store Seeks Abundance

By JONATHAN C SIMS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On 2818 Georgia Avenue, clothing for a new generation has been born. Seek Abundance has opened its doors to the community and has a universal theme that has customers coming back for more.

Founded in 1996 by Nikia Harris in New Carrollton, Maryland, the clothing line focuses on one major principle. "You can get whatever you try to get out of life if you work at it," said Brandon Owens, president of the clothing line and store. The clothing line made its way into the District about five and a half months ago.

With other clothing stores and lines competing in the area such as Madness, Hobo, We Are One, and Squash All Beefs, Seek Abundance stands out because of its creativity and unique style. Owens said, "If we don't have what you want and Madness or another store has it we will send them there. We are not in competition, but in customer satisfaction."

The set up of the store is classy with glass chandeliers, yet edgy with music blasting on a daily basis. Owens thinks the layout of the store is what attracts most of the customers. "Customers come in the store and are impressed with the layout. They feel very comfortable," said Owens. Mike Rucker, one of Abundance's customers said, "I learned about the store through word of mouth, and I like the good quality of the clothing. The layout is nice and they have great customer service."

Seek Abundance also has a strong appeal to its new customers because of another unique theme of the store. When Owens said, "You can get anything you want," he meant it. The store focuses on custom made clothing. Whether it is a dress, sweater, or jacket, the expertise tail-

orship of Abundance affords them the ability to hand make clothes for their customers. "You can bring in pictures from a magazine or a piece of clothing or just bring in a drawing and we will create it for you," Owens said. If the clothing is patented by a name brand clothier, the store will find a way to make it work for you. "Our designers will work their way around it by altering the piece or asking for more of the customers input," Owens said. "You're your own designer."

Founder Nikia Harris took a two year hiatus away from the store to master the skill of sewing. The quality and variety of the clothing genres range from hip hop to classic. One jogging suit in the store is especially designed for the new patent leather retro Jordans.

Abundance seeks to create a more intimate environment for customer and sales interaction. They do not push their clothing label or other clothes on customers, instead they allow the customer to ask them questions.

For those that worry about going to a store and having the same outfit some one else has on shouldn't. Owens said, "Our clothes are made and when they sell out we do not reproduce them again." The individualistic flavor that excites the environment of Seek Abundance makes everything appealing. The "interactive label" has seven different logos for the customer to choose from.

The store prices are reasonable. The skulies sell for around \$12 and t-shirts range from \$30-\$40. The custom made items vary in price, but still are affordable. For custom made clothes, "Two factors go into pricing, material and labor, that is all," Owens said. One custom made dress, which was silver embroidered, and hooded with a resemblance reminiscent of a millennium Mad Max style will sell for \$95.

With the quality of the dress and unique style of it could have gone for twice that price. If some things in the store are a little too much for the customer Owens said, "We are willing to work with you. If you can't make it back up here, we will sew and deliver it to your door step."

Other plans being looked at by Harris and Owens include the opening of another store in North Carolina and sales overseas in Japan. These plans may seem to be far off, but Harris and Owens have already started to work on the projects. Right now, the next stage in Abundance's work is the setup of their web site.

Abundance also asks for community participation. They accept abstract art to produce onto the clothing's canvas. If they use the art, then the art used will be paid off by the clothing line. Abundance welcomes all designers and artists for their contributions.

The community can submit ideas to the store, but the store is already setting the mold for other stores in their community action. For Thanksgiving, the store plans to sponsor a food and coat drive for the local area. Another drive is planned for Christmas.

With promotions in the works with 95.5 WPGC and BET, and a supreme clientele that ranges from Washington Wizard's Cheerleaders to Teen Summit's squad members, Seek Abundance has no problem living up to its name.

For more information, call (202) 299-0313 or visit the store Monday through Sunday 12- until at 2818 Georgia Ave NW.

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# Demystifying Politics: The role of lobbyists

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Given the thriving lobbying industry in Washington, voters who are disenchanted by their lack of influence in the polls may well find satisfaction in a career as a lobbyist.

There are more lobbyists in Washington than ever before and industry spending is just one example. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, expenditures on federal lobbying in 1998 (the last year for which figures are available) increased nearly 13 percent to \$1.42 billion from \$1.26 billion in 1997.

Lobbying is the practice of influencing governmental legislators and administrators to make decisions in line with the concerns of special interests groups. The term dates to the 1830s when representatives of interest groups would congregate in the lobbies of Congress and state legislatures.

These days, lobbying in the U.S. has become an intrinsic part of the political system. Although federal and state legislators represent geographical areas, they spend much of their time responding to special interest groups to the extent that lobbyists sometimes draft legislation that is then introduced by sympathetic lawmakers as their own.

In fact, many major social changes in the United States are a result of lobbying and advocacy. These include protection of women's rights, child labor laws, and requirements for safe drinking water and clean air, stricter laws against drunk driving, civil rights, and rights of the disabled.

Organizations such as commercial interests, medical interests, educational groups, financial institutions, labor unions, professional associations and social issue groups all maintain a strong presence in the lobbying industry.

Lobbyists play an important role in politics because they provide information about a variety of complex issues that lawmakers simply do not have the time to research on their own. They are often asked for feedback on legislation if for no other reason than to ensure that affected parties will pose no objections to legislation after a vote. Lobbying is by no means limited to supplying information, however. Tactics also include using networking and contacts to make political threats or promises and to provide entertainment or favors.

Political clout comes with most successful lobbying, insiders say. The carrot of campaign contributions and the stick of political pressure from constituents influence lawmakers as lobbyists exert their control in Washington.

Of course, this recipe can also encourage corruption, which has tainted the image of lobbyists.

To curb potential negative effects of lobbying in Washington, the government passed legislation to regulate lobbying with the Regulation of Lobbying Act of 1946. The Act requires registration of and regular financial reports from all individuals and agents seeking to influence legislation. And in 1995 Congress passed a new bill intended to strengthen the 1946 law.

Given the swell of money and lobbyists in government these days, beefed-up regulation is timely. According to the Senate Office of Public Records, the number of registered lobbyists swelled to 20,512 by June 15, 1999 — a 37 percent increase from the 14,946 lobbyists registered on Sept. 30, 1997.

In addition, the number of organizations that reported spending more than \$1 million during the year increased from 43 to 261 in 1998. In all there were more than 38 registered lobbyists and \$2.7 million in lobbying expenditures for every member of Congress in 1998.

Industry analysts do not expect these figures to decline any time in the near future. The CRP reports that the lobbying industry continues to attract former legislators and government administrators because of the lucrative career

opportunities it offers. The Center identified 13 members of Congress who turned up as registered lobbyists during 1998.

Former lawmakers make especially good lobbyists because they know the process intimately and can easily contact their former colleagues. Washington's 11 lobbying firms are able to prosper because they represent diverse special interests. This is necessary given the inflows of policy interests.

The tobacco industry, for example, increased its lobbying spending by nearly 80 percent in 1998 when it came under attack in Congress. And Microsoft's spending on lobbying grew from \$1.16 million in 1996 to \$4.66 million last year in response to the lawsuits filed against software manufacturer by the Department of Justice in 1997, according to the CRP.

With growing budgets and an ever-increasing presence in Washington and around the country, lobbyists are secure in their roles in the political process because they understand there will always be a special interest to represent.

# Alcohol Increases EMS Visits

By MARGARET MCELIGOTT  
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(U-WIRE) Increased alcohol consumption may be at the heart of an increase in emergency ambulance transports of students to area hospitals over the fall 2000 semester.

"More students are calling us about other students who appear to be intoxicated," Colleen Carson-Merkl, director of Public Safety, said. "We usually identify alcohol [use] by other misconduct, whether it's disorderly conduct or vandalism."

When faced with a potential case of alcohol poisoning, Carson-Merkl said Public Safety will call an ambulance and encourage the student to seek treatment at a medical facility.

"A significant percentage of students refuse treatment," she said.

While many of the cases are due to alcohol consumption, Carson-Merkl pointed out that there are other emergencies that require an ambulance transport.

"Basically, it's alcohol but, of course, we get a few [calls] because of medical problems. Primarily, these happen during the day," Carson-Merkl said. "The night calls are primarily due to alcohol."

In response to the growing problem, Carson-Merkl said Public Safety is working jointly with local police to find new strategies to deal with growing numbers of alcohol poisoning cases. Other AU departments have also taken a part in combating over-consumption on campus.

"We are working with Residential Life and Housing Services and the Dean's Office to beef up education programs," Carson-Merkl said.

"Some of these hospital transports involve some serious alcohol poisoning and drug overdoses," Dean of Students Faith Leonard said. "I think it's important for me

to meet with students who have been transported and talk through the issues."

Leonard said if students haven't discussed the incident with their parents, she urges them to do that. When student behavior involves a serious risk to health and safety, normal rules of confidentiality don't apply, she said.

"One of my concerns around these issues is that for whatever reason, more [cases] are women," Leonard said. "That's a change in the profile over time. Alcohol has a disproportionate effect on women."

Leonard said that there are other problems associated with frequent alcohol abuse.

"Excessive alcohol consumption is directly correlated to poor academic standing," Leonard said.

In addition, students who drink too much often affect other students' work environments.

Carson-Merkl agreed that excessive alcohol consumption can be a factor in other crimes on campus. She said

that statistics show that alcohol is involved in most sexual assaults.

"There's certainly a connection between alcohol and being a victim of other crimes," Carson-Merkl said.

The increase of hospital transports is not unique to AU, however. "We're not unusual at all. A lot of schools nationally are dealing with this," Leonard said.

Carson-Merkl said that Public Safety is working with other consortium universities to develop a strategy for combating the rise in cases of alcohol poisoning.

Julie Weber, director of Residential Life and Housing, said RLHS staff are dealing with the increase using normal protocol. She said that cooperation with Public Safety and the ambulance services makes the incidents more manageable for Resident Assistants and Desk Receptionists.

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# Candle ignites fire, injures student

By ANDREW MARIEL  
The Eagle (American U.)

(U-WIRE) A neglected burning candle caused a small fire to break out in a Letts Hall room on Thursday morning, injuring one student and forcing the evacuation of all south side residents for two hours.

The fire, which broke out in a room on the fifth floor of the north wing of Letts Hall at approximately 4:15 a.m., damaged a desk, chair, and mattress, as well as electronic equipment, according to Residential Life and Housing Services Director Julie Weber.

"The student had lit a candle, which is of course, against the rules," Weber said. "And she was on her bed reading a book when she fell asleep."

A short time thereafter, the student woke to see her blanket on fire. She immediately pulled the fire alarm, while another student grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out the blaze.

Students on the floor also reported that the woman tried to put out the fire herself, and that her arm and hair looked burnt. She was later taken to Georgetown University Hospital where she was treated for second-degree burns on her arm and finger and released at 7 a.m., Weber said.

"That is something that we don't recommend. Don't mess with fire," Weber said. "When one breaks out, just get out of your room."

The fire alarm alerted Public Safety to the call. Two minutes after it was pulled, Public Safety was in Letts and had called the fire department. Three fire engines arrived from both the D.C. fire department and the Chevy Chase department 10 minutes after that.

"We had a two minute lag, which was a very fast response," Weber said.

They immediately unfurled their hoses, but were soon informed that the fire was out, Weber said. They spent the next two hours verifying that everything was out and there

was no possibility of a flare up, as well as clearing the area of smoke.

While most students evacuated immediately, some students continued to trickle out of the residence halls over the next hour.

"There was some cause for concern over south side's reputation for false alarms," Weber said.

According to Weber, Public Safety officers observed students peering down on the confusion outside from behind their curtains. Public Safety then went to those rooms and told the students to leave, though Weber said that there will be no disciplinary action taken against them.

"If we get the names of students that refuse to leave during a fire alarm, then we can bring them to Judicial Affairs, but Public Safety was concerned with just getting the students out and didn't take names," she said.

Weber said she does not yet have an estimate on the cost of the damage. The room had to be repainted and re-carpeted. Glue underneath the carpets that held floor tiles in place had asbestos in it, and the fire had burned through the carpet to the glue.

Weber said the student's roommate was not in the room when the candle was lit and was just returning as the fire broke out. The student stayed with family in the area until her room was repaired, while the injured student was moved to another room on campus.

"There will be a follow up with Judicial Affairs," Weber said of the expected disciplinary action taken against the student.

Despite the penchant for false alarms on South side in years past, every alarm pull so far this year has been a legitimate concern, whether it was burned baked goods or smoke in the halls, Assistant Director of Residential Life and Housing Services Rick Treater said.

"I've been here three years, and this is the first actual fire we've had," Treater said.

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## Models of Collective Security Systems

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According to Inis Claude, the hope of establishing a successful collective security system has been the primary motivating force behind the organizational enterprise of our time. He further argues that the dominant purpose or supreme ideal of collective security is to prevent any nation or combination of countries from achieving a dominant position.

The doctrine of collective security rests on the axiom: "one for all and all for one." In such a situation therefore, an attack against any nation is considered an attack against all, in which case it is assumed that the potential aggressor would be deterred from an arbitrary use of force in the conduct of international relations. While the balance of power theory seeks equilibrium between two opposing states, collective security creates an overwhelming imbalance of power with such intimidatory mandate and scope that the aggressor would not dare to start a war since he would be annihilated if he foolishly did.

Having reviewed the doctrine of collective security, we will now attempt an evaluation of this concept as it has been incorporated into some important international and regional organizations such as the League of Nations, the UN, and NATO in order to explain the extent which these agencies have succeeded or failed to operationalize the concept of collective security problems.

In this century, the very first attempt at establishing a collective security system was made by the League of Nations. Article 10 of the League's covenant enjoins the members of the League to respect and preserve against external aggression, the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members. Furthermore, Article 11 states that: "Any war or threat whether immediately affecting any of the members of the League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League, and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations."

Provisions in Articles 10 and 16 of the covenant appeared too excessive commitments to the Great powers who eventually watered down such clauses and regretably paved the way for aggressor states to exploit the loopholes in the League's covenant. Therefore, in 1931, the Japanese invaded Manchuria and the League's response was belated after Japan had successfully occupied that state. The League also failed to check Japan against China. Italy invaded Ethiopia in October 1935 and in March 1936, Hitler remilitarized the Rhineland in violation of the Treaty of Versailles. In consequences, the League collapsed and subsequently paved the way for the establishment of the United Nations.

The UN charter is an improvement on the covenant of the League of Nations. The charter was an attempt to give "teeth" which the League lacked. Article 24 states that the primary responsibility of the UN is the maintenance of international peace and security. In spite of several

lofty provisions of the UN charter, the UN like the defunct League did not offer any hope that collective security is an attainable goal. Article 27 which establishes the rule of great power unanimity in the Security Council does not promote global security indeed. The veto power given to the permanent members of the Security Council, the decision-making or decision blocking process lies solely with such permanent members, thereby, leaving the weaker nations to live at the mercy of the stronger.

The UN therefore has failed to operationalize its one-sided collective security formula. The use of this ad hoc technique by the UN to maintain and preserve global peace and security has increasingly become a major source of problem in contemporary international relations.

The OAS model is a collective peacemaking security system, founded on September 2, 1947 by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, United States, and Uruguay at a conference in Rio de Janeiro with the common will that:

"Armed attack against an American state shall be considered as an attack against all the American States."

The OAS organizational structure differs from the NATO and Warsaw Pact. It has a general assembly which meets annually. Its second organ known as Permanent Council, consists of one ambassadorial rank per member state at the Headquarters located in Washington, D.C. It has the collective mandate to maintain and mediate in disputes among quarreling parties. It respects the territori-

al integrity of members and this accounts for its success. It enjoys immunity from external pressures and ideological affinities.

In NATO, WARSAW and OAS, the leader of each organization has been a great power such as USA in NATO and OAS and Russia in Warsaw Pact. Members generally have been unwilling to surrender their sovereignty. However, these regional security organizations have succeeded in deterring aggression from outside their respective regions. They have also helped to maintain and strengthen world peace and security, at least, mankind has been saved from another political armageddon since 1945. Yet, other world wars with higher human toll remain rampant in various forms such as hunger, poverty, racism, discrimination and ecological disasters in the Third World and Africa.

The Organization of Africa Unity (OAU) was founded in 1963 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia with part of its role as the defense of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of member states. Member states pledged to harmonize and coordinate their general policies towards achieving, "Cooperation for defense and security." However, with this noble provision, the OAU, ironically has not been able to establish an African High Command which has been on the drawing board for a protracted period. So far, African leaders have only accepted the establishment of an OAU Defense force in principle.

This article is an academic discourse intended to contribute towards research and scholarly debate on the collective security question.

## Duke Professor Could be Next High Court Nominee

By LUCY STRINGER  
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(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — In what may well turn out to be a nail-biting, down-to-the-wire finale of this election season, some voters have more to hope for from the next president than just reduced taxes and a salvaged social security system. Should Al Gore prevail come Tuesday night, Walter Dellinger, Duke law professor, may receive a nomination to the nation's highest court of law, according to reports from various national news sources.

The lists that have circulated are not Gore's official choices, but are believed to include likely candidates for eventual openings on the Supreme Court.

This is not the first time Dellinger's name has been tossed around as a potential Supreme Court justice. In 1993 he was cited as a possible candidate to replace Justice Byron White.

Though Dellinger himself declined to comment on his prospects, others were eager to express their support for Dellinger as a nominee.

"Walter Dellinger would make a first-rate justice of the Supreme Court," said Katharine Bartlett, dean of the law school. "He is one of the smartest people I know. He is fair-minded, with an excellent ability to grasp both the big picture and the subtle nuance. He holds no extreme positions and believes strongly in the rule of law."

Dellinger's resumé is long and distinguished. He joined the Duke faculty in 1969, and in 1993 he began to teach part-time while advising President Bill Clinton on constitutional issues in areas such as war powers, art funding, national security and the Department of Defense. He also served as assistant attorney general in charge of the office of legal counsel. In 1996 he was appointed solicitor general under Janet Reno.

"Mr. Gore does believe that his appointees would reflect the practices and beliefs of two Supreme Court justices that stand out the most in his history," Venus Watkins, North Carolina State Press Secretary for the Gore/Lieberman Campaign, wrote in an e-mail. Thurgood Marshall and William Brennan are the two justices Gore respects most, she said.

Gore has praised the justices' outstanding legal knowledge and sound judicial temperament, as well as their belief that the Constitution is a living document that should be interpreted to reflect the nation's growth and evolution since its signing.

"I would assume that Vice President Gore, if elected, will be looking for someone who suits him in general political terms and who also has a reputation of being smart, thoughtful and insightful on legal issues," said Richard Fallon, a professor of constitutional law at Harvard University. "They will also have to be sufficiently moderate to survive the confirmation battle [if Republicans maintain control of the Senate]."

Dellinger has more than his moderate politics and Washington experience working in his favor.

"In the past few years, he has developed a close relationship with the Gores, the president and the attorney general," said William Van Alstyne, William and Thomas Perkins professor of law at Duke.

These amicable connections may help Dellinger's cause, Fallon said. "I think the president would be eager to

appoint someone not only whose jurisprudential philosophy was congenial with his own, but with whom he has a friendly relationship."

Some sources report that Dellinger is also under consideration for the position of attorney general. Van Alstyne has heard mention of the possibility, but thinks that such an appointment would be less likely than a position on the court.

Although Dellinger spends little time teaching at the University these days, a permanent move to Washington would not necessarily prevent him from teaching altogether.

"From the law school's perspective, Dellinger is irreplaceable," Bartlett said.

Nonetheless, his promotion into the national spotlight will undoubtedly be good press for the school.

"Obviously having a Duke law professor ascend to the Supreme Court would be a feather in our cap," Bartlett said. "Dellinger's Duke connections would surely be a part of his public identity and the association with Duke will add to the law school's reputation and standing."

## Caribbean News

By CLEMENTIA EUGENE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The twin-islands of Trinidad and Tobago will go to the polls on December 11th 2000. The nomination day is November 20th. The two main political parties contesting the upcoming general election are the ruling United National Congress (UNC) led by Prime Minister Basdeo Panday and the People's National Movement (PNM) led by opposition leader Patrick Manning.

### ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

The Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sir James Fitz Allan Mitchell voluntarily stepped down, passing on the mantle to his Finance Minister, Arnhim Eustace. Arnhim is a 54-year-old economist. The 69-year-old Allan is the longest serving parliamentarian in the English-speaking Caribbean with a political career of 34 years. "I have fought the good fight. I have run my course," he said during a military parade to mark the island's 21st independence anniversary on October 27th 2000.

### ST. LUCIA

Dr. Morella Joseph became the first woman in St Lucia to become the leader of the United Workers Party (UWP). Joseph holds a Ph.D. in Education. She was the deputy leader of the party when party leader, Dr. Vaughn Lewis resigned. This action placed Joseph as the leader shortly before the party's 31st convention. Joseph has the task of guiding the party as they look to win the next general election. The election is set for 2002.

Other St Lucian women who have made it to the top in the political arena include Heraline Rock, the first female minister of government and Lorraine Williams, the first female Attorney General. The island also boasts of having a female Governor General, Dame Pearllette Calliope Louisy. She also holds a Ph.D. in education.

On the international scene, Her Excellency, Sonia M. Johnny is the island's third Ambassador to the United States and permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS). Ambassador Johnny is presently the only woman in the Anglo and Francophone Caribbean to hold such a diplomatic post. Frances Mitchel is now the first female Counselor General of St. Lucia in Cuba.

## Troubles Continue in Middle East

By LA CONDRIA BECKWITH  
Hilltop Staff Writer

There have been many measures taken to restore peace in the Middle East, but despite all that have been done by both sides in the conflict, the fighting has yet to come to an end. Last month, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat participated in peace talks in Paris. During this 10-hour discussion which included U.S Secretary Madeline Albright, the two leaders ordered their military commanders to withdraw their forces in three main areas. These talks were successful, but the fighting has yet to stop. There have been at least 124 deaths and thousands have been injured since the escalation of the conflict last month.

Barak has now called a time-out in the peace process to form a coalition with Likud party leader, Ariel Sharon. Sharon's September 28th visit to Joseph's tomb in triggered the violence in the Middle East. Palestinians and

Israeli liberals have warned that Sharon's inclusion in the government would stop the peace process.

Barak says that he wants peace, but he will not grant it under Palestinian threat of guns and stones. Arafat says that he wants "the massacre which is being perpetrated against the Palestinian people to stop." In a related development, several thousand Muslims gathered in Lafayette Square in Washington D.C on October 28th to protest the Palestinian deaths in the Middle East. The rally was one of the largest in the United States since the Middle East peace process disruptions. The protesters believe that the United States is condoning the killings in the Middle East by supporting Israel.

President Clinton has invited both Barak and Arafat to the District for separate meetings, but a date has not been set. While both sides are ready for the fighting to cease, the peace process has to be resolved before any progress is made.

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November 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

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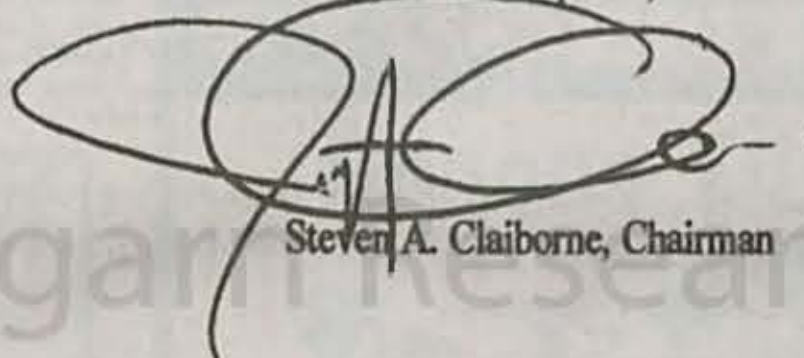
## HOMECOMING STEERING COMMITTEE

November 10, 2000

Dear Mr. Editor:

As the 2000 Howard University Homecoming Chairman I was offended and appalled at the analysis "Poor Planning Gives Way to Average Week" and the editorials that appeared in the Friday, November 3, 2000 edition of the Hilltop. The grade of "C" given to the Homecoming Steering Committee was unfair and did not speak to what really occurred during the 2000 Homecoming festivities. Mr. Editor let me take this opportunity to set a few things straight. For the last few years the Hilltop and its editorial staff have placed themselves in the questionable positions of evaluators of student leadership on campus, yet you fail to hold yourselves to the same standards. If I as a student leader held you and your editorial staff to the same unfair standard that you hold the rest of the student leadership, I would render you deficient for your unfounded reports and irresponsible journalism. The first half of your analysis, focused on security concerns, which are not within the scope of the Homecoming Steering Committee's responsibilities. The analysis goes further to say that the majority of the Homecoming activities that were produced by the Steering Committee were, in fact, well organized, and as the Hilltop put it, "winners." However, you give Homecoming 2000 a grade of "C". You scorn us for not advertising in, what you consider to be, an adequate amount of time. Mr. Editor if you and your staff were responsible reporters of the news and attempted to really find out what planning the Steering Committee was doing then you would have known that we cannot advertise an event until every aspect of that event is confirmed. We worked hard from March 2000 to October 2000(not the few days that you reported) to confirm everything in an adequate amount of time despite major unforeseen obstacles. You can just look on your floor or bulletin board to see how nice those advertisements were. I am sure that you still have plenty. I "dropped" them off to your office personally. Let me also address the issue of the Hip-Hop Concert at Club 2:K:9. This year's concert was in danger of not taking place due to a lack of venue, however, because of last year's concert incident I thought that the absence of a concert this year was unacceptable. I, along with my advisor and promoter made the decision that we would investigate alternative venues. Club 2:K:9 arose as a viable option and consequently we booked the venue and confirmed, what were then, the available artists. I don't have a problem if students disagreed with the line-up or venue, but when the Hilltop insinuates that the Steering Committee came up short with regard to the work that we put into the show, I take issue. We used the resources that we had to produce what we believed were solid events. Mr. Editor, contrary to your report, it was the Homecoming Steering Committee and the work of the Yardfest Coordinator Mahbleetah Grant that made the appearance of Jay-Z possible. It is unfortunate that even in our time of achievement you, the Hilltop attempt to cut us off at the knees. Hilltop I charge you with posing as a viable source of information for the Howard student, when you are really operating as a tabloid, basing many of your stories on hearsay and the unwanted, unneeded opinions of your editorial staff. It is one thing to have an editorial page, but when your paper is saturated with the opinions of a group of editors, who obviously live in a vacuum, you have crossed the line from objectivity to bias. If there is a question as to whether or not the Homecoming Chairman is upset, the answer is unquestionably, YES! Why? It is irrational to me that Homecoming 2000 could receive the same grade as its predecessor Retrospect when many of their shortcomings and faults were landslide achievements for Homecoming 2000. Hilltop, what is your criteria for grading Homecoming and the rest of Howard's student leaders? Whatever your criteria it is obviously inconsistent. Hilltop you have thrown stones in a glass house that now is shattering all round you. I now take the liberty as Chairman to request, that if you refer to the Steering Committee again in your paper, call us by our new name: **THE "A" TEAM**. In the spirit of Genesis 2000 Howard University's Homecoming Steering Committee I leave you with this: "Judge not that ye be not judged. For what judgment ye judge you shall be judged. And with what measure ye met it shall be measured to you again. **Matthew 7:1-2**

More than a Conqueror,



Steven A. Claiborne, Chairman





## Students Watch as Presidential Election Drama Unfolds

From ELECTION, A1  
-ly await for the party change to commence.

One second year student spoke out against the flak directed toward the Republican party by Democrats. The student, who is a registered Republican wished to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation by friends. She said she felt as though a sound government is on the verge of garnering control.

"People are over-reacting about the severity of the Republicans taking over,"

she said. "Bush will bring a positive change and a much needed [alternative] perspective to the White House."

Other members of the Howard community are elated with the presidential elect leaning toward the conservative side.

"It's been a bizarre race," said Chairman or the Student Republicans Charles Chamberlayne. "I am pleased to see the Senate and the House (and quite possibly the presidency) under Republican control."

Chasity Davis, sophomore marketing major, a Democrat from Texas labels the

elections as "scary." She feels that a Bush win would hinder the progress of America's flourishing economy.

"Bush is not looking out for the middle class or for us as black people. Instead, he is seeking to destroy the thriving economy that Clinton worked eight years to build," she said.

Other Democrats share Davis' stand on a possible Republican-run government. Derrick Simpson an advertising major from California confidently said he believed that Clinton was the best president

the country has ever seen and Gore played an intricate role in Clinton's success.

However, when asked about his views on Bush he replied, "[He's] incompetent and a racist who puts up a facade, so he can be elected into a high position."

Some students like English graduate student Paul Haynes remained unmoved by either candidate. "Weather Bush or Gore wins, it doesn't really matter," Haynes said.

Haynes, who has no party affiliation, said the main presidential candidates

debated over issues that resurface every election year and therefore did not clearly define their own political platforms.

"The difference between the two candidates was not made evident to the public and that's why you have the gridlock," he said. Haynes based his selection on which candidate would keep the country from getting worse. He selected Gore because he has served for eight years as a vice president.

Many students, unlike Haynes who elected to vote for the lesser of two evils,

chose not to vote at all. One such student was David "D-Walt" Walton. The junior acting major said, "People think that when they vote for a certain party the candidate they vote for is the perfect embodiment of what the party stands for and that's not true." He justified his refrain from the vote by saying he did not agree with what the candidates stood for and that his vote would have made little difference in his home state of South Carolina, a state in which Bush won.

## Missing Absentee Ballots Keep Some Students from Voting

From ABSENTEE, A1  
ballots. However, she assures students that the NAACP mailed and faxed all

applications before the Oct. 31 deadline. "We worked tirelessly to ensure that every form was mailed to the respective

states on time. From registering voters, holding dorm sweeps and telephone calls, we did all that we could to ensure

that everyone voted." Brown speculated that students may have misunderstood the absentee process.

When Operation Vote Bison registered students, they instructed students who were registered out of state and wanted absentee ballots to fill out registration applications and star them, Brown said. These starred applications were not mailed, but used to estimate how many absentee ballot applications needed to be requested from each state, Brown said.

Operation Vote Bison registered 1360 people to vote. Seven Hundred of those people were students who wanted to vote in their home states.

Students were then to come to a table

in Blackburn, which was set up every Wednesday for more than a month to fill out an absentee ballot request form. NAACP, HUSA, and the Office of Student Activities then mailed and faxed applications across the country twice.

Brown said close to 150 students requested absentee ballots through Operation Vote Bison, and her office did not receive many complaints about students not receiving their ballots.

Several of those who did not get them were from high volume states, such as California, Florida, and Michigan. One student who couldn't vote because her absentee ballot was sent too late was Ercilia Eugene. She didn't register with HUSA or the NAACP, she registered online in September.

Eugene, a senior classical civilization major from Miami, said she filled out an application online that asked if she wanted to fill out an absentee ballot and she checked yes. They sent her a registration form, but there was no absentee ballot.

"I didn't find out until two weeks before the election that I had to send a written request for an absentee ballot," Eugene said. She said when she called the voting headquarters in Miami, they told her she had to send in a letter requesting an absentee ballot. She did so and she

received it the Monday. By the time she went to the post office to send her ballot, it was too late, so she didn't vote.

"I felt like a loser, like I wasn't able to make a difference. If you ask me, Florida should vote over."

The problem of undelivered ballots was not concentrated on Howard's campus. Nationwide, people received absentee ballots either late or not at all. According to CNN's website and California Secretary of State, Bill Jones, estimated that 30 percent of the California vote could rest on processed absentee ballots—this doesn't take into account the ballots that were not cast.

This is a significant increase over the recorded 20 percent for the 1996 general election, which was a significant increase from past years. This is in addition to an estimated voter turnout of 76 percent in California, which has made the counting ballots that much more difficult.

Unfortunately, there is nothing that can be done about the late and unsent absentee ballots for this election. However, there is something that Americans can do in anticipation of the next election—call their states now. They can demand to know why their ballots were not sent in a timely manner and hold their county boards of elections accountable.

Brown also encourages students to join in the campus-wide voter effort to educate students about the entire voting process and let students know how important it is not just to register, but to vote.

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# ELECTION 2000

## 'Don't Touch That Dial... Or Maybe You Should'

By Joi Ridley

My first voting experience was truly unique. As I watched the last few seconds of various news broadcasts Tuesday evening, I took comfort in believing that Gore had gained Florida, a pivotal state with a number of electoral votes that would push him to the forefront of the election. I turned off my television for the evening with the notion that everything would be taken care of

### COMMENTARY

While I slept for the night, I knew that I would be able to enjoy the next day with the assurance that the newly elected president of the United States was former Vice President Gore.

About 2 a.m. I received a phone call that led to what became a sleepless night. A friend called to inform me that Gov. Bush was our newest president. He said that after tuning into three major networks, all had projected Bush to claim Florida, therefore giving him the votes that he needed to win. Needless to say that my heart began to beat faster than it ever should. The thought of Bush running the U.S. sent me into a state of shock that I, as of yet, have not recovered from. All I could see was my rights as a both a woman and a minority being snatched away, not to mention my financial aid for school.

I immediately turned to World Wide Web. I was flooded with (what I now know to be) false information and inaccurate figures. Each source had something different to say, how was I to decide what was true? I decided to settle things once and for all by going to the homepage for the New York Post to make some sense of this all. The first thing that caught my eye was a headline that made me cringe: "Bush Wins." It was confirmed: Bush had won and I was heartbroken. I decided that I could better deal with this after a full night of sleep so I went to bed, for the second time.

I woke up with a with a clock radio blaring something about "dead heat." I rushed to the TV, logged on once again and even let the radio stay on. Someone was going to tell me what was going on. They all had the same message: "We falsely projected the results of last night's elections. Sorry." And with that on to weather and traffic.

This whole situation made me come to a number of conclusions. First, the American public places entirely too much trust into various media sources. We look to them to make some sense of things that remain unclear or even unknown to us. Too often they do not live up to this responsibility. They report inaccuracies that can send a country into frenzy. When they realize the have made a mistake, they do rectify it, but only after the damage has already been done.

The media does not realize the power that they have in influencing the opinions, decisions, and thoughts of the public. They can have us hanging on their every word looking for answers that may very well be wrong.

After this mishap, I can honestly say that I have lost a sense of respect for the media. This may not be a good thing, especially since I plan to be a professional journalist. I can not believe how lax the media can be with the trust placed in them.

I have now realized that mistakes like this only make me strive even more to enter the world of media professionals. Even if it is only to make sure that news is presented accurately as not to keep anyone else up worried, unnecessarily, through all hours of the night.

Joi Ridley is a freshman print journalism major.



Two students react to the election returns Tuesday night.

Photo by Jason T. Smith

## And the Winners (For the City) Are?

By JONATHAN C. SIMS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Polling places were filled as District residents rushed to cast their votes this past Tuesday. Many offices changed hands while the District's election had as many surprises as the presidential election.

In the run for the District's House seat, Democrat Eleanor Holmes Norton won in a landslide against her Republican opponent Edward Henry Wolterbeck, taking 90% of the majority.

Some surprises happened on Tuesday as the polls closed. Incumbent School Board President, Rev. Robert G. Childs lost to newcomer Peggy Cooper Fravitz, whom was accredited with the founding of the Duke

Ellington School of the Performing Arts. She also was endorsed by Mayor Anthony Williams. The new school board members include Julie Mikuta, Dwight E. Singleton, Tommy Wells, and William Lockridge. They will be joined by four other board members who will be appointed by the Mayor. Williams said, "People have seen the quality of her candidacy and her leadership ability." This was the first year that District residents were able to vote for the position, before this year, the office was appointed.

For the DC Council at Large, Harold Brazil held a 51% majority of votes allowing him to stay on the Council. While opponent Carol Schwartz carried a strong 30% of the vote. This was one of the more publicized races around the city.

Howard Law alumnus and Democrat candidate, Adrian Fenty of Ward 4 won the votes of 89% of his constituents. His opponent Renee Bowser who was fighting for the DC statehood party received 10%. Other members added to the council are Democrats Jack Evans, Kevin P. Chavous, and unopposed Sandra Allen for Ward 8.

In the race of the shadow seats, Democrat Florence Pendleton dominated against Republican Janet Helms who withdrew earlier in the race for Senate. Democrat Ray Browne took the race for US Shadow Representative against DC Statehood candidate Martin Thomas. Republican John Shumake came in at distant third.

The polls reportedly brought out 54.7% of District's registered voters.

## City Results

### DC Congressional Representative

Eleanor Holmes Norton	90%
Robert D. Kampia	3%
Edward Henry Wolterbeck	6%
Sam Manuel	1%

### DC Council at Large

Carol Schwartz	30%
Harold Brazil	51%
Matthew G. Meuccio	2%
Chris Ray	2%
Daphne M. McBryde	4%
Arturo Griffiths	11%

### DC Council Ward 4

Adrian Fenty	89%
Renee Bowser	10%

### US Senate

Florence Pendleton	89%
Janet Helms	10%

### US Representative

Martin Thomas	13%
Ray Browne	74%
Kalonji T. Olusegun	2%
John Shumake	9%

### President of the DC Board of Education

Robert G. Childs	37%
Peggy Cooper Cafritz	53%
Lawrence A. (Larry) Gray	9%

### DC Board of Education District #1

Thomas E. Smith	11%
Linda E. Softli	6%
Glenn J. Melcher	3%
Ann C. Wilcox	12%
Harvey C. Jones	8%
Julie Mikuta	46%
Lenwood "Lenny" Johnson	10%
Malcolm Lovell	5%

(100% of the previous reporting)

## Students Fault Media Error and Conspiracy in Election

By NICOLE COLEMAN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Scenario: You and your pals are in your dorm room, sitting on edge while you anxiously wait for the results of the 2000 presidential race. By 12:30, the pizza box is empty and still no results. After watching an extremely close race for the Oval Office, the media have just informed you of Gore's concession to Bush. After several phone calls to family and friends notifying them of the news, you fall asleep. As you wake up for your nine-o'clock class, you turn on the TV only to hear that there is no president elect.

Much of the confusion concerning both campaigns Tuesday night was sparked by erroneous projections by the TV networks.

The networks announced that exit polling data projected Al Gore would win Florida and all 25 of its important electoral votes, but when actual returns started coming in, the networks retracted their projection.

Around 2 a.m. EST, the networks declared

Florida for Bush, and Bush as the newly elected president.

"I am disappointed with the process of ballot counting and the media's response to that process. I don't feel that they should make a final announcement without having a definite final count", said Sophomore Genia Wright.

Around 3 a.m. EST, the networks retracted the Bush projection, just as they did the Gore projection.

"I was anxious to see the results of the race, so when I woke up the next morning to find that there still weren't any results, I was upset. I just

want this whole thing to be over with", said Senior Brian Augsburg.

The topic of discussion in almost every class Wednesday was directed towards the suspected ballot scandals in Florida.

Sophomore biology major Dalila Simpson says "I think this is a conspiracy. I think the republicans in Florida had something to do with the votes not being accurate".

Besides scandals with the ballots, some students also feel that certain networks took a slanted view towards the outcome of the election.

"CNN did not do a good job on objective commentary for both parties. They were blatantly in favor of Bush", said sophomore Lawrence Garrett.

## Students are Queens of the Hill

From INTERN, Al is worth all the pains and struggles."

Both interns said they deal with the occasional grunt work, but each enjoys tasks such as answering mail from District residents.

The interns said they also admire their congressional representatives. Adams said she enjoys working with Johnson because the congresswoman is very active for issues such as education and healthcare. "It's nice to see an influential black woman in politics," she said.

Fomer is also fond of her powerful boss. "I admire her as an African-American woman who has

reached her status," Fomer said. "I have a lot respect for her."

Adams and Fomer are part of a program sponsored by the Congressional

Black Caucus Foundation which is intended to get young African-Americans more involved in the political process.

According to Edwin Makhubela, education program assistant to the CBCF, four Howard students are interns this semester for both Senate and House members.

"For them (the students) to work on Capitol Hill, it compliments our mission," Makhubela said. "Our mission is to groom our African-

American leaders, and at the same time, assist our current leadership."

The CBCF internship program operates during the fall and spring semesters. There is also an intensive summer program that requires interns to participate in mandatory cultural and educational activities. During the fall, the cultural and educational activities are offered but interns are not required to attend because of possible conflicts with schoolwork. Makhubela said students from American University and George Mason University also participate in the program.

## Questions Remain After Lee Visit

From LEE, Al

Student reaction to the meeting was lukewarm at best. "The media reported that Howard students were pleased with Lee's visit, but that wasn't the case," Simmons said. "Students were disappointed, not pleased. It was quite obvious that his visit was an effort to appease and not inform," Simmons said.

The meeting came a week after more than 150 students

marched and protested on the steps of the Justice Department, demanding answers following Fairfax Prosecutor Bob Horan's decision not to prosecute Carlton Jones, the officer shot Prince Jones.

In response to that, the Department of Justice announced that a civil rights investigation will be conducted to determine whether the Prince George's County police force has a pattern of systematic racial profiling and excessive force in place.

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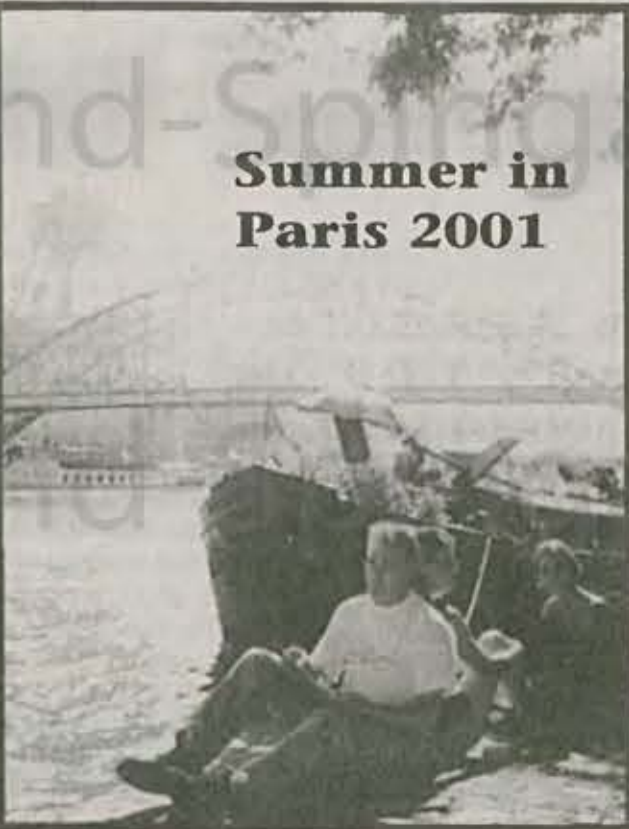
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### Foul Play in Florida

There is something fishy about this whole election. At one point, in Florida Vice President Al Gore was winning, then political pundits took the 25 electoral votes from Gore and placed the state back in the undecided column. Shortly after 3 a.m., news organizations were calling the race over and proclaiming George W. Bush the next president of the United States.

About one hour later, Florida was back in the undecided box. That is why this is fishy. How was there bad data collected? Does this have anything to do with the fact that Jeb Bush, George Bush's brother is the governor of Florida?

One thing is sure: the voters in Florida will be the determining factor in deciding who will be

the next president.

If George W. Bush does prevail, say good-bye to affirmative action and a woman's right to choose. If this man, a man who is against hate crime legislation and who doesn't know enough about foreign policy to save his own life, is elected president, then may God help the American people.

Al Gore is no saint. He may have character issues that people have to pay attention to and he may seem uneasy at times, but he is clearly the smarter man. He is also clearly the better man to lead a diverse country. He is up on the issues and no one should ignore that. We are not saying he is the best leader for our country, we are just saying as far as this race goes, Gore is the better choice of the two.

### Foul Play on Power Hall

Re: the crucifixion and vandalism of the Hilltop by the misguided misfits who made Homecoming scatalogical.

Snatching up Hilltop issues and stamping "As" on them, tacking up signs of the Hilltop with a substandard grade: "F-," a flier-flinging fop harassing Hilltop staff—all of this diligent zealotry and manic motivation that, well, could have been tapped to plan an at least average Homecoming.

Shortly after the Hilltop Editorial Board gave this year's Homecoming a grade of "C," Homecoming Steering Committee Chair Steven Claiborne tacked numerous defaced Hilltops and signs berating the Hilltop staff on the walls and bulletin boards of "Power hall."

His actions were not only childish, but more evidence of the overall unprofessionalism and poor judgement practiced by this year's Homecoming staff.

Though unknown to him at the time, Claiborne's actions present a classic Howard "teaching moment."

### Laurels For Nader

On Election Day, a small percentage of the US population voted for a loser. Some say that voting for a third party candidate was a waste, that is not true.

May be the independent vote took away from the vote for Gore. But, we can't be sure of that. Many of the people who voted for the Green Party may not have voted if not for Green Party presidential nominee, Ralph Nader.

A 5 percent vote for Nader equaled a federally funded Green Party. For DC, that meant a federally funded DC Statehood Green Party. But Nader fell short of that goal.

We applaud Nader and his candidacy and support his stance on many issues. He's pro-choice, against the death penalty, for DC statehood, for universal health care, against corporate welfare, and against imprisonment of drug users. Any African American could agree with his standpoints.

At a Super Rally held in the District Sunday, Nader spoke heavily about corporate welfare and his stance against it. He believes in the reign of the people over the country, not giant companies running the country. The Green Party believes that all corporate owned prisons should be abolished because prisons should be for the protec-

tion of society and not a means for corporations to make big bucks. Nader also said that he doesn't believe that people should be sent to prison for drug abuse, stating that if we don't send alcoholics to jail and we don't send nicotine addicts to jail, then why should we send other drug users to jail. We strongly agree with Nader on that point. He instead suggested that drug users and addicts should be rehabilitated just like alcoholics are sent to AA.

Nader promoted the idea of establishing community owned credit unions in poor communities. He spoke about the media; stating that a democracy would have its own media and would not be dependent on commercial media. The people instead would own the public media and this would take place in any self-respecting democracy.

Speaking about poverty, Nader elaborated on the disparity between the rich and poor in America, saying that the top 1 percent of Americans have more income than the bottom 95 percent and that one out of three workers in America don't even earn a living wage.

Though he didn't win, his efforts should be applauded.

### Words Not Enough

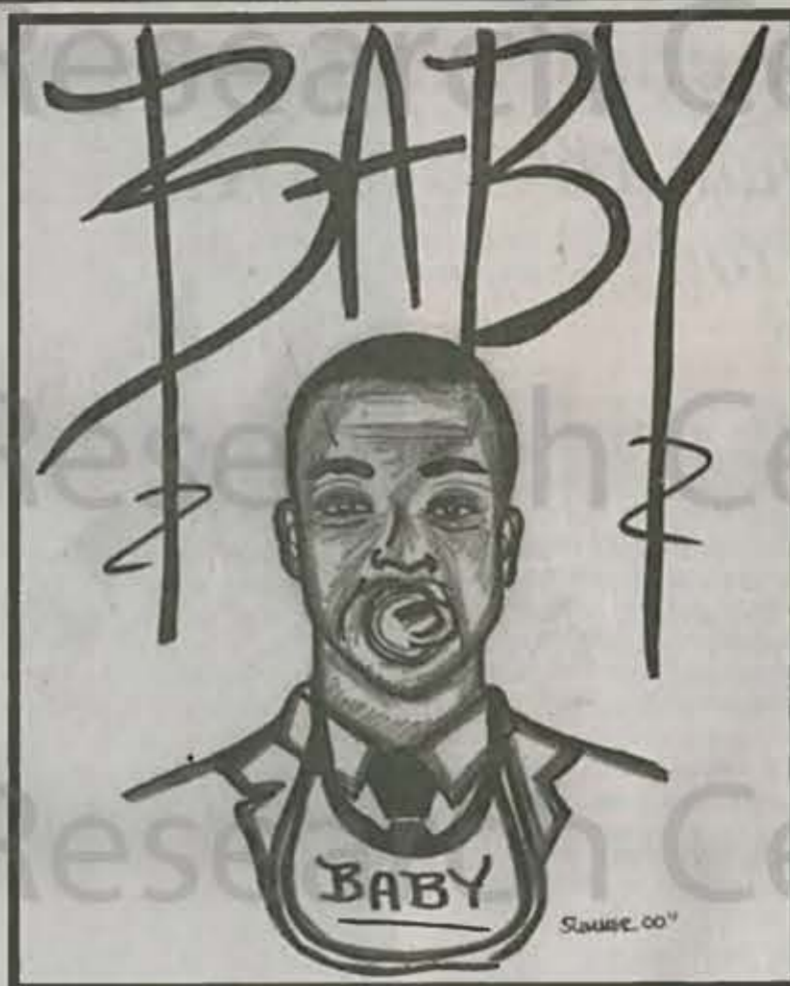
Thanks for being so "gracious" enough to take some of your time to come on campus to talk to students in the School of Business auditorium Friday Bill Lann Lee, but you really didn't help that much. Your visit was at best a cosmetic gesture since you didn't address any issues we care about.

For instance, when you were asked about how fast we would get a swift resolution to this case, you just said you had no interests in delaying the case, but you gave no time frame. Instead, you gave us answers like "We'll do all that we can under the law."

You took up for the officer who shot Prince

Jones, saying that officers cannot stop chasing someone while in a hot pursuit no matter what country or district they are in, but were they really in a chase? Did the officer motion for Prince Jones to pull over? No.

You are the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, you are expected to know a little more than officials in Prince George's and Fairfax Counties do. We see that the more than 150 students who marched down to the Justice Department caught the attention of you and your superiors, and that is a good thing. But maybe the next time, we'll double our numbers so that your next visit will make a little sense.



"Our Man Steven Claiborne"

### Letter to the Editor

#### On the Issue of Absentee Ballots

First and foremost, I would like to extend my apologies to those students who did not receive their absentee ballots on time and therefore were unable to vote in this vital election.

As we have seen, it is true that all votes matter. However, I would like to clear up some confusion and redirect the blame that many people have placed on the Howard University NAACP Chapter.

The entire voting process, from registration to absentee ballots, was a very arduous and expensive task that we decided to undertake. In addition, there was no mandate that forced us to take up this task. We simply wanted to make the voting process as easy for the students as possible.

With the help of organizations such as HUSA, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., we were able to register 1360 students. Although there were students who registered to vote in the District of Columbia, numerous students opted to vote by absentee ballot. For weeks, we informed students that if they wanted to vote by absentee ballot, they had to fill out an absentee ballot request form.

Our chapter's Press and Publicity Chair organized the absentee ballot effort and had to contact every state to request forms in bulk. Unfortunately, most states would not allow these forms to be given out in bulk numbers. With the 11 state request forms we did have, we placed fliers around campus, informing the students on what state request forms we had. In addition, we provided a web site address for those students whose state request forms we did not have.

The last day to return the request forms for most states was Oct. 31, but because we did not want to silence anyone's voice in the

political process, we allowed absentee ballot request forms to be returned up until that day. The Press and Publicity Chair and myself had to call each state to obtain the fax numbers for every county that we had a request form from. There were well over 100 forms that we had and thanks to the help of Ms. Freeman in the Office of Student Activities, who tirelessly faxed all of the forms for us, all absentee ballot request forms were turned in.

Of course our task was not complete. We then had to mail all of the original request forms that were faxed. In addition, during the entire registration process, HUSA and NAACP spent a large amount of money for postage. We did everything that we could to ensure that the students at Howard University had their voices heard. Even with the volunteers that we did have, this job was truly overwhelming, especially considering that none of us have ever worked on an election of this magnitude. At some point, we all must take responsibility for ourselves.

I am extremely disappointed at those states that did not return the absentee ballots on time. I do not think they realize how many people they left out of the process. Again, I apologize for those who could not vote, but I urge everyone not to give up hope on the democratic process. We must continue to educate ourselves on the political process. Without our voice this country will not reach the potential our ancestors worked so hard to achieve.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Women, Power, and 'Chauvinism'

Jamaal Washington

I don't know if it is the legacy of sexist oppression or what, but whatever the case may be, it seems that a significant portion of women cannot handle power. I take that back; I know many women who can handle real power very well, from last year's Hilltop editor to the president of the School of Communications to the ASSC Executive Treasurer. It is the women who have phantom power — that which seems to exist, but is really only the figment of their own and a whimsical supervisor's imagination — who seem unable to handle it and go off the deep end when they try to flex their muscle. They are also known as the ones who want to take a man's job because they feel he isn't doing it correctly.

Don't get me wrong — these power hungry women do a lot of good work. In fact, they, within their limited positions, do much good work, and often lay the groundwork for those above them to get things done correctly. However, because they do so much work, they are the first ones to pounce on a man in a position of power over them when they feel that he is slipping. And don't let him try to put her back in her place when she tries to step up and "check him." Oh no! Then he is being, pardon the vulgarity, an "ungrateful nigger" because, heck, she was doing all the work in the first place!

Never mind that, um, he didn't ask her to do all that, or that no one did, or that half the things she is doing aren't in her job description. He's wrong and he is being vindictive in her eyes. Actually, what is happening is that a feminine stereotype of an evil boss is being projected on him. While he is merely trying to preserve the chain of command, nothing personal, he is seen as doing something purely on a personal level.

Of course these jobs are held at the whim of the man in charge. Never mind that he probably isn't ultimately in charge himself; the fact is, to the woman, he is in a position of power. And that means that the woman must look for an opening to rip him out of that position. I suppose that is the legacy of the feminist movement — women take power wherever they can get it, no matter who they have to (try to) destroy to get it. It is actually funny. While some women actually go about accomplishing things and gaining meaningful positions that are actually designed to wield large power, others take whatever position they can find and try to turn that into the presidency of the university. Men, on the other hand, know how to keep their place in a hierarchy. An appointment is, basically, a favor saying that one thinks you can do the job and that the person in charge would like to see you do it well. Just that job, though; not a bit more. At least, not without consultation.

So where does all this leave us? Nowhere. As I said before, perhaps women constantly grab for power in whatever positions they have because, traditionally, they have not had much power. But instead of trying to steal it from the men above them, perhaps they should earn it just like those guys did. That would leave them without a lot of unnecessary terminations, hurt feelings, chin checks, and pointless arguments. Plus, who knows — if they came by their power honestly instead of trying to grab at it wherever it seemed to lurk in the shadows, perhaps they might gain much more real power and much more respect from the men whose power they resent so much. That would be the end of the chauvinism/sexism that these women rail so hard against in their whimsically existing positions.

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## How the KFC Recipe Saved Me From Apathy

Kiros A.B. Auld

One could cite a historical correlation between the rise of student apathy and the establishment of coeducational dorms, but my experience leads me to believe that ignorance is the primary deterrent to student activism. Ask any Howard student why they were not at HUSA's Prince Jones rally and the first thing you will hear is "I didn't know about it."

Sadly, I concur.

It was not until I emerged from KFC that I came to know of the HUSA march, and only because they reached that neck of Georgia Avenue. With fried chicken in hand, I had the honor of joining HUSA on the final drumstick of the march, which is an anomaly in this age of student apathy. Still, on more than one occasion, I could have kept walking with my chicken. Every single demonstration I have attended at Howard has been the result of happenstance, not advertisement.

When people think back to Howard University in the 1960s, they often remember it as a hub of Civil Rights movement. In general, students like to think that back in the day, they would be marching against injustice with Larry Neal — "the people's poet," Dave Clark, and Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael during his student years). However, it is more likely that this romanticism would resemble contemporary reality, wherein revolutionary sentiment often fizzles into nothing as a result of...whatever. Student apathy has always been with us. Even during the Civil Rights era, there was a large portion of the Howard student body that did not join in the protests. However, a key factor that distinguishes Civil Rights era protest from rallies today is the level of organization. It used to be the case that Howard students were galvanized by groups of high organized individuals. What about now?

As Howard students in general are ignorant of the happenings of student organizations, the student organizations at Howard are ignorant of what is going on amongst themselves. What we have here is ignorance born of a lack of communication, not intelligence or competency. Exceptions to this trend among organizations are possible through the Pan-Hellenic councils and the sharing of information as a result of students being active in multiple organizations. If all student organizations participated in a dialogue, an exchange of information, shared objectives could be more easily met and a large portion of the student body could be informed.

Let us now move beyond this foreplay. Within the next few weeks, a room will be secured in which this dialogue may take place. HUSA attempted this during the summer, and it's time to try again. Calls will be made to all student organizations that left contact numbers with the Office of Student Activities. More than any event in recent memory, the murder of Prince Jones has exposed the weaknesses of student organizations at Howard. This cause is not yet lost. There is still a chance to get organized so that we can adequately address this matter and others that arise in the future.

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## 2000 Niggers

Michael Winfield

We passed the brown paper bag, comparing its coloration to our respective complexions. I passed ("Oh, I guess I'm light skinned," I murmured), the lone Hispanic passed like cream in a drug dealer's hands, the room's occupant failed by a weak cup of coffee. I was told: "Don't stay in the sun. No more sun for you!" We then each went through a comedic dialogue: "No, no, I'm white. The skin? Oh, years of tanning. The lips and nose? Collagen implants. Have to keep up with Hollywood." Then came: "How do you explain the hair?" The response: "Black parents. But I'm white, really." The comedic conversation began when the Hispanic entered proffering "free government cheese and watermelon for everybody!" When caked walked and did 'coon shufflin'. It was a time of tragic irony, because the television set had said Bush had conquered Florida, and Jesse Jackson had fell victim to aphasia, blabbed on his rhetoric and cried on national television. As soon as we heard the news, whether it was accurate or not, we suddenly realized that it was the year 2000, and we were millennium niggers.

Michael Winfield, a junior political science major, is the Editorials Editor.



## Underweight Fetuses, Pakistani-Porn and Atheists

Michael Winfield

San Francisco is notorious for its Gomorrah-like liberalism, but its newly proposed legislation on tobacco sales verges on Jacobinism. Tom Ammiano, the Board of Supervisors President in City Hall plans to ban new stores whose primary product would be tobacco or tobacco regalia. Existing smoke-shops would have to alter the aim of their business within two years—limiting tobacco to merely 25% of the store's floor space or no more than 75% of the store's sales—or have the city shut them down. If you are unfamiliar with the totalitarian tyranny of Mayor Giuliani in New York, his jackbooted jihad to raze the city of porn shops run by men who speak Urdu limited through legislation the content of their product. Under Giuliani's gambit, the stores either had to shuffle to the outskirts of the city (thereby creating pornographic shantytown) or reduce their porn content to less than a predetermined percent. What Giuliani overlooked in his autocratic assault on porn, and what Tom Ammiano is missing in his mission to do in cigars and snuff, is that these are businesses. While I am no Adam Smith conservative, and favor the regulation of big businesses to prevent the tyranny of privatization and the primacy of immortal corporations without souls, these businesses are small. How much snuff can a corner smoke-shop sell?

The problem I have is not with the regulation of the sale of cigarettes. The things are foul. The people who use them hate themselves because it clearly reads on the side of the package: THIS WILL KILL YOU, YOUR UNBORN CHILD, AND BY THE WAY, IT WILL KILL YOU SLOWLY AND PAINFULLY. The problem I have is with the principle of the thing. By what standard is the local government operating this ordinance? What is the basis of the distinction? Why can the city decide to regulate viable businesses, businesses that cannot operate without the active consumer support and patronage of the surrounding community, communities that should control the direction of the city's legislation? While we may live in a republic on the national scale, local politics, if anything, should be democratic. If the city is in the business of serving the needs of the people...why is it randomly zeroing in on one particular form of business and limiting its ability to function in the economy? If no one wants to buy porn, fine. If no one wants to buy cigarettes, fine. But since New Yorkers avidly purchase porn and San Franciscans avid-

ly smoke cloves, why is the local government abusing its police powers on loan from the state government via its city charter and wrecking shop, smoke-shops in particular? If the city can attack videos of women squishing men's genitals with high-heels, what will come next? If the city can quash the ability of shopkeepers to sell snuff, what will come next? Could not, feasibly, a gang of atheists get into City Hall and limit the sale of Bibles? Or at least have shopkeepers move their Bibles to the back of the shop, so that passerby pedestrians on the publicly-owned, state-owned street don't see an advertisement for any particular religion as they hoof it on by?

Of course, distinctions made on race, gender, age, and so on is prohibited. Cities can no longer choose to keep Blacks from their stores, keep women from their counters, etc. But choices about lifestyle are inherent to economic behavior: in a capitalist society, I'm sorry to say, but you are what you consume. As consumers, when someone limits your ability to buy what coincides with your desire to spend, they are limiting your desire to express yourself. Smoking, as sick and dumb as it is, says something about how you feel about the world, how you see yourself in relation to it, and tons of other jabberwocky that would be examined here were this a self-help session for thirty-year old suburban housewives. It ain't. If your personality is to be a corpulent, greasy, self-stroking worm...who is City Hall to say you can't get your beat off on to a video of a mentally-impooverished woman who thinks of herself as empowered and independent for ball-kicking a Cuban immigrant who was told the broken-down porn production studio was his "billeta" to Hollywood? It is our right to buy whatever we want, to say whatever we want about ourselves, because in a consumerist culture, especially for Black people, who are historically so poor that to just look like we have money is enough, we are the sum of our possessions. (Screw souls.) What happens when someone sensible gets into City Hall and prohibits weaves? What will we do then?

Michael Winfield, a junior political science major, is the Editorials Editor.

## Mumbo No. 5

Olu Burrell

Yeah, that's right. I am from DC. Now what? Its funny how a lot of people talk about DC and our style, our music, and our speech. I must admit that I say "brova" and "young", but so what? Its amazing how we get talked about and laughed at for being different, but then again, you love you some mumbo sauce on our wings and fries. That's DC, baby. You love going to Republic Gardens, DC Live, the Ritz, the Cage, and 2:K:9. That's also DC. Oh, and can't leave out my partners in rhyme; you know you love Bar Nun on Monday's, Mango's on Tuesdays, Bohemian Cafe' on Wednesdays, and the Kaffa House on Thursdays for the open mic sessions. Guess what? They are all on U street, where? You guessed it? DC. Now on to my Go-Go. That's right! I love it. I love my JY (Junkyard), my Back (Backyard), my RE (Rare Essence), Proper Utensils, my Northeast Groovers (NE, what?! what?!), and my Huck-a-Bucks. If you're turning up your face right now, you might want to join the group of people who have already done the same, the H.A.T.E.R.S. (Hermetic Association of Temperamental, Envious, and Radical Simpletons). You are sure not to be alone. I am not blasting anyone, I am just trying to let the masses know that respect works both ways. People tell me all the time, "Olu, I didn't know you were from the uuuurra. Man,

you don't dress like you from here, are you sure?" The answer is yes. I am proud of where I am from just like all my peoples from all coasts and countries who are proud of their cities. At home games when they play go-go, a throng of boos echo from the crowd (shout out to Section 2, Greene Stadium, and my Section 8 peoples in Burr), but when the band starts kicking beats people start grooving. Reality Check: believe it or not, that's go-go you're listening to. You love our steroid-enhanced wings, you love Ben's Chili Bowl, you love Florida Ave. Grill, and 80% of the guys love DC girls (especially when they are rockin' parasuco's). Some people actually like a few go-go songs. "Scenario" seems to be one of the most popular. And everybody bumps track #8 on Jill Scott's album. You know that that's a huge shout out to DC, in case you didn't know, "It's Love." Oh, and before I go, can't forget to represent for my peeps in the Metro area outside of DC. Oh, and if anyone has the Northeast Groovers 8/23/93 at the Metro Club w/ Tony Blunt, holla @ me. andimout....

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Bethune-Cookman 34, Hampton Univ. 31 (at Hampton, VA)  
Delaware State 46, N.C. A&T State 45 (at Dover, DE)  
Florida A&M 50, Southern University 49 (at Baton Rouge, LA)  
Norfolk State 19, Morgan State 14 (at Norfolk, Virginia)

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**

Schedule for week of November 11

Bethune-Cookman at Howard Univ.  
Delaware State at Norfolk State  
N.C. A&T State at Hampton Univ. / 12 Noon / MEAC-TV  
Morgan State at S.C. State  
Florida A&M, idle

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Bethune-Cookman	5	1	0	.202	107	833	8	1	0	267	137	889
Hampton Univ.	4	2	0	.222	195	667	6	3	0	321	266	667
N.C. A&T State	4	2	0	.170	98	667	6	3	0	226	132	667
Delaware State	3	3	0	.192	233	500	5	4	0	285	313	556
Howard Univ.	3	3	0	.110	145	500	3	6	0	153	256	333
Norfolk State	2	5	0	.82	176	286	3	6	0	113	244	333
S.C. State	1	5	0	.151	247	167	2	7	0	237	357	222
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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**CARRUTH THOUGHT OF HAVING ADAMS ATTACKED**

Former Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth told a family friend he didn't kill his pregnant girlfriend, but thought about having her attacked early in her pregnancy. The Charlotte Observer reported Sunday. The friend, Wendy Lovette Cole, drove the car in which the former NFL player left Charlotte after learning Cherica Adams died on Dec. 14 of gunshot wounds from a month earlier. Carruth's capital murder trial enters its third week of jury selection on Monday. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

**MICKELSON OUTPLAYS WOODS**

For the first time since his rookie season on the PGA Tour, Tiger Woods lost a tournament after taking a lead into the final round. Phil Mickelson won the Tour Championship on Sunday, catching Woods on the first hole and never relinquishing his lead.

**DEL GRECO BOOTS STEELERS**

Al Del Greco kicked his third field goal, a 29-yarder, with four seconds left as the Tennessee Titans rallied for a 9-7 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday, stretching their winning streak to eight straight. Tennessee now has a 2-game lead in the AFC Central and has beaten Pittsburgh seven straight times in the series.

**BOWL HOPES**

Miami (7-1) may be ranked No. 2 in the media and coaches polls, but Florida State is second in the ratings that count most - the BCS standings. The Seminoles (9-1), despite a 27-24 loss to the Hurricanes last month, were in second place behind Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series released Monday, a scant .39 points ahead of Miami. The teams that finish 1-2 in the final BCS standings released Dec. 3 will play in a national title game in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.



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**Bison out of the Hunt**

The Bison suffer consecutive losing seasons for the first time in 15 years.

By BRANDON M. BICKERSTAFF  
SportsWeek Editor

South Carolina State (2-7, 1-5) snapped a six-game losing streak to defeat the Howard Bison 38-20 in front of 7,727 at Bulldog Stadium in Orangeburg, SC. The Bison (3-6, 3-3) watched their chances for a winning season slip through their fingers, making it the first time in Coach Steve Wilson's 12-year career his team has had consecutive losing seasons and the team's first since 1984 and 1985.

With the Bulldogs up 28-20 heading into the fourth quarter, a punt by South Carolina State punter Franklin Zeigler took an awkward bounce, ricocheting off Bison blocker Rontarius Robinson's shoulder. Justin Kinley was able to track down the live ball for the Bulldogs, placing them on Howard's 38-yard line. South Carolina State scored on the ensuing play, placing the game out of reach for the Bison.



South Carolina State running back Chad Eddy rushed for 122 yards as the Bulldogs defeated the Bison 38-20 at Bulldog Stadium in Orangeburg, SC. The Bison take on Bethune-Cookman College at Greene Stadium tomorrow.

The Bison's familiar carousel of quarterbacks began, as Donald Clark, Roy Anderson, and Travis Coleman took the remainder of the Bison's snaps. After ineffective drives by Clark and Anderson, Coleman completed four consecutive passes to set up a two-yard Jermaine Hutchinson touchdown run. The turning point of the game came as Bulldog running back Chad Eddy capped off a nine-play, 92-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run on the final play of the half. Eddy continued his dominance over the Bison defense, finishing with 122 rushing yards on the night. Fullback Stanley Stephens also put up big numbers for South Carolina State, including a 46-yard touchdown rumble to extend the Bulldogs' lead to 28-14. Stephens finished

Photo by Mark Coleman

See BISON, B2

**Tydigga's Picks of the Week**

By TYRONE McCANDIES  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Big weekend coming up. The elections are here. The winner wasn't posted at press time, but I heard that Tyrone McCandies carried 40 states. Anyway, lets get down to something that I know, SPORTS!

**DELAWARE STATE AT NORFOLK STATE**- Well, the Spartans won the Fishbowl Classic a few months ago, so you can tell that their season was made. Delaware State has been playing with a chip on their shoulders the past couple of weeks. Look for the Hornets to beat the pants off Norfolk State, not because they have a better football team. Because Norfolk State's homecoming SUCKS!  
Del.State 45-Boys of Troy 6

**NORTH CAROLINA A&T AGGIES AT HAMPTON PIRATES**-If you look in Webster's Dictionary for the word choke, you might see an A&T football player. The Aggies lost a golden opportunity with a lost to Del.State last week. They should have tried spitting out more points than spitting on Del.State fans. But I guess you just can't beat that Aggie "CLASS." Hampton got served by both Florida teams back to back! The Aggies will win this classic matchup, but won't look good doing it! Oh yeah, you Pirates, it's still called Hampton Institute University, so let's

chill with the real HU talk, okay?  
NC A&T 28-HIU 23

**MORGAN STATE BEARS AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BULLDOGS**- Hey, the Bulldogs did something that this writer thought they were going to do this week. Win a conference game, unfortunately it was at Howard's expense. The Bears are struggling and would love nothing more than winning in Orangeburg. Wonder if Morgan State's alum Joe Clair will be in attendance. It shouldn't matter, Bulldogs in a shootout. But I still loved him on Rap City!  
SC STATE 42- MORGAN 39

**BETHUNE COOKMAN WILDCATS AT HOWARD BISON**- The Bison dropped a sure victory in Orangeburg last weekend, while the Wildcats beat Hampton. Pa'Tell Troutman is out, but his replacement is dangerous. The Bison are hoping for a little magic and could make things interesting. That is if Howard comes interested in playing. Look for an intense matchup similar to last year's game with Cookman getting the edge. By the way, I could have sworn that I saw the Wildcat's coach with a gummy haircut. Come on homie, don't show up to Greene with that!  
BCC 32-HU 27

**Howard Women's Soccer Sets Record in Final Game of Season**

Courtesy of Howard University Sports Information

WASHINGTON, DC-Howard's Lady Bison soccer team closed out the 2000 season by setting a school record for the most goals ever scored in a game by defeating Spelman College 13-1. The team set the previous record on October 7 when they defeated South Carolina State 10-0. Sophomore Erin Garner scored the first of her game-high three goals off an assist from senior Amy Olson in the 17th minute of the first period for the Lady Bison. Olson led the team with four assists. The Lady Bison scored an additional five goals before intermission. Freshman Rogienna Pierre began the rally for the Lady Bison in the second period, scoring a goal off an assist by Olson from the near side net in the 65th minute. Within four minutes of scoring her first goal, Pierre scored her second goal off an assist from Shannon Hollins in the 69th minute. Spelman College's lone goal came in the 76th minute by Jamilah Coley. The Lady Bison took 38 shots while Spelman took only four. The Lady Bison close the 2000 season with their best record ever of 8-10-1.

**Men's Basketball Explodes in Exhibition**  
Howard Bison show improvement, defeat Three Aces in exhibition action

By CHRIS COOPER  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Bison men's basketball team showed flashes of brilliance in last Friday night's exhibition game, crushing their opponent 105-69. The team took on the Three Aces, a team composed of local players, all of whom played Division-I basketball. The team boasted players like guard Michael Powell, who in 1998 ranked third in the nation in scoring. A tenacious defense allowed the Bison to jump ahead early and never look back. Led by junior Ali Abdullah's five steals, the defense stifled the Aces, causing multiple turnovers. The relentless hustle slowed the Aces' offensive attack and made the experienced bunch appear to be over the hill. "We've only had about 13-14 practices, and we've really stressed defense," said forward Darren Kennedy. "We know defense is what wins games, what wins championships." The tandem of sharp shooting guards Abdullah and sophomore Jonathan Stokes led the Bison offensively. Stokes slashed and shot his way to an 18-point performance. Meanwhile, the Aces could not stop the rain, as Abdullah shot 7 of 9 from behind the 3-point arc, finishing with 25 points. Kennedy was the Bison's most imposing inside force. Kennedy,

who finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, showed he not only has the physical tools, but the skills as well to become a dominant player in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference. Other bright spots for the Bison included guards Ron Williamson, Reggie Morris, and freshman forward Ronald Miller. Williamson, who saw limited action due to foul trouble, dropped 11 points before fouling out in the second half. Morris tickled the twine, hitting 4 of 7 from the field and going a perfect three-of-three at the free throw line, finishing with 12 points. Miller, who only saw 19 minutes of action, showed the Bison crowd he deserves more time, hitting three of his four shots and snagging eight rebounds. Miller is one of the Bison's new recruits. Standing at 6'8", this product of Oxon Hill High School looks to be a welcomed addition to this year's team. The victory was the Bison's first pre-season victory since January 8, 1999.

Photo by Mark Coleman

The Bison welcomed back point guard Ali Abdullah, who sat out last season with a back injury. Abdullah finished with 25 points against the Three Aces, shooting 7-9 from the three-point line.



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Did You Know?  
THIS SEASON MARKS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1984 AND 1985 THAT THE BISON FOOTBALL TEAM HAS SUFFERED CONSECUTIVE SEASONS UNDER .500

# Wildcats Descend on Greene Stadium

*Bison looking to trip up Bethune-Cookman College as a spoiler*

By **TYRONE McCANDIES**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Although Howard (3-6, 3-3) have played themselves out of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference contention, the Bison can still become a player in the conference.

Bethune-Cookman (8-1, 5-1), ranked 22nd in the country, will visit Greene Stadium in what could be a critical match-up this weekend. A Wildcats victory will set up a showdown between Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman for the conference crown and an automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs.

Howard, behind the heroics of Bobby Townsend, Jevonte Philpot, and Elijah Thurmon, came from 17 points down to edge Bethune-Cookman 31-27 in last season's Riverfront Classic. The Bison have won four straight in this series to tie it at 10.

Coach Alvin Wyatt (27-15) will have his Wildcats extremely riled up for this one. BCC is coming off an emotional 34-31 road victory over Hampton last week.

Bethune-Cookman will be led by junior running back Jay Rogers (97 carries, 609 yards, 6 TDs) and senior wide receiver Antonio Stanley (27 receptions, 430 yards, 3 TDs).

"Stanley is one of the best kick returners in the conference," said Bison Coach Steve Wilson. "When he touches the ball he is a threat to go all the way."

Bethune-Cookman's All-American quarterback Pa'Tell Troutman is out with a shoulder injury, but freshman Allen Suber has more than filled the role. Suber has 273 yards on 20 of 40 passing and 295 rushing yards. The super freshman has accounted for five touchdowns on the year, all while almost single-handedly destroying Hampton's dream of a conference crown last week.

Bethune-Cookman also boasts one of the top defenses in the MEAC. This fierce unit will be led by junior linebackers Anthony Hubbard (70 tackles and 5 sacks) and Jimmy Williams (47 tackles and 6 sacks). The tandem have been giving quarterbacks fits throughout the season. Also giving quarterbacks problems will be sophomore defensive back Rashean Mathis, who has a whopping 10 interceptions on the season.

The Bison are hoping to play spoiler again in Greene Stadium. If they are to do so, it will happen without Bobby Townsend (1,216 passing yards and 9 touchdowns), who separated his right throwing shoulder on a touchdown run against South Carolina

State. Donald Clark will get the nod for the Bison this week.

The Bison will rely on senior running back Jermaine Hutchinson to put in more work. Hutchinson, after a slow start, has 552 rushing yards and six touchdowns on the season.

Clark hopes to have sophomore wide receiver Kevin Simmonds back in the line-up, along with Jevonte Philpot (420 receiving yards and 1 TD). Sophomore running back Tauric Rice (18 catches, 266 yards, 3 TDs) will provide Clark with a receiving threat out of the backfield in case he gets in a jam.

All-American candidate Tracy White (104 tackles, 4 sacks, and two interception) anchors a defensive unit that, prior to last week, had gone nine quarters without giving up a touchdown.

White will be joined by safeties Brian McDonald (56 tackles) and Vontrae Long (60 tackles, 3 INTs, and 5 pass deflections). The Bison can also count on Charles Woodall (9 tackles for losses), defensive tackle Damien Walker (64 tackles and 5 sacks), and line backer Mike Sanders (62 tackles), who is having an outstanding freshman year.



File Photo  
**Oby Arah (91) and the Bison hope to spoil the playoff hopes of Bethune-Cookman College and extend a three game home winning streak tomorrow at Greene Stadium. Both the Wildcats and the Bison are without their starting quarterbacks for the MEAC match-up.**

The big key for Howard will be regaining the confidence they had after the NC A&T victory. If the Bison come out flat, BCC's "Wyatt-Bone" offense will pitch and option its way to a huge victory. If the Bison can make sound decisions on offense, the game might be close.

Another key for the Bison will be its defense. The front seven must get after Suber early and force him into mistakes. Suber is good, but he is still a true freshman. Pressure should be key this Saturday.

## Sports with a woman's touch

2 MINUTE DRILL from B1

Although basketball season is enough to get excited about, don't forget about the other teams on campus. The indoor track team needs some love, along with the swimming and diving, wrestling, tennis, and lacrosse teams. We all know that these sports may not be as entertaining or exciting to the average sports fan as your usual football, basketball or even soccer games, but if you sit down and watch them, I'm sure that you would be surprised with all the talent that they possess.

I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to the Women's soccer team. They completed their winningest season in Howard history, and very few people on campus knew about it. Take a bow ladies, you deserve it.

This is my final point in this 2 Minute Drill. As you sit in the stands of Greene Stadium or anywhere in the Burr, ponder this question. "Can I really do as well as our athletes?" If you think you can, why don't you get out and show what you can do. Believe it or not, you might be that missing link that they need to get the recognition that they deserve. Instead of sitting in the stands talking about how much the team sucks, why not put forth that energy into helping the team instead of destroying it? The answer has told me that my two minutes are up, but don't worry. I'll be back with more to say.

## Sharks Prepare for MEAC Showdown

By **CAMILLE M. HARVEY**  
Assistant SportsWeek Editor

The Sharks prepare for the trip to North Carolina where the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's three swimming teams will meet in a tri-meet this weekend. Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T Universities join Howard in the meet.

North Carolina A&T and Florida A&M's swimming programs are relatively new, but both look to make an explosion on the MEAC swimming scene. The Sharks, however, are looking to capitalize on the teams' inexperience.

The Sharks will look to backstrokers Casilda Trotter, Nicola Fenty, and Olufolahan (Lubo) Oluwole to lead the team. Sprinters Ngozi Monu and Afalabi Adeoyin and distance swimmer Salim King will also look to contribute to the Sharks' performance this weekend.

For the Sharks, this will be their first meet since their October 21st loss to the University of Delaware.

This meet is significant due to the limited number of teams in the MEAC. They all play against teams from different conferences with older, more developed programs.



Photo by Mark Coleman

**The Sharks are poised to take on MEAC rivals Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T tomorrow.**

This meet will help the teams to develop. The Sharks will host the University of Maryland, Baltimore Country at home on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

## Ooh La La Dancer of the Week

**Name: Princess Hope Lee**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Age: 20**  
**Born: July 15, 1980**  
**Sign: Cancer**  
**Hometown: Fort Washington, MD**  
**Major: Exercise Physiology**



**"Throughout my life's journey, I realize that I must endure all things with patience and be diligent in fulfilling my life's goals. I can do all things through Christ!"**

## Bison in for disappointing season

**BISON** from B1

with 111 rushing yards.

The Bison defense, which posted offensive shutouts against North Carolina A&T and Norfolk State, seemed to have run out of steam against the Bulldogs, who stung Howard for 524 yards on 84 plays. The Bulldog defense, giving up an average of 480 yards entering the game against Howard, held the Bison to just 249 yards.

As if the South Carolina State running attack wasn't enough, quarterbacks Reese McCambell and Avery Bowden combined for 230 yards passing, throwing salt in the wounds of a Bison defense which struggled throughout the entire game, allowing the Bulldogs to gain 24 first downs.

The Bison look to defend their unbeaten home record against Bethune-Cookman College tomorrow at Greene Stadium.

## Queen of Her Court

*Alami brings energy and experience to the tennis team.*

By **JODI REID**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lamia Alami is making swift moves toward her future as she prepares to open up this spring tennis season. Alami is a computer science major who represents Howard University as an outstanding student and athlete.

Alami came to Howard University in 1998 as a transfer from Radford University. Alami, who is originally from Morocco, Africa and Switzerland, has continued to exercise her abilities for Howard's women's team. Alami missed the fall season due to a lower back injury.

This year will mark Alami's twentieth as a tennis player. The 25-year old began playing as a child in Morocco. Her family also participated in the sport, providing a ripe environment for Alami to learn the game.

As a youth, Alami held the number one rank of players age 16 to 21 in Morocco. She also played pro for three years, during which she was ranked 500th internationally by the Women's Tennis Association.

After playing for so long, one might think that Alami would become bored with the sport. Alami believes otherwise.

"I love it, I love everything about tennis," Alami says. "It is challenging mentally and physically."

Alami's love for the game can be seen in her court

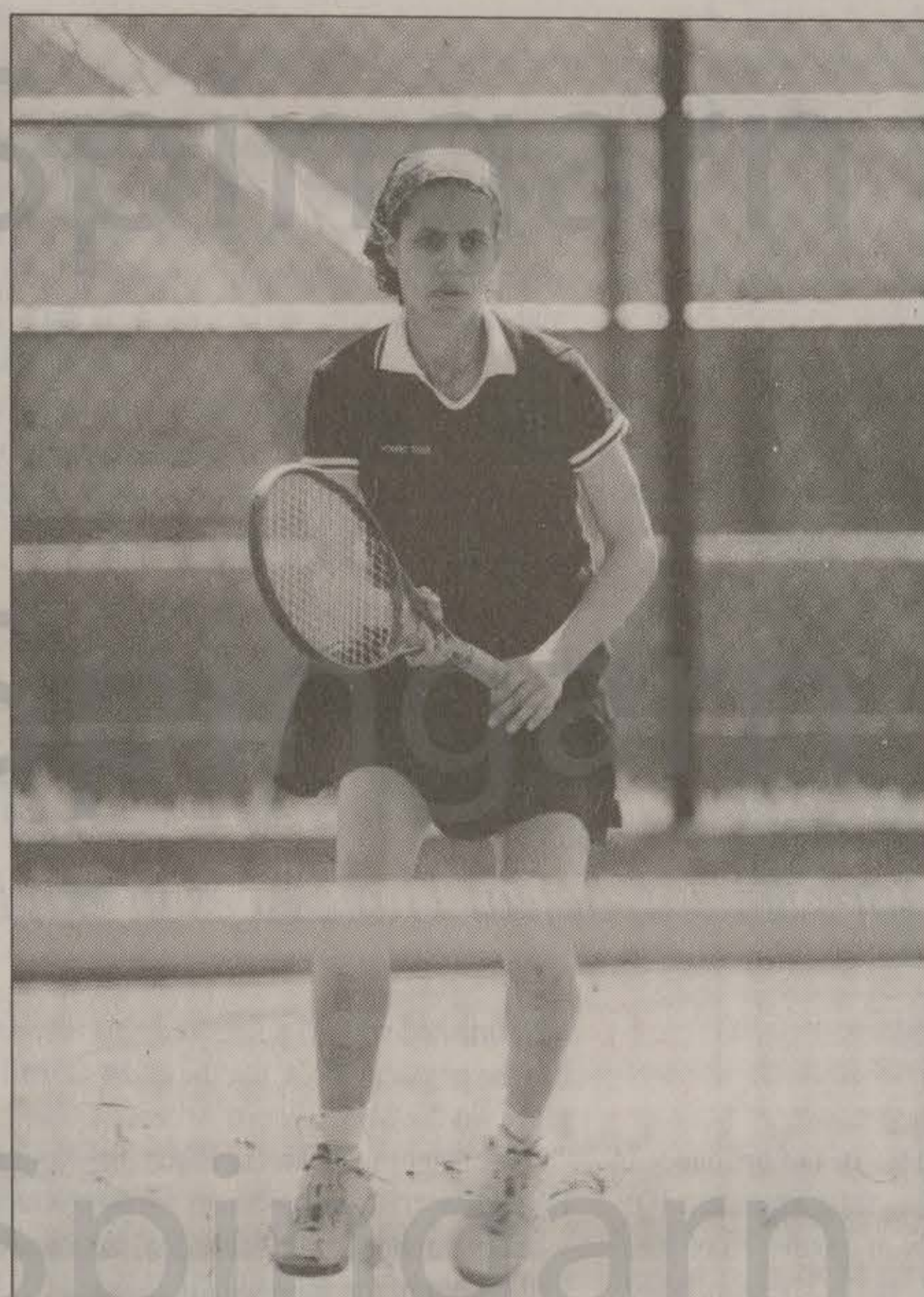


Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

**Twenty-year tennis veteran and former professional player Lamia Alami looks forward to the spring season of Howard Tennis.**

presence. She describes herself as a hyper player when she is on the court. "I like to motivate myself," Alami says. "I am a loud player."

Aside from her successes on the court, Alami has excelled in the classroom as well. Alami attained a 4.0 GPA last semester, earning her National Collegiate Athletic Association honors as an All-American Scholar-Athlete.

As a team, Alami feels that Howard has a good chance to win a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Alami anticipates her return to the court this spring and looks forward to playing with her team mates, who she describes as, "supportive and fun." As an individual, Alami hopes to win all her matches while sharpening her skills.

Alami says that the key to a good game is the same as the key to a good life. "Sleep, motivation and concentration."

Upon graduation Alami plans to attend graduate school to earn a higher degree in computer science. Although she has no plans on playing professionally again, Alami would like to play tennis for recreation.

## Lady Bison Squeak to Victory

*Women's basketball team wins first exhibition*

By **CAMILLE M. HARVEY**  
Assistant SportsWeek Editor

The women's basketball team earned their first victory Sunday as they squeaked past the MI Express 81-79 in Burr Gymnasium. The exhibition win was a confidence booster not only for Lady Bison Head Coach Cathy Parson, but for her team as well.

The women's team received an impressive performance from sophomore guard Asia Petty, who was the game's leading scorer with 17 points. She also had three assists, two steals and shot 7 of 8 from the free throw line.

Former All-MEAC Rookie Andrea Gardner followed with 13 points, 11 rebounds and three steals. Gardner also shot 7 of 10 from the free throw line.

Along with Petty and Gardner, Essence Goggins, Nicole Jackson, and Channell Washington also turned in strong performances for the Lady Bison on the night. Goggins had 11 points with two assists and two steals. Jackson added 10 points and a steal to her game-high six assists. Washington finished with 8 points, 2 assists, one block and one steal.

The leading scorer for MI express was Shonda Deberry, who had 13 points, two assists and a blocked shot. She also shot 5 for 8 from the free throw line and 2 for 4 from the three point line.

Parson says that she was fortunate to get this victory, noting that "it could have gone either way."

"I just felt that this was a good showing of what is to come," Parson said.

Despite playing a good game, the Lady Bison also made a number of mistakes, committing 31 turnovers to Express' 30. Many of the team's mistakes can not be blamed on the players alone, as Parson points out.

"I didn't know of our foul situation early..." Parson said. "That hurt us because Andrea Gardner was in foul trouble. I think that because we get so caught up in the game, things go past us."

Even with the excessive turnovers and mental mistakes Parson said she was pleased with individual as well as team play.

"You see individuals who work daily and those who have a passion for the game, because they work really hard," Parson said.

Sunday's exhibition game showed that the Lady Bison have some bugs to work out before heading into their season opener against the University of Maryland at College Park.

The women's season will officially begin on November 18 when they take on the Lady Terrapins in a non-conference match-up at the Burr.

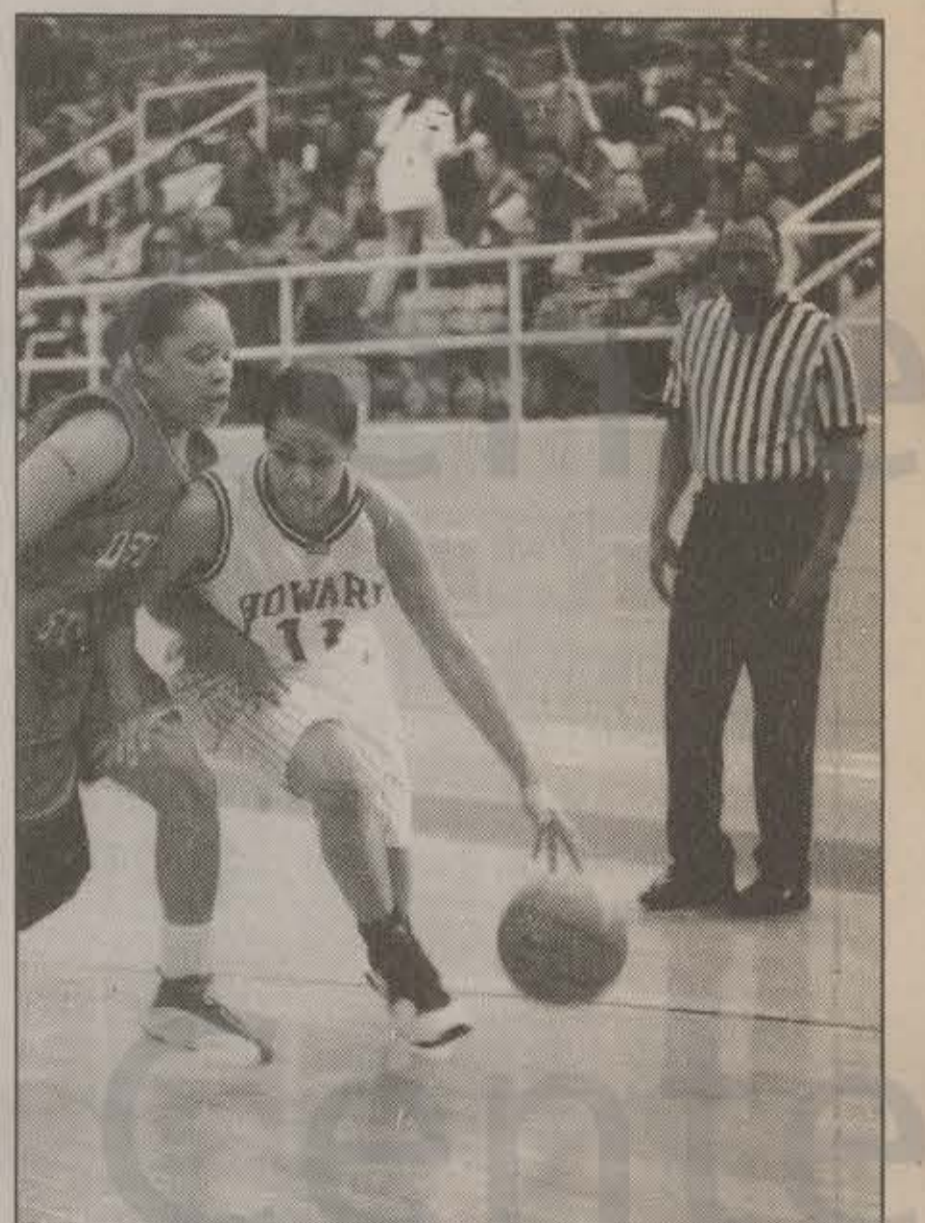


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**Asia Petty led all scorers with 25 points in the Lady Bison's exhibition victory.**

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# LIFE & STYLE

## 'Bamboozled'

by GLENN FRIZELL  
Hilltop Staff Writer  
Grade: B

Spike Lee's films are like multi-shaped assorted pieces that are assembled to create an abstract collage. Sometimes the pieces gel, presenting somewhat enjoyable flicks (i.e., She's Got To Have It, Do The Right Thing, Mo Better Blues, Malcolm X, He Got Game), and other times the pieces don't quite fit together, leaving the viewer dazed and somewhat disappointed, (i.e. School Daze, Girl 6, Crookland, and last year's SOS). Spike Lee's latest film, Bamboozled falls somewhere in between.

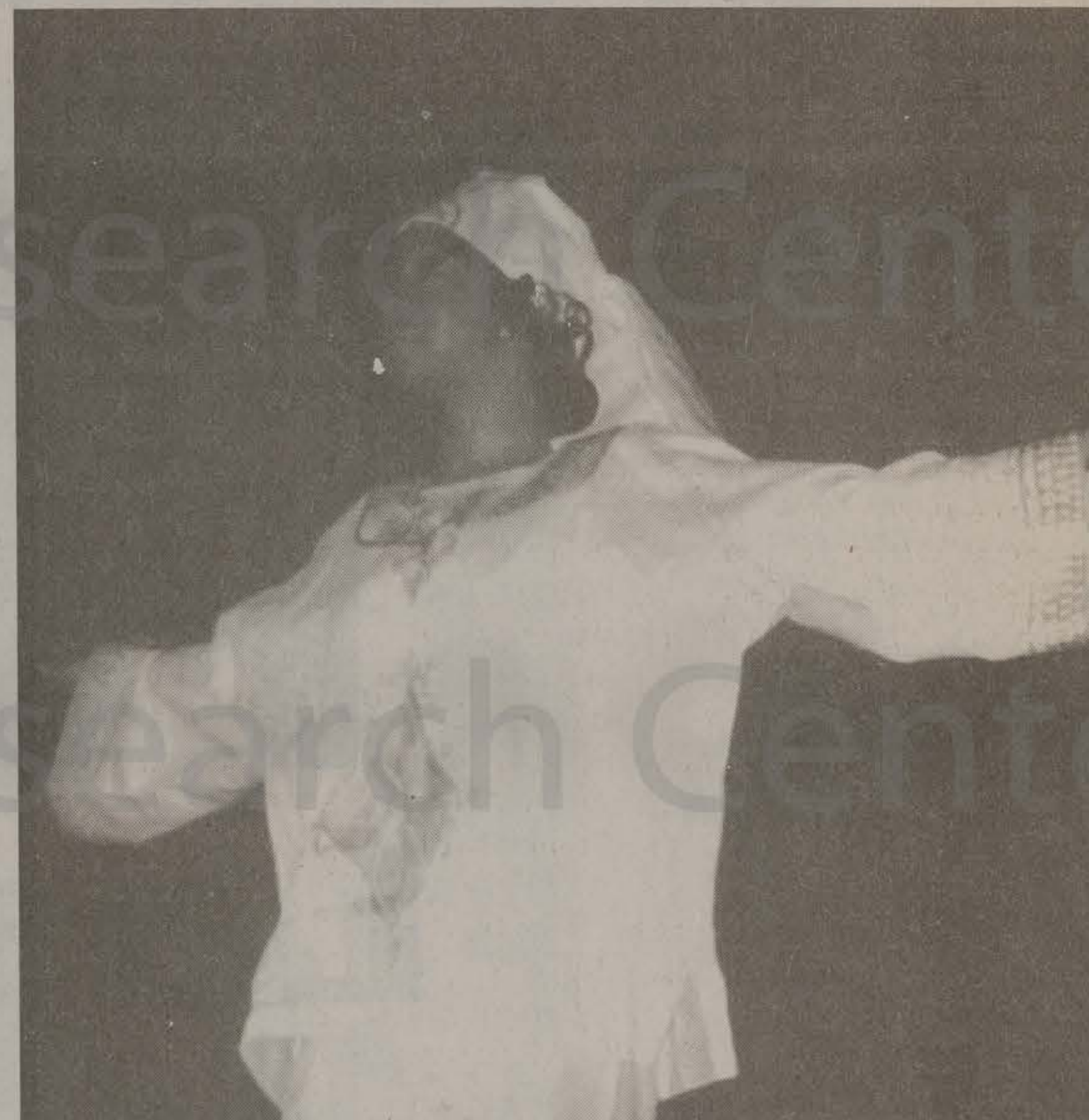
### MOVIE REVIEW

Spike's never one to have been accused of making powder puff. His power as a director lies in his manipulation of ordinary characters, and everyday dialogue, to elicit debate-worthy responses from his audience. Bamboozled follows this tradition, offering a commentary of sorts of racial stereotypes in Hollywood. But this time around Spike is like a overzealous preacher slapping his congregation over the head with his message. And be warned Spike is heavy-handed...

Shot entirely with digital cameras, Bamboozled stars Damon Wayans as Pierre Delacroix, a buppie TV writer who works at a new station. He is given an ultimatum by his culture/vulture boss Dunwitty (Michael Rapaport) to either come up with the network's big hit for get served a pink slip. Feeling hated and under-appreciated Pierre decides to work with his assistant Sloan Hopkins (Jada Pinkett Smith), to create a show that will shock and outrage America. His best forum: the blackface minstrel shows of the 1800's. Eventually Pierre's ideas take shape evolving into "Mantaan The New Millennium Minstrel Show" featuring two naive homeless men: Manray (Savion Glover) and Womack (Tommy Davison). The Mantaan Variety Show, featuring a recreated plantation complete with mammy, coon, pickinnie, and uncle tom inhabitants becomes a surprise ratings' success, much to the anger of Sloan's brother, Big Black (Mos Def) and his melodramatic black-power crew of talented but eloquently challenged rappers- Mau Maus (Think Black Panthers meet Cash Money Millionaires). The cast works decently around Bamboozled's complex plot. Damon Wayans does what he can with the character of Pierre. Unfortunately its difficult to connect with him on any level. One minute he evokes seriousness, the next it seems as Wayans himself is trying not to laugh at his characters' straight lacedness. (Think In Living Color Skit "Brothers Brother" with a college degree) With Jada Pinkett-Smith's Sloan, one is left thinking of what might have been. Although she draws sympathy and is the voice of reason in converse to Pierre's craziness, you quite don't know where she's coming from. Jada's electric in what she does, but a little background and more screen time would have been more satisfactory. Michael Rapaport is decent as Dunwitty- the white boy that "we all know that loves to embrace "blackisms", but hasn't been anywhere near the ghetto since the cancellation of Good Times. Lost somewhere in a sub plot is Mos Def, who gives a strong performance as Big Black despite his minor role.

Bamboozled makes up for its somewhat- weak characters during its bold-faced, overblown attack scenes of stereotypes in Hollywood. From Mantaan's plantation set (designed by Driving Ms. Daisy's art designer Victor Kempster), Mantaan's primary sponsor- Timmy Hillnigger (spoof of Tommy Hillfiger line, where shirts come complete with bullet holes), and the jolly nigger banks, and mammy statues that saturate the screen, Spike doesn't hold back the offensive images. Given the subject matter, it might seem strange but, Spike's attack is somewhat humorous due largely in part to the downright blatant ignorance of the majority of Bamboozled's characters.

Although in reality, the images in the movie might not exist on the broad level to which Bamboozled suggests, recent shows such as Homeboys in Outerspace do much to validate the Minstrel Show scenario. Today when a black man can create, and black actors willingly participate in a show that degrades black culture, one might ask "who's hoodwinking who?"



Ebony P. Warren, above, placed second in this year's Miss Howard competition. She currently holds the title as Miss School of Communications.

Personal Photo

## Confessions of a Prospective Graduate

### Miss Howard: The Question

By EBONY P. WARREN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The question rang in my head a thousand times. Why did it stump me? The answers to everyone else's question seem to come with ease. Did I attain a false sense of confidence? Had my question really been harder or was I making excuses? I had forgotten to pray. "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes..." (Proverbs 3:6-7a) How many times had I heard, read, and applied this scripture to my life? But on that night, wisdom escaped me and flesh rose to the occasion. I relied on my own wisdom and as usual, it let me down. I just couldn't figure out why I went astray, but I knew none of this mattered. God was in control.

There were two sides to this outcome. I could evaluate the circumstances from a natural or carnal state or I could look through a spiritual perspective. I found comfort looking through my spiritual shades. In the natural, there were all sorts of variables. Was my essay tight enough, could twelve have been too many judges or maybe I could look to the disparity in the type of questions asked. Any of these differences could point to my standing as first runner up in the Miss Howard Pageant. But really, Vallyn was God's winner. She was the chosen one, appointed to represent Howard. I had too much baggage to be this queen, this time.

She was grateful, thankful, and appreciative. I was relieved. Relieved that I didn't have to worry about how I was going to graduate and come back another semester to reign as Miss Howard. Relieved that interruptions in my schedule would come to a halt. Relieved that I didn't have to choose between attending Homecoming events and nightly church meetings. Now I could exhale.

The pressure had been transferred. All I was expected to do now was graduate. I could focus. I had been here too long to allow barriers to close me in. Nothing was going to stand in the way - not Miss Howard, not work. No one would prevent me from taking my rightful place as a graduate from Howard University. No longer would I be a perpetual student; the one people thought would never leave. I took comfort in looking at things from God's perspective. It wasn't all about me. It was about God getting the glory, no matter what the cost. Obedience always means blessings. I had

been reenergized and I was ready to take my final walk.

What people didn't know is that my goal wasn't to win. For a while, I didn't know. My victory had been obtained in the opportunity to compete. No one knew my dreams of competing in the Miss Howard Pageant. The victory had come long before the competition. In Blackburn when I received my validation sticker, on time, without waiting in line, that was the greatest victory. Having the money to be in school, now that was a victory. And having the grade point average to be in good academic standing, that was icing on the cake.

The victory was making it up to and through this point. My victory came as I extended my hand to the stars to reach my dream. Yeah, I had been Miss School of Communications before, but I never reigned and I never ruled. What I had kept secret all these years was my shame in never making it as a contestant in the Miss Howard Pageant. I had judged, helped coordinate and even hosted one year, but never competed. I couldn't compete because I wasn't validated at the time. And my worst nightmare came to fruition. Because I wasn't eligible due to grades and registration the first runner up took my place. Even worse, she won the Miss Howard title that year. I was sick. How could I recover from such devastation? But I did. I recovered on Friday, October 20, 2000, when I stepped onto Cramton's stage and gave it everything I had. I worked it. Proud to represent my school I strutted and never looked back. I was cheering myself on inside. "You go girl! Work it and give them fever." I did and had a ball.

I already knew I possessed the fortitude to win, but I had to redeem myself in trying. No one knew about the gleam that shined in my eye each time I walked across the yard and thought about becoming Miss Howard. I thought winning would be redemption. Redemption for everything I didn't achieve as Miss Black USA. Redemption for the times I couldn't get validated. Redemption for being put out of the dorm, losing my job at the front desk, and being told to go home by seven black women in the "A" building because there was nothing they could do for me, but put me on a bus to Florida. But graduating would be redemption enough. Surviving ten years was redemption enough. Seeing those same seven women and having the dignity and audacity to smile became redemption enough. Just participating in a pageant

that naysayers said shouldn't have been mine was redemption enough.

But real redemption came a long time ago by the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood made me new, his word proclaimed me queen and his power made me strong. How else could I have remained on campus where time seemed to stand still, freshmen began superceding me as graduates and people never stopped saying, "You're still here?" It was time for someone else to take the reigns. My legacy would be complete soon. Possessing fortitude was my legacy. Possessing Fortitude may have appeared to be a catchy phrase disguised as a platform that I pulled out of the air. It was more like a mission statement that developed in my soul. God would get all the glory because of fortitude.

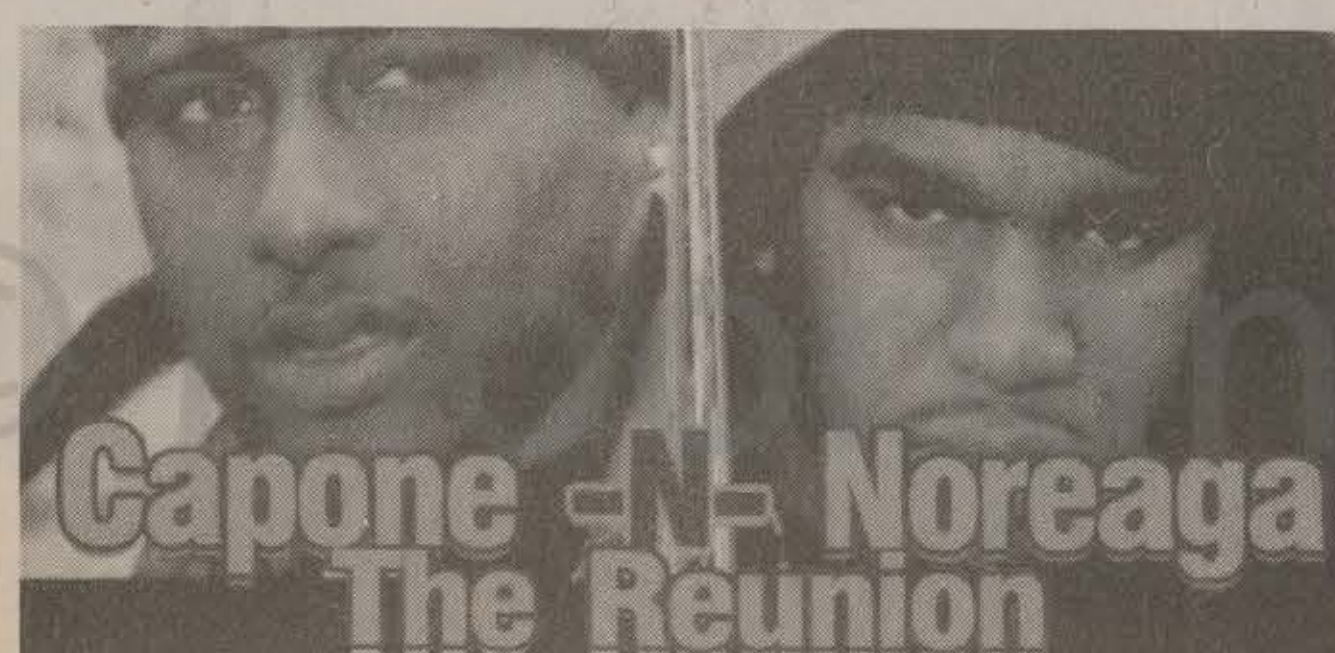
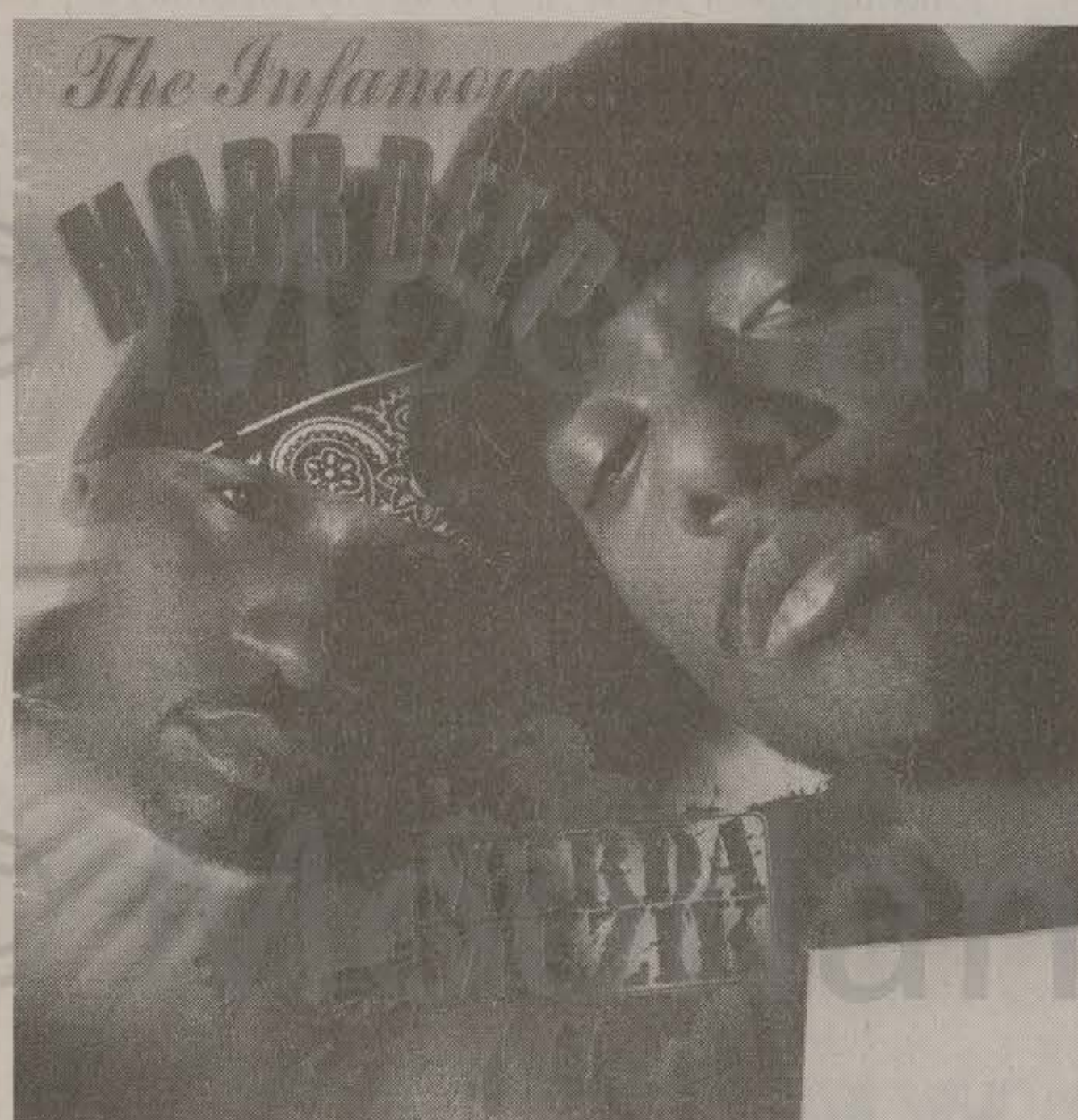
Vallyn's victory would be sweeter. She could attest to beating a world-class veteran, a sophomore triumphant over a senior. Forever she would have on the tablet of her accomplishments winning against Miss Black USA 1993, and maybe through her winning, the asinine thought that experienced people should not compete in the Mr. & Miss Howard Pageant would be laid to rest. God had timing and place for everything.

I knew that this was familiar territory. In 1990, I lost the Miss Quad Pageant my freshman year. Distraught, I had no idea that the Lord already had the title of Miss Black USA waiting in the wings. This time, I'm rejoicing, knowing that God has already prepared a greater victory with my name on it. And it's coming sooner than any one could imagine.

So, what was the infamous question that stomped this beauty queen? (Paraphrased) In light of the recent violence on college campuses, what do you feel is an effective remedy? The following answers resulted from two days time and three people's input.

Such a comprehensive problem cannot be easily remedied, but through prayer, anything can be accomplished. Christians need to and should band together in prayer. Frontline spiritual action will manifest dramatic results to natural problems. We are our brother's keeper. There is no one answer to a problem of this magnitude. An effective remedy to campus violence could begin through initiatives such as small group discussions, peace rallies, and definitely more security.

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In this day and age of mergers, one of the most unlikely ones has occurred. Viacom, which owns MTV as well as other cable outlets, has purchased BET for 3 billion dollars. The purchase ends Bob Johnson's 20 year run with the company and allows him to concentrate on his other ventures such as restaurants, night clubs, and DC Airlines.

Once again, there is more drama in the life of Eminem. Students at University of Illinois want to cancel Eminem's show on their campus. The students in opposition of the show believe that Eminem is sexist and anti-gay. A demonstration is planned to be held outside the venue.

Lead emcee of the Roots, Black Thought, is currently working on his solo album entitled "Masterpiece Theatre." Jay Dee, Scott Storch, and DJ Krush have already provided some production for the album. The album is scheduled to be released in February 2001.

Hip-hop pioneer GrandMaster Flash has recently announced his plans to create a DJ battle in his name entitled The GrandMaster Flash World Turntable Invitational. In 2001, Flash plans to host preliminary battles in five major cities. The champion of each city will be automatically entered in the final battle which will take place in New York City.

After being in a bus accident that cut their tour plans short this summer, Jurassic 5 have come back and returned for their Word of Mouth tour. The tour also includes Dilated Peoples and the Beat Junkies.

Compiled by Brandon Miller

## Attorney may charge Oklahoma State U. student in MP3 case

By JUSTIN JUOZAPAVICIUS  
Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. — A 19-year-old Oklahoma State University student who had his computer seized by university police in September on suspicion of illegally distributing copyrighted songs must now play the waiting game as the Payne County District Attorney's office decides whether to file criminal charges against him.

Scott Wickberg, graphics design freshman, had been operating a file-sharing Web site that allowed others to log onto it with a password and download any of the 10,200 MP3 songs in his collection.

An MP3, or MPEG layer 3 file format, allows a listener to take songs on compact disc and make near-perfect copies of the music to save on a small computer file — a process that is illegal if the songs are copyrighted.

After receiving a tip from Recording Industry Association of America officials, OSU police obtained a search warrant from a Payne County judge, and arrived on Sept. 5 at Wickberg's Willham residence hall room and seized his computer containing thousands of mostly live concert recordings.

"It was really unexpected when they came in," said Wickberg's friend Jason Thompson, management information systems freshman, Thursday afternoon.

Thompson was in Wickberg's room when the police seized his computer.

"I don't really want to say much more — we want to keep this thing quiet for now," Thompson said.

Earlier this week, Payne County Assistant District Attorney Charles Rogers said his office is still considering the results of an almost two-month long investigation by OSU police.

"I can't comment on this case because no charges have been filed," Rogers said Tuesday.

OSU Police Chief Everett Eaton said university investigators approached the case against Wickberg as being in violation of Oklahoma computer law statutes.

"We put that case on the DA's desk and we're going to let the chips fall as they may," Eaton said Thursday.

Heralded as "downloadable music's first sacrificial lamb" in the November issue of Rolling Stone magazine, Wickberg said Wednesday that he is not ashamed of what he did and remains eager to tell his side of the story once the case against him comes to a close.

"Right now, I'm in the blue as much as you," Wickberg said.

Legal officials said it is possible Wickberg could be charged with felony contributory copyright infringement, or knowingly causing another to infringe or contribute to someone else's infringement of copyright law — a charge that carries a \$250,000 fine and up to five years in prison.

"On the surface, he appears to have violated copyright laws," said Joey Senat, OSU professor of journalism and broadcasting. "What he did by helping give away thousands of records had a direct effect on the market value of the works and is a violation of someone's intellectual property."

Senat, who teaches an upper-division mass communication law course at OSU, called portrayals of MP3 users such as Wickberg in Rolling Stone as latter-day Robin Hoods unacceptable.

"The attitude of 'everybody else is doing it so why can't I' doesn't make it right under the law," he said. "There are a lot of things I'd like to have that I can't afford, but I'm not going to go out and steal them."

A spokesman for the RIAA said Friday that although the organization can't "pursue every single student" violating copyright laws, it does employ a number of people who regularly monitor Web sites and report suspicious activities — such as in OSU's case.

"This whole online market is evolving and I'll admit that MP3s are a cool technology," said Doug Curry, RIAA spokesman. "But people (who violate these laws) are essentially creating a business on the backs of others' work."

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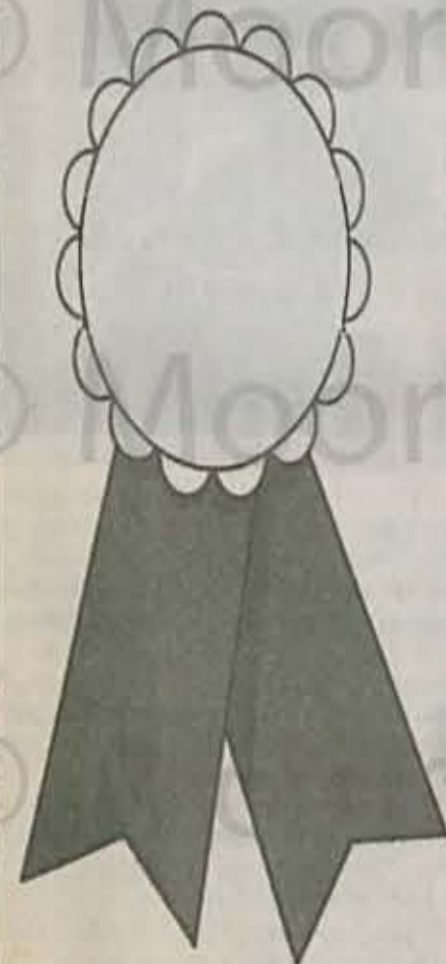
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## INTERVIEW: Jurassic 5's MC Chali 2na discusses tour, group's success

By RON GONZALES  
Daily Lobo (U. New Mexico)

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Before Jurassic 5's appearance on Tuesday, MC Chali 2na was gracious enough to let me interview him on the 15 tour bus, or death trap, as he called it, possibly in reference to a bus accident the group was involved in while on the Vans' Warped Tour last summer.

Ron: People are finally catching on to you guys but you've been at this game a long time.

Chali 2na: Our EP (released in 1997) is gold in the UK; I just got my plaque today. I finally get to give my father an accolade of mine. I never thought we'd go this far; we're just trying to push it to the limit and see how far we can go with it. We're very appreciative of the fact that a lot of people are starting to like us. But at the same time I don't know what time it is. We're trapped in this bus. I don't get to see the TV. We're lucky when we turn on the satellite and it works in a particular city.

Ron: Do you guys have much time on tour to work on new material?

Chali 2na: Just to keep my swords straight. We record sometimes on the road but we mostly conceptualize. When we're at home, a lot of us have families, so we just chill. So when we're on the road, it's cool to get together with the fellas and just talk about stuff. It's amazing the stuff we come up with.

Ron: How did you choose the bands that you brought on tour with you?

Chali 2na: (We chose) brothers that have been struggling. We met MC Supernatural in Europe, and it was like we were brothers with like minds. That was a divine thing, something that just happened. With Dilated Peoples, we all live in L.A. and are trying to do the same thing. It's like a big community. In L.A., there's a lot of cats down there doing what we're doing.

Ron: Being from L.A., is the group trying to branch out and work with artists in other areas, or are you guys comfortable working in L.A.?

Chali 2na: We're not a group that's trying to separate (areas); there are enough people in hip-hop trying to separate. Whoever wants to work with us, we're down. I love to work with different people.

Ron: Who are some hip-hop artists that you admire?

Chali 2na: Last night, and the night before we had two shows in Boulder, Colo. and De La Soul was there with the Campus Invasion Tour and they just came to the show. And for me it was an honor among honors because if it weren't for them, there wouldn't be us. The way we sound was an accident but we understood where it was coming from: we are just trying to pay homage to the stuff that we liked, the old-school stuff and the stuff that people have forgotten about.

Ron: Why is now a good time for Jurassic 5 to be coming to the forefront of the music scene?

Chali 2na: It's like a changing of the guard. What Andy Warhol used to say about the 15 minutes of fame shit, it's real. You have trends, and then people get tired of it in 10 years. You leave a lot of angry fans here and a lot of satisfied fans over here. What I hate is how the media tries to separate us (hip-hop artists) and put further attention on the separation, instead of putting the attention on the unification of it all.

Ron: You guys were on the Warped Tour over the summer, what was it like reaching a whole new set of fans?

Chali 2na: The mentality was that: winning over new fans. It was hard at times. We had cities where people were throwing shit at us. It was raining bottles and rocks and turf and shit. It did us pretty good because it let us touch another set of people.

The above interview is only a small piece of what turned out to be more than a 30-minute conversation with Chali. Check out the Daily Lobo's audio/video Web page for the complete interview.

## 'Lost Souls' Provides No Direction

By ERICKA N. GOODMAN  
Hilltop Staff Writer  
Grade: C+

The emancipation of evil, the destruction of all that is sanctified; the battle of faith begins. Lost souls are the breeding grounds for evil; empty faith harbors depravity. The movie begins as Maya Larkin (Winona Ryder) a saved soul of the devil's grip, partners up with her mentor, Father Lareaux (John Hurt) and his band of merry priests to cleanse the religiously challenged of demonic possession. The anointed crew believe that the Anti-Christ will soon inhabit a human body and submerge the world into ultimate darkness, their objective is halt the eradication of the world as we know it. As a regular practice, Maya and her pack visit Satan's spawn (Serial Killers, Child Molesters), to perform church sanctioned exorcism.

During the exorcisms of Henry Birdson, a cold-blooded murderer; the name of the Satan's choice of human incarnation is revealed as Peter Kelson (Ben Chaplin), a famed author. Kelson, who is devoid of faith, never baptized, and born of incestuous parenting, was the perfect form for the devil's manifestation. On Peter's 33rd birthday, he was to be transformed as Satan. But Kelson, a man of logic would not accept the idea that he was the vessel

of evil. Maya sees it her duty to stop the devil from taking over Peter's body.

In an array of devastating, but traditional events; fear begins to overtake Peter and he places his fate in Maya's hands. The duo race to rid Kelson of demonic possession by his birthday through research and an unsuccessful exorcism. As time climbs closer to his birth date, Peter learns that his relatives and loved ones were already captured by the forces of evil, and awaiting Satan's arrival via Peter's body. In a fit of rage and horror, Maya shoot Peter in the head enabling the devil to possess his body. The world was saved.

This exorcist inspired film, falls short due to the lame writing. The Writers seem to exclusively explore previous notions of demonic possession as in "Rosemary's Baby" or "Repulsion". The exorcism scenes were unimaginative and repetitive. Leaving these accountable actors with nothing to work with. Visually, director Janusz Kaminski (cinematographer of Shindler's List Saving Private Ryan, Jerry Maguire), skillfully depicted a dark reality of the supernatural and the devilish powers of hopelessness. Ultimately, "Lost Souls" was unususenseful and predictable leaving the audience laughing not screaming.

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## Howard and Catholic Universities Merge to Present Romeo and Juliet

By SHOLA ADEWUMI  
Hilltop Staff Writer

William Shakespeare's age-old tragedy of teenage love gone wrong, presented by Howard and Catholic Universities and directed by Mark Jolin, has never before been acted like this. Shakespeare's original never knew such novel costumes and peerless improvisations from the directors and student actors and actresses. And to top it all off, a setting in medieval Timbuktu, Africa with an interracial cast.

Romeo and Juliet consisted of a large number of talented actors and actresses whom all have theatre-related majors and backgrounds. They took the stage with great confidence as if it was their second home and stunned the audience with their impeccable acting skills.

Set in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century of the Songhai Empire, the introduction (opening) of the play was very engaging, with a market scene and people walking onto the stage from different angles to assume their character's position. There was music by two African men with musical instruments; they sat on the stage throughout the play performing music to define each scene. This introduction caught the attention of the audience by conveying a message that told everyone to sit back, relax, and prepare to enjoy, not just a play, but also an experience full of surprises.

As the play unraveled, the exceptional talents of the young actors and actresses left an enduring imprint on the audience. Both Howard and Catholic Universities' students participating in the production played prominent roles. For example, Howard's Danielle K. Thomas, who played the part of the nurse and Catholic's John Paul Karliak who played Mercutio both brought serious, yet funny characters to life. Not only were their words animated, but their bodies also translated the language that they were speaking, thanks to choreographer Sherrill Berryman-Johnson, Ph.D. These characters were like the comic relief of the tragedy that occurred later in the play.



Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet starring Howard's Onira Satterwhite and Catholic's Nicholas A. Lowe is playing at Ira Aldridge Theater through Sunday

Catholic's Nicholas A. Lowe and Howard's Onira Satterwhite played an Italian Romeo Montague and a Songhai Juliet Capulet. Though the roles were difficult to master, these young stars made it look, simply put, like a piece of cake. Lowe and Satterwhite seemed to portray the love and passion of those young, star-crossed Titanic-lovers with whom we are all too familiar.

Several impressive scenes caught the audience's undivided attention, such as the romantic scene of Romeo and Juliet's first encounter. They both shared a very soft yet magnetic kiss, a "love at first sight/lust at first sight" type of kiss. The last scene reflects tragedy and sorrow, when Romeo and Juliet both murder themselves. "Thus with a kiss, I die," says Romeo, as he kisses Juliet for the last time, thinking she had already died. The tension surrounding this climactic scene was high, bringing tears to the eyes of some engrossed members of the audience.

Shakespeare would be proud of this unique production of his tireless classic. Hardly were there any mistakes made by the actors and actresses, and when they did, they covered it up so well that one will think that the script was written like that. The settings, lighting, sound and makeup of each act were impressive and showed the quality of preparation and hard work devoted by the cast and production crew.

The stage, painted in a beautiful pink, was built out of wood and cardboard, taking a reasonable number of hours everyday for several weeks to construct. The language of the play was spoken with elegance and swiftness as if the actors created the language themselves.

Romeo and Juliet opened last week at Catholic University's Hartke Theatre, and will be showing at Howard's Ira Aldridge Theater tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30, closing on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> with a 2:30 performance. Shakespeare and love story fans of all ages won't want to miss this remarkable production. For information and tickets, contact the Ira Aldridge Theater Box Office at 202-806-7700.

## All I Ever Wanted Was A Daddy

By JOHNNY J. JONES  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Day by day, I get closer to becoming a father. I think about what type of father I will be. Will I be the disciplinarian type ("clean yo' room boy!!"), or will I be the cool, free-spirited type ("hey, it's OK you made all 'F's, you have next year to try again!")? I don't know right now. But I know I will not be like my father.

My mother introduced me to this world on August 8, 1981 as Johnny Jeconia Jones giving me my father's name, excluding the middle name. My father was proud—he finally had a son, someone he could bring up in his own shadow. And in the beginning, he tried his best. We would hang out around the block around all of his "friends" and he would proudly say that I was "Lil' Johnny", his "boy." As a toddler, he was my idol, my hero. This was my daddy. But as time went on, he sporadically disappeared in my upbringing.

My father had a drug and alcohol problem that kept him in a lot of trouble. While I thought we were spending bonding time on the block, he was actually trying to get high while I was right there. It hurt like hell to find this out later, but it was the truth.

In his absence, my mother became my Mama and Daddy. While my father was slowly trying to correct his life, my mother was teaching me how to play basketball and throw a football. While my father went through many AA programs, my mother showed me how to wear a tie. While my father found a job and prepared a life for himself, my mother had the "birds-and-the-bees" talk with me. My older sister was a grown woman and I was slowly becoming a man.

He finally reappeared consistently when I was thirteen, but he was too late in many ways. The foundation of my life had been established through the guidance of my mother; I never got the chance to make much use of my father. I began to greatly enjoy the time we spent together—you know, the male bonding—but I owed my manhood to my mother, whether he accepted this fact or not.

The relationship with my father has been rocky ever since. When I was a toddler, I thought he was the biggest thing next to Superman. I know now that he's no more spectacular than myself. I watch as he pours out material things for my little sisters and thinks that he's finally being a daddy, but he still doesn't realize that an actual bond with your kids is the key to being a real daddy. It is because he never really had a father whose image he could replicate? I, however, have found sunlight out of this darkness.

When I think about being a daddy, my formula for success is surprisingly simple. Although my father was not there to show me how to fix my tie, I'll make sure I'm there. When my son discovers sports, I'll make sure that I'm there to provide my athletic expertise (yeah right!) to him. More importantly, I know that I'll provide the children who sprout from my seeds with the only thing I ever wanted when I was growing up. A daddy.

## Showcasing the Fine Taste in Art of Howard's Donors

By TIFFANY BROWNE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The School of Fine Arts is proud to present the exhibit "Donors of African Art & Artifact 1990-2000." The exhibit is on display in the gallery of the School of Fine Arts. It is designed to showcase any African artwork or artifact given to the university between the years 1990 and 2000.

Although the exhibit has been showcased since the start of homecoming week, new artifacts are continually being added. The exhibit will be showcased until December 17, with a reception in the gallery on December 3 at 2 P.M.

Scott Baker, a director for the School of Fine Arts gallery, explained that each year, Howard receives so many donations of art that it is difficult to feature every artwork in the limited gallery space. Many of the donations are logged into the computer catalog and kept in storage. Baker also

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explained that donations are not given by artists but by people who are collectors of African art. The donors include lawyers, writers, past and present professors from Howard and some Department of State officials. Baker also explained that a representative from the White House donated the pedestals that are used to hold the china collection in the White House gallery.

In this exhibit, some of the featured donors include Carol and Ken Adelman, Dorothy Demby, and Joyce Latney, the first female president at Howard University.

The Adelman's, who are good friends of President Swygert, donated an unprecedented African ceremonial facemask. One of their donations is a Yabba initiation mask. It is a wooden structure with a white face and a nose that is turned upward. The mask also has blue eyes, which represent tears.

One of Latney's donations is a handcrafted barrel. The barrel has an ebony wooden finish to it. There is a woman-with-children theme to it, as three-dimensional figures of women and children are carved onto the barrel. Demby's donation included a ceremonial staff that has a warlike figure at the top of the staff. The figure is a man that is holding the small head of his victim. The staff is decorated with shells and a carved female figure.

Other featured donors include Arthur Jones, who donated a carved door. The



Among the artwork featured in the Fine Arts Gallery's "Donors of African Art & Artifact 1990-2000" is Ken Adelman's Ceremonial Mask.

ebony door has three-dimensional carvings of African figures. Raymond Dobard donated a ceremonial mask that represents the Puni people of the Congo with black and white pigment.

Baker hopes that many students will take time to come to the gallery to view the extraordinary exhibit and take advantage of the art reminiscent of those who have left a permanent mark on the university.

## W.I.T. Performs the Unexpected and Unrehearsed in 'Scared Witless'

By MONICA BARBARA  
Hilltop Staff Writer

There are only two opportunities left to see the performance of "Scared Witless." The play, hosted by the Washington Improv Theatre and performed at Club Diversite, is a horror story with no script that comes to life with suggestions from the audience.

To begin, cast members asked for title suggestions. Those given were, "Rob My Well Hung Friend," "Keep it Short Stupid," and "The Sassy Princess." The audience was then asked to choose from these titles. When it was not clear if the audience preferred "Rob My Well Hung Friend" or "The Sassy Princess," creative members of the cast came up with the title of "Rob My Well Hung, Sassy Friend." And so the play began.

Since the play's lines were completely based

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on the improvisation of the actors, with no script, there were many abstract elements to the performance. Due to the talent of the cast, however, these abstract elements helped to heighten the comedy of the performance rather than to make it confusing. The play ended up being about a man who was hung for tax evasion. A new family moves into his house 20 years later and attempts to set right his wrongs after finding his many tax notices.

One of the abstract elements introduced to the play was the spooky next door neighbor's hamster. The cast creatively tied the hamster into the story by making a hamster shelter the cover-up for the tax evasion. The male actor, playing the part of the ghost haunting the house, was very sassy which tied in the title of the performance while adding to the play's comedy.

At the end of the play, which lasted 30-45 minutes, the cast performed four improvisation games using cues from the audience and performing Broadway tunes with, of course, the help of the audience. An entertaining melody about Dixie cups was one product of this exercise. Next, three members of the cast performed the same skit three times from each actor's perspective.

During the next segment, an audience member was called to the stage. He was asked to choose cast members to portray members of his family. The setting was to be Thanksgiving dinner, and the audience member would ring a bell or signal a cast member to make a buzzing noise to denote rather or not cast member was portraying his family member correctly. To assess the personality of their member, the cast asked questions such as the magazine read, favorite television show, occupation, and life motto of the family member they were to portray.

To end the evening, the cast asked for advice parents give. After a minute of confusion as to what people were suggesting, a clear voice from the audience suggested, "Cheaters never win." The cast then went on to perform a song about cheaters never winning while pretending to be drunk in a bar.

Don't expect any scares during the performance, but be prepared for a night of laughter and audience participation. Though the lines at times may seem little "off-the-wall," they only add to the play's off-centered success. If you are not the type to sit idly and watch a pin-pointed performance, "Scared Witless" is for you. There are two more opportunities to catch the show, which is performed at Club Diversite, 1526 14<sup>th</sup> Street (near the U Street-Cardozo metro stop). This and next Saturday "Scared Witless" will be performed at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$7 for students with proper I.D. and \$10 for everyone else.



The cast of DC's W.I.T. delivers the intriguing play "Scared Witless" performs without a script.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

1. Won't you miss Clinton too?
2. Steven, you need to chill (just let it go).....
3. Isn't Jill Scott the bomb!!
4. If you know you from the suburbs, why are u playin like you a thug on campus?
5. Why are you wearing that club outfit to a football game?? (heels + bleachers = stupid)
6. What ever happened to the beggin grandma in front of KFC-did she realize that we're just as poor as she is?
7. Do you believe in the Refund Check fairy??

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# Distinguished Panelists Predict the Future of Black Books

By KENRYA MALIKH RANKIN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Traditionally, Black bookstores have been a huge seller of books by people of African descent. The role and relevance of small bookstores today was a hot topic of debate at the "Future of Black Books Symposium," held in the Armour J. Blackburn Center. Another key focus was this: emphasizing the importance of helping to develop reading skills and a love of reading in Black youth so that there will be readers to perpetuate the art form in the years to come. Panelists at the symposium discussed the importance of Blacks supporting their own art forms by buying books by Black authors from Black bookstores.

Co-sponsored by the Howard University Department of Human Communications Studies and Sankofa Books and Video Store, the symposium featured acclaimed panelists seeking to reveal the future of black books. Carl Patrick Burrows, Associate Professor in the human communications department, moderated the informal program. Panelists included Susan McHenry, executive editor of Black Issues Book review; Calvin Reid, news editor of Publishers' Weekly; Pucali, a board member of Nkiru Cultural Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. and W. Paul

Coates, founder and president of Black Classics Press. According to Coates, small bookstores will only be relevant in this society if they focus not just on making a profit, but on serving as a cultural repository for the community in which they exist. The digitalization of books (by means of publishing on the Internet or CD-ROM) will make it easier for people to buy books from their homes. Coates also says that bookstores must give people a reason to come to their stores by adding cultural programs and activities to draw members of the community. Pucali agrees that bookstore owners should develop educational programs, and feels that small bookstores will always have a place in the field if owners learn to integrate technology into the selling of their products and promotion of their stores.

Another issue discussed at the symposium was "growing new readers." Coates says that while major houses are developing imprint companies (companies that specialize in one particular type of book, such as Black romance novels) to specialize in the high-returns genre of African-American targeted fiction and nonfiction, they are not doing anything to develop young Black readers. He states that if there are no people interested in the works and able to read them, they will go unread and eventual-

ly unpublished, negatively affecting the future of Black books. Coates also says that it is the responsibility of all members of the African-American community to instill a love of reading in the younger generations and challenges Howard University students to work with children in the surrounding community to raise the literacy level.

Pucali, who spoke on what will happen in the near future of the Black book industry, forecasts a boom in the recent trend of writing books specifically to reach certain groups. Works produced in this way are called "designer" novels. Currently, the Affiliated Press is "designing" books by pulling writers from popular hip-hop magazines, such as "Vibe" and "Source," and having them write novels that will appeal to the same audience that reads those magazines.

Pucali also predicts that there will be more books published from the likes of Omar Tyree and Eric Jerome Dickson because those novels constitute "commercial models." Dickey's "Cheaters" has been at the top of the Blackboard Best-Selling Books List since last spring. Because this model is a top-seller, publishing houses will continue to patronize them.

Panelist McHenry chose to examine the cultural standpoint of the future of Black books. She says that there

will be more books with global impact, especially out of the Caribbean and Afro-British arena. McHenry believes that the depth of Black scholarship that began in the seventies is coming to fruition now through the works of independent publishing houses and university presses. She anticipates the continued success of self-help books, with an emphasis on empowerment and the manifestation of spiritual living, such as those of Iyanla Vazant.

Reid attributes technology as the key to increase circulation of Black books. "We're sitting on the beginning of an enormous boom of information," says Reid, who believes that anyone who has access to the Internet has a tremendous amount of written works immediately available to him or her.

Reid despondently notes that, while commercially successful books will remain popular, other forms will continue to be inadequately promoted by publishing houses. However, he believes that the Internet allows authors to establish themselves and present their works in a worldwide, "flooded" marketplace.

## 'Marching Without Motion (I Can't Wait 'Til April 'Cause I'm Tired of March)'

By DREW ANDERSON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

We done marched until our feet were sore and toenails curved  
Marched behind Farrakhan, Al Sharpton, and Martin King the Third  
We done marched until we ran out of walking places  
Our shoe soles resembled talking faces  
And no cars had parking spaces  
We marched behind "atonement" and forgiveness  
The Prince Jones hit, that racial profiling business  
And simple venting and vengeance  
But tell me one thing, and you'd better be knowing:  
After all this damned marching, where the hell are we going?

We still have to worry about crooked police, HIV, and other diseases, and "strange fruit" hanging from southern trees (and trucks; check Texas)

We still have what amounts to the colonization of the Puerto Rico and DC "settlements", Native American reservations and the better of two evils as candidates for President

We still have little kids losing their minds like in Columbine, spraying sh\*t and blowing away sh\*t while the government blames it on Playstation and *The Matrix*

And whoever came up with that Brady Bill must be from somewhere south of Shadyville  
Because if I want to buy a gun, you can background check me all you want; whatever, Clever  
But who's gonna run background checks on the back-KKground checKKers?

And I beg your pardon, but while you were out marching  
Folk were still starving while the government pays farmers to stop farming.

The Million Man March will never have an equal  
I've heard the Million Woman March was a pretty solid sequel  
But the Million Pound March? Now it's getting out of hand  
We could at least have bettered our health if instead of marching we ran  
And what we don't seem to get is we've all been played by a tall charade  
Because these days a "march" is all a parade  
Designed for these public figures and other nigg\*rs to promote the prestige of their positions  
All the while claiming to represent our "best interests."

The realest march I've ever heard of never took place  
That would be the Poor Peoples' March planned around 1968  
Which would have taken place had MLK not met his grisly fate  
Man, King was on some truly revolutionary civil disobedience, talking about coming to DC to lie down in front of buses and shut down businesses  
Nowadays we go to the "march"  
Clap  
Dap  
And go home to eat some Kentucky Fried Chicken  
King was *shot and killed* behind that mess, yo  
So stop thinking you're really marching for revolution with your government endorsements and police escorts.

Now "march" organizers blame our apathy when they throw the party and we don't show  
But when we do show up in force, they take credit for "uniting" us all  
But behind what?  
They don't know

And while we're talking about who really benefits  
Let's talk about this Louis Farrakhan cat for a minute  
He talks a good one but doesn't *do* sh\*t!  
Calling together all those people just to prove that he could do it

Folk came up here by plane, train and bus, hitch-hiked and walked  
When they got here all you had for them was to listen to you TALK?  
So much potential was thrown out the window  
And when Farrakhan does talk, he says things he can't defend, yo  
Up there preaching about supporting Black businesses and not the Jews

Well, if the Jews are "money-hungry", he sure seems to be in Rome doing as the Romans do  
Because at the Million Family March, I don't know if y'all knew

But Pretty Lou was charging local vendors \$1100 just to sell their goods to you  
That's extortion!  
We live here; he was visiting

You let that cat regulate you like *that*?  
Why, because he wears a cute bowtie?  
Then when Gore named Lieberman as his vice presidential candidate

And Farrakhan caused all that hysteria  
Talking about, "Since Lieberman is Jewish, we need to be sure his loyalties are not to Israel but to America

Well from what's going on with Palestine  
It seems to me that America's and Israel's interests are one and the same

So that statement was asinine  
Now let Gore have picked an African-American for his vice presidential candidate  
And let some white figure have said, "We need to be sure they'll be loyal to America

and not Africa"  
Oh, the NAACP would have had a fit!  
Hell, we'd be out in the streets right now MARCHING behind *that sh\*t!*

So let me get this straight: it's not cool for others to spout nonsense from the mouth  
But it's all right for you to talk and not know what you talk about?

Well, I don't know about he or she  
But I don't want Louis Farrakhan representing me  
And that's just what these "marches" come down to  
These so-called leaders feeding off of us and all the while clowning you

Flossing you for the six o' clock news  
Publicly admonishing the sh\*t that cops do  
But that's just the polarization of politics for power, prestige and paper so they can keep  
pushing limo's, rocking nice suits and copping

jewels  
In other words, a crock of bull  
Yeah, I said it  
It's these so-called leaders who write the checks their \*sses can't cash but we're the ones left  
with the bad credit

And don't even get me started on the average Howard student's \*ss  
Because most of us only went to the Million Family March so as to get out of going to class!  
It seems our true revolutionary instincts are memories of the distant past

So until you have something better for me to do about these issues than just "march" about them  
Then I'll stay home and say this poem  
And if I'm willing and able, I might check you out on cable

But until then, I'm *tired* of "march"...  
...I can't wait until April.

## POETRY CORNER

The one in our house on Forrester that I never got to know  
But later was here for us, and today I have a sister for 'sho  
And all the support has contributed to my self-discovery,

For you continue to nourish and teach what it is to be  
Never relinquishing **Sister, Sister**  
your dreams  
or compromising yourself,  
A confident individual who stresses the sense of urgency

And a catalyst for our family - something other's miss  
The perfect representation of family and whom we stand upon,  
We all stand on the shoulders of great somebody's -  
You, Charlie Bruce

And me, Nichole Leanne  
Maybe hard to believe, but simply the truth:  
Very important for my life, because you keep the truth near,

Sometimes a little harsh, but that is what sister, sister is  
The one who makes me want to be so strong,  
Coming from home to have a wonderful brother by your side

Only to leave and come back with us for just a little longer,  
And arriving in a home, that you can call your own,  
But you want more:

And that is only right, for you shall have more.  
As for the rest of your life - be closer to us,  
And I with you - beginning to know you is such a blessing,

And your seeds are for you to have,  
For me to know them as well - and for them to know me.

Sister, sister thank you for giving me that sense of self  
And that foundation for life.  
I love you.

— Kevin Murphy

## THE MIRROR OF SWEET PAIN

Sugary streets that speak words of tenderness and amity

The sky smiling down thinking confessed thoughts of empathy

And when it rains, sins are cleansed and bitter memories are washed away...

I believe in God's time we'll see the day...  
But until that time

We have the filtered water of adversity to drink

Shallow, insolent words of apathy we speak  
Bitter relations of love await our hearts

And there's no place like home  
Isn't that where it starts?

Even at two, first color I knew was blue  
I remember mama wore it well...

"What happened to mama?"  
"Oh baby, mama fell..."

Five years later I had the epiphany of race  
two white boys calling me nigger to my face  
That was the same year mommy and daddy  
said goodbye

But I didn't hear that part; I just heard mama cry  
Oh, but some of them days were the days, me  
and my brothers...

Building forts, playing G.I. Joe  
Spending hours paying ATARI, didn't even  
know we was po'  
Just a matter of time before something'd go  
wrong

Diluting my adversity with grape Kool-Aide  
At 9 years old, grown men shouting  
"Baby say! Baby say!"  
Maybe in God's time we'll see another day...

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1961 Andrew Hatcher is named associate press secretary to President John F. Kennedy.	1979 The Bethune Museum and Archives is established in Washington, D.C.	1922 Sigma Gamma Rho sorority is founded in Indianapolis, Ind.	1949 Caryn Johnson, also known as Whoopi Goldberg, is born in New York City.	1900 A small group meets in Washington, D.C. to form the Washington Society of Colored Dentists.	1969 The Amistad Research Center is incorporated as an independent research library.	1930 Chinua Achebe, author of "Things Fall Apart" is born in Nigeria.

## FRIDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup>

If you need a job or a career, the Career Conference 2000 is happening at George Washington University, 800 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW, starting at 4 p.m. For information, call 202-994-4949.

"I'm sorry Ms. Jackson," Outkast will be performing tonight at Nation, 1015 Half Street, SE, at 7 p.m. This Southern-playalistic rap duo brings their Atlanta sound to DC, letting everyone know who started all this "down-south" hip-hop music hype. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 202-554-1500.

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"Little Nicky," starring Adam Sandler as the son of Satan who is sent to Earth, opens today. Also, "Men of Honor" with Academy-award winners Cuba Gooding, Jr. and Robert DeNiro, about the Navy's first Black master diver and his instructor, opens today. Check local listing for showtimes and theaters.

## SATURDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup>

The All Ngwa Cultural Organization presents song and dance in the tradition of the Igbo people of Nigeria at the S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW. The show starts at 2pm and is FREE. For information, call 202-557-2700.

It's 'N Sync, the boy-band we all love...our millennium-New Kids on the Block! This out-of-the-ordinary four-some is in concert tonight at the MCI Center, 601 F Street NW, at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$39.75 to \$49.75 and can be purchased by calling 202-432-SEAT. Hope it's not too late.

## SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup>

It don't mean a thang, if...you miss the legendary Chuck Brown tonight 9 p.m. Hear the "godfather" of go-go perform favorites like "Bustin' Loose" at Nation, 1015 Half Street SE. For information, call 202-554-1500.

Foreign film fans, today is your last day to catch the European Union Film Showcase at the American Film Institute Theater. Today's screenings include Ireland's "Endgame," Italy's "Midsummer Night Dance," and the UK's "Pandemonium." Tickets for films are \$7. For information, call 202-833-AFIT.

Burning Spear (not Britney Spears!) began recording in 1969. This roots reggae legend is still going strong and is performing tonight at the 9:30 Club, 815 V Street NW, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22. For information, call 202-265-0930.

N'digo Rose will be performing with Dimensional Control. Rose has opened for songstress Amel Larrieux. Check him out at State of the Union, 1357 "U" street NW(next to Republic Gardens).

## MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup>

Need ideas on how to decorate your place? Experience "Valley of the Dolls" and take in some art, and ideas, at Apartment Zero, 406 Seventh Street NW. FREE. For information, call 202-628-4067.

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## WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup>

Enjoy a Labyrinth of Music tonight at Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives, 1201 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, with a multimedia retrospective of compositions by Washington-based composer Guillermo Silveira, from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$10. For information, call 202-727-6812.

Pokemon! Pokemon? The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA, presents "Pokemon-Live!" starring Pikachu and your other favorites. Tickets are \$27.50. For information, call 703-571-SEAT. Show starts at 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup>

Remember Keith Sweat? Like LSG, but just miss the 'S'? Well, if you've longed for his sultry moans and please-baby-please verses, he is performing tonight at 6 p.m at Nation, 1015 Half Street SE. This concert is FREE!!! For information, call 202-554-1500.

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