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HUSA Completes Most of the O.R.E.M. Platform

By JOI C. RIDLEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

Student government hit a low point in 1999. HUSA racked up \$60,000 in debt, lacked strong leaders, and lost the respect of many students. HUSA's reputation was almost beyond redemption.

But then HUSA President and Vice President elect, Sellano Simmons and Nikkole Salter had a vision for the ailing organization. Before students could be led, they said, a complete restructuring would have to occur. "They thought we were a joke," Salter said.

The editorial board of The Hilltop met with Simmons and Salter Wednesday to review the adminis-

tration's platform, accomplishments, and failures.

"My vision, in short, is to make every individual recognize and unleash the leadership they have within," Simmons said of his aspiration for HUSA.

Bringing HUSA "back to life" was the main concern for Simmons. "We had to let (students) know someone was fighting for them," he said.

He reflected on the year of tragedies and protests, including the death of student, Prince Jones. "We

handled the situation as best we could, we've never had to address something so directly," he said.

Some students attested Simmons devoted too much time to fighting for the case. Due to the attention drawn to the Prince Jones situation, Simmons said, the administration's plans "suffered," yet he said he would not have done anything differently.

Although Simmons seemed com-

posed throughout the ordeal, he said he was confused at one point. He said he talked with President Swygert about the situation.

Aside from the rally, which raised student activism on campus, Simmons made contributions to Howard, including the addition of a movie night. Salter spoke of their moves to make both the undergraduate library and the i-lab 24-hour facilities.

"We were told we would have it and we demanded it," Salter said. Simmons said HUSA never really became active with filling interim University positions because to his knowledge "the issues had never been presented before." As for Sodexo Marriott food services,

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Photo by Jason T. Smith

HUSA President Sellano Simmons rallies the crowd at the tuition increase protest earlier this year. Simmons' administration was marked increased level of student activism.

Swygert to Launch \$100 Million Fundraising Campaign On Charter Day

By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM
Campus Editor

President Swygert appeared before the faculty senate Wednesday to present his vision for the Strategic Framework for Action II, including a \$100 million fundraising drive he described as "the most ambitious" in Howard's history.

Swygert opened his annual State of the University address with a boast that the campaign is "off to a wonderful start," speaking of Frank Savage's, board of trustees chairman, \$5 million pledge at Charter Day Dinner March 3.

"I'm very excited," Swygert said. "The campaign will take the University to the next level."

Swygert made it clear that faculty will play a key role in the fundraising push, slated to begin Charter Day 2002. He said faculty members would be asked to identify graduates for an alumni database and "play a very active role," in the campaign. "Most alumni gifts come to the University because the donor had a member of the faculty and staff touch that person," Swygert said.

Swygert said he is confident in the University would raise the money, once considered a huge number to collect.

"A \$100 million doesn't generate the excitement it has generated in the

past," he said, referring to the large donations other schools received in recent years. "I know we are going to be successful."

Swygert said he will now dedicate most his time to the project now that A. Toy Caldwell-Colbert has been pegged as provost. She would assume some of the president's old duties.

Swygert also disclosed construction plans for the University, one of the more ambitious initiatives of his presidency. He outlined University efforts for the remodeling or building of the human ecology, school of education buildings as well as the creation of a science campus that could break ground within a year.

The science campus, to be built adjacent to the bookstore, would house the engineering, biology, chemistry and math departments. The campus, spanning three city blocks, could be completed 30 months after ground breakage, he said.

The president assured senate members that the buildings "will have a dollar sign behind it," which is why private support drives, like the capital campaign, "is absolutely critical, he said.

The science center, school maintenance, and tuition assistance for students will be brought to light

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Sodexo Marriott

Courtesy of Sodexo Marriott

\$1.35 Million Remodeled Blackburn Cafeteria to Open in Fall

By CHAIA ODOMS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Finally students with meal plans will be able to eat in a state of the art dining facility. The days of complaining about food choices, facilities, and old equipment are over.

In the fall, a remodeled Blackburn Cafeteria will be open for students. FDY and Sodexo Marriott will renovate the cafeteria on the bottom floor of the Blackburn Center.

The two companies have teamed up to take over the operation of Howard University dining services. After 20 companies made bids on Howard University Dining Services, FDY Food Services is a black-owned company based out of Charlotte, NC. Sodexo Marriott has had a long-standing contract with the University for years. These two companies made the best and final bid, which has resulted in a \$1.35 million renovation.

Since Blackburn opened in 1979, most of

the equipment has remained, Steve Gibbs, director of University Dining Services said "We [Howard University] didn't have the funds to remodel, but it was of great concern," said William Keene, Special Assistant to the Vice President. Since the renovation is so extensive, the cafeteria will be closed during the summer.

Gibbs has been working with different departments of the University to establish alternate facilities for students to eat.

The new cafeteria will have five food stations. The stations will be pizza, soup and salad, deli, and grill and classics. There will be theme cuisine and display cooking at all of the stations. There will also be a separate flat top grill for vegetarians.

"We really want to produce a world-class dining facility for a world-class student body," Keene said.

Students will be able to see their food prepared with the new design. There will also be

a new entrance where students will enter through the seating area before entering the food area.

"We also want to increase the business of cash customers," Gibbs said.

"It's about time something is being done," said Jason Hill, a sophomore acting major. "I feel like I'm not getting my money's worth." Hill wasn't the only one worrying. Gibbs had received many ideas from students formally in monthly comment tables and comment cards and interacting informally with students in Blackburn just telling him when walking through the hallways of Blackburn.

Meal plans and dining dollar points will almost be equal in the punch out to what they are in the cafeteria under the new system.

"We are not sure of how much it will be yet," Gibbs said. There will be improvements in the Punch Out, but it wasn't included in the budget. Gibbs said they did not have the

Please See Cafeteria, A3



File Photo

Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert at a recent Town Hall meeting.

Powell Greets Students at State Department

By BRAKTON BOOKER
Hilltop Staff Writer

As sophomore Victor Blackwell approached the heavy glass doors of the Department of State, he was eagerly anticipating the moment when Secretary of State Colin Powell would take a respite from his political duties to meet with the 33 Howard students for a tour of the building Wednesday.

"I was excited to have the rare opportunity to meet a (presidential) cabinet member and a former member of Board of Trustees of Howard," said Blackwell, a broadcast journalism major.

The visit was part of the "Principles of Cooperation" agreement between Howard and the State Department, intended to bolster the number of minorities in the Foreign Services.

"We want (Howard) students to see what this branch of government does, [and hopefully] they'll want to join a branch of Foreign Service," Powell said.

The "Principles" were signed on December 19, by Howard President H. Patrick Swygert and then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Powell, who made an unexpected appearance at the signing ceremony for the "Principles," said he supports the agreement.

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Photo Courtesy State Department

A group of Howard Students met with Secretary of State Colin Powell Wednesday at the State Department. The visit was the first under the "Principles of Cooperation" agreement to get more people of color interested in foreign affairs.

The Hilltop Friday



Our Pick for Coach of the Year: Frankie Allen. Find out who won other Hilltop Sports Awards.

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Voices & Views

How do you rate HUSA's performance this year?



"They've done a good job of motivating the student body, however, they lack successful programs."

—Russell Drake
Junior
Computer Science



"Their performance has been exemplary in the area of activism. HUSA has not changed in being receptive to student concerns."

—Kiros Auld
Junior
History



"I think that HUSA has neglected to fulfill many, if not all, the responsibilities that have been outlined in the HUSA Constitution. As a student, I feel that HUSA has not, in any way, served to educate or enlighten the student population at Howard U."

—Erick Watson
Senior
Computer Science



"Sellano Simmons has stayed on top of keeping students involved in political actions, esp. with the Prince Jones case. I hope that future presidents do as good of a job."

—Sara Mills
Freshman
Biology

—Compiled by Shala Wilson

Parents Bemoan Actions of Kappa Regional Director Director Suspends Chapter for Seven Years

By JENNIFER CUMMINGS
Hilltop Staff Writer

A firestorm of controversy has erupted between the parents of prospective members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the organization's leaders, resulting in a host of investigations that could result in lawsuits for the 90-year-old fraternity.

Parents became more upset after the organization's Eastern regional director, Anthony B. Hill, published an ad in the April 13th issue of The Hilltop, announcing the seven year suspension of Howard's Xi chapter and a ten year suspension of member Dwayne Beverly, the chapter's president.

In the ad, Hill said the suspension was a result of "unlawful and unauthorized" activities by members of the undergraduate chapter.

According to one of the parents of the

chapter's sixteen prospective members, Hill's actions are unsubstantiated. "He claims that the preliminary stages of membership were unauthorized," said the parent who did not want to use her name to protect her son's privacy. "However, he knew exactly what was going on. He is just trying to find a scapegoat."

The group of parents, called The Concerned Parents felt the "We do not fault Mr. Beverly. There was nothing hidden. There was nothing underground. We will get to the bottom of this whether it takes analysis of phone records or legal counsel," said the source who wished to not be named.

In a full-page Hilltop ad published today, a new organization called Genesis also asserted that Hill's notice is contradictory. According to the press release, "even though Anthony B. Hill instructed everyone to contact Dwayne Beverly, he deemed Dwayne Beverly's instruction to the young men inappropriate" and in turn took disciplinary

action. However, members of the organization say that Hill was more than aware of their activities.

All of this follows organizational issues that left the fraternity without an "intake class" for the past three years. However, on restrictive probation, the organization was allowed to proceed with limited privileges.

One of the terms of the probation required chapter members and leaders to receive approval from Hill in order to make decisions. According to members of the organization, Hill was consulted on intake issues for Fall 2000-Spring 2001. Following Hill's recommendation sent to the Pan Hellenic Council in the fall, Kappa Alpha Psi announced this year's intake. Fliers and other notifications were distributed announcing events throughout the fall. According to members, there was no opposition from Hill during this time as he and his advisors were made aware of activities being conducted. At press time, Hill was unavailable for com-

ment.

Beverly finds contradiction in Hill's statements and actions. According to Hill, his action taken against members of the chapter stems from an 'unauthorized' relationship between members and individuals seeking membership. However, Beverly asserted that as a part of the membership process, a relationship must be established between potential and existing members.

"Hill is saying that this relationship is unauthorized, but potential members must obtain letters of recommendation from current members as a part of the intake process. How is it expected that an accurate letter be written by a member without previous interaction with the individuals," Beverly said.

Further investigations into alleged misconduct on the part of the Xi chapter will be conducted internally. However, The Concerned Parents say they will continue to dissect this issue until they feel that a just resolution has been reached.



Photo by Shala Wilson
Students took advantage of the clear yet brisk weather earlier this week. The temperature later dipped near freezing Wednesday night. The temperature is expected reach 70 degrees this weekend.

Campus Police Report

This is a listing of police reports taken by Howard campus police from 4/11/01 to 4/18/01. Compiled by staff writer Derrick K. Nayo.

	Location	Incident
4/11/01	Howard Center	Threats to do bodily harm
	Blackburn Café	Food Fight
	Student Health Center	Sick Transport
	Cook Hall	False Fire Alarm
4/13/01	Crandall Hall	Sick Transport
	Cook Hall	Simple Assault
	Drew Hall	Student Misconduct
	Fine Arts	Sick Transport
4/14/01	Quad	Robbery
	4 th street	Theft from Auto
4/15/01	Meridian	Lost Property
	West Towers	Suicide Letter
4/16/01	Drew Hall	Simple Assault
	HUSC	Elevator Hazards
	Mudd Building	Injured Person
	Greene Stadium	Injured Person
	Meridian	Sick Transport
4/17/01	Meridian	Gunshot Wound
	H.U.H	Theft I
	Drew Hall	Insured Student
	Carver Hall	Theft II
	Engineering	Sick Student
	Meridian Hall	Theft from Auto
	Minor Lot	Verbal Altercation
4/18/01	Carver Hall	Theft II
	C.B. Powell	Destruction of Property
	Dental School	Traffic Accident

The Campus Police Report is a community service provided by The Hilltop.

End of Semester Means Beginning of Long-distance Relationships for Some

By WHITNEY FRIEDLANDER
The Maneater

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Spring is here.

That means the birds are beginning to chirp, and people are starting to dust the cobwebs off of their sandals.

It also means that some students with local sweethearts are just a few weeks away from finding themselves in full-fledged long-distance relationships.

Students who experienced this form of separation anxiety advise that a long-distance relationship takes effort.

Senior Jessica Schwartz and her boyfriend Todd, who goes to college in Geneva, N.Y., have been dating for almost two years. Schwartz said long-distance couples must work hard or their relationships will fail.

Schwartz said they should "savor the time they have together."

"Just because we don't go to school together doesn't mean we don't belong together," Schwartz said.

Still, not everyone has been as fortunate as

Campus U.S.A. U. Missouri

Schwartz when it comes to correspondence dating.

University of Missouri (MU) junior Sarah Orlovick met her ex-boyfriend last summer while she was working in Kansas. She said she tried to work things out with her boyfriend, a medical student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, but that it was too hard.

After almost 10 months of dating, the couple called it quits a few weeks ago.

"We just had very different lifestyles," Orlovick said. "He wanted to know what I was doing all the time, and he wanted me to only spend time with him when I came back to Kansas City. My mantra has always been that I won't get involved in long-distance relationships. I don't know why I

decided to bend that rule this time."

Orlovick said she didn't feel lonesome for her boyfriend when he was away. She tried to keep busy with her friends in town.

Both Orlovick and Schwartz recommended the age-old art of communication to couples involved in long-distance relationships.

"Oh, if you could see the phone bills," Orlovick said.

She said she also took advantage of Instant Messenger on America Online. Much to the dismay of Orlovick's roommates, she would talk to her boyfriend online from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. every night.

Schwartz said she and her boyfriend talk every day and recommended that couples stock up on Sam's Club calling cards "because they're the cheapest."

Michelle Casto, a modern romance expert and author of the Get Smart! book series about modern romance, recommended the same activities Schwartz and Orlovick had

started when they got involved with their boyfriends.

"The two things I recommend are talk and trust," Casto said. "Talk or communicate in your absence. Also, trust him or her that they're not cheating."

Casto said talking on the phone everyday is good, especially if the couple devotes some of the conversation to the relationship. She said it's important for people to "talk about what their expectations are" so that each person is clear about the boundaries of the relationship.

But a long-distance relationship isn't for everyone.

MU sophomore Sally Buxbaum said she is hesitant to get involved in long-distance dating but said it would eventually come down to how serious she was about the person.

Buxbaum said if she were "truly in love and already had a foundation with a guy," she would try to make it work, but she doesn't see any point in getting involved in a long-distance relationship because "there are so many guys here."

HUSA Completes Most of O.R.E.M. Platform

From HUSA, A1

Simmons said he felt officials would not pull out of the contract with Marriott because he thinks they are investors in the University. Therefore, he supports all of the "grass roots movements" from students who have organized to remove the corporation.

"We haven't done what we should've done or all we could," Simmons said.

With the University seeking to expand, Simmons shared his thoughts on President Swygert's Strategic Framework for Action

II.

"I just don't want us to make great leaps and forget about common sense," Simmons said about attacking larger plans while there are still fundamental issues which have not been addressed.

Salter added, "All of the parts of the plan are overdue. I just wish the benefits were more immediate," Salter said.

Simmons said he also worked closely with the Caribbean Students Association as well as the African Students Association.

These relationships allowed Simmons to inspire many to attend more UGSA meetings, only two of which met without a quorum. Yet, most of all Simmons spoke of the partnership between HUSA and the Undergraduate Trustee, Charles Coleman, Jr.

"We worked together dynamically," he said. "Coleman and Salter worked hand in hand."

Simmons said he has left a scale of opportunities available to the incoming HUSA President and Vice President Stefanie Brown

and Alex Dixon, respectively.

"Stefanie and Alex will do well, she has the vision...to carry on," said Chief of Staff Antwan Brown.

Simmons agreed. "Stefanie Brown and Alex Dixon will not have to reinvent the wheel."

"We've stayed visible, pinpointing and maintaining a good relationship with students. We stayed true to our word," Simmons said.

Powell Greets Howard Students at State Department

From Powell, A1

As a follow up to the signing ceremony the State Department Executive Director Daniel W. Piccuta reached out to the University's Diplomat in Residence, Christian Filostrat to organize a tour of the facility. "The State Department is interested in Howard students for two reasons," said Filostrat. "One, students (at Howard) are outstanding. And two, the Department has a mandate to make sure foreign and civil service looks like America."

According to the "Principles of Cooperation" the foreign service does not look like a cross section of America. The percentage of African-Americans who are generalist foreign service officers dropped from 6.3 percent in 1983 to 4.9 percent in 1999. "The sad fact is the numbers of African-Americans is decreasing. The State Department is weaker if it isn't represented by all people of the United States," Piccuta said. Piccuta made it clear that the Department was looking for qualified people from other minority groups like His-

panics and Asians. He also said the Department would not receive the same respect if it's representation was from a "homogenous group of people from the same background." Some students who attended the tour and information session said they were impressed by the opportunities at the State Department. "The trip finalized my decision to take the exam (for foreign services). I eventually want to become a foreign advisor to a president," said junior Arabella Littlepage.

Sophomore political science major Crystal Frierson said she had been to the Department of State many times but never got such an "intimate look into how he (Powell) operates." Frierson, who went into the tour convinced Powell would be too caught up in his work to take time for students, said afterwards, "I respect the fact he's going to promote Howard interests in the State Department. We're lucky to have him there."

Cafeteria Renovations Will be Complete This Fall

From Cafeteria, A1

money to do so. Gibbs said the Punch Out plans to introduce more specials like the current "Soul Food" Tuesday, where they will serve the same food offered in the faculty restaurant. "The Punch Out will be mirroring the restaurant more," Gibbs said. There will be a decrease in variety of meal plans offered. The popular Traditional 19 and 14 will

remain, but smaller plans with sometimes five meals on it will be eliminated. All meal plan prices will go up next year, corresponding with tuition; hosing and meal plan increase approved this semester. With the increase of the usage of dining dollars in the Coffee Cart in the Administration Building, the Meridian Marketplace and The Restaurant, an additional Coffee Cart will be opened in the School of Business in the fall as well. The Dining Services will be making techno-

logical advances, too. There will be a new website where students can email suggestions and report problems or concerns. "With this new cafeteria I will probably use my dining dollars there instead of the Punch Out," said Morgan Bevineau a sophomore TV production major. "I am glad that we will have a suitable place to eat."

Swygert Sets \$100 Million Plan

From Swygert, A1

Tuesday during Swygert's annual hearing before Congress. Swygert will attempt to secure federal funds to University for fiscal 2001-2002. "I'm optimistic that we will be successful," he said. "Support from the United States is not only important to us, but to national service as well."

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NEWS

Mural Offers Colorful Change for Neighborhood

By CASILDA TROTTER
Hilltop Staff Writer

There's something prettier than graffiti on the walls of DC thanks to Project C.H.A.N.G.E.. Project C.H.A.N.G.E., in correlation with the Shaw EcoVillage Project, has organized a group of volunteers to design and paint a mural that will be displayed on the outside of the Watha T. Daniel Library.

Students from area high schools and from Howard University have been meeting with various professional mural artists

every Saturday to plan and design the project.

Senior at Howard University, and project coordinator, Zerinah El-Amin was a part of a landscaping project on the library's property when she got the idea to create a mural, a project the library was already considering.

"I hope that the mural will bring a sense of unity to the community and draw attention to the vital resource," El-Amin said.

The library, which is one of the largest branches of the District of Columbia

Library System, is located on the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 7th Street NW, and is seen by many, as it is located on two very busy city streets.

"We want to create something pretty for people to look at other than graffiti," said El-Amin.

The project is supported and funded through the National Youth Service of America as one of the national service day projects and is partially funded by Shaw EcoVillage.

The mural is just one part of the group's agenda; the second portion of

the project is a study of area graffiti. The students plan to research the implications of graffiti and locate its areas of concentration, and then find the relationship between the locations of the graffiti and the corresponding social and economical levels.

The dedication ceremony will be on Saturday, April 21 at 12 pm, refreshments and entertainment will be provided, and El-Amin encourages every student to come out, enjoy the day and support the Shaw-Howard Community.

Students Speakout On Bush's Tax Cut

By KERRY ANN HAMILTON
Hilltop staff Writer

Over the past months President Bush's tax-cut plan has been an issue of extensive debate. In his first address to Congress President Bush said in defense of his tax-cut plan, "The people of America have been overcharged and on their behalf I am here to ask for a refund."

While many people argue that the Bush's planned tax cut is too big, Mr. Bush asserts it is just right.

The controversy surrounds the elimination of programs in order to accommodate the tax cut. Ayanna Rutherford, a sophomore, economics major maintains that there are more losers than winners from the Bush tax plan. "The benefits that seem to tilt overwhelmingly towards the wealthy, has resulted in a budget that pull the pull on some vital social programs," Rutherford said.

For the past two years, for example, children's hospitals have received federal aid to support education in pediatric medicine. Mr. Bush wants to cut its \$235 million appropriation to \$200 million. However, the Bush plan will not eliminate all health and educational programs. In fact, the National Institute of Health will benefit from a substantial increase, which doubles its budget for medical research.

The Bush education plan has an 11.5% increase for education. Pell Grants, which aids college students, received a 6 billion-dollar increase. This increase translates to an under \$2,000 increase per student, from \$3,300 to \$5,100. Dr. Lorenzo Morris, a professor of Black Politics, views the increase for education as satisfying. "The plan allocates much more for elementary and high schools, however, higher education has to be substantially paid for by families," Morris said.

President Bush last year lobbied on a platform for "a kinder and gentler Amer-

ica." Nevertheless, many view this 'compassionate conservatism' as republican liberal rhetoric. The Bush plan aims at cutting some of the programs created or supported by President Clinton. The Community Oriented Police Services Program C.O.P.S., a Clinton initiative is being cut 17 percent, bringing it down to \$85 million.

Other Clinton initiatives proposed for the chopping block include coordinate health care for the uninsured, energy conservation, and the promotion of urban economic development to name a few.

Doug Harris, a senior, economics major disagrees with the plans to cut funding on energy efficiency research. President Bush also proposed a cut in renewable energy programs by seven percent. "I find it ironic that the Vice President Dick Cheney speaks of building 60 power plants a year, yet reduces funding for vital research," Harris said.

In light of all these various cuts in inte-

gral areas, who benefits from the Bush tax plan? The cut for the average family with an income of \$30,000 is not substantial. The idea the ordinary American will benefit from a tax cut may be inflated. In fact a family with an income less than \$30,000 will receive an average cut of \$264; families with annual incomes of \$30,000 to \$40,000 will get only \$616.

On the other hand, there are individuals who will gain significantly from this tax cut. The accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche has calculated that an individual who makes more than 1 million annually would get a tax break of \$46,758.

"The tax cut plan should not be abandoned; however, it definitely needs to be considerably scaled down so more average Americans can benefit, sophomore Political Science major," Nick Taylor said. Taylor further states for a tax cut to be feasible, the tax cut needs to be given to those who will actually spend or invest this money thus stimulating the economy.

DCRCC To Hold Candlelight Vigil on Howard's Campus

By MONICA BARBARA
Hilltop Staff Writer

In celebration of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), the DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC) will be holding a candlelight vigil on the Blackburn Center's terrace on Friday. The vigil, which begins at 7pm and ends at 9pm, will be an opportunity for the females of Howard University to gather in honor of sexual assault victims who suffer in silence. The center hopes that the vigil will become an annual event. During the vigil, women from Howard will perform poetry, song, and other forms of expression about the issue of sexual assault. Women who wish to speak out about their own experiences with sexual assault will also be given the opportunity.

The vigil comes one day before "Take Back the Night", which will be held Sat-

urday in DuPont Circle at 5pm, an annual rally and march held across the nation during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, hosted by the DCRCC in DC. "Take Back the Night", which has been held annually in DC since 1979, is one of many activities held during SAAM. Other activities include workshops on sexual assault held throughout the community for high schools, colleges, universities, and other organizations.

According to statistics compiled by the DCRCC, 1 out of every 3 women will be raped in her lifetime, and one woman is raped every 48 seconds according to the National Victim Center. The issue of sexual assault is especially relevant on college and university campuses. More statistics from the DCRCC show that 51-60% of college men report they would rape a woman if they were certain that they would get away with it. One out of twelve

college men surveyed had committed acts that met the legal definition of rape; 84% of these men said what they did was DEFINITELY not rape.

The DCRCC encourages Howard University's female students to take action by making themselves aware and attending the candlelight vigil, as well as, "Take Back the Night" the following night. The center also asks that student organizations, clubs, sororities, and fraternities represent themselves at the rally and march by wearing their respective paraphernalia and making signs. Individual students that come are asked to wear Howard University paraphernalia and are encouraged to make signs if they wish.

Speakers for "Take Back the Night" are Denise Snyder, Executive Director of the DCRCC; Nkenge Tour'e, creator of "Anit-Rape Week" which has now

evolved into Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and Lisa Ferentz, a clinical social worker based in Maryland. Musical performances will include Joyful Praise, SYXX, and Medusa Complex, while poetry readings will be performed by the Girls' Advisory Board, DCRCC's Peer Educators, and Tia Maxie. In addition, self-defense demonstrations will be held by the DC Self Defense Karate Association and Justine Love from WPGC 95.5 will be emceeing.

Howard University women, and men who want to support them, are encouraged to attend the Candlelight Vigil at 7pm Friday evening and "Take Back the Night" at 5pm Saturday evening to show their concern and support for sexual assault victims and for striving to improve sexual assault awareness.

For more information contact the DCRCC at 202-232-0789.

Education Dept. Receives Largest Increase in Proposed Budget

By SARAH LECHNER
U-WIRE Washington Bureau

While the Department of Education will receive the largest increase of all domestic departments in President George W. Bush's proposed budget — including a proposed \$1 billion toward federal Pell Grants — some groups say the increases in higher education spending are not enough.

If passed, the entire Department of Education budget would receive nearly a 12 percent, \$4.6 billion, increase. "There is nothing more important for the future of this great nation than the education of our children," Secretary of Education Rod Paige said during a press conference.

Bush's budget allocates an additional \$1 billion for Pell Grants to provide disadvantaged students with financial assistance for higher education. Pell Grants are given to

undergraduate students who have not received a bachelor's or professional degree. Unlike loans, Pell Grants do not have to be repaid.

Some groups say this increase is not enough for students who face the high costs of attending college.

Tracey King, U.S. Public Interest Research Groups' (PIRG) Higher Education associate said the additional money for Pell Grants is not sufficient considering the ever-increasing cost of a college education.

The increase will give only a maximum of a \$100 increase to students, King told U-WIRE in an interview.

The Student Aid Alliance — a coalition of more than 60 student and university groups supporting increased federal funding for financial aid — proposed a \$600 increase in individual Pell Grants.

Now the maximum value of a Pell Grant is \$3,750. Their increase would bring the maximum value to \$4,350.

The Student Aid Alliance also proposed a \$100 million increase in Supplemental Grant program funding, from

\$691 to \$791 million.

Bush's budget also proposed increasing resources for disadvantaged students, including an increase in TRIO and funding to traditionally African-American and Hispanic educational institutions.

"President Bush and I are especially concerned about the deep, persistent and unacceptable gaps in achievement between poor and minority students and their more advantaged peers," Paige said.

A \$50 million increase for TRIO would go toward the improvement of outreach and services for low-income students, enabling them to enroll in and complete a college education, Bush said in his budget proposal.

Federal TRIO programs are outreach programs that target low-income, first-generation college and disabled students.

The budget also seeks to increase funding by 6.4 percent for historically black colleges and universities, black graduate institutions and Hispanic institutions. Accord-

WORLD BRIEFS

BEIJING — After one afternoon of failed talks with China's government over the return of an American surveillance plane, U.S. negotiators agreed to return to the table Thursday, but only after threatening to break off discussions unless the Chinese agreed specifically to talk about the fate of the airplane.

QUEBEC — Police arrested six Canadians they said were planning violence at this week-end's Summit of the Americas Wednesday, displaying seized weapons that included small explosives and smoke grenades.

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve pulled off a major surprise Wednesday and cut interest rates by a half percentage point for the fourth time this year in a dramatic effort to spur an economy it described as "unacceptably weak."

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Shuttle Endeavour set to blast off Thursday on a mission that would extend the international space station's reach as well as give it a little muscle.

SOUTH AFRICA — The world's major pharmaceutical companies planned to drop their three-year-old lawsuit against the South African government Thursday, industry sources said, ending a protracted battle over access to patented AIDS drugs that has become a public relations nightmare for the companies.

IVORY COAST — On Tuesday, the government of Benin and U.N. officials have begun investigations into the origins of a report that sparked an international search for a ship said to be carrying as many as 180 child slaves, a hunt that ended early this morning when the vessel docked in Benin and was found to have only a few unaccompanied children, diplomats and humanitarian workers said today.

NORTH CAROLINA — The Supreme Court gave its approval to a substantially black congressional district in North Carolina on Wednesday, a decision that may give states more latitude to consider race as they redraw their political maps in accord with the 2000 Census.

-Compiled by Nsenga Knight

Study Explains Why Marijuana Causes the 'Munchies'

By CHRIS MASON
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Among the clouds of smoke surrounding bowls, bongos and red hairs is an atmosphere that contributes to a great deal of dining establishments' business.

"[Cough] I'm, uh, really, man, hungry — could eat two horses," said a University of Wisconsin-Madison senior who preferred to remain anonymous after using marijuana. "Anyone want to go to Taco Johns?"

Recently, scientists in Italy have discovered more about the mechanisms that make marijuana users hungry, as well as what makes humans hungry in general.

The operative molecules are called endocannabinoids, and they have receptors in the brain that, when activated, increase the appetite of the subject. The researchers' results, published in last week's scientific journal Nature,

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have potential uses for dieting programs and medications.

"There is tremendous interest in marijuana because of some of the unique physiological effects it has," UW biochemistry professor Dr. T.F. Martin said. "It has been useful in pain killing, glaucoma treatment, etc. and in all of this, it is possible that an appetite-suppressing drug may be found, which is a billion-dollar-a-year industry."

To decipher the effects of endocannabinoids, the researchers genetically altered mice, removing the endocannabinoid receptors in their brains. Once they had created these "knockout mice" and monitored them, they found that the mice ate less than the control mice. To fur-

ther study the effects of endocannabinoids, the researchers also gave ordinary mice a drug that blocked endocannabinoids from acting on the receptors in the brain. These mice also ate less than the control group.

"Marijuana produces a multitude of effects — euphoria, analgesia, etc.," Martin said. "It is believed that the majority of these are produced because delta-nine-tetrahydrocannabinol in marijuana can bind to CBI receptors in the nervous system and mimic endogenous cannabinoids."

The study also hypothesizes that endocannabinoids are part of the complex neural circuitry controlled by a hormone called leptin, which tells the brain when it is time to lose weight.

"These findings indicate that endocannabinoids in the hypothalamus may tonically activate CBI receptors to maintain food intake and form part of the neural circuitry regulated by leptin," the study said.

Even though the researchers know what hormone to control to encourage weight loss, it would be difficult to develop a drug based on cannabinoids alone.

"The endocannabinoid receptors such as CBI are very widespread in the central nervous system," Martin said. "Cannabinoids have effects on memory, cognition, coordination, mood, pain sensation, sleep and appetite. Since these effects seem to be mediated largely by a common receptor, using a drug to block this receptor may have many consequences."

Martin said although it will be difficult, the quest for controlling hunger will persevere because of its great financial and personal potential.

"The regulation of appetite and energy metabolism is so multi-factorial that blocking one pathway of regulation may not do very much," he said. "Nonetheless, many pharmaceutical firms are placing large bets on being able to find a drug that regulates appetite."

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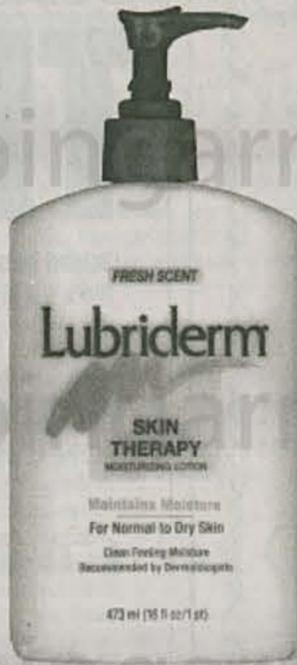
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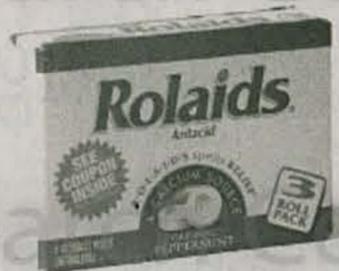
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Northwestern U. Student Gov't Joins Lobby For Tax-Free Textbooks

By MINDY HAGEN
Daily Northwestern

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — Students seeking relief from the spiraling cost of textbooks might soon enjoy a solution to the problem.

Northwestern University's Associated Student Government has joined a coalition of other Illinois universities to lobby the state legislature for tax-free textbooks. After working with student representatives from the University of Illinois, who are spearheading the effort, Republican Rep. Richard Winkel sponsored a bill to eliminate the state's portion of the tax.

Instead of being charged an 8.5 percent tax on textbooks, students at any university in Illinois would only

have to pay a rate of 1.25 percent. But the bill, which would cost the state between \$15 to \$20 million, is stuck in the House Appropriations Committee and cannot be passed before November.

ASG President Adam Humann, who came up with the idea of lobbying for tax-free textbooks while running two years ago for student services vice president, said the project is one of the long-term goals in which ASG should invest time.

"The key to a project like this is unity among all the colleges in the state," said Humann, a Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences senior. "I'm glad other schools have seen the merit of this issue and want to work on it. But it has to be a unilateral effort."

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But Stephanie Halvorson, who has been lobbying the legislature as University of Illinois' student government affairs committee chairwoman, said the bill is stuck in the appropriations committee because of the state's budget deficit.

After working alongside 81 institutions of higher education in Illinois, Halvorson said she was disappointed to learn the state is in debt by \$491 million for next year's fis-

cal budget and the textbook issue was too costly.

"Springfield has widely supported the bill, so the only thing stopping us is the money issue," she said. "The bill has already passed the rules committee, but it won't get out of the appropriations committee this session."

Halvorson, who estimates she has spent more than 200 hours pushing for the project and regularly lobbies

for the bill in Springfield, said she will continue to contact legislators throughout the summer.

"Our goal is to get this passed as soon as possible, and our next chance is during the veto session in November," she said. "With the budgetary hole, it's hard to convince legislators the importance of saving students \$50 on textbooks. But with all of the universities working together, we have strength in numbers."

Jeremy Boni, textbook manager for Norris Center Bookstore, said taxing students at the proposed rate of 1.25 percent would lead to big savings.

"I'm all for the change since it will save students money," Boni said. "We cannot control the price publishers set for books, and new

editions are costing even more. We try to help out students as much as we can with prices, and the tax cut would also do that."

Boni also said some students are turning to online sites as cheaper ways of buying textbooks, and he hopes the proposed tax cut would encourage more students to look to the official college bookstore first.

Weinberg junior Pamela Shelinsky, who recently bought a textbook online for her advertising class, said she would rather buy books from a bookstore, especially if taxes are lower.

"It's more convenient to go to the store and have the book in your hands," Shelinsky said. "For cost reasons, I'm sure people would prefer to buy in a bookstore if textbooks had no tax."

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Opinions & Editorial

O.R.E.M. Makes Their Mark

In the wake of the Prince Jones' controversy, an increase in tuition, and the return of student activism, the legacy of the O.R.E.M. administration has made their mark in the history books of the Howard University Student Association.

HUSA President, Sellano Simmons and Vice-President, Nikkol Salter ran on a slate that was geared to organize, redefine, enhance, and maintain. It is evident that the two succeeded in completing the majority of their platform.

Editorials

The duo managed to repair an office that, in the opinions of some, had lost its credibility among students. Flanked by exceedingly high phone bills and allegations of rifts between the president and vice-president of past administrations, O.R.E.M. paved the way for future administrations to again lead students.

In their year of office, Simmons and Salter have led the students in bringing to light the racial profiling of blacks through the Prince Jones case. On a march to the Justice Department, the voice of Howard University could be heard. Students demanded an answer and this led to the visit to campus from top officials from the Justice Department.

When a student was robbed in Drew Hall, HUSA responded. A mini-police station was established outside of Drew in the wake of what was considered to be a high-level security concern for the all-male freshman dorm.

Under the enhance aspect of their platform, the movie series began by HUSA served as a pro-

gramming aspect to make students aware of HUSA as an organization. It took some of the "fun" things to make those out-of-the-loop students aware of what HUSA was.

The principle part of serving the needs of students must begin with knowing what the students want and keeping them informed of your attempts to do so. O.R.E.M. made this happen by establishing service evaluations for students and creating the O.R.E.M. Outlook.

The service evaluations were a chance to give students the opportunity to comment on their experiences with service personnel throughout the 'A' Building. The O.R.E.M. Outlook made students aware of events and the happenings of HUSA.

The administration of Simmons and Salter has bridged the gap between the students and HUSA. They have put the power back into the hands of students by allowing them to know who their student leaders are. O.R.E.M. has done this by maintaining their visibility on campus.

Power Hall has something that has been a staple in politics of past HUSA administrations. Often towering and seen as unattainable to some students, the intimidating presence of the name alone gave the students the impression that the organizations on the hall did not belong to them, but instead were those chosen to tower above them.

The legacy of Simmons and Salter has changed that. As of April 30, with the dedication ceremony for the incoming HUSA administration, the hall will be renamed "People's Hall." It can be said that O.R.E.M. will be remembered as an administration that was indeed for the 'people' (students) of Howard University.



From the Editor's Desk

Jason T. Smith

Change. It's the one thing that everyone wants but so many people are afraid of. When members of the staff returned to Howard last fall from their various internships, they were faced with the bold task of steering a new course for The Hilltop—one that would make the paper a semi-weekly, reestablish a commitment to the canons of journalism, and enhance the technology used in producing the paper.

A change was sorely needed and a change is what we made. This year the paper has made its biggest technological upgrade in more than a decade. Instead of producing the paper on four faulty Macs from the mid '80s, the staff has access to the most up-to-date production equipment and software.

But I've found that advancement comes at a high price. Many on staff buckled under weight of The Hilltop's glorious burden. At the close of the first semester less than a third of the original Hilltop staff remained. Still, the needs of our student readership prevailed, and a core group of

writers and editors ensured a constant flow of information to the Howard community.

The Hilltop has always enjoyed a peculiar relationship with the administration and the student leaders in "Power Hall." This year was no different. Rigorous protest and rancorous letters marked our coverage of Homecoming 2000 and this year's elections. What was missing from the debate was an understanding of the role of the paper to serve as a watchdog of the University. Our coverage and commentary on both events were fair and justified. It must be remembered that no student leader is above the critique of the students he or she serves.

Perhaps the biggest change this year was the increase in The Hilltop's frequency of publication. The evolution to a twice-weekly publication has been a smooth one, with the help of the seasoned student journalists on this year's staff. The Hilltop now stands as one of only two HBCUs with

semi-weekly publications. It's clear that access to information will be key to developing competitive leaders for tomorrow's fast-paced, global society. And being the most visible form of mass communication on campus, The Hilltop should continuously evolve to serve the needs of the students. Students at alma mater should not rest until The Hilltop delivers the news on a daily schedule.

Indeed, the sojourn to issue number 36 has been marked by growth and innovation. As another chapter in Howard history closes, another begins. There is one last issue of The Hilltop to be published on commencement day; that issue will be produced by Editor-in-chief-elect Ira Porter and his staff. I wish them the best of luck for a successful year.

Few may note or long remember the sacrifices made by this year's staff. But the editorial advancements made this year are sure to be appreciated in the coming years.

Après Nous Le Libre Doit Continuer

Adieu Sweet Alma Mater: A Senior Reflects

Over the past four years that I have been a student here at Howard University, I have witnessed varying strengths of activism here at the Mecca. I have seen high and low points, changes and transitions. It is an extremely humbling honor to be associated with one of the stronger eras of student leadership here at Howard which is home to so many of the greatest leaders and visionaries within our black community. I have witnessed countless individuals whose work has gone unacknowledged or under-appreciated, so I do not take lightly the recognition of *The Hilltop* in regards to the coverage they have given to both student government and those who have answered the call of leadership inherently within being a student at Howard and still served valiantly.

I am pleased with the work that I have done as the Undergraduate Trustee and stand firmly behind each decision that I made as your representative. I gave crucial thought to and explored the different facets of every stance that I assumed while in office, acting in a manner aimed to never compromise student ideals, concerns, and issues. The R.E.A.L. (reliable, effective, accountable, leadership) Mission was something that I developed as a practical framework to be applied through action during my term as the

Undergraduate Trustee. It was shaped out of examining the roles and responsibilities of the Undergraduate Trustee. After I had determined what my mission was, I constructed what I believe was a platform conducive



Charles Coleman Jr.

toward completing that mission and remaining loyal to it. I was successful in fulfilling my platform points, remaining true to my mission and serving the students which empowered me. I saw success in bringing a greater level of access to the now 24-hour iLab as well as ensuring that the Undergraduate Library was open 24-hours. I led early in the fight to get President Swygert to address the issue of interim and acting administrators throughout the University while also lending insight toward shaping the University's fundraising campaign on the development committee. I have tried to represent the student position in the most professional manner possible. Still, my shining moment of achievement as your Trustee was when I secured a commit-

ment from President H. Patrick Swygert to freeze tuition for AY 2002-03. I trust that my successor, Ms. Breana C. Smith, as well as

the remainder of Howard University's student body will hold both President Swygert and the rest of the board accountable to this pledge.

My goal as the Undergraduate Trustee has been to propel student concerns and issues to the highest priority level on the Board's agenda. I believe that I have done this and if not succeeded in the way of my task, can confidently say that I have given my best efforts in attempting to fulfill this end. The position of Undergraduate Trustee is one that was created truly of the students, by the students, and for the students. The R.E.A.L. Agenda understands the plights and sacrifice that has been made to have the position of Undergraduate Trustee and has continued that great tradition to the best

of its ability. The term "its" is used as opposed to "my" because the R.E.A.L. Agenda was and is a collective movement. It is a movement that has involved all Howard University undergraduate students and has helped to do its part in helping student leadership and activism evolve to new levels on campus.

As I prepare to graduate, I look nostalgically at my time at HU, realizing that I am blessed to have had the opportunity to lead. I also look forward to the future with all of my classmates, ready to continue Howard's great tradition of leadership each in our own right. I would like to thank so many that have had so much to do with my success not only as the Undergraduate Trustee, but also at Howard University. Their names are entirely too many to mention, so I will simply use the cliché of "you know who you are". Still most importantly, I would like to thank the student body here at Howard for the confidence and support that you all have placed in me. I have done my best to make good on it. Adieu, sweet alma mater.

Charles Coleman, Jr. is a senior and the undergraduate trustee.

Corrections

In "Battle of the Sexes Takes Runway Hostage" (4/13/01), Frank Andrew Riley IV was misquoted as saying, "Many people think that I am a pretty boy, but I am extremely sexy too. I receive a lot more attention from people than most of the girls I go out with. They just don't have style like me. It's because I am Nupe." This was never said by Frank Andrew Riley IV. We apologize for the error.

In "Howard Students Travel Abroad to Seek Knowledge" (4/13/01), Jennifer Barefoot Smith's name was spelled wrong. She also did not say "I wanted to learn about the country (Ghana) and Howard had a program going there I could get credit for." We apologize for the errors.

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A New Breed of Dog

Josef Sawyer

"You can't teach an old dog new tricks." That is a moot discussion, but you can teach a man how to become a dog.

It has been said "all men are dogs," but no one ever really looks into how men become dogs. Some men are lost from the jump. Too many rap songs, rap videos, movies, and peer pressure has corrupted their psyche at the impressionable stage called adolescence.

Men don't wake up one day and say I am going to dog to women. Believe it or not, women heavily influence men. Men want to get a good paying job because women like men with money. Men want to dress nice because naturally it attracts women. Men want to drive a nice car because women like expensive cars. Men want to have power because women like a man with clout. Not everything men do is centered on women because we do have self-fulfilling prophecies.

And not all women are like that. But lets be truthful, if you have a fly woman, nine times out of ten you got two of the four

things mentioned above.

Women think about how many men you have played or just used, and you may not even be aware the furthest extent of your actions. When I say play, I am not talking about not giving out your phone number. Most men will never stop approaching women no matter how many times they get rejected.

I am talking to the money grubbing gold diggers out there who hide behind those skintight pants, leather skirts, spaghetti straps, and knee high leather boots right? (It is me or does every Howard University female own a pair of those boots. It's almost like the boots came with a validation sticker.) None of this applies to you? But you are whom I am talking to.

You can use a man without digging into his pockets. How? You dig into his mind, body, and soul. If you ever just blatantly stood a man up, gave him the old "run around," or were not candid about things he should have known about you, then you are contributing to turning him into a dog. And there are some men who don't get the hint and get played, but that's their fault.

Woman say "all men just want sex without relationships." There is some truth in that statement. But then sometimes you get a little lucky and you meet a guy who is not about all that. And you don't even know you are mistreating him. You start doing things like paying him less attention, calling him less, and not spending time with him.

It seems the nicer you are to women, the less respect and attention you get. The less interest, affection, attention, and availability, you show, the more women like you.

It is a proven theory. Once a woman knows she has you, things become different. All of a sudden she feels she has power over you. Along the same lines whatever she does you will be okay with.

One female I was talking to really caught my attention, and I was feeling her. I decided to get her a little something out of the goodness of my heart. When I gave it to her she was overjoyed off course, and thought it was really sweet. The next time we talked she said I must really like her, and she told me that I was going to fall in love with her—

she could just "feel" it.

As soon as the man realizes that he is giving more, and she is taking more, the man starts questioning himself. He begins to ask himself "what did being nice to her get me?" "Why is she always with her friends and not me?" "Why does she never want to go out?" And the relationship goes as Ginuwine put it: "I am your man, but only when your lonely." And pretty soon that sweet caring guy begins to transform into what you always feared. He then realizes "hey if you can't beat them join them," and soon he will be marching to a different drummer's beat. So, the next time you speak and you notice a change in his voice and demeanor don't ask questions. Just bark "where my dogs at?" and all you're going to hear is "we right here, dog."

My mother always said "experience is the best teacher." Now I see what she was talking about.

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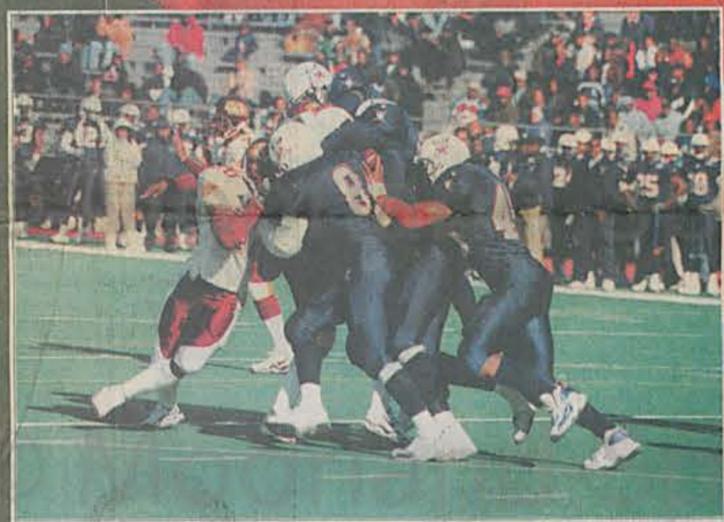
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SUPERHEROES

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The end of the academic year is upon us, and it is time for awards for not only graduating seniors, but for the athletes as well. The year has seen a number of triumphs, disappointments, surprises, and upsets. We would like to present to you the SportsWeek Superheroes, as decided by the SportsWeek staff for the 2000-2001 academic year. We tried to be as unbiased as possible in the selection of the awards. All our decisions were based on the performance of our student athletes on the field, court, track or wherever. So now, without further ado, let the show begin.



The Washington Redskins Award for Biggest Disappointment of the Year

The Bison Football Team—This is one award that can be credited to the coaching staff as well as the athletes. The 2000 Bison football team boasted a 3-8 record and a Swiss Cheese pass defense that made trigger-happy teams like Florida A&M and Delaware State ecstatic. With the amount of talent that this year's team possessed there was no reason it should not have finished among the top three in the conference.

The Bison were dealt a big blow when wide receiver Kevin Simmonds went down to injury early in the season, causing the air attack to sputter a bit. Defensive lineman Oby Arah would have had an All-American season except for a groin injury that hampered him all year.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the year was the quarterback situation, and we can blame Bison Head Coach Steve Wilson for that. At the beginning of the season, it was clear that Bobby Townsend would be this team's quarterback. Then, Wilson decided to try Townsend at the slot receiver position, making room for reserves Donald Clark and Roy Anderson. Meanwhile, Travis Coleman, arguably the best Bison quarterback off the bench, continued to watch games from the sideline as the pass offense floundered and flailed through game after game. Coleman turned a lot of heads with his performance (15 of 31, 303 yards, and two touchdowns) in the second half of the Bison's season finale against Delaware State. Hopefully he turned Wilson's head, as well.

Upset of the Year Award

The Bison Football Team's 17-16 Victory Over North Carolina A&T, 10/21/2000

The Bison showed what they were capable of under ideal conditions in this seat-clenching game that saw the high-flying Aggies fall flat on their faces. After Howard had its tail handed to it against Florida A&M (0-43) and Towson (6-38) consecutively, no one believed the Bison would be able to pull off the monumental victory against the nationally ranked Aggies. However, the Bison preserved the "Greene Mile" legacy by beating NC A&T by one point in front of the Bison faithful at home.

Most Inspirational Award

Ngozi Monu, Women's Swimming and Diving

This Howard senior competed in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia for her native country, Nigeria, however, that is not the only reason she gets this award. After returning to Howard from the games almost a month into the school year, she was welcomed home with no campus housing. However, the 20-year-old Lady Shark was able to catch up in all her classes and graduate on time. Monu was also team captain for the Lady Sharks and a key member in all the team's relay events.

Best Single-Game Performance Award

Ron Williamson (Men's Basketball) vs. Georgetown, 12/16/2000

Williamson's 41 points and 17 three-pointers broke four records, including most points scored by a Howard player, most three-pointers scored by a Howard player, most points scored against Georgetown by a single player, and most three-pointers scored against Georgetown by a single player.

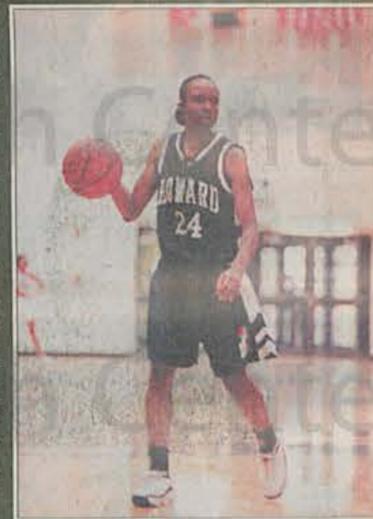
Williamson looked to be on his way to a breakout sophomore season until he was sidelined by academic ineligibility. We look forward to seeing what Williamson will do with a full season of eligibility next year.



Most Improved Athlete Award

Chanell Washington, Women's Basketball

Playing under a new coach and in a new position, the senior point guard from Fort Lauderdale, FL made one of the largest impacts in her career on the women's basketball team this season. Washington was named to the All-MEAC first team, the All-MEAC Tournament team, the Black College Sports Information Directors of America All-American team and the Black College All-Star team. She was also named the MEAC Tournament's Most Valuable Player, but more important than her awards and accolades, Washington stepped up to become a true leader for her team this year, making her an invaluable asset to the Lady Bison.



Coach of the Year Award

Frankie Allen, Men's Basketball

Frankie Allen took an embattled men's basketball program that had won three games over two years and made Howard fans and players alike believe that the team could win. Taking a team with virtually no inside force, Allen and his Bison managed to post 10 victories over the course of the season. Even with an injured Reggie Morris, an ineligible Ron Williamson and a struggling Jonathan Stokes, Allen was able to coach upset victories over South Carolina State, American, and Coppin State. With the return of Ali Abdullah and Williamson, along with a host of new recruits, the Bison will give the MEAC all it wants to handle next season.

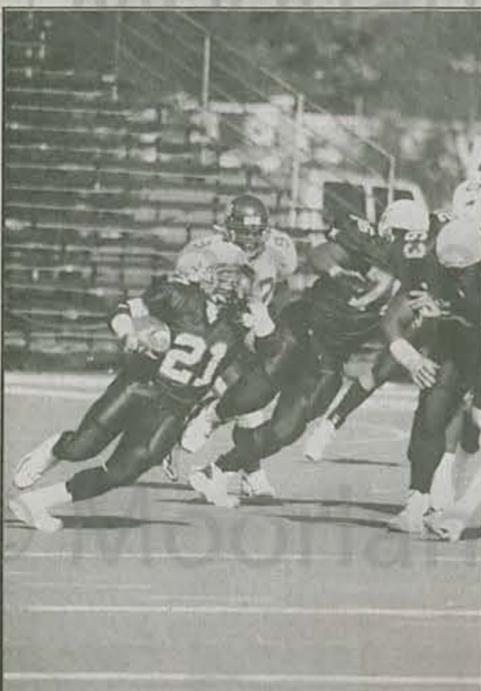


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Freshman Sensation Award



Jay Colbert

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Jay Colbert, Football
The freshman running back out of Gaithersburg, MD, earned the title "The Specialist" and a spot on the All-MEAC second team as a return specialist for the Bison. Over the course of the season Colbert averaged 23 yards per kick return, including a 74-yarder against the University of Maine, and gained 230 yards and one touchdown on 64 carries as a reserve in the Bison ground attack. Colbert also racked up 216 yards and two touchdowns on 18 receptions out of the backfield. Colbert's compact size and swift legs made him a threat to opponents and a joy for fans to watch. Look for this young man to continue to evolve into a fine running back in the years to come.

Krystal Perkins, Women's Cross-Country/Track and Field
Perkins is a dedicated runner with endurance and determination. She finished fifth at the MEAC Cross Country Championships and helped her team to a second place finish in the conference. Perkins also contributes to the track and field team as a middle-to-long distance runner.

Athlete of the Year Award

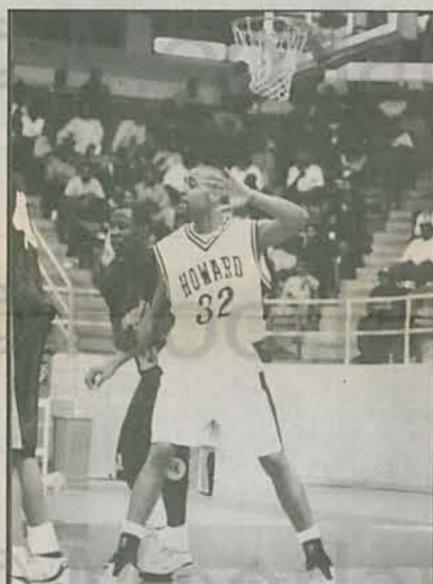


Tracy White

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Tracy White, Football
Try this on for size: 79 solo tackles, 47 assists, 13 tackles for a loss of 44 yards, five sacks, five passes defended, two interceptions and one forced fumble. White was a monster at the middle linebacker position for the Bison this season, anchoring a defense that on most occasions played well, but gave up the big play. White's 126 tackles set a career high, and earned him such honors as becoming only Howard's second MEAC Defensive Player of the Year, Associated Press Division I-AA Second Team All-American, Sheridan Broadcasting Black College All-American, and 100% Wrong Club Defensive Player of the Year. That is not bad for a sophomore human communications major from St. Stephen, SC.

Rookie of the Year Award



Darren Kennedy

Photo by Mark Coleman

Darren Kennedy, Men's Basketball
After sitting out last year due to NCAA restrictions, Kennedy's first year of eligibility in the MEAC was a solid one that saw him make the All-MEAC rookie team as a sophomore and play an important role on the Bison front line as a power/small forward. Kennedy led his team in rebounding with 6.5 per game and was second in the conference in steals, averaging 1.89 per game.



Essence Coggins

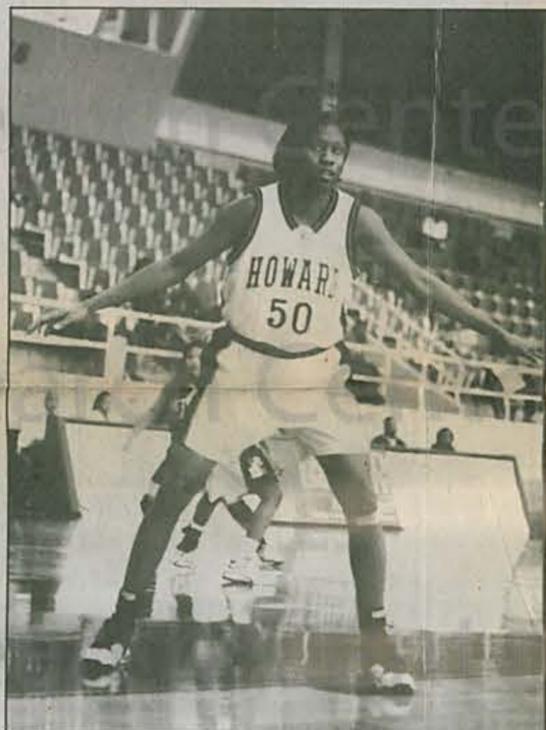
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Essence Coggins, Women's Basketball
The freshman out of Huguenot High School in Richmond, VA was recruited as a guard, but found herself playing every position on the court except center. The 5-foot-8 true freshman flourished under the Lady Bison's run-and-press system, averaging 14.6 points a game and was second in the MEAC in assists with 4.48 per game. Coggins' 3.35 steals per game earned her a 19th ranking in the country and MEAC Rookie of the Year honors, as well as a spot on the conference All-Rookie team.

Andrea Gardner, Women's Basketball

The junior from Washington, DC was the MEAC's Player of the Year, a MEAC All-Tournament selection, and a Black College All-Star. Gardner dominated games night after night to make her the nation's leader in rebounds with an average of 14.2 boards per game. Gardner led the conference and was 14th in the nation in field goal percentage (57.7), and led the nation with 23 double-doubles on the year. Gardner will be one out of a talented group of athletes returning to the Lady Bison next season as a senior and looks to dominate the MEAC the same way she did this year.

Congratulations to all student-athletes and coaches selected as SportsWeek Superheroes. You make Howard University athletics a pleasure to cover. Special thanks to Edward Hill and Romanda Noble for all your help and support. Thanks also to Camille and Tydigga for helping me hold it down this year. I love you two!



Andrea Gardner

Photo by Mark Coleman

Baseball Looks to Add More Wins

By ELENA BERGERON
Hilltop Staff Writer

With just one game in three weeks, an 11-2 loss to UMBC, the Bison baseball team has eked out as many wins this week as over the course of the past two months.

"[February and March] was spring training. This is the real season," said sophomore David Durand.

Indeed, the Bison have come alive during the second half of their season, using tough losses as motivation to ignite two second-game comebacks.

After squandering a four-run lead in the top of the last inning against Coppin State, Howard rallied to put the tying run in scoring position. LF Charles Maclin singled to right to bring in SS Byron Espinales and make the game 10-9, but the game ended as C Reggie Adams was called out at the plate trying to score from second.

The one-run loss no doubt fueled the team as the Bison rode junior LHP Erik Causey's 7K complete-game gem to victory. After giving up two unearned runs in the top of the inning, the Bison broke out in the bottom of the second.

LF Maclin singled and advanced to second on C David Durand's fielder's choice. Coppin pitcher Stan Alston walked 2B Rich Harris to load the bases for CF Keith Sneed. Sneed singled the 3-2 offering to right field to drive in all three runners. Espinales, who reached as Alston's second hit batsmen of the inning, and Sneed scored on RF Dwight Fortune's standup triple to the right field wall to give Howard a 5-2 lead.

The Bison never trailed the Eagles despite their threat in the sixth. Causey struck out CF Eric Nieves with the bases loaded to end the inning.

Howard was burned again on Wednesday, as Norfolk State pulled together another big inning against Bison fielding. Leading 5-3 in the fourth, the defense crumbled once again, giving up five runs on two hits and four errors. With runners on first and third thanks to fielding errors by both SS Espinales and the pitcher, Norfolk posted a run on 3B Richard Harris' botched handling of a groundball. Hughes gave up a single and walked the next batter to send in another run. A sacrifice fly to center gave Norfolk the lead for good, and the Spartans scored two more unearned runs on Harris' second fielding error of the inning to make it 8-5.

Howard put together a seventh inning threat as freshman C Omar Shakoor singled and Durand reached on an error by Coppin's SS. Again representing the tying run, Adams, brought in to pinch hit for freshman 1B Alex Bean, struck out looking.



Junior pitcher Erik Causey winds up for the pitch.

Seeking redemption in the second game of the twin billing, Howard came back from a 7-2 deficit to post a six-run sixth inning. It was the Spartans' turn to fall apart as the Bison roared back. 1B Alan Harrison walked and advanced on Durand's single. A misplayed grounder by the Norfolk SS loaded the bases and a passed ball gave the Bison the first run of the inning. Successive batters walked, reached on an error, and were hit by Spartans' pitching to give the Bison two more unearned runs put the game within reach at 7-5.

C Reggie Adams found himself in another clutch situation with the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth. This time, Adams showed why he bats cleanup, driving a three RBI double to the top of the left field wall, narrowly missing a grand slam. With the home team up a run (8-7), it was Adams' game to lose as Coach Jimmy Williams gave Adams the ball in the top of the final inning. After walking two batters, Adams got the next two batters out on a fly ball to center and pop foul to third base.

A Legacy 30 Years in the Making

By S. MONIQUE KEILLER
Special to the Hilltop

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Howard University soccer team winning the NCAA national championship. This achievement was a battle won with the dedication of a community, the perseverance of a school, and the determination of a team. Yet to satisfy society and prove their worth, they had to win the title not once, but twice.

The fall of 1971 was a very turbulent time for Howard University and the District. Black pride was forefront in the minds of the people at the school and this positive attitude spread throughout the community. When the Howard University soccer team began having a winning season, the Chocolate City was elated. Finally, there was a black school that was winning at a sport that most Americans considered "white."

Soccer became the big sport on campus. More people turned out for the games, and the morale of the crowd and the team was equalled only by the African beats that the band played to represent its ethnicity. On game days, classes ended early because everyone wanted to see the team play.

And they did play. This team that brought such pride to the school was not like most other teams. These men came from Africa and islands in the Caribbean where soccer was as popular as football is in America. Their skill and discipline made other teams look like children who chased the ball with no real knowledge of what they were doing. The Howard team made jokes of its opposition, and the fans loved it. The team ended the season victoriously, as the first

black college to win a national championship. However, the title was not honored long. In January of the following year, the school was accused of having ineligible players on the team. The title was taken away and the soccer team was put on probation. There were thoughts by some that racism was the leading factor in the decision.

Seven of the starting 11 players were declared ineligible for the following season, some for playing amateur soccer in Trinidad and some for not taking a NCAA-mandated entrance exam, leaving them academically ineligible. Lincoln Phillips, the then head coach of the men's soccer team said, "It's pretty evident that a black school is not supposed to win."

The University argued that all of the students prohibited to play had grade point averages over 3.0 and the rules violated were vague and discriminated against foreigners, some of which were not privileged enough to go to college directly after high school. The University did the unthinkable when it sued the NCAA and forced it to change its rules. Though the University won the legal battle the championship was not reinstated.

In 1974, the squad played under the motto, "Truth crushed to the earth shall rise again." To help restore the team's confidence, Phillips enlisted Professor Dom Basil Matthews to talk to the team.

"He told them 'If you look back at the slave trade, you see people taken away from Africa to the West Indies and the United States,'" Phillips said. "The farther they came away the more they were stripped of their culture. The only thing missing was the line back to Africa, an

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Athletes Search for Ways to Earn Money

By KERRY-ANN KAMEISH HAMILTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Controversy still surrounds the two-year-old decision made by the NCAA Board of Directors, which allows Division I athletes to hold part-time jobs. The ruling has raised question among coaches, athletes, and other collegiate sports interests.

The provision, adopted by the Management Council, includes the right to work rule which allows Division I athletes to earn a maximum of \$2000 a year above the value of their scholarships.

"This rule only applies to those athletes with full scholarships," said A.B. Williamson, Director of Compliance and Athletic Affairs. "Those without full scholarships can earn up to the value of a full scholarship, which is approximately \$15,000, plus an additional \$2,000."

Freshman Roegina Pierre plays on the women's soccer team and disagrees with the ruling. "The ruling allows us

to make only \$2,000 for the entire school year," Pierre said. "We have to take care of personal expenses not covered by the scholarship, such as laundry, clothing, and social activities."

Coach Frankie Allen of the men's basketball team says the ruling is very controversial and there are definitely questions on how to enforce it and ensure equity.

"It is difficult to come up with something that is fair and equitable based on the need of each student. However, there is some merit to the regulation, as there needs to be a cutoff point," said Allen.

As the debate continues about the practicality of the regulation, it is theoretically sound. Coach Linda Spencer of the volleyball team says each university and its financial aid department should have input. "Admittedly, the needs of students vary and some students may need more money than others to offset their expenses, so an individual assessment should be done at the university level," Spencer said.

Allen suggests the implementation of stipends as a means of aiding students. "Some athletes will not be able to work, especially in a sport such as men's basketball where students are in training year round. There is absolutely no time to work, so stipends could act as a cushion," he said.

Student athletes are not left in the cold if they are in need of warm clothing, jackets, and hats, for example. There is a needy student fund in place where students who successfully prove financial need qualify for a sum of \$500. Pierre qualified for aid this spring and was able to purchase personal items she needed.

International student-athletes also share similar or greater challenges with the regulation. Olufolahan Oluwole, a sophomore international business major from Nigeria, is a member of the swim team.

"I am unable to work during the school year due to my hectic schedule," said Oluwole. "Practicing twice a day, attending classes, and also studying, it is impossible." Olu-

wole says that the regulation does not take into account the individual financial needs of each athlete and makes no provision for discretion. For example, the Nigerian currency, the naira, is \$110 to one U.S. dollar. Therefore, for every U.S. dollar sent to Oluwole, his parents spend 110 Nigerian dollars. This translates to a US \$100 allowance costing 11,000 naira.

Many recommend that the ruling be revisited. An advocate for this is Ed Hill, the Director of Sports Information. The ruling may need to take into account several factors such as geographic region. Due to the cost of living in the District, \$2000 may not be as adequate as in other areas of the country.

There has been no move by the NCAA to revisit the ruling as of late. Until then, Troyce Sanders, a junior on the football team, says he will make the system work for him.

"I will continue to do 10 hours per week and work in the summer to offset the cost not covered by this scholarship," said Sanders.

Men's Basketball Ends Recruiting Season

By TYRONE MCCANDIES
Hilltop Staff Writer

With all the changes in the men's basketball program: hiring a new head coach, winning 10 games this season, including upsets over Coppin State, American, and South Carolina State, the Bison are focusing on adding to their evolving squad.

The Bison will bring in perhaps the top class in the MEAC next season. The glaring weakness of the Bison last season was lack of inside muscle.

"We definitely wanted to improve on our rebounding," said Coach Frankie Allen.

Leading the way for the new class are transfers Aki Thomas and Kyle Williams from the University of Colorado.

Thomas, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound power forward from Manhattan started 18 games at Colorado. His best game was a 14-point, 12-rebound performance against top-ranked Kentucky. He was also named to the All-tournament team in the San Juan Shootout in 1999. As a player at Manhattan Center for Science and Math, Thomas was named Public School player of the year and a member of first team All-City. He also got an honorable mention for All-American in "Street and Smith" magazine. Look for Thomas to give Howard more of an inside presence offensively.

Following Thomas from Colorado is the 6-foot-7, 210-pound Williams, another athletic monster who can play both forward spots. Williams started 10 games as a freshman at Colorado before being sidelined with injuries.

He poured in 23 points as a freshman against

Texas-Arlington. As a prep player at Burlington City High in Burlington, New Jersey, he scored 1,576 points in his career. Like Thomas, Williams was given honorable mention in "Street and Smith" as an All-American as well as being named First Team All-State his senior year in high school.

Also at Burlington City, Kyle picked off 17 passes in his career as a safety for the football team.

Another player that can provide beef up front will be 6-foot-10 Daniel Wright who played at Upper Room Christian in Long Island. Wright is very athletic and a tremendous rebounder. He will provide some sorely needed height and muscle.

"(Wright is) what you want in a big kid," said assistant coach David Collins. "He can be a factor in two years."

The other true freshman on the team next season will be 5-11 point guard Gil Goodrich. Goodrich can shoot and pass the ball very well. As a senior at Newport Prep in Kensington, MD, he scored 18.6 points per game and averaged 7.9 assists per contest to lead the school to a State Independent School championship. Another "Street and Smith" honorable mention for All-American should provide depth at the point guard spot. This will allow Jonathan Stokes to play his natural two-guard position.

Another gem that Howard found in the rough is Shawn Radford. Radford, a 6-6 swingman from Indianapolis, IN, will give the Bison some more punch in their full court attack. Radford, a transfer from Southeast Illinois College, scored 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds a game for the nationally ranked junior college. Radford drain a shot from outside as well as take it to the hoop.

Rounding out the recruiting class is 6-6, 230-pound forward, Brannon Terry. Nicknamed "Baby Barkley," Terry played at one of the premier high school powers in Booker T. Washington in Tulsa, OK. There he teamed up with Ryan Humphrey, now at Notre Dame, to win three state championships. At Connor State, Terry averaged 10 points and six rebounds a game to help the junior college program to a 54-8 record in two years.

"We now have more depth this season," said Allen. "With more bodies, we're now allowed to run our up-tempo system a lot more."

The Bison used the 2000-2001 season as a year to rebuild their program. They gave Mid-Eastern Athletic champion Hampton everything that it could handle twice this season. All the Pirates did was knock out Iowa State in the first round and play Georgetown tough before falling in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The only loss the team will suffer is senior guard Reggie Morris this season. They will bring back arguably the best guard stable in the conference, if not the East Coast, in Ali Abdullah, Jonathan Stokes, Hekima Jackson as well as sharp-shooting Ron Williamson, who dropped 41 points against Georgetown. Joining them will be Darren Kennedy, who did all the small jobs for the Bison.

For the new season, the Bison will look to be a force to reckon with for other MEAC teams. As Allen said, "We earn the respect of a lot of teams with good old fashioned hard work."

With the new players coming in, look for Howard to become a top-tier squad next season.

Women's Basketball Adds Two New Recruits

By TYRONE MCCANDIES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's women's basketball team got some added firepower with the signing of two new players.

Head Coach Cathy Parson will add Diasha Hicks and Tamara Jackson to the Lady Bison roster next year.

The arrival of Hicks, a point guard who played at Woodcreek High in Antelope, CA, will help to fill the void left with the graduation of Chanell Washington.

"She (Hicks) is a tremendous leader," said Parson. "We needed that with the loss of Chanell. We want Essence Coggins and Danielle Shelton to help groom her into the starting role."

Also suiting up for Howard University will be six-foot Howard High School (Elk City, MD) standout Tamara Jackson. Jackson can play both the small and power forward positions.

"She is a great rebounder and our open court system will be to her advantage," Parson said.

The Lady Bison also welcome the return of forward Courtney Kirk, who can dazzle opponents with her perimeter shooting and her ability to attack the basket. Kirk should also benefit from the full-court attack that Parson has implemented. She was academically ineligible for the season.

Also returning from a bout with academic problems will be Shauna Ruglass, who should immediately give Andrea Gardner and Yetta Enobakhare some help inside the paint.

Finally, the Lady Bison will bring back shooting guard Laura Askew. Askew can nail baskets from outside and will be counted on, along with Asia Petty, to keep defenses honest. She set out the season due to academic reasons. Also returning at the guard position next year for the defending MEAC champion Lady Bison will be sparkplugs Nicole Jackson and Simon Agee, as well as defensive-minded Ayanna Ball.

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I Gracefully
Bow Out

By ALEXA D. EDWARDS

As I near the end of my Howard University journey, I would be more than remiss if I didn't pause and take a minute to reflect on the last four years of what I think to be a very intriguing, unique, and wonderful voyage. I stepped through the iron gates of this great institution a little less than four years ago.

Like all others I was overwhelmed by the feeling of having the world at my feet and my future in tight grasp. As a freshman, I was filled with the desire to make my own place up on hilltop high and charter my own path to greatness. I have since come to know and realize that there are many different types of people and personalities that pervade this campus and I did not seem to fit into any one category.

I was not the student you frequently see on the yard or in the front of Blackburn or on Power hall. I wasn't the student you saw at most parties or out at the club. You may not have even seen me caught in up in the many social and academic thralls of undergraduate library. I lived somewhat of an invisible life here at Howard, not too political and not too social, yet ever conscious of my academics. I was able to, in all my invisibility, still take hold of the Howard experience while absorbing it through a somewhat filtered lens. I was able to observe the Howard phenomena from an outside perspective while being deeply entrenched in the inner circle.

Despite my transparent presence on campus, like my fellow students, I too have experienced Howard University on its bad days and under the worst of circumstances. I too have waited in my share of administration lines and fallen victim to the poor interpersonal skills of its staff. I too have lived in less than standard dorms and had to combat the evils of crawling creatures.

For all of you seniors and upperclassmen, yes I too remember life before the 24-hour I-lab, online registration, and dependable shuttle service. I make note of these things so as not to paint a picture of perfection as I attempt to unravel my Howard experience. Even though my stay here has been subject to those not so pleasant moments, in retrospect the positive far outweigh the negative. I couldn't dream of giving up Howard homecoming, Spring Arts Festivals, Step Shows, Coco Bread from the vendors, lemonade and ice tea from Labambas, Howard Plaza Towers, Meridian Hill, late night trips to McDonalds, begging Granny on Georgia Avenue, trips to Pentagon City, Showtime Marching Band, Howard/Hampton football games, Sunday dinner at Wilson's, E-dub Crew (yall know who you are), chicken from China Wonder, Moet birthday parties at Park Place, my ace and sister for life in 620, endless lists of well thought out nicknames. This file could go on forever. But, most important just merely spending four years at the Mecca being among the best and the brightest, sharing a common purpose, and living the legacy of greatness has been most rewarding.

I cannot end this reflection without making an effort to explain how Howard has led to my own personal transformation and self-awareness. I came into Howard what almost seems to be yesterday as a young seventeen-year-old girl, simply knowing that I wanted an education and was open to all that was before me.

Unsured of the specifics and unsure exactly which way I wanted my life path to go. Having been nurtured and groomed in this rich legacy, today I can humbly say that I stand at the threshold as a woman of purpose, knowing exactly where I am going, how I'm going to get there, and having a keen sense of self as an educated African American woman. In the fall when I venture into the unseen world of a historically and predominately white institution for graduate study, I will be more than confident because I know that I have been trained and educated by the best.

I can walk through their not so welcoming gates with self-assurance and poise because I have come from up on hilltop high. In retrospect I am grateful for this experience and encourage all students, particularly freshmen, not to get caught up in the rather pleasures or superficial thrills but social open yourselves up to those things of substance that are encamped all around you.

I guarantee that you too will find at the end of your journey an individual with substance, significance, and resilience. So to all of those people, special friends and faculty (you all know who you are), who have made my Howard years complete I thank you for playing such instrumental roles and I hope you will be present on May 12, 2001 as I gracefully bow out.

Senior Spotlight

Two Women who Make HU Shine

Asha May: *Flying High On Life*

By DANIELLE POINTDUJOUR
Hilltop Staff Writer

"A bumblebee's wings are so thin, and its body is so big. Physically it shouldn't be able to fly; the only problem is, the bumblebee doesn't know it."

To us, that phrase probably means nothing, but to senior broadcast journalism major and theater minor, Asha May, it is the reason why when people want to sleep on her and her 5 foot frame, she continues to stand strong and taller than the rest.

When Asha first came to Howard four years ago from Chicago, Illinois, she probably really didn't know much about Howard except for the fact that her grandmother and one of her older sisters went here. However, Asha wasn't here to live off their legacy, she was here to create one. She knew from the beginning that this was an opportunity that should not be wasted, "I wanted to be able to say 'I did this, I did that', I tried to take advantage totally of my Howard experience," says Asha and take advantage she did.

Almost immediately Asha found herself involved in many of Howard's student organizations. She was a member of the School of Communications student council and also served as the School of C's rep in UGSA. Asha then decided to show everyone her fun side by becoming a Campus Pal, a Bisonette her freshman through sophomore year and a dancer for the Washington Wizards her junior year, but that's not all. Asha had to take it one step further and show the haters that the Chi turns out nothing but class by becoming Ms. School of Communications and Ms. Howard for the 1998-1999 school year and becoming a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror-

ity, Inc.

Although Asha admits that realistically it was nearly impossible to balance everything and still have time for school, she still found time to squeeze in an activity that holds a special place in her heart. Empower Through The Arts is an after school dance program for young African American boys that Asha started along with four recreational centers and schools in the Washington, DC area. "I wanted to start a program like Empower for young black boys because they get neglected so much, but through the arts they're able to see different sides of themselves," says Asha.

Despite all the confidence Asha displays, don't think that all her affiliations are what defines her. "Those things are not me. A person is not judged by what they do, they are judged by who they are. I'm just a scared 21 year old who hopes to make herself and her family proud and who has a passion for the arts and entertaining people."

With her last few days at Howard fast approaching and graduation feeling like it will never get here, Asha has no worries about what her life will be like outside of the 'Mecca'. Long term Asha plans to get her masters degree in directing for stage and theater and continue her dance career out in Los Angeles, but this summer Asha will finally get to share her talents with the world when she goes on an international tour with Jennifer Lopez as a dancer and choreographer. As for her dance program, Asha hopes to make Empower Through The Arts a national program through sponsorship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The past four years have reaped nothing but success for Asha May and the future holds only bigger and better things for this determined and promising young woman. So what could possibly bring Asha down off her high...her love for Howard. Although Asha has had a storybook college life, that she will surely tell her grandkids about one day, there is no doubt in her mind about what it is she'll miss the most "I have to say that I'll miss the family style atmosphere and that love you have when you're a Howard student."



Mahb Deep: *The Life and Times of Mahbleeta Grant*

By JONATHAN C. SIMS
Life & Style Editor

It took a trip from Brooklyn, New York to make the woman we know as Mahbleeta Grant. A graduating senior who has earned prestige from the Mecca but has also hoisted the weight of others on her back to persevere as not just another member of the class of 2001 but a warrior.

Mahbleeta wasn't always a warrior but still had her fighting shoes on. "I look back now (at her first year of Howard)" Grant said, "It was horrible." Her feisty street-smart attitude followed her, during freshman year. "If you looked at me wrong," Grant added "you'll be dealt with."

As Howard changed in four years with new libraries, and computer libraries Grant metamorphosed into a young woman of purpose and selflessness. "I got older" Grant added "I'm more professional and a very passionate person." With her name, Mahbleeta meaning "Justice, Fair, Supreme," her intimidating character bottled up in a 5' 5 110 pound breeds the serious nature of her name.

"When I came here I still tried to feel out the University volunteering and all," Grant said. Organizations on Howard's campus are no stranger to Grant who has served on Student Council for the school, LOQ (Ladies of the Quad), WHBC (where she served as General Manager), Yardfest coordinator for the past two years, and member and service projects chair of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Grant has afforded many positions but still has kept her feet on the ground.

Mahbleeta has done work with the coordination of MTV's Real World. When anybody who is anybody comes to DC Mahbleeta Grant is the person who they see.

Growing up in a Christian home, Grant changed her religious perspective by joining the Islamic faith. "It gets hard," Grant said about the struggle of faith she has dealt with. Grant recalled an incident recently when she was invited to come home for Easter. But Grant ass her personality has stood strong in her faith and held true to her beliefs and convictions. Even when joining one of the most prestigious sororities on Howard's campus, she came into no interference at all with Islam and Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

"I'm very cutting edge," Grant said, "when it comes to business I am the one." The need

for a business minded professional woman was desperately needed and she filled the Universities void. "I always have a hook up," Grant said and she has used her hook ups in the industry to get everyone from, Jay-z, Mos Def, Redman, and the list of stars that make the campus a regular on their stop through DC.

A warrior would be an understatement of Grant who has overcome many things in her years here but especially in the past year. She has witnessed her dad pass away and dealt with issues of spirituality. Though it was and still is a hard journey Grant promises to persevere.

So some who read this and might ask who is this girl? Things to remember, if it wasn't for her we would have never been able to brag about Jay-Z at the yard fest.

She describes herself as dynamic, cutting edge, and selfless," but is most importantly humble. "I am humble but confident," Grant affirmed, "nothing but God," being her only fear.

So what does it feel like to be her, a graduating phenomenal woman? "Two weeks ago I walked on the yard and my heart dropped," Grant said, "I do love HU." Seeing the bleachers being put up on the main yard was not just a sign of closure but of actual conquering. The soft spot that Grant has for this school is something that this street smart kid that entered the Mecca has evolved her love ten fold. From the acts that came onto the yard to perform to the work she did with high school girls during the Woman to Woman Conference.

As Mahbleeta has impacted the campus there are many at the Mecca that affected her including Dr. Sandra Millner who she said was "a dynamic teacher," Jim Watkins at WHUR as well as its professional staff, Bobby Patton, Angela Coleen, Millicent Springs, Tessa Murphy, Glynis Hill, and her line sisters of Atavistic 52.

Advice, Mahbleeta leaves all Bison with this, "Stay true to yourself and be humble." So as she pursues to further her major in Radio Production and minor in Theatre Administration Grant will definitely be a force to be reckoned with. Her plans include going into the industry selling commercials and consulting. No matter what it is known, like the power of her name she will hold the reigns of Justice as she leaves the yard, she will only be Fair to those who are empowered. And ml451446194rC00:Most importantly she will definitely be one in the industry where Mahbleeta Grant hails Supreme.



A Freshman Looks Back

By JOZEN CUMMINGS

As I sit back and look at my flight itinerary for my trip home I can't help but think of all the memories I'm going to take back with me after only one year at Howard University. From my first time at a club to the late night battles with the mice in my room, the things I've experienced after only my first year are enough to write a book. Chapter 1: The first thing I learned here was the difference between going to college and going to Howard University. My friends are at different colleges and were registered for both semesters in 30 minutes or less with their advisor. I go to Howard and I had to stay on a phone for close to 5 hours to register for classes. My friends had homecomings with floats and parades, my homecoming had Jay-Z and a step-show. My friends are in colleges and tell me about how nice their dorms are, I go to Howard and tell them about Drew Hall. Get my point?

Chapter 2: Coming to college is more than an adjustment in life; coming to college is a new life altogether. My boys, the dudes I grew up with since elementary and middle school, are no longer around to have my back. Where was I going to find some people who were like them, who would be down for the cause like them? After a year I've found the answer in both my neighbors in Drew Hall and the 22 brothers from my edition of The Gentleman of Drew Social Club (G.O.D.). These guys have helped

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me adjust to my new life. Of course months can't substitute the years but like I said college is a new life altogether, and my bro's in G.O.D. and the guys who stayed in the rooms next to me have helped me through my new life. Without them I probably would've been back home right now instead of writing this article.

Chapter 3: My new life also brought my new love. I came here already in a relationship and we would have a reason to break off what we had. Then I went to a party one night at a near-by college where I met the most beautiful woman, not girl, woman I've ever seen: Nevertheless, I'm no longer with the girl back home and the woman I met at the party has been with me for four months now. Just like my bro's and my boys she's the reason why I'm still here. Four months isn't long, but in a new life the first four months are crucial, which is why I can say I have love for my boys, my bro's in G.O.D. and my girlfriend.

Chapter 4: I'll admit to it; I cried the day I had to say bye to my

mom in front of the bookstore. All my life my mom and my sister were everything I knew. Now I had to live life without being able to wake up and see them everyday. The funny thing is I always knew I loved my mama before I came but being in college has given me a new reason to love her. I believe every freshman learns to appreciate their loved ones a little bit more when their no longer around them. We all love to be able to have control over our own lives but we can't deny our loved ones know best and without the help of family, we wouldn't make it at Howard.

Final Chapter: College has been an experience to say the least. I've grown used to adjusting between states of fortune and states of famine. I've had to share a room with someone for the first time in my life and luckily we survived the journey together. We have a relationship like brothers, their were times we wanted to kill each other but like a brother I will always have his back. I can now sleep through the sounds of 20 sirens a night and I can digest the food in the cafeteria while dodging a flying ribbet. Yep, my first year at Howard is coming to an end and I plan to enjoy another three. Nothing could have prepared me for what I have been through. I've seen my worst day here at Howard and I've seen my best day here at Howard, but what matters is I'll see tomorrow, and tomorrow at Howard is a beautiful thing. God Bless.

Jozen Cummings is a freshman journalism major.

PRESS RELEASE

The last time the International Headquarters of Kappa Alpha Psi allowed an intake at Howard University was in the Spring of 1998. Four young men, who were a part of that intake class were allowed to pay sizable initiation fees and then were expelled from the fraternity just weeks later for having an altercation with another member of that class. After this unfortunate incident, the International Organization did not offer any guidance or counseling whatsoever to these four young men. The International Organization did not attempt to refund the money of these four Howard students once they expelled them. Instead, they callously turned their backs on these young men.

The notice from Regional Director Anthony B. Hill in last week's *Hilltop* (4/13/2001) indicates that the International Organization is intent upon continuing its policy of callous disregard for Howard students and their families. The following are the details that lead up to Anthony B. Hill's notice – details that Anthony B. Hill did not include in his notice.

Following the expulsion of the four members of the Spring 1998 intake class, Anthony B. Hill instructed all Howard students who were interested in Kappa Alpha Psi to contact Dwayne Beverly for further information. A group of young men, following Anthony B. Hill's directive, did contact Dwayne Beverly and followed Dwayne Beverly's instructions on becoming members of the organization. However, even though Anthony B. Hill – the Regional Director – instructed everyone to contact Dwayne Beverly, he deemed Dwayne Beverly's instruction to the young men to be inappropriate. As a result, last week, Anthony B. Hill announced that he has suspended the Howard University chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi for seven years. Anthony B. Hill also announced that he has suspended Dwayne Beverly for 10 years. However, where does that leave the young men of Howard University that are interested in this organization? Where does that leave the young men who followed Regional Director Anthony B. Hill's direction and contacted Dwayne Beverly? These young men's parents had the same questions. In fact a group of parents came together in January of this year and demanded that the International Organization do right by their son's and not deny their entrance into the organization simply because they followed the instructions of Anthony B. Hill. While Anthony B. Hill assured the parent's that they would receive an answer no later than April 12, 2001, to date no answer has been given.

It is unfair for the International Organization to deny innocent members of the Howard University family the ability to provide service to Howard and the surrounding community, while being exposed to certain positive ideals and purposes. Therefore, an organization has been founded on Howard's campus that will allow Howard students to network with Howard Alumni and receive professional and personal guidance and mentoring while assisting the aims and purposes of Howard University and serving the surrounding community. This organization is Genesis. In addition to serving Howard University and the greater community, Genesis will continue certain events that have become an integral part of the experience of Howard students. One such event is the Koolout, which was started by Howard students for Howard students and alumni ten years ago. In the event that there are any attempts to prevent the free expression of the members of Genesis or to prevent the peaceable assembly of the members of Genesis as is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, appropriate actions will be swiftly pursued and Howard University will be requested to assist her students in protecting their Constitutional rights.

For more information on Genesis, please call (202) 777-2643 x9449 or email genesis2001@onebox.com.

AT THE MOVIES

'Freddy Got Fingered'

By JOZEN CUMMINGS
Hilltop Staff Writer

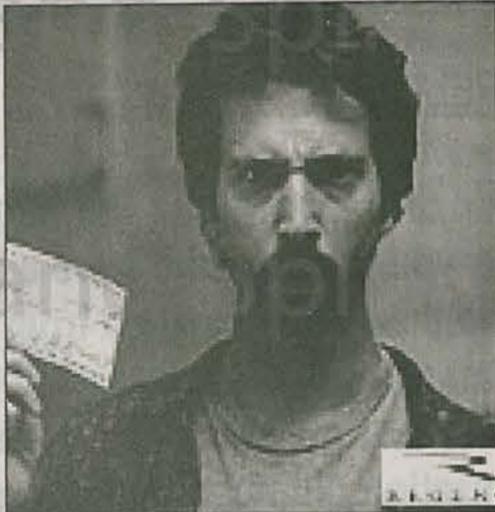
After having been out of the spotlight for a few months now due to his battle with testicular disease, MTV icon Tom Green has returned with his latest project *Freddy Got Fingered*. With Green taking on the tasks of co-writer, director, and star of the film, *Freddy Got Fingered* has the name of Tom Green all over the place.

Gord Brody's (Green) desire to please his father Jim comes from his somewhat bizarre innocence. With an endearing sense of curiosity about everything, from getting overly friendly with a horse on a stud farm to dancing inside a deer carcass, Gord's an overgrown boy with a wild sense of humor and imagination.

After Gord's failure to break into the animation industry he decides to perfect his craft and move back into his parents basement back home. His father is not amused by the move and things Gord is a slacker. He pushes Gord to find a "real" job and get out of the house, but Gord is stubborn and refuses to do something he doesn't want to do. The two go after each other by ruining each others relationship and trying to bring each other down.

Through these pranks and the game of get-back father and son play on each other, we see Tom Green's humor taken to new heights. The word disgusting is an under-statement. Not to say *Freddy Got Fingered* is a bad movie, through all the vile displays of humor there is a possibility of any Tom Green fan finding some humorous parts in the movie, but even a die hard fan of Tom Green will have their gross-tolerance pushed.

At first, the movie seems to flow together, and we are led to believe *Freddy* is going to be a comedy with substance. Instead there is no message to be delivered, rather there is nothing but



pointless jokes galore, all done in the most grotesque manner possible.

Even as a true Tom Green fan myself, I was prepared for all the things I've come to expect from Tom Green; outrageous humor with no reason. Tom Green goes out of his way to not only make the audience laugh, but to gasp in disgust. For example: Gord's next door neighbor, a young boy who is accident prone, constantly finds himself getting hurt. Everytime the boy gets hurt the causes are everything from getting hit in the head with a flying wine bottle to a baseball hitting him in his mouth. Scenes like these are what I'm talking about. *Freddy Got Fingered* goes out of it's way to make stomachs turn.

Again let me say, *Freddy Got Fingered* is not a bad movie, it's just disgusting. My eyes were highly offended, and my stomach didn't appreciate Mr. Green's antics either. This movie is for true lovers of Tom Green and even if you are one, please, proceed with caution.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

You Know How It Get In the Club

Jay-Z was arrested outside a Manhattan nightclub the morning of April 13th after police spotted a member of his entourage with a loaded gun. Police say they saw Jigga's bodyguard, Hamzah Hewitt, place a loaded Glock .40-caliber gun in his waistband around 2:30 a.m. and get into a 2001 Chevy Suburban outside of Club Exit. The officers immediately pulled the vehicle over and found the loaded gun. Jay-Z, his bodyguard and two other men were arrested on charges of criminal possession of a weapon and are scheduled to be arraigned today.

Magic Up In Harlem

The 7th New York African Film Festival will be held at Magic Johnson's Theatres at the 125th location in Harlem, New York from April 20th-29th. This year's festival is entitled "For the People!" and will feature filmmakers such as Raoul Peck, Ousmane Sembane, Imunga Ivanga and Serge Coelo.

Shyne's Sentencing Postponed

Rapper Shyne's sentencing on assault, reckless endangerment and gun possession charges will not take place until June 1st. Shyne, whose sentencing was to occur Monday, April 16th, was brought in from jail on Rikers Island for the court appearance, his first appearance since his conviction last month. The rapper released a handwritten statement on Monday in which he apologizes to the victims of the nightclub shooting that brought his charges, but also denies responsibility for their injuries.

LL Returns to the Studio

LL Cool J will enter the studio this month to begin work on the follow up to his latest album "G.O.A.T." The untitled album should be in stores in September or October. His new single "Put Your Hands Up" from "Violator the Album: V2.0" compilation will be on the radio in upcoming weeks. LL can currently be seen on the big screen in the comedy "Kingdom Come" with Whoopi Goldberg, Toni Braxton and Jada Pinkett Smith.

Mama Mia Rides the Tank Again

After rumors of her leaving No Limit Records, Mia X will release a new album on Master P's label entitled "Sista Stories" in August. The album is her first since 1998's "Mama Drama". The album plans to have 17 tracks, including a remake of the Cover Girls' 1987 hit "Show Me".

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From A TO Z

By BRANDON A. MILLER
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I swear that looks like AZ" one of the patrons mentioned while browsing in Sports Zone on Georgia Avenue. To a casual observer, the man staring into space, seemingly in his own world, dipped in a crisp New York Jets jersey, pressed blue jeans and Timberland boots couldn't be rap artist with a platinum single under his belt. At first glance you'd never guess he's worked with the legendary Dr. Dre and other rap heavyweights such as Nas and Foxy Brown. But like Dr. Dre, AZ has been there and done that.

After a two and a half year hiatus and troubles with his former label, Antonio Cruz is prepared to return with his third solo album. The man who reminded listeners that "life's a bitch" on Nas' classic single is back stronger than ever. While in Washington, D.C. promoting his new album, he sat down and talked with the Hilltop.

Hilltop: Its been seven years since your debut on "Life's a Bitch" on Nas' "Illmatic" album. Your first album "Doe or Die" was solid. The Firm album wasn't accepted to well and your second album "Pieces of a Man" didn't sell too well either. Looking back on all that you've been through how do you feel?

AZ: Its not the fact they didn't get accepted, its the fact it didn't get promoted like it was suppose to. I'm sure if it would've been promoted the way it should've been, I would've gotten a whole lot of love. I ain't mad though, this album right here is what really counts. The album is gangsta.

Hilltop: You got your start on Nas' debut album, how did you all meet each other?

AZ: Me and Nas met back in '91 or '92 on the phone. A lot of emcees would get on this phone line and rhyme. He wanted me to be on his album from there.

Hilltop: There were some rumors you and Nas had problems after the Firm album.

AZ: Never were there any problems. The only beef I know was Pac and

Biggie. Growing up back in the days, you were probably cool with somebody around your way and as you all grew, you went to college and he could've went to jail or something. You all just separate for a while and live different lives. You may be single and he may have gotten married, who is to say that things should stay the same? We talk every now and then. I'm doing my thing and he's doing his thing.

Hilltop: Let's talk about your hit single "Sugar Hill" off your first album.
AZ: At first I wasn't feeling the song at all. I didn't like it at first. I thought it was R&B. But I stepped back and listened to it and realized I was saying some real sh*t on there. The song got a lot of love though, sold a million copies, so I ain't mad.

Hilltop: So what's up with the new album? Who are some producers and artists you are working with?

AZ: Some producers I have are Timberland, Bink who helped with the Dynasty album, Dream Team and I got Foxy Brown, Amil, Beanie Sigel, and my team the Quiet Money Team rhyming on the album. The album is sick. Its dropping June 12th and its called "9 Lives".

Hilltop: Why is it called "9 Lives"?
AZ: For all the sh*t I went through, its like I have nine lives. I'm back again. I know there are people out there like 'Damn, he's got nine lives, he doesn't quit'.

Hilltop: What are you trying to do with this third album?
AZ: I'm looking to solidify myself in the game, get love, and show and prove that I always was and always will be that nigga.

Hilltop: So after being in rap for seven years and seeing a lot of changes how do you feel about what's going on in rap right now?

AZ: Everything needs change. From the '70s to the '80s to the '90s, there comes a change with everything from slang to clothes so the rap game needed a change too. I'm with what's going on and how everything is changing. I appreciate all the change that is happening because it is taking rap to a higher level.

Hilltop: You've basically been on hiatus for the last two years, after taking that time off, do you feel rejuvenated?

AZ: I feel crazy. I feel like nobody can touch me right now. I can get in any zone right now. I'm so mature and ready to take it to that next level. You know how after 2Pac was locked up he has so much adrenaline and how when Mike Tyson got out of jail he was just knocking guys out? That's how I feel.



Hilltop: You had that small part in the movie "Belly", do you plan to be in any more films?

AZ: Everybody liked that little part in "Belly", I don't know why. I'll get into some more movies. Its mandatory, it comes with the territory.

Hilltop: After you are done rapping, what do you want people to say about AZ's career and AZ as a man?

AZ: I want them to say he taught us alot, he's swift, verbally inclined, and I got love for AZ. People slept on him in the beginning but I always knew he was going to take the game over. When he first came out he prospered then had trials and tribulations but he's a real man because only real men do that, make it, get knocked off for a while then get right back up.

Spring is in the Air and So Are the Allergies

By KIMBERLEE EDWARDS
Hilltop Staff Writer

While some students are beginning to enjoy the change in the season, others are beginning to suffer from it with allergies.

An allergy is a sensitivity to something that is ordinarily harmless. When your body tries to get rid of the "allergen" (foreign substance), you experience symptoms like sneezing, watery eyes, and a runny, stuffy, or itchy nose: typical allergens include pet dander, pollen, dust, and mold.

The medical term for nasal allergy symptoms is "allergic rhinitis". Many students like junior, Monchell Johnson, suffer from "seasonal allergic rhinitis". "I usually begin to suffer in early spring and it lasts all summer long. I'll have sneezing, scratchy eyes, rashes, and sometimes swelling in my face." Johnson describes symptoms that are due to pollen from plants. Some use the term "hay fever" to describe these symptoms. This expression is misleading because allergies seldom cause a fever and are rarely related to hay.

According to Surveillance Data Inc., beginning in February and lasting

Health Tips

- Try to stay indoors during peak pollen hours, 5 am to 10 am.
- After you've been outside change your clothes (but not in your bedroom) and take a quick shower. Pollen collects on clothes and hair.
- Don't line dry clothes.
- Pets who live outdoors and indoors should be bathed often.
- Keep windows at home closed.
- Monitor pollen counts. Dry, windy days, especially after a rain, can be particularly high in pollen.
- Use air conditioning and change filters often. Make sure vents are covered with filters.
- Reduce time spent mowing the lawn (which stirs up both pollen and mold spores). If you must mow wear a mask.

until June, several types of trees in this region produce allergy-causing pollen—particularly birch, maple/box elder, oak, juniper/cedar, and pine

trees. From May to late August, grasses pollinate in the area including orchard, redtop, fescue, and timothy. From August to October, weeds such as ragweed, plantain, and nettle pollinate in this region.

Experts agree that the best way to treat allergies is to avoid exposure to the allergens in the first place. But sometimes that's impossible to do. Many different treatments are now available to relieve allergy symptoms, including over-the-counter and prescription antihistamine medications, nasal sprays, and allergy shots. Many students like Johnson use a drug called Claritin. "I don't think it's strong enough, so I just limit my time outdoors." Other sufferers like, Junior Cassandra Hawkins, in addition to oral medication use skin soothing remedies. "I take a bath in Aveeno Oatmeal Bath and rub my skin down with Aveeno Oatmeal Lotion. If my skin itches really bad, I use Benadryl Cream."

Because different treatments have different effects, it is best to see your doctor to determine which treatment is best for you. Here are some general tips from the makers of Claritin that may help you cope with pollen allergies.

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acceptance of one's self. That's where Howard University is positioned— within the middle of that triangle, bringing the cultures together. And soccer was a big part of that."

Matthews' words put racism in perspective for a group of men who were not accustomed to the level of hate that was perpetuated in the United States. Armed with the new

information the team had a new realization for what it was fighting for.

During the regular season, Howard outscored its opponents 63-6. The team eased through the NCAA tournament to a rematch of the 1971 Championship game against the all-white, all-American St. Louis University.

On that rainy, December day, St. Louis dominated the first half 1-0, but Howard equalized the score in the second. The

game went into four overtimes before Richard Davy, a Jamaican, crossed the ball to Kenneth Ilogigwe, a Nigerian, who poked it into the goal for the 2-1 victory.

Ian Bain, who was the captain of both the '71 and '74 teams, remembers the victory. "Had we lost that tournament, it would have affected the rest of our lives. We had to put something right that we felt was wrong."

Bain says his fondest memory of that time was seeing

Phillips after the game crying tears of joy.

"They had taken something away that was very special," Phillips said. "And when we got it back, the burden we had been carrying was gone. There was relief."

The 1971 Bison soccer team is remembered for being the first team from a historically black college team to win a NCAA championship, twice. The legacy they left behind is one that remains today.

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Calendar where to go and what to do!

April 20th - April 27th

<<HU's own Perfecto will be performing at The cage tonight @ 10pm.



Friday, 20th

At the movies: see "Freddy Got Fingered," a movie from the twisted mind of Tom Green. Green stars, as do Rip Torn (as Green's father) and Anthony Michael Hall (a.k.a Farmer Ted). Green gal Drew Barrymore also reportedly makes an appearance. Check local listings for showtimes and theaters.

Victory in Praise Leadership Conference, featuring representatives from America's historically black colleges and universities, starts today at 7pm in HU's Burr Gymnasium, 2400 Sixth St. NW. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 202-432-7328.

Join Perfecto, the Ladder Day Saints, Personify, Affiliation and more MC's for the "Organic Compounds" album release party at The Cage, 1811 14th St. NW, starting at 10pm, hosted by ICON the Mic King & Manifest. Cover is \$8 with flyer, \$10 without. Ladies are free before 11pm. For more information, visit www.uhohenentertainment.com.

Dance, a timeless tradition, speaks the voices of our people...HU's Department of Theatre Arts presents its Annual Spring Dance Concert, "Dance: Echoes of Our Voices," under Artistic Director/Choreographer Sherrill Berryman-Johnson, Ph.D., in the Ira Aldridge Theater, 2455 Sixth St. NW, at 7:30pm tonight and tomorrow night. There will also will a concert on Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and senior citizens. For information, call 202-806-7700 or 202-806-7050.

Saturday, 21st

You don't have to be from down South to come out to The Southern Player's Picnic at Kalorama Park in Adam's Morgan today from 10am - 6pm, hosted by the Down South Boys. Catered by Real New Orleans Food for your Soul.

HU Community Association and National Youth Service Day sponsor street festival from 10am - 5pm. For information and to volunteer for the project, call Zari-nah @ 202-332-2486.

Sunday, 22nd

Go to Smokey Joe's with Gladys: "Smokey Joe's Café," a musical revue that's been a success on Broadway and in other parts of the country, is at the Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., for a limited engagement this week. This tribute to the 1950s pop songs written by Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller, stars the legendary Gladys Knight. Tickets range from \$25 to \$55. Today (at 2pm and 8pm) is the last day to see the show. For information, call 202-783-4000.

Mark Curry, as seen on "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," will crack jokes tonight starting at 8:30pm at Jokes On Us Comedy Club, 312 Main St. Laurel (Md.). Tickets are \$20. For information, call 301-490-1993.

Monday, 23rd

Bring your poetry, spoken word, etc., to Bar Nun, 1326 U St. NW, for Open-Mike Poetry starting at 8pm, this and every Monday night. Cover is only \$5. For information, call 202-667-6680.

Tuesday, 24th

Mark Anderson and Mark Jenkins present their book on local hardCore, Dance of Days: Two Decades of Punk in the Nation's Capital, at Black Cat, 1831 14th St. NW, at 9pm. Archival films of local punk bands will also be screened. It's FREE. For information, call 202-667-7960.

And on a special note....

I would like to give special thanks to all the writers and poets who breathed life in Engage' every week. Also, to my Hilltop fam - Jason (you tried it!), Ira (Iva' and faava beans), Jayme (1st Lady), Jo'Nathan (you made L & S sing!), Chris (let the Belve' flo), Brandon (uh-ha, uh-ha, uh-ha: lol), Hug (naaa-mean, son?), Shannon (you so CRAZY!), Michelle (you got style -n- then some), Ronnie (do you work here?) and emmybody else that made me laugh in the office. Best of luck to next year's staff! Aight, where's the after-party?!

Love, Ginger (Spice)
Engage' / Calendar Editor
P.S. Ira, see...You are Evil enuf' for EIC.

Wednesday, 25th

It's Jamaica vs. Honduras, international professional soccer, at the Patriot Center - George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax (Va.) at 8:30pm. For information, call 703-573-7328.

Thursday, 26th

Local reggae talents Carl Malcolm and Positive Vibration perform at State of the Union, 1357 U St. NW, at 9pm. For information, call 202-588-8810.

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5-A-01

To the Ladies in My Life: **Ercilia, Latoya and Tashara, Christina A.**...I've watched and enjoyed your growth into beautiful young ladies. Thanks for the friendship and the laughs...See you in the news! -**Jason T.**

ALL Staff - Thanks for the late nite laughs and the early morning hustle. On too many nites you were my drive. No Computers, New Computers, Pay Cuts, Pot Luck, Ocean City, Drinkers' Windowsill, Jamye's Diners, Award's Banquet, Tuesday Issues. What a Year. Thanks for the memories. -JTS

Ira, Jamye, Chris- My A-team, good luck next year. I want to be the one to throw you guys a Hearst Party...or maybe a Pulitzer Party! -Your Fearless Leader '00- '01

Congrats Andre E., Jason B. - Love y'all. Good luck in the future! :)
-A December Grad!

Thanks to God for getting me through this year...my sorors, for being my eyes and ears...Christina, congratulations on getting up out of here...Phila! Kallilah, Danielle, Dy (GRITS), thanks for laughs and sanity...Jason, Ira, staff - love ya'll...Anita B.

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Scott, Jeezy, Liver, Hug, Michelle, Shannon, Jonathan, Brandon, Nsenga and whoever else I forgot, thanks for everything. Look forward to working harder next year, for those of you who will be back.

Staff: I love you all and look forward to next year. Jason: I'll never have to worry about Love Ya! -The First Lady

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