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General Assembly Questions Elections, Merritt Resigns

By Veronica-Marché Miller Hilltop Staff Writer

The General Assembly meeting held a surprise for many on Wednesday night when Nicole Merritt, the Howard University Student Association vice president, resigned.

The controversy over this year's general elections, which still burdens the General Assembly, was evident in the organization's meeting on Wednesday night.

Merritt officially resigned and an interim VP was appointed, most of the night's discussion focused on former General Elections Chair Corey Cunningham.



Nicole Merritt, HUSA vice president resigned.

Merritt cited "personal reasons" when she took the floor to officially resign.

She will continue working with HUSA until the close of the year.

"I will still help to finish the work we began this year, just not in that capacity," Merritt said.

HUSA President Cornell Williamson presented senior Bernard White II to the General Assembly, which, in turn, approved his appointment to the position of vice-president.

White, a senior health management major, has worked closely with HUSA and served this year as its special projects coordinator.

Cunningham became the next topic of discussion when two former General Elections staff members presented the General Assembly with what they knew of the GEAC bud-

et. Because Cunningham and HUSA Financial Advisor Ja'Ron Smith handled the money for General Elections, and neither was present at the meetings, the General Assembly did not have an accurate record of where the budget went.

School of Education representative Spencer Chenier pointed out "there are no financial documents."

Chenier then moved to require HUSA's financial advisor to be present at all General Assembly meetings so that they could be presented with accurate financial



PHOTOS BY MAYA GILLIAM

The General Assembly met Wednesday night.

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Texaco Remodels?



PHOTO BY MAYA GILLIAM

The Texaco gas station, on Georgia Ave., recently closed its doors and began a construction project. The gas station store, which many students relied on for small necessities, closed without warning. Store owners were unavailable for comment at the time of press. Construction workers and city officials said they could not comment.

NWT Rapper, Shak-C Revels in Record Deal

By Jozen Cummings Life & Style Editor

For some students, there's football. Others choose to moonlight as campus politicians and activists. Whatever it is, most students are more than just test-takers and warm bodies that fill up desks. Many realize that earning a degree is the ultimate purpose for attending Howard, but until that time comes, additional options can be entertained.

Fourth year computer science major Kash'ka Fain, has been entertaining his options for a while.

Known to most students as Shak-C, the student/rapper has been grinding out his niche as one of the most gifted emcees on campus.

Since coming to Howard in



Shak-C.

1999, Shak-C has seen his fair share of rappers come and go, but with his debut album "Shak Therapy," set to be released on Tuesday, the Syracuse, New

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Journalist Encounter Set-Backs in Iraq

By Amber N. Mobley Nation & World Editor

Since the US-led invasion of Iraq began, American journalists have been exerting efforts to prove that the pen is just as powerful as the sword.

Journalists from all branches of the media have been embedded in divisions of the military from the Air Force to the Army to the Marines, in hopes of delivering some of the most up close and personal coverage possible.

But even before the bombs started hitting Iraq, journalists were running into road blocks in relation to war coverage.

The American government was the first entity to tell American journalists that they should get out of Iraq, yet many stayed behind.

Most live in the same hotel in Baghdad where they have limited access to the streets because of the dangers that present themselves - such as disgruntled civilians, anti-American and anti-press sentiments.

ABC thought it too dangerous to send ABC personnel to Iraq. Instead, a free lancer, a journalist contracted to write a specific story, who speaks fluent Arabic is the organization's main war correspondent.

Although there are many



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Images like this are being captured because journalists are embedded in the war.

journalists "embedded" with troops, many Arab and Muslim nations have kept American journalists away from their air bases.

The consensus seems to be that these journalists will bring too much attention to those countries that support the America in its 'fight against terror,' and they hope to limit the incitement of internal opposition in their countries.

"Some of these countries... want to support the war on ter-

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Black Tuesday: Students Unite in Support of Affirmative Action

By David Johns Hilltop Staff Writer

Charged with widespread complacency and a pervasive sense of apathy, students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and universities nationwide will unite on "Black Tuesday" to collectively speak against attacks upon Affirmative Action.

Mar. 31, black student organizations from HBCUs; "majority" institutions; not-for-profit and community groups and organizations and friends in support of Affirmative Action will gather in solidarity to participate in a speak

out, teach in, rally and march against the University of Michigan case which will be presented before the U.S. Supreme Court on Apr. 1.

Howard University Student Association (HUSA) president Cornell Williams presented the idea for a march on the Supreme Court in response to the Affirmative Action challenges.

30 university student council presidents contemplated a way to express solidarity and dissatisfaction with the present attacks upon affirmative action and civil

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PHOTO BY MAYA GILLIAM

HUSA President, Cornell Williamson assists students in pledging their support of Black Tuesday at a table set up in Blackburn Wednesday.

Black Leaders Organize Affirmative Action Town Hall Meetings, HU and GWU

By David Johns and Susan Leigh George The Hilltop

Nearing the eve of an affirmative action case being brought before the United States Supreme Court, leaders from the African American community gather to educate, inform and create plans of action at town hall meetings held at Howard University.

Organized in response to a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of affirmative action policies at the University of Michigan, leaders converge at Howard to discuss the present state and immediate future of affirmative action, race relations and the U.S. civil rights agenda.

Yesterday, a panel sponsored by the Howard Department of Political

Science and Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honor society, convened to discuss the struggle for Affirmative Action.

Today, a town hall will be held at the law school to speak out against race relations and legal struggles in the US.

Both events are representative of various methods

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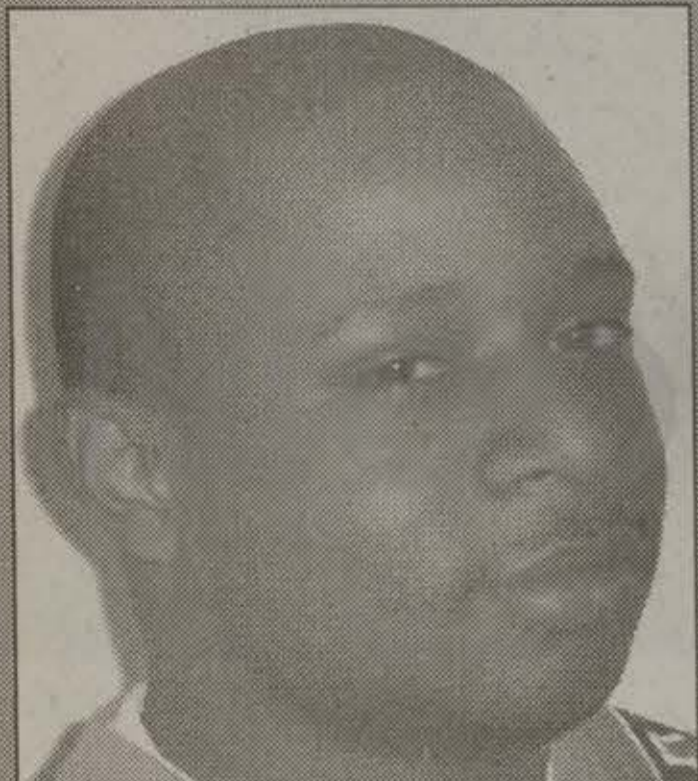
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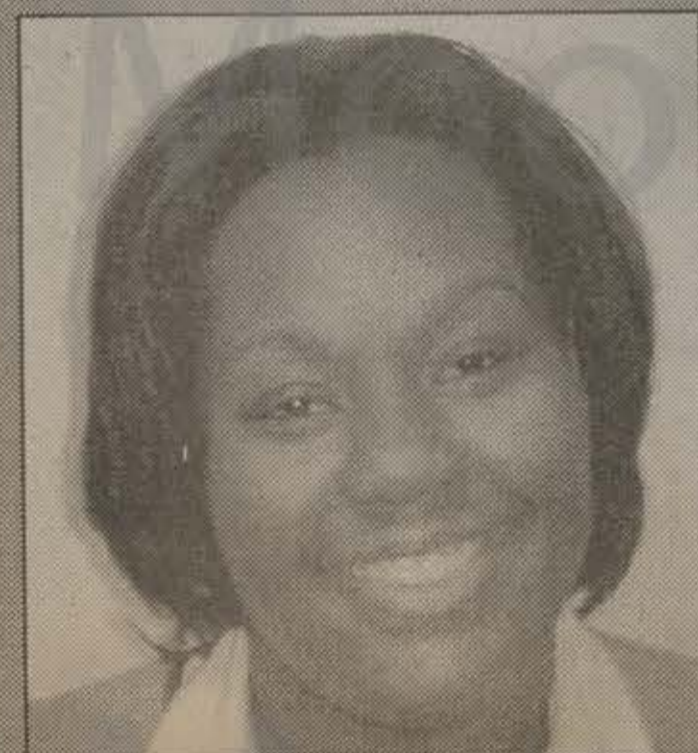
## Voices & Views

*With America being at war, do you feel safe in DC?*



**Brandon Coates**  
Freshman  
Computer Science

"Yes, I feel safe the war is an ocean away."



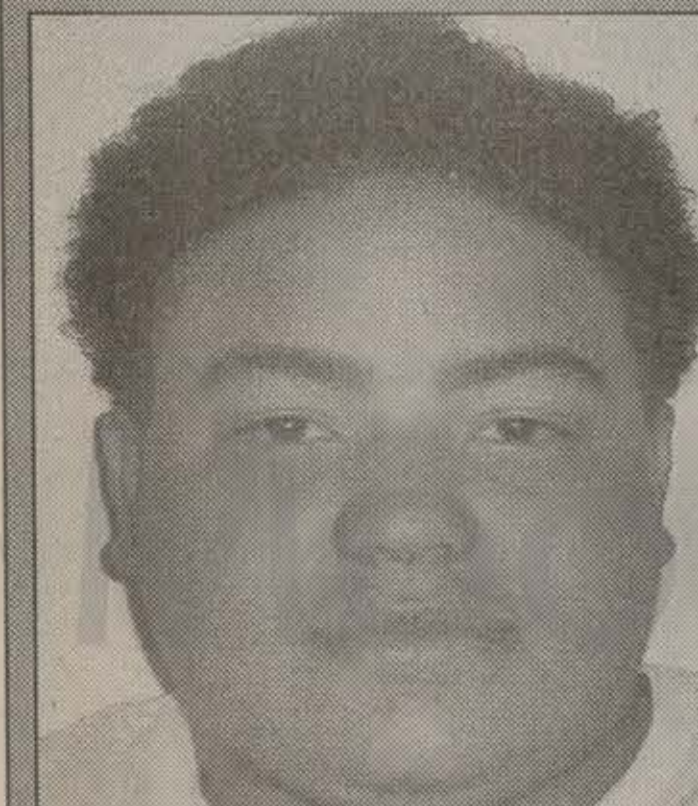
**Faith L. Walls**  
Sophomore  
Psychology

"I don't feel safe. We're in the U.S. capital, but I realize God will protect us since we are away from our homes and families."



**Jennifer Morris**  
Freshman  
Business Management

"No, I don't feel safe in D.C. We're bombing their capital city, what makes them (the U.S. government) think they will not bomb ours?"



**Rassii Elliott**  
Sophomore  
Biology

"Yes, i feel safe. With the heightened security implemented in the city and the different police departments working together that doesn't leave much room for terrorist attacks."

BY TEEMORRIE TAYLOR

## International Students Denied Some Rights

By Ruth L. Tisdale  
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Before Sept. 11 at least we were treated as humans and had a right to privacy," an international student, who wishes to remain anonymous due to possibility of being deported for criticizing the government, said. "Now the government can do whatever they want and there's nothing we can do about it."

With the memory of Sept. 11 still fresh and the implementation of the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), many international and domestic students are questioning the legitimacy of the SEVIS system.

SEVIS was introduced as a voluntary system, and became mandatory on Jan. 30. The system is a web-based system,



FILE PHOTO

International students gather in Blackburn to learn how their rights will be affected by war.

which provides an avenue for educational institutions and sponsor programs to track, monitor, and access current information on non-immigrant

students and exchange visitors as well as their dependents.

The SEVIS database collects and makes accessible to authorized users the major events associated with interna-

tional students and exchange visitors.

"During the week of Mar. 10-14, International students were required to attend meetings that explained the imple-

mentation of the SEVIS system and its requirements," Director of International Student Services Grace Ansah said. "Additionally, at the meetings new immigrant regulations were discussed."

At the meeting, international students were required to sign forms that stated that they understood what the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) required. Under the new system, international students must notify Howard University any time their address changes. Also Howard University may be required to provide information on international students to the BCIS.

Ansah said that because of the USA PATRIOT Act of October 2001 [P.L.107-56] and

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## Black Spring Arts Festival Schedule

*The Annual Spring Black Arts Festival March 30-April 4*

### Sunday

Gospel Concert "The sacrifice of Praise" 7pm  
Cramton Auditorium \$5.00

### Monday

Art Show 12 noon lasting the entire week  
Cramton FREE

### Tuesday

An evening at the theatre Medea's Class Reunion  
The Warner Theatre \$30.00

### Wednesday

Hip-Hop Meets Politics Panel Discussion with renowned politicians and hip hop celebrities  
HU School of Business Auditorium FREE

### Thursday

MTV Campus Invasion Tour 12 noon-5pm  
FREE

Fashion Show with performance from Fabulous  
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### Friday

Concert featuring Musiq & Floetry  
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For additional information call 806-4194.

## Students Use Food Stamps

By Ruth L. Tisdale  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Increasing cost of college tuition and fees coupled with a down-sloping economy has forced many students to turn towards others options to cater to their daily needs.

The Office of Income Maintenance has made that search easier through offering food stamps and other benefits to college students who qualify.

College students must undergo rigorous procedures to become eligible for food stamps.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations, any person who seeks help through the food stamps program must show lack of income and must also work twenty hours a week. Students can obtain as much as 130 dollars a month in food stamp benefits.

Many students at Howard have applied for eligibility for food stamps, but most have had little success.

"I tried to become eligible for food stamps, but I did not qualify," junior chemical



Food stamps are becoming an option for college students.

engineer major Stacy Jones said. "I thought that since I was a student and had a low income that I would be able to qualify for the program, but I guess that I was wrong."

Because the Code of Federal Regulations only regulates the welfare system on a federal level, the states are left with the job of setting up

food stamp agencies and regulating food stamp agencies.

"Different states have different rules," Food Stamp Specialist at the Office of Income Maintenance Celestine Perkins said. "Even though the Code of Federal Regulations regulates the

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## HU Students React to the War With Iraq

By Veronica-Marché Miller  
Hilltop Staff Writer

The majority has ruled. Student opinion in regard to the war in Iraq mirrors the opinion of many anti-war protesters.

"It's stupid," many students recited unanimously.

Most don't see any reason for U.S. troops to invade the California-sized country. Others sympathize with the need to remove Saddam Hussein from power. But around campus, popular opinion holds that war is not a resolution.

"They should have given the United Nations inspectors more time," sophomore political science major Byron Jackson said. "I really don't see the need to go to war."

Jackson, like many others, believes President George W. Bush is attempting to tie up the loose ends of his father's unfinished business.

"This is the man that tried to kill my daddy!" said sophomore Danielle

Palmer, mimicking Bush's previous televised statement of Hussein. "That made him sound like such a little kid, and

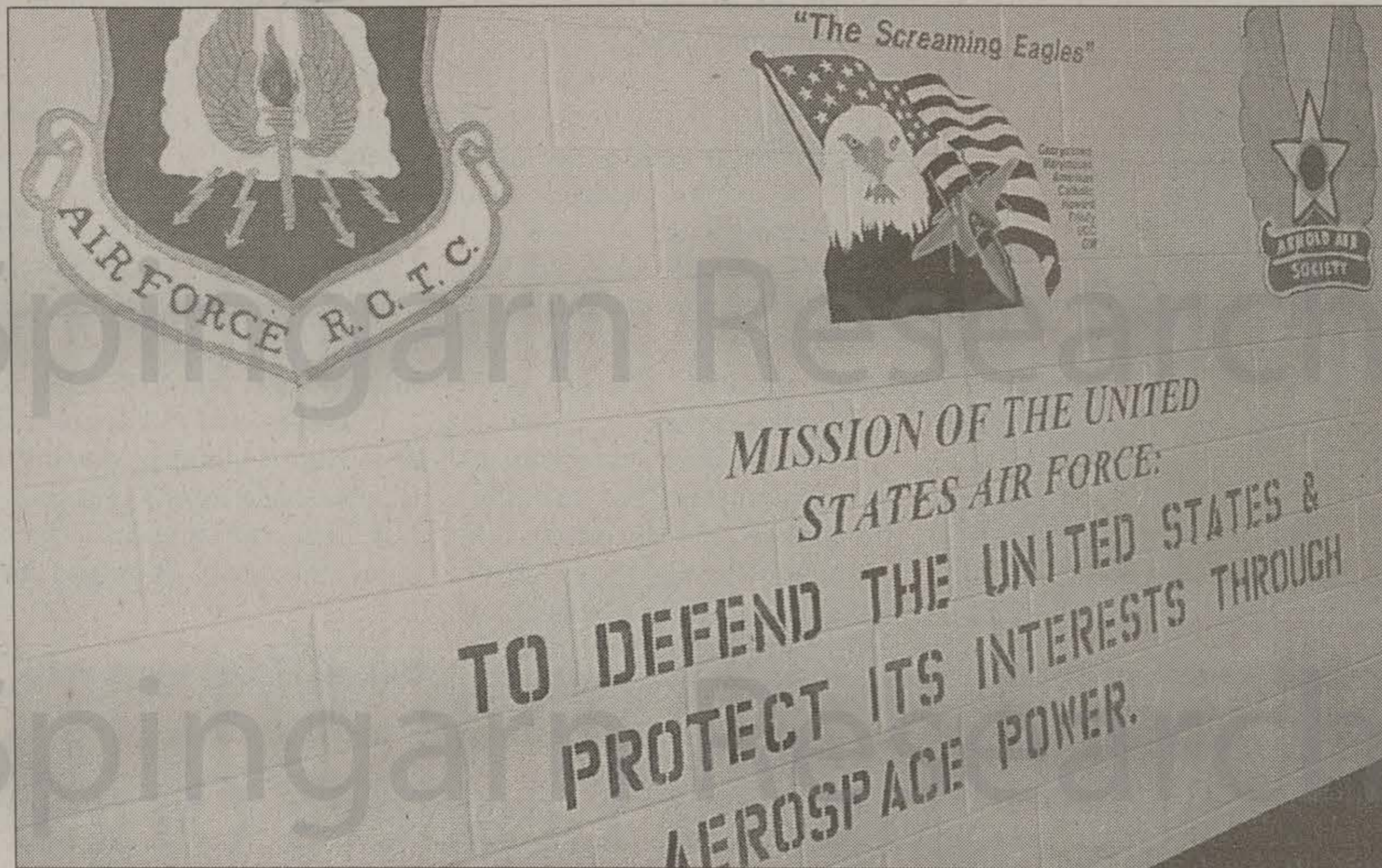


PHOTO BY AMINA HALL

now I know that all of this is just personal business. You need to give me a better reason than that."

Political Science major Thad White understands that Iraq's leader poses a threat to peace.

"I know that Saddam needs to be taken out," he said, "but I don't agree with Bush's reasoning."

White said that Operation Iraqi Freedom looks more like a U.S. attempt at overseas dictatorship.

"If the United Nations backed the war, I would understand." But to White, the U.S. is becoming a bully.

"Our country is run by a moron," sophomore Alexis Miles said. "This conflict is a personal vendetta, and it's

making our country look bad to the rest of the world."

Others hold the voters who elected Bush into office responsible for the recent state of the country.

"[Bush] used drugs in college, and this is the man people 'voted' into office," said telecommunications major Kali Williams. "I wish people would have done their research,

because now we're in an unnecessary situation."

"Our economy is already in bad shape," said psychology major Renae Palmer. "And then, you're going to pull our country into war? A war that a lot of your population doesn't agree with? That's not smart."

Students' top complaints included Bush's incompetence and his arrogance.

A few questioned his reasoning behind giving Hussein an ultimatum.

"How are you going to tell someone to leave their country within 48 hours?" asked graphic design major Jasmine Eduard. "That's like me going to someone's house and telling them they need to vacate the premises. You just can't do that."

Jackson wishes that Bush would focus his prayers for the Iraqi people toward the U.S. soldiers fighting in Baghdad.

"The men fighting this war are the young, the lower class with low income. They need the country's prayers."

"I really feel it's a joke," Jackson added, sharing a sentiment with many others. "This entire war is unnecessary."





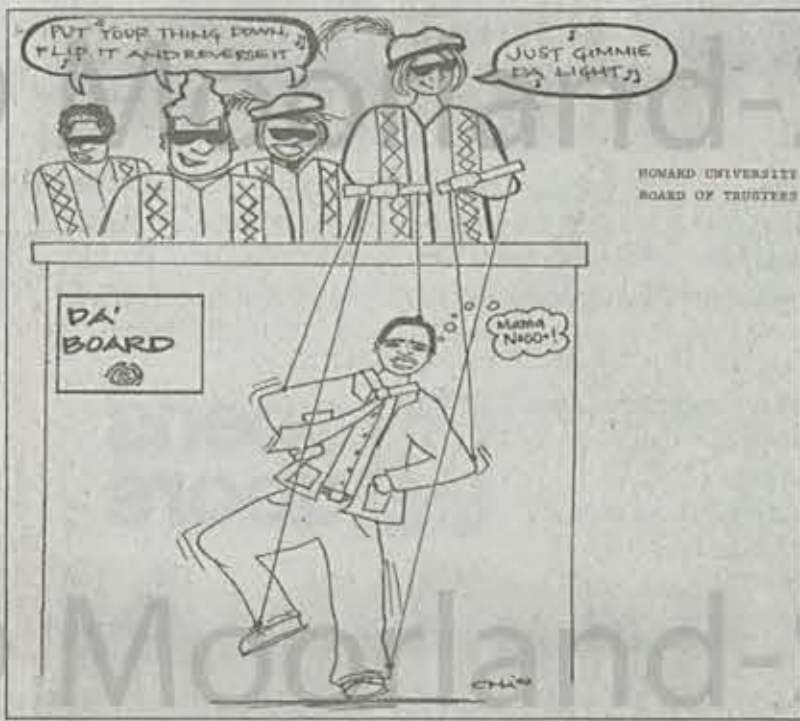
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*A commentary on the performance of the undergraduate trustee.*



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*A commentary on the D.C. mayoral candidates campaigning at night clubs.*

*Tariq Mix, for:*



**HUSA Political Rally Out of Control**

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**Yearbook Applications**

Are you creative and want to work on the yearbook staff? Yearbook job applications will be available in the Office of Student Activities: Friday, March 28th and due on Friday, April 4th.

Applications for the following positions will be available:

- Managing Editor
- Photography Editor
- Copy Editor
- Layout Editor
- Assistants to Editors
- Office Assistant

Please drop off your applications in the Office of Student Activities no later than 5pm on Friday, April 4th. When you drop off your application, please sign up for an interview. If you have any questions, please feel free to call (202) 806-7870 or email [bisonyearbook@hotmail.com](mailto:bisonyearbook@hotmail.com). Thanks and good luck!!



# HOWARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Howard University Community

*H. Patrick Swygert*  
FROM: President H. Patrick Swygert

RE: Howard Emergency Response

DATE: Friday, March 21, 2003

On March 17th, the Federal Government again raised the threat alert to a Code Orange. In response to this status, Howard University officials are taking increased precautions to protect students, faculty, and staff. Howard and the City of Washington, D.C., continue to work closely together and with other universities in the area to ensure that the lines of communication are open and potential threats are communicated. The Howard University Emergency Response plan has been published and distributed to key staff and facility coordinators. In addition, facility coordinators have undergone training on emergency response responsibilities, facility evacuation plans and preparedness at Howard.

In addition, to ensure a cohesive, standard level of preparation and response, the Consortium of Universities now occupies a seat in the District of Columbia's Joint Operations Center. This facilitates the effective transfer of information relevant to area universities directly to the Consortium representative.

For additional information, call our main switchboard at (202) 806-6100 or visit our comprehensive Emergency Preparedness web site at [www.pfm.Howard.edu/emergency](http://www.pfm.Howard.edu/emergency) or click onto it from [www.Howard.edu](http://www.Howard.edu)

As always, your cooperation and vigilance will greatly assist all efforts to maintain a safe and orderly environment. Below are the tips -- previously printed in my February 14, 2003 correspondence -- to remember as you go about your daily activities.

### **Tips to Remember:**

1. Be aware of the activities around you and report any suspicious people or activity to the Campus Police Emergency No. at (202) 806-7777 or call 9-1-1.
2. If you see a suspicious package, report it.
3. Be informed. Pay attention to the local news. If an incident should occur, have a means of listening for instruction (Radio, TV, Cable, etc.).
4. Know your evacuation route from the facility, and depart should the evacuation alarm signal be given.
5. Do not prop doors open. This allows intruders, who are not authorized, to enter your facility.
6. Close all windows. This helps to control the emergency, if a fire should occur.
7. Carry your University ID card at all times.
8. Notify a family member, friend, or roommate if you plan to be away from your residence for any length of time.

Although no specific threat has been identified, we all need to make every effort to prevent an incident from happening and be prepared to resolve an incident should one occur. If you have specific questions, please call Carey Baldwin, interim Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, at (202) 806-1002.

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Athlete's Foot: Not Just A Problem For Athletes



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Athlete's foot is the most common fungal skin infection in humans. Above, the toes of an infected foot.

By Erica Williams  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Athlete's foot is the most common fungal skin infection in humans and one of the most difficult to prevent. Athlete's foot itself is a misnomer, since many of people who are not athletes suffer from this infection.

Generally, more men than women are affected. It occurs mostly among teenagers and adult males. Contrary to popular belief, walking barefoot in places like public showers, swimming pools and locker rooms are not the main causes of athlete's foot, although they can be contributing factors.

The majority of these infections are caused by one of three fungal agents called dermatophytes.

Lewis Jackson of Howard University Hospital says

there are many factors that cause athlete's foot.

"Sweaty feet, not drying feet well after bathing, tight shoes and socks, which offer no ventilation and a warm climate present the perfect setting for the fungus that causes athlete's foot to grow," Jackson said.

Some of the symptoms of athlete's foot may include drying skin, itching, inflammation, and blisters. Some people may suffer from one of the symptoms while others may suffer from all.

While athlete's foot normally affects the toes and bottom part of the foot, it can be spread to other parts of the body. The groin and underarms are places of the body that can be affected by those who scratch the infection and then touch themselves elsewhere.

The organisms causing

athlete's foot may persist for long periods of time. Consequently, the infection may be spread by contaminated bed sheets or clothing to other parts of the body.

Georgetown University Hospital physician Nelson Scott said foot hygiene is important.

"Washing the feet thoroughly with warm soap and water is recommended," Nelson says that daily use of foot powder is also helpful. "Some more tips for preventing athlete's foot include wearing airy shoes, wearing socks that keep your feet dry, and avoid walking barefoot."

First year mass communications graduate student Leslie Green says although she never suffered from athlete's foot, she knows many people who have had the infection.

"The people I know had to

go to a podiatric physician but some of them simply treated the problem themselves by using foot powder," Nelson said.

However, if the athlete's foot condition does not respond to proper foot hygiene and self-medication, and there is no improvement within two weeks, consulting a podiatric physician is the best option.

The podiatrist can determine if a fungus is the cause of the problem. If it is, a specific treatment plan, including the prescription of anti-fungal medication, applied topically or taken by mouth, will usually be suggested.

Such a treatment appears to provide a better resolution of the problem, so long as the patient observes the course of treatment prescribed by the podiatrist.

## Is LASIK Eye Surgery For You?

By Leah Harris  
Contributing Writer

Eyeglasses easily get scratched, broken, or lost. Contacts can irritate the eye and must generally be inserted daily, a process which many find annoying.

As a result, many people are considering LASIK (Laser-Assisted In Situ Keratomileusis) eye surgery.

LASIK eye surgery is changing the lives of many who thought they would be doomed to donning glasses forever. The procedure, used to correct all degrees of nearsightedness, has quickly grown in popularity, becoming the most frequently performed surgery in the United States in 2000.

Nearsighted, or myopic, patients have trouble seeing at a distance because their eyeball is slightly longer than normal. This causes light rays to focus in front of the retina instead of directly onto it. As a result, vision becomes blurred.

Because this problem changes the way light is focused, or refracted onto the retina, it is known as a refractive error.

LASIK surgery permanently alters the shape of the cornea. A knife called a microkeratome is used to cut a flap in the cornea leaving a hinge at one end of the flap. This flap is then folded back to reveal the stroma, the middle portion of the cornea. Next, pulses from a computer-controlled laser vaporize a part of the stroma and finally, the flap is replaced.



Laser eye surgery is becoming the new wave of eye correction.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, at six months, post-operatively, about 93 percent of patients get 20/40 vision and 56 percent achieve 20/20.

Considered by many as a modern miracle, this fairly new procedure is definitely not for everyone. Because it hasn't been around for long, there is no long-term data available to attest to the longevity of the operation.

In addition, some complications are inevitable in certain patients, so those who aren't risk-takers needn't apply.

Also, patients must at least be in their mid-twenties (by this time the eyes are fully developed), cannot be pregnant, breastfeeding or have fluctuating hormones due to diseases like diabetes. Those with these factors are more likely to have refractive instability, which

would add risk to the operation.

People who participate in contact sports like boxing, in which they receive many blows to the eye, or people whose jobs would be in jeopardy by the surgery, like those in the military, should not undergo the procedure.

Jacqueline D. Griffiths is the owner of New View Laser Eye Center in Reston, VA, the only African American laser center in the area. Griffiths says new technology has ensured the safety of LASIK eye surgery.

"The procedure has been very popular in the United States

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Memberships to gyms are increasing, despite the War with Iraq and terror threats.

## Despite Terror Threats, Gym Memberships Soar

By Jenna Greditor  
Washington Square News  
(New York U.)

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK - Stocks rise and fall, snow piles up and melts, and anxiety heightens and wanes in New York as officials attempt to deal with terror threats. One thing, though, remains constant: New Yorkers — some scared by the latest terrorism threats, some skeptical — continue to flock to city gyms. New members keep coming and old members keep pumping the iron.

After the World Trade Center attacks, gym memberships surged at Manhattan health club chains like Crunch Fitness, New York Sports Club and Equinox Fitness. According to David Kirschen, a manager and personal trainer at Equinox, from mid-September 2001 to August 2002, Equinox's revenue increased by more than 25 percent. Other city gyms experienced similar profit margins.

"Since Sept. 11, people have been coming in for a lot of reasons: Work is stressful, people enjoy working out or people want to be in good shape in case something happens again — especially now with the new terror alert," Kirschen said.

In the week since Homeland Security Adviser Tom Ridge raised the nation's terror alert from "elevated" to "high," a daily drove of between 1,400 and

1,600 people has come to sweat out its anxiety at the Equinox downtown, Kirschen said.

But some gymgoers continued to work out in spite of the alerts, not because of them. Among them was David Binder, 35, who lifted weights at Equinox last week, his back to the gym's widescreen television sets as they blared scenes of potential danger zones, forecasted reports of dirty bombs and touted new uses for duct tape. Instead of watching, Binder, a theater producer, worked out with the same intensity that he has had since he joined Equinox after the terrorist attacks a year and a half ago.

"Funny thing is, because the war drum is beating so loudly by the Bush administration, I think it's a little bit difficult to be alarmed by the warnings," Binder said, his arm muscles rippling with every elbow curl. "It may just be propaganda, so I'm just going about my business, working out as usual." But even he later responded to "terror information" e-mail forwards at Equinox's first-floor computer.

Nearby, a newspaper bounced on the knees of Rachel Winokur, 30, as she pedaled one of Equinox's stationary bikes. "The city feels the same as it's been since 9-11," said the corporate strategist and loyal gym attendee. "I'm a bit skeptical these days 'cause I'm not sure how much propaganda there is."

## Recipe Of The Week: Brownie Shortcake Dessert

### Ingredients

- 1 pkg. (19.8 oz.) brownie mix
- 1 container (16 oz.) Sour Cream, divided
- 4 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 3 cups assorted cut-up fresh fruit (kiwi, strawberries, banana)

Serves 8

Prepare brownie mix as directed on package, stirring 1/2 cup of the sour cream into batter. Spoon into greased and floured 9-inch round cake pan. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes. Cool completely. Split brownie horizontally in half to form 2 layers.

Mix remaining sour cream, sugar and vanilla.

Spread 1 brownie layer with 1/2 of the sour cream mixture. Top with second brownie layer, remaining sour cream mixture and fruit. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Prep. Time: 55 min.

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# NATION

## Thomas Casts Only Vote Against Black Man's Claim of Racism in Texas Death Penalty Case

By David Johns  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, the courts only black justice, was the sole dissenter on a Supreme Court decision to overturn a federal conviction in the case of a black Texas death row inmate convicted in 1986 of killing a hotel clerk during a robbery.

On Feb. 3, the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 to overturn the case of Thomas Miller-El,

who claimed that prosecutors stacked the jury with non-black jurors and preventing his attorneys from presenting evidence of the alleged bias.

The courts actions do not mean Miller-El will ultimately win his case.

Finding that both the state and federal courts ignored evidence, prosecutors used preemptory strikes to intentionally eliminate 90 percent, 10 out of 11, potential and eligible black jurors in the case involving the fate of a black defendant. The finding, as it stands, will allow Miller-El another chance to challenge his sentence in the federal appeals court.

Writing a statement on behalf of those who support the majority decision, highly conservative, Justice Anthony Kennedy cited the fact that prosecutors used preemptory strikes to unfairly eliminate blacks as jurors and neglected to use the same standards when selecting non-blacks.

"Irrespective of

whether the evidence could prove sufficient to support a charge of systematic exclusion of African American, it reveals that the culture of the district attorneys office in the past was suffused with bias against African Americans in jury selection," Kennedy wrote.

Kennedy also supported the sentiments of the majority in noting that the black jurors were grilled in more graphic and detailed ways than non-black jurors when discussing the proposed execution of Miller-El.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonio Scalia, David Scouter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Bryer joined Kennedy. Justice Clarence Thomas dissented.

In support of his decision, Thomas expressed a belief that Miller-El failed to sufficiently prove that beyond the shadow of a doubt that qualified potential black jurors were dismissed because of race.

Despite all of Kennedy's citations, Thomas maintained that Miller-El's case was based upon circumstantial evidence. Miller-El "has not shown by clear and convincing evidence that any preemptory strikes of black

veniermen were exercised because of race."

Miller-El's case is unique because cases involving prisoners, particularly those on death row, are rarely won before the Supreme Court.

Additionally, Thomas' decision follows a 1992 case in which he dissented in the 7-2 decision that upheld a \$800 award for damages suffered by a Louisiana inmate who, from behind the bars of his jail cell, argued with a prison guard.

Evidence provided during the case maintained that the prisoner was handcuffed, drug from his cell down a hallway, and beaten so badly what he suffered a cracked dental plate.

Thomas is remembered for calling the injuries minor.

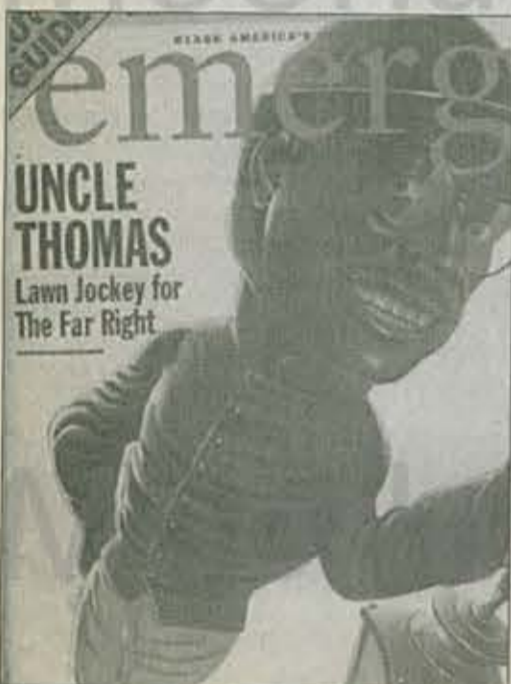
"Use of force that causes only insignificant harm to a prisoner may be immoral, it may be torturous, it may be criminal, and it may even be redeemable under other provisions of the Federal Constitution, but its not 'cruel and unusual punishment,'" Thomas said.

Similarly, last year Thomas was also one of three dissenters, joining the highly conservative Rehnquist and Scalia, in the 6-3 decision that found that executing those deemed mentally



Supreme Court Justice Clarence claimed that a black defendant, who would have been put to death in Texas, did not show "by clear and convincing evidence that any preemptory strikes of black veniermen were exercised because of race." Even as the only black on the Supreme Court, he was the only judge to make the decision to dissent.

retarded was 'cruel and unusual punishment'. These cases simply represent of the political and personal beliefs of Thomas who has never conducted a major interview since being appointed to the court by President George H. W. Bush.



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Emerge Magazine criticized Judge Clarence Thomas for his conservative views.

## Journalists Encounter Set-Backs with War in Iraq

MEDIA from A1

rorism and the action in Iraq but because of their domestic situations prefer to be silent about it," said Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman. "Having journalists [reporting from bases within their territory] is not being silent about it," The Washington Post reported.

According to various media sources, in recent days reporters from CNN, U.S. News & World Report, NBC and The Washington Post have been unable to gain direct access to U.S. forces stationed in Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Even the country of Turkey has prevented some journalists from crossing its border into northern Iraq, according to media sources.

Air bases in Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates have also been

deemed off-limits to the media by those countries.

A spokesman for the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, Nail Al-Jubeir, characterized his government's policy as "a logistical issue."

Al-Jubeir told The Washington Post that the country received "an enormous amount of requests from journalists."

In the first Gulf War, Saudi Arabia hosted more than a thousand journalists, but OPERATION: Iraqi Freedom is widely unpopular throughout much of the Arab and Muslim world. So many governments aren't eager to be so open about the level of cooperation occurring between their governments and that of the US.

Just as Middle Eastern countries worry about their relationship with Americans, many professional American journalists worry that the



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A member of Britain's famed 'Desert Rats' patrols a village near Basra Thursday. Images like these are available because journalists are "embedded" in Iraq.

embedded journalists will become tools of US governmental propaganda.

"The thing I'm most concerned with is that they become a part of the story instead of

objective observers of the story," said Clint Wilson, a journalism professor at Howard University.

In addition to sustaining the objectiveness of news cover-

age, Wilson is also concerned about the embedded journalists' portrayal of the war.

"They're only able to see what they're seeing and not a sense of the overall war...," said Wilson. "The bigger picture."

ABC almost didn't get any pictures when the war first began.

As soon as President George W. Bush came on television and radio to announce to the world that forces had begun to attack Iraq, ABC continued to air its regular programming; "The Bachelor: Where Are They Now" while NBC and CBS were covering the bombing in Iraq.

11 minutes behind its broadcast competitors Wednesday night, ABC jumped to a story with Chris Wallace in Washington. Yet, ABC had no correspondent at the White House. Instead, producer Katie Textor tried to fill in until Terry Moran could get into position.

To make matters worse, ABC affiliate stations thought that ABC's main post in New York would handle the coverage, but when Peter Jennings unexpectedly signed off at around 11 o'clock that night, ABC stations in Eastern, Central and Mountain time zones went black. They maintain that they had been promised that ABC News showed coverage of the bombing in Iraq and were forced to put something together or simply put on reruns of sitcoms to fill the dead air.

In the irony of war - and war coverage - almost all of the news media organizations are now, a little more than a week after the war began, coming under fire. Both citizens and the international community are expressing a disgust with media coverage - feeling that they are being exposed to too much coverage of the war.

## A World of Opportunity in Environmental Careers

Many have the misconception that the pursuit of maintaining the integrity of the environment is one undertaken solely by the non-professional hypersensitive crusaders of recycling.

However, there are the less conspicuous, but extremely crucial, aspects of environmental care that have to be handled by experts. Saving the environment not only involves the sensitization of the populace of the world to environmental problems, but also the active recovery of already depleted resources.

Moreover, there has to be continuous monitoring of environmental systems since there are so many physical and chemical processes that

affect and alter the natural state of affairs in our ecosystem.

Just as in the field of accounting, where the complexity of a transaction dictates the expertise required in handling the accounts, certain environmental situations can call for greater expertise than simply spreading awareness and carrying placards.

Environmental studies is a broad category that encompasses numerous courses. These courses deal with the study of the environment, environmental problems, how to solve environmental problems, and other areas that are fast developing and undergoing continual specialization.

Environmental studies

has evolved from being only a minor aspect of ecology (the study of the relationship between living organisms and their environment) to being the major focus of different bachelor degree programs. Such degree programs include Environmental Engineering, Environmental Planning and Development and Environmental Economics to mention a few.

These courses are also offered at the graduate level. One cutting edge subject in the multidisciplinary study of the environment is Green Chemistry. Green chemistry involves the study of certain aspects of the chemical industry that are of environmental concern.

In the United States, the chemical industry is worth \$400 billion, is the largest export industry in the coun-

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try, but unfortunately generates more than 3 billion tons of chemical waste per annum. The chemical industry spends about \$150 billion in controlling, treating and disposing of these wastes.

Green chemistry promotes innovative chemical technologies that would

reduce or eliminate the use or generation of hazardous substances in the design, manufacture, and use of chemical products. The United States Government pays substantial attention to the development of Green Chemistry as can be seen from the number of grants and fellowships available for research in this area. (Some of these grants and Fellowships can be viewed at (<http://www.epa.gov/green-chemistry>).

The challenge for all of the green chemists that are involved in chemical design, manufacture and use, is to come up with changes that will achieve significant reduction in pollution and production of hazardous substances,

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# Bombs Over Baghdad



## Pentagon In the First Moments of War *Rumsfeld and General Myers Address the Nation*

By Amber N. Mobley  
Nation & World Editor

ARLINGTON, Virginia - March 20 - The first blasts in Iraq brought a barrage of cameramen and reporters from the worlds news media organizations to the Pentagon.

As Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force General Richard Myers walked into the news briefing room, they came under a hail of camera fire and questions.

During Spring Break I got the chance to actually go to the Pentagon for the first briefing of the war on Iraq - OPERATION: Iraqi Freedom. I got a chance to see first hand the goings-on behind the scenes and in front of the cameras of the beginnings of a war unlike any other.

—Amber N. Mobley, Nation & World Editor, Friday

not a war against a country and it is clearly not a war against a religion. It is a war against a regime."

Rumsfeld and General Myers stated that the government and military of the Coalition Forces have a great deal of broad and deep evi-

to avoid war," said Rumsfeld. "Diplomacy and sanctions for over a decade have not worked."

"Saddam Hussein has chosen military conflict over peaceful resolution"

Rumsfeld made it clear that the air strike from the previous night would not be the last, that Saddam Husseins compound had been hit, and that damage to the compound was still pending.

It is still unclear if the pre-pre-emptive strike made against Saddam and his regime of terror had killed the leader, merely wounded him or if he had escaped unharmed.

Damage on the compound is pending

The world was watching and listening, and Rumsfeld, mindful of this took the opportunity to talk to the Iraqi people, telling them to stay tuned to Coalition Radio Station for direction on how to avoid conflict and how to stay alive as the invasion continued.

"The days of Saddam Husseins regime are numbered [and so] they must ask themselves, do they want to die fighting for a doomed regime? or do they want to survive and play a role in the new free Iraq."

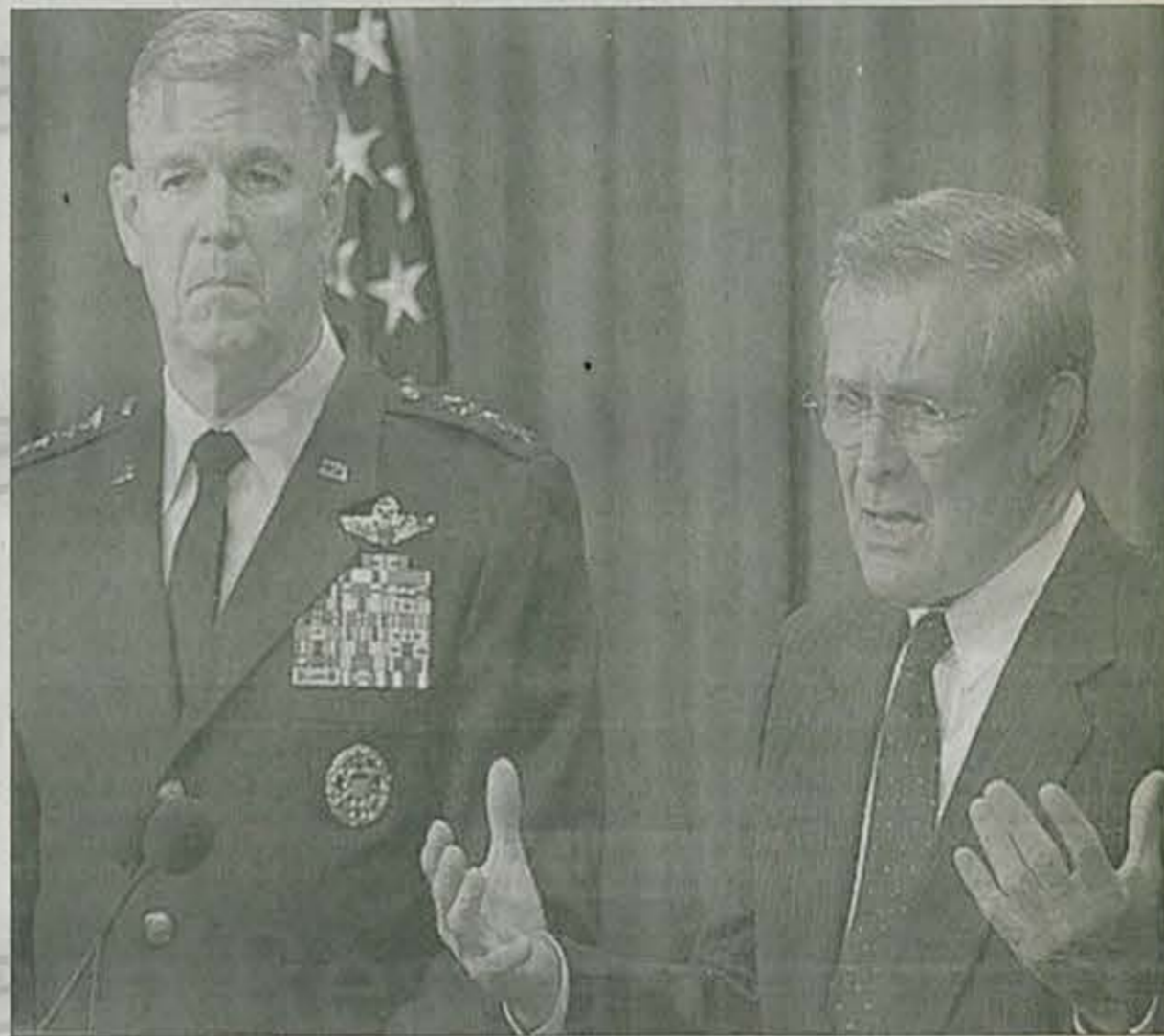
"If you follow Saddam Husseins lead you will share his fate," he said.

In response to national fears that the US would establish a puppet government in the vastly Muslim country, Rumsfeld reassured the

dence that the Iraqi people are waiting for a revolution, and the removal of Saddam Husseins regime is a key step in that liberation process.

That regime kills people every day to enforce fear and obedience, said Rumsfeld.

"Weve made every effort



At the Pentagon, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force General Richard Myers (left) and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld explain the reasons behind the pre-emptive strike against Iraq at the Pentagon. President George W. Bush issued the strike due to CIA operative information about Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's location on Wednesday, March 19.



The Pentagon is the center of military operations and intelligence for the United States government. Numerous news agencies attend news conferences to get information from military sources.

The first briefing of Operation: Iraqi Freedom had a clear purpose and the war had a clear mission: Remove Regime, Find Weapons of Mass Destruction said General Myers.

As Rumsfeld stated, "this is not a war against people. Its

media that US and Coalition Forces would stay as long as it took to establish democracy and not a day longer.

As Rumsfeld answered questions and concerns regarding the diplomatic nature of the attack, General Myers, with stoic face, speech and posture, addressed the military maneuvers of the war, but briefly.

The element of surprise, said Myers, must be kept in tact, even as the government and military personnel offered information regarding positioning of the troops.

Operations Security is a must, in order to "give troops the best [chance] for success and security," said Myers.

Will not confirm or deny any hearsay of pre-op (pre-operative) forces, whether accurate or inaccurate, Myers said as a painted picture of a blue-eyed, blonde-haired girl was juxtapositioned on a slide screen behind the lecturn.

"Dont Kill Her Daddy with Careless Talk" was the propaganda written beneath the little girls doe-eyed picture as she clutched a picture of a man in military uniform.

He cautioned military personnel and even the press to exercise caution with classified information.

Without caution, he said, we would "almost certainly put troops at risk."

In contrast to messages from the White House, Myers said that he never expected the war to be easy.

"We do not see war as an easy task," he said, but our military is the best-trained and best-led in the world. They will carry out their mission successfully."

### ...and Ideals Live On...and On...

Bombs are bursting in air...and on the ground...and above the sea in Iraq.

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Yet this war is like none previously seen. President George W. Bush, his administration and his coalition forces have dedicated themselves to a war against ideals that they believe can be won with missiles, guns, shock and awe.

But ideals go deeper than the flesh. Unlike beauty, they are more than skin deep. Like ugliness, ideals are to the bone, embedded in the hearts and minds of the people who believe in them, will fight for them and die for them. No matter how ugly those ideals might be in the minds and hearts of the American people, they will live on and cannot be destroyed by fire power. Like the soul, ideals continue after the martyr or 'freedom fighter' dies and in many ways those ideals become even more wide spread once blood is shed.

Support should definitely be given to the troops who are

more than willing to sacrifice their lives and their livelihoods for the safety, security and ideals of this great nation - America. But Operation: Iraqi Freedom is similar to all other wars because of the simple fact that in war, no one really wins. Everyone loses. Mothers lose sons and daughters. Children lose parents and the world will be forever changed by conflict.

And this time, the snake we wish to decapitate may,

**Amber N. Mobley  
Nation & World  
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and most likely will, generate numerous more heads. Other leaders and idealists will spring up from this war. Yet, that doesn't mean that all is lost. That doesn't mean that this war should not be fought or that servicemen and women are losing their lives in vain.

They are fighting for something and above all,

patience must be embraced. The winds of change do tend to come fast and furiously but when they calm - and they will calm, America, the beautiful, will stand, perhaps not as righteous as she was once considered, but perhaps more righteous because she stands tall on the principle that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

America and her leaders have always come under attack by those accusing her of policing the world. But the ideals that she stands on will always be true; liberty and justice. Just as the ideals of our foes are steadfast in their hearts and minds, a country, this country was founded on and has grown stronger believing in the inalienable and self-evident truth that justice should not be a commodity.

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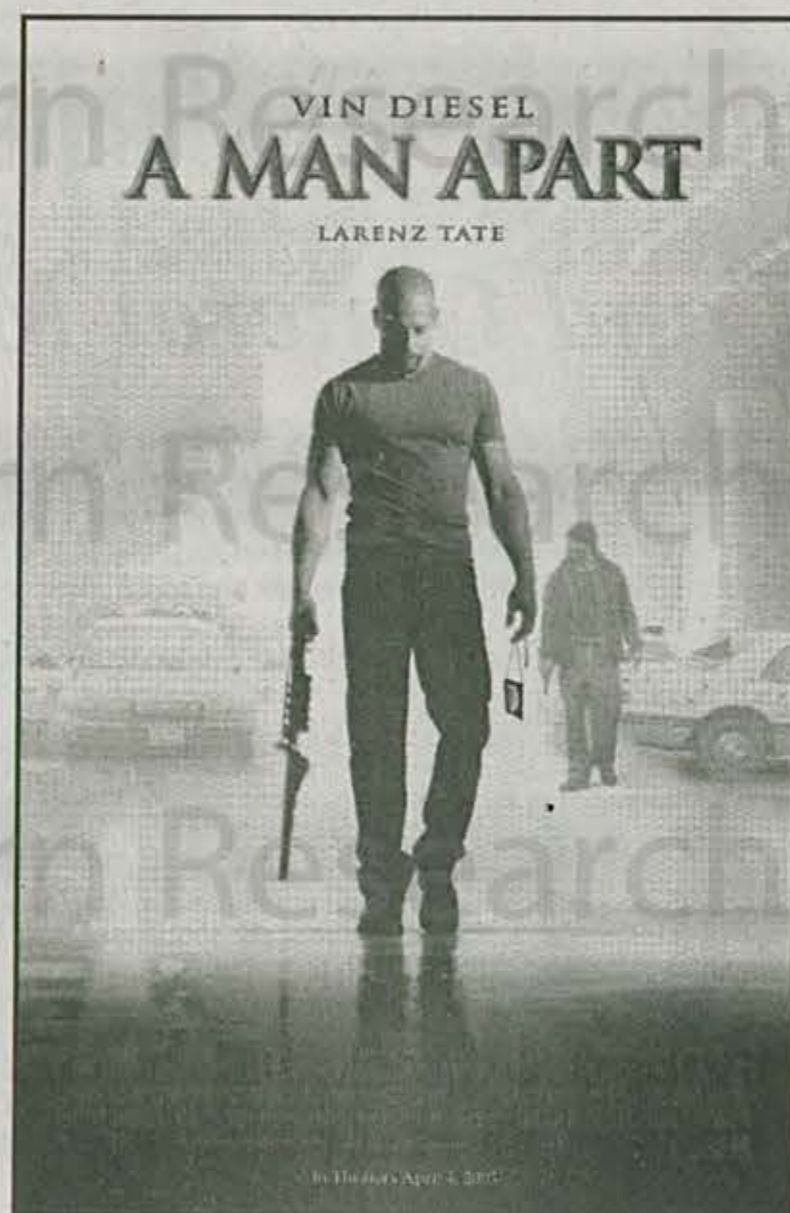
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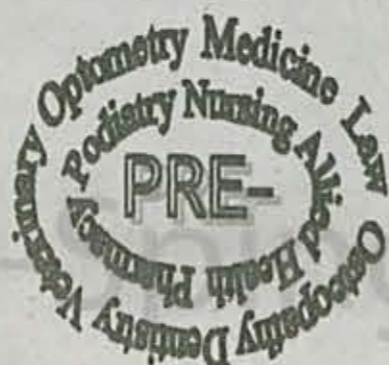
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## General Assembly Questions Elections, Merritt Resigns

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information. The General Assembly debated ways to hold Cunningham responsible for funds that, to date, still have not been accounted for.

After deliberation, the General Assembly voted to make a written request to Cunningham asking him to

present all documents and funds collected for the General Elections by Apr. 2. If Cunningham fails to show, further action will be taken by the General Assembly, holding Cunningham financially responsible for any funds unaccounted for.

The co-chairs of the second General Elections committee, Larry Brown, Jr. and Stephanie Brown, presented

their elections report to the General Assembly, stating that the second time around elections went smoothly. They developed a protocol sheet as a guide for this year's voters and next year's elections committee.

Brown noted a few problems with run-off elections. Volunteers were difficult to find for the polls that were not on the main campus. She

hoped to encourage the graduate student councils to supply volunteers for future elections.

Elections USA, the computerized poll system that was used, was described as "slow and inefficient" by Brown. She said the Howard University Banner system is capable of supporting a campus-wide election and may be a more efficient means of voting for

students.

As a final item of discussion in the nights meeting, Williamson reminded those in attendance of "Black Tuesday," the Apr. 1 march to save affirmative action.

He rounded up volunteers to act as marshals, organizers to lead the 1,200 students expected from 14 other HBCUs. Flyers and posters were distributed as

Williamson encouraged the assembly to "speak to everyone in all of [their] classes."

Williamson clarified the plan for the overnight camp-out on the steps of the Supreme Court.

"We have a permit stating that there will be no sleeping outside," he said. "So there will be programs and activities taking place throughout the night."

## NWT Rapper, Shak-C Reveals in Record Deal

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York native is out to prove that he is not one of them.

This is exactly why senior broadcast journalism major Robert Ford and Howard alum Rhett Butler, founders and CEO of Nation Wide Takeover (NWT) Entertainment, have chosen Shak as the first artist to record and release a solo album on their label.

Both Butler and Ford were introduced to Shak, who was a member of a group called Affiliation back in 2000. The group auditioned for, and was eventually featured on a compilation album "5 Minutes of Fame."

After seeing the potential with the group, Ford says they originally planned to sign the whole group to NWT, but two of the other members had to leave due to situations beyond their control, leaving Shak to be the lone artist standing.

"Shak has proved himself through both his versatility and resilience," Ford says. "His skills as an artist put himself amongst the elite."

For Shak, putting out this solo album was never part of the plan. Just like Ford and Butler, Shak wanted to sign as a group. In fact, he preferred to be a part of a group instead of on his own. Even in his high school days, Shak says he always preferred the comfort of having others around him to help carry the pressure. It wasn't until the summer, when he began to work on the album, that he saw the value of being the only one in the recording booth.

"NWT is not in a position where they can please all the artists," Shak says. "There had to be a focus and realizing that changed everything."

Of course, being the premier artist on a label that isn't even a blip on the radar of the music industry can be seen by some as a dead end, but Shak has never seen NWT as a setback.

"I could've easily blown up on my own terms," he says. "But to me NWT is really a movement. I don't like the nature of rap music right now and being part of NWT gives me more of an ability to change things."

"My goal when I came here was to drop an album by my fourth year," he continues. "Their willingness to support my vision as an artist has enabled me to reach that goal."

Even with his first mission accomplished on the music end, Shak remains focused on his education as well.

Academia has never been much of a challenge for Shak, who currently has a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. He was always getting good grades in school, with the greatest of ease.

But the thought of a rapper with a degree has never made sense in an industry where very few of the artists can spell their own names correctly. A lot of

artists have attempted to tell their listeners to go to school while also bragging about getting kicked out of school, which makes Shak's story so refreshing. Whether it's school or rap music, Shak sees both avenues as necessary paths to making a difference.

"My main focus in life is to have a positive impact on people," says Shak, who, if he doesn't become famous by graduation, plans to pursue a master's degree in sociology to couple with his bachelor's in computer science.

"I do believe me being a rapper can make that goal more attainable, but I know there's other ways to reach out to people."

While the degree may be a back up plan for Shak, his parents, Charles and Stella Fain, see the degree as the only plan.

"My husband and I have always supported him," says Shak's mother, who is a kindergarten teaching assistant in the Syracuse City School District. "I never want him to put away the rapping, but he knows getting a degree is what's important and we know he can do both."

Shak knows he can do both too, and while he sees his hands reaching out to a crowd of thousands instead of an office computer, he is still a realist who has to prepare himself for anything.

"Making it in the music business is tough ... like a crapshoot," he says. "I'll always have faith in myself, but not in the rap game."

## Black Tuesday: Students Unite in Support of Affirmative Action

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rights.

"[We] thought it would be nice if all HBCUs gathered together to show our support for the University of Michigan," Williamson said.

HUSA vice-president Nicole Merritt is credited with penning the name "Black Tuesday." Combining the desire for a day of unity for all black students — Tuesday being the day the Supreme Court will hear the case against the University of Michigan — the campaign to save affirmative action was given the name "Black Tuesday."

"We expect to flood the U.S. Supreme Court with black faces on Tuesday, hence the name," Merritt said.

The name of the event expresses the sentiments of the organizers, the desires of those involved as well as the desired dress asked of those participating in the march.

After returning to Howard with the idea, Williamson presented the idea to the HUSA student officers and representatives. After gaining their approval and the support of Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert, "Black Tuesday" became a reality.

Two days before Black Tuesday is scheduled to take place, 12 HBCUs are confirmed to participate in events beginning with a teach-in/rally on Howard's campus Monday afternoon.

Schools participating in the events include: Morgan State

University; Choppin State College; University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Hampton; Xavier University; North Carolina A&T; West Virginia State University; Claflin University; South Carolina State University; Bennett College; Chicago State University; Eastern Michigan University; Oakland University (Michigan); Tennessee State and Winston-Salem.

"I want to have a large number of HBCUs represent University education to collectively show their support of affirmative action," Williamson said.

"We don't live in an equal society where we share in the same privileges of [non-minorities] and until then we need affirmative action."

Black student organizations at "majority" institutions have also pledged to support "Black Tuesday." Contingencies from both Columbia and Stanford University have pledged their support.

The activities will commence with workshops the afternoon of Apr. 29. After sharing in the collective experiences of one another during the teach-in, students

and supporters will march from Burr Gymnasium to the Supreme Court to share in larger protests fueled by the participation by organizations such as By Any Means (BAM), Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton and other notable figures in support of Affirmative Action.

The overnight rally will continue through Apr. 1 at the Supreme Court.

Recently the impact and validity of protests have been questioned.

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DEPO-PROVERA® Contraceptive Injection (medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension, USP)

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against HIV infection (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases.

What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of the 3-month (13-week) period. DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to but not the same as the natural hormone progesterone which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your eggs from fertilizing. If an egg is not fertilized from the ovules during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of the uterus that make it difficult for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. ONLY within the first 5 days after childbirth if you are breastfeeding and if exclusively breast-feeding. ONLY in the sixth week after childbirth, if a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. The means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.1*	0.1
Injectable (DMPA)	0.2*	0.3
Female sterilization	0.2	0.2
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill) (combined)	0.1	0.3
Injectable only	0.1	0.1
IUD	0.3	3
Ring/patch	2.0	—
Copper T 380A	6.8	—
Condom (with spermicide)	2	13
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	2	18
Vaginal sponge	1.9	21
Spermicide alone	1.9	21
Spermicide used after childbirth	8	18
Spermicide used before childbirth	5	18
No method	85	85

Source: Trussard et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1989;73:558-557.

Percent of women who became pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:  
• If you have ever had a blood clot.  
• If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

Birth control you think about just 4 x a year.

- If you have had cancer of the breast
- If you have had a stroke
- If you have ever had blood clots (clots) in your legs
- If you have problems with your liver or bile ducts
- If you are taking DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

- You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your healthcare provider if you have any of the following:  
• A family history of breast cancer  
• An abnormal Pap smear (Pap test) or abnormal breast exam (breast lumps or lumps or lumps)  
• Headache from your previous injection  
• High cholesterol  
• High blood pressure  
• High blood sugar  
• High blood calcium  
• Epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)  
• Diabetes or a family history of diabetes  
• A history of depression  
• If you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the study from a large study done in the United States, if you stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection. About two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months, about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months, and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 24 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes to become pregnant after stopping it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Usually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA and if it happens, you should see your healthcare provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 88% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and therefore, the bleeding that normally occurs in your menstrual period does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually return to its normal cycle.

2 Bone Mineral Changes  
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. The most common sign of decreasing bone fracture. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3 Cancer  
Studies of women who have used different forms of birth control found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased risk of developing breast cancer. The use of DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 years or less. There is a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer in women who use oral contraceptive pills (the pills) compared with women who do not use any birth control.

4 Depression  
Depression is a common side effect of many contraceptive methods. The risk of depression for women who get their birth control regularly every 3 months (13 weeks) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived during the time of injection such contraceptives are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA, you should see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5 Other Risks  
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your healthcare provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?  
Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:  
• Sharp chest pain, coughing up blood or sputum, shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)  
• Sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)  
• Blurred vision or seeing a red spot (indicating a possible clot in the leg)  
• Severe pain or tenderness in your lower abdomen  
• Severe pain or tenderness in your lower abdomen  
• Swollen, painful, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?  
1 Weight Gain  
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.3 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.7 pounds per year.

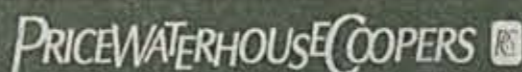
2 Other Side Effects  
In a clinical study of over 2000 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 2 years, some women reported the following effects: irregular menstrual bleeding, acne, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or infection, breast swelling and tenderness, flushing, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, nervousness, sore throat, pain, leg pain, or excessive hair loss (hair, face, body, and scalp). Other conditions were reported by very few of the women in the clinical study, but some of them could be serious. These include: loss of vision by tearing, deep vein thromboses, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cancer of the breast or any other problems (such as stroke or loss of consciousness) that may occur with your birth control provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?  
1 Missed Injections  
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your healthcare provider.  
2 Laboratory Test Interference  
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your healthcare provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones, such as DEPO-PROVERA.  
3 Drug Interactions  
Other drugs (anticoagulants) are an anticoagulant drug that significantly decreases the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.  
4 Nursing Mothers  
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breast from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant, it is best to use the injection for birth control only 4 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

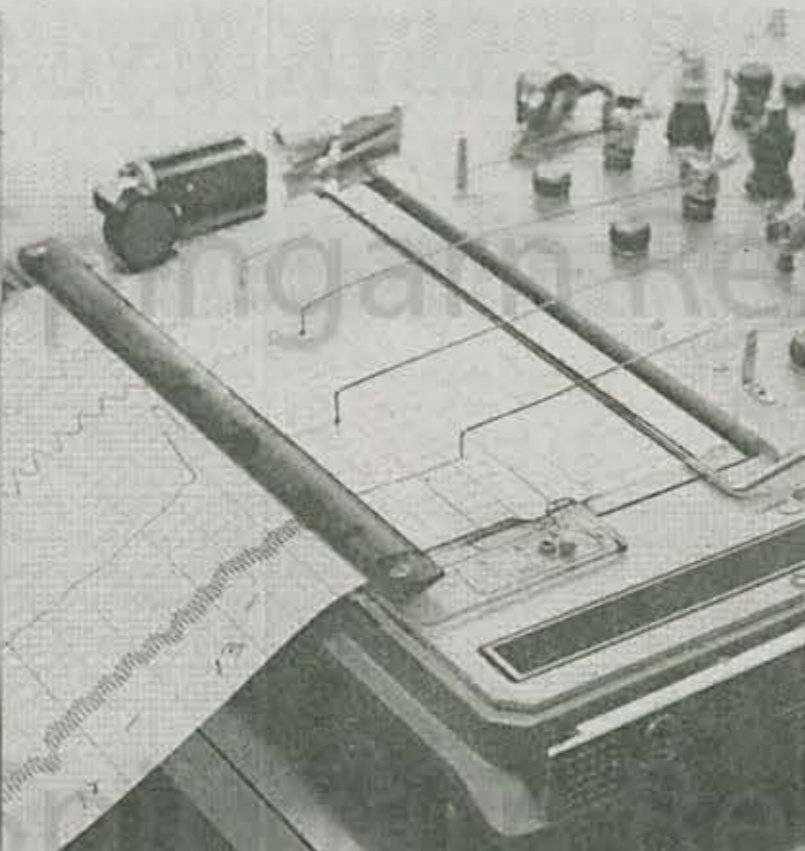
How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?  
You get an intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA MUST be given within 5 days after childbirth (you are not breast-feeding or 4 weeks after childbirth) if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 5 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery your healthcare provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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## International Students Denied Some Rights with War

RIGHTS from A2

the suspension of the family and privacy act, the sharing of information is now acceptable under the law.

Many students at Howard were shocked to hear of the new system and its requirements.

"Our phones can be bugged, rooms can be searched at random and you have to let the government know your whereabouts at all times," a Jamaican international student

said.

"At the meeting they said you can be arrested without due process meaning without being provided with trail or lawyer," another Jamaican international student said.

Domestic students were also surprised to learn international students do not possess first amendment rights that Americans enjoy.

"International students should have the same rights as other students," junior print

journalism major Cotilya Brown said. "International students should be able to express themselves without fear of being deported."

Trinidadian freshman history major Leigh Carrington, said that although she does not expect to have first amendment rights, she does expect to be treated like a human.

"Every foreign country was not involved in the Sept. 11 attacks," Carrington said. "International students should

not be subject to search and invasion of privacy without just cause. America was built on the backs of immigrants. For us [international students] not to have some kind of first amendment rights is not fair."

"It [SEVIS system] is very invasive, and many international students have expressed that they feel discriminated against and singled-out," Anshah said. "The new system is very scary to many of the international students. Many interna-

tional students reported that they no longer feel welcome in the United States."

Ariana Greene, a freshman biology major, said that international students should have their first amendment rights.

"International students attend school in America just like domestic students do," Greene said. "Since international students are attending school in the United States and choose to be apart of the American education, they

should have the same rights while they are here."

The Immigration and Naturalization Service will be aware of any changes, updates, or actions regarding each student and exchange visitor immediately after the action is taken.

Many international students declined to be identified due to the possibility of deportation.

## HU Students Use Food Stamps

STAMPS from A2

way that food stamps are administered nationwide, it is still mostly left up to the states on how they will administer food stamps."

Betty Salters, a senior finance major at the University of Alabama, says that obtaining food stamps is very easy in the state of Alabama.

"Many students at the University of Alabama are able to get food stamps," Salters said. "We only have to show our income, work twenty hours a week, and have the university sign a waiver. It really helps out a lot of students who struggle to pay the bills and go to school."

Many students at Howard feel that the District of Columbia should relax its rules on obtaining food stamps.

"Food stamps should be easy to obtain to those students who are in financial need," freshman fashion merchandising major Michelle Patterson, said. "Paying for

college tuition and fees is already hard enough without having to worry about food and other things."

George Purnell, a junior jazz studies major, said that anything that can help college students is beneficial.

"I think that food stamps is important for those who are in need," Purnell said.

"Students should be able to receive help through food stamps if they need it."

Although most students agree food stamps are beneficial to those who are in need, some students feel food stamps only hinder a college student's growth as a person.

"College students should not receive food stamps," Alexis Logan said. "Food stamps will only make students become too dependent on welfare. If students need help they should try to get on a meal plan."

Those who are interested in apply for food stamps should contact the Office of Income Maintenance at (202)698-3900.

## Is LASIK Eye Surgery For You?

LASIK from A6

since 1995. Laser upgrades have greatly increased the safety, accuracy, and predictability of the operation."

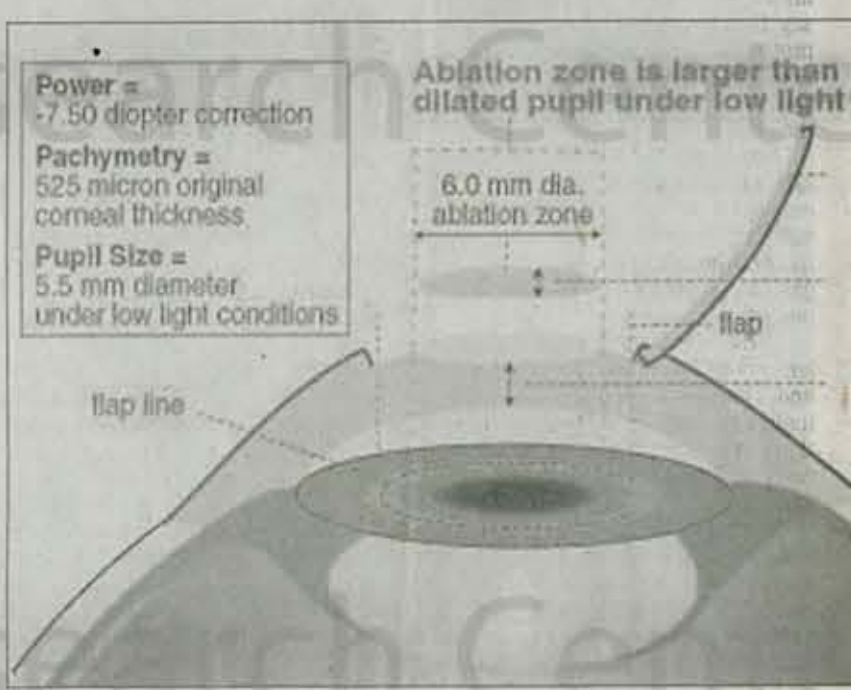
Even with such improvements, many students aren't exactly running to have the surgery performed.

Advertising major LaToya Goodall said, "Glasses are okay with me. The surgery sounds dangerous."

Eager to undergo the procedure, freshman Public Relations major Blair Edwards said, "The only negative thing I can think about the surgery is that you don't know how your

eyes will be twenty, thirty, or even ten years down the road. But my mom had it done and I plan to get it too, because it's so convenient. You never have to worry about glasses or contacts. Plus the actual procedure only takes like twenty minutes."

Another factor determining whether or not the operation is feasible is cost. Although the price of LASIK surgery is dropping, the cost is still on average \$1,556 and is not covered by most medical insurance companies.



## Black Leaders Organize Affirmative Action Town Hall Meetings, HU and GWU

LEADERS from A1

being used by leaders from the African American community to voice collective concerns of the community while educating and empowering one another.

Thursday's panelists included Congressman Chaka Fatah, democratic representative from Philadelphia; Kurt Schmoke, Dean of Howard University Law School; Mark A Dann, lawyers committee for civil rights under law and students responsible for filing the Howard University law students' amicus, friend of the court, brief.

"As we grow closer to the 50th commemoration of Brown v. Board next year, the problems of segregated education it attempted to eliminate are now back," Jesse Climenko Professor of Law said.

Associate Dean for the Clinical Programs, Harvard Law School, Charles Ogletree, Jr., said, "The current debate concerning diversity in higher education is not new, but the urgent need for a cogent and compelling response is critical."

Professor Ogletree encourages Americans to deal with the racial problems that plague the US. "The issue of race, in many respects, is the unfinished business that this country needs to urgently address, and the forum on affirmative action in Washington, DC is timely and appropriate."

Tonight's town hall is designed to continue the efforts of community leaders to increase the awareness surrounding the impact of affirmative action upon American society.

"George W. Bush has a presidential platform that criticizes affirmative action," event organizer and area lawyer Camille Holmes said.



Jennifer Gratz is suing to force the University of Michigan to drop affirmative action.

"We decided to assemble a group of influential African American leaders from academia, civil rights, law, media, and politics to provide the full story about the important role affirmative action plays in America."

Howard Law School Dean and former Mayor of Baltimore Kurt Schmoke, NAACP Legal Defense Fund Director Elaine Jones, Syndicated Columnist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, NNPA Editor in Chief & former Emerge Magazine Editor George Curry, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Director Wade Henderson, and University of Maryland Political Scientist Dr. Ronald Walters, will participate in the town hall.

"We also wanted to provide speakers who had unique insights on the lawsuit and those who represented important segments of our community," Holmes said.

Congressman Arthur Davis, a democratic representative from Alabama, will moderate the event

Recognizing the universality of issues being discussed in relation to

the supreme court case against the university of Michigan, the Town Hall panel will take advantage of this historical moment and deal with broader issues - focusing on racial healing, racial disillusionment stemming from de facto re-segregation and the quest for full "equality" in American society.

"We are at Howard University, one of the leading historically black colleges and universities - in Washington, D.C. - surrounded by Black people [who suffer injustices daily]," said senior public relations major, Charmion Kinder. "I think that it is important for us to get involved - we are right down the street [from the Supreme Court] - if no one else is participating, we have to."

Legal historian Kenneth Mack, a professor at Harvard Law School, underscores Kinder's sentiments.

"In Thurgood Marshall's heyday, it was customary for NAACP attorneys to go through a 'dry run' of their oral arguments at Howard Law School a night or two before each Supreme Court argument, including that in Brown v. Board of Education," Professor Mack said.

Town Hall organizers hope to draft plans of action for the black community, including dealing with the potential impact that the decision against the University of Michigan can have upon Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

While adamant about the importance of such events, organized by and presented members of the African American community, event organizers recognize the importance of speaking to citizens of this nation from all cultural backgrounds.

"Although the Town Hall is geared towards African-Americans, it is not meant in any way to negate the important role that women, Latinos, Native Americans, and other minorities play in the larger discussion of affirmative action," said organizer Spencer Overton, a professor at George Washington University Law School.

Tonight's Town Hall is free, open to the public and will be televised.

For more information, contact Ayanna Najuma of Lincoln McLeod (202)371-0548 or Camille Holmes (202)423-8398, or visit <http://aclaw.org/March28.htm>.

## HUSA Prepares to Lead Black Tuesday Rally

HUSA from A12

"I just don't see the point anymore," said sophomore finance major Stephanie Morris. "We organize, protest, and make demands - then what?"

Lorenzo Morris, Interim Chair of the Department of Political Science at Howard, recognizes the urgency of organized protest and sees the work of the students as necessary.

"Protests are designed to get people organized and empowered," Morris said.

"Without protesting the general idea is that the status quo [in this case a complacency or approval of the attacks against affirmative action] is the general conception [and acceptance of the affected group]."

Organized by student leaders from across the country, "Black Tuesday" hopes to have a lasting impact upon U.S. sentiments regarding affirmative action and the civil rights of all humans.

Morris maintains that successful elements of a protest include: clarity of purpose, solid organization, participant numbers that are consistent with

goals and goals that are reasonable and achievable.

"That doesn't mean that you can't have broad societal revolutionizing goals, those are good, but up front you should have goals that you can achieve," Morris said.

When asked about the state of protests as compared to the protests of the civil rights movements in the 60s, Morris insisted that protests are still necessary.

"The protests of the 60s initially had a shock[ing] impact because African Americans [previously] had not gone outside of the system," Morris said. "Protests before that period were ignored - during the 60s African Americans showed that we have power."

Morris maintained that failure to protest would hurt African Americans in expressing a general acceptance and overall support for the present attacks against affirmative action.

The march will conclude on the afternoon of Apr. 1 with a Congressional Black Caucus town hall meeting in Cramton Auditorium. President Swygert, Elijah Cummings, and student leaders are scheduled to address participants.



Students at the University of Michigan protest the affirmative action case being heard by the Supreme Court next week.



## What's News—

In Business and Finance

### Forecasts Brighten, But Depend on War

Economists for the most part believe the U.S. economy will perk up when the conflict with Iraq winds down. But the relief could come too late for a whole host of companies that have been battered for two years by low prices, high costs and weak demand.

Manufacturing is among the most vulnerable sectors. A year ago, manufacturers were beginning to feel optimistic. That glow lasted through August, but then dimmed with the increasing likelihood of war with Iraq and the spending freeze that war talk created. In other sectors, a handful of small steelmakers and aluminum makers have filed for bankruptcy protection in recent months; Midwest Airlines became the latest U.S. carrier to say it may file for bankruptcy-court protection; and the telecommunications industry is still struggling to work off the overcapacity built up in the 1990s.

Hopes for a first-quarter turnaround slid as a harsh winter and unemployment concerns kept consumers out of stores, airplanes and auto showrooms. High heating bills and elevated gasoline prices also drained household budgets.

Added costs are especially a problem given the weak pricing climate and continued pressure from customers to cut prices. As a result, rather than simply freeze spending and hold costs in line, companies continue to hack at costs.

The good news is that for those who hang on, such efforts should bring huge rewards, Richard DeKaser, chief economist with National City Corp., says cost-containment over the past six months should yield superior profit margins.

### Bush War Bill Stirs

### Tax-Cut Rejection

New political skirmishes broke out at home as President Bush urged Congress to speed payment of \$74.7 billion for war costs and, in an unexpected blow to the president's economic agenda, the Senate voted to cut his \$725 billion tax-cut plan by more than half.

In the 51-48 vote, Democrats were joined by several moderate Republicans to pass a budget amendment that would shrink to \$350 billion the 10-year tax-cut package that Mr. Bush says will stimulate the economy. If the lower number sticks—a big if given the House's support for Mr. Bush's full amount—that would threaten or kill Mr. Bush's centerpiece proposal: repeal of taxes on individuals' stock dividends.

The vote partly reflected anger in both parties that Mr. Bush had waited until Monday to make public his request for \$74.7 billion in new war spending. Last week, the White House had refused senators' demands to divulge war costs before they voted on additional tax cuts.

The White House wants Congress to approve the war bill by April 11, when lawmakers are due to leave town for a two-week recess. The measure will help cover the cost of deploying troops and replacing munitions. But congressional leaders predict contention over the flexibility Mr. Bush is seeking on allocating the funds. Three cabinet departments—Defense, Justice and Homeland Security—would be given immense discretion to spend the money as they want, and Democrats said the request resembles a series of "blank checks."

### Teens Hit Hard

### By Unemployment

As the economy struggles, teenagers across the country are finding an already dismal employment scene growing even worse.

Many of the employers that typically hire teens, such as retailers, amusement parks and fast-food restaurants, have been holding back on hiring. Many government-funded summer-job programs have faced major cutbacks.

Many think this year will be even tougher than last year, the worst for teen employment in 37 years, accord-

### Power of the Purse

Using a scale from 1-10 with 10 being 'full agreement,' 1,000 people in each selected country responded to the statement 'I currently avoid U.S. products and services.' The percentage of people who marked 7-10:



Source: February 28 to March 8 survey by Ipsos Public Affairs, a unit of Ipsos Group SA

ing to a report from the National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education and Families. The report was prepared by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston.

### Weekend Shoppers

### Unfazed by Conflict

While bombs rained on Baghdad last weekend, it was business almost as usual at America's malls, car dealerships and real-estate offices.

Still, there are signs that while Americans are spending, many are doing so cautiously. Moreover, consumers' moods could darken as the Iraq conflict intensifies and casualties mount, or if a terrorist attack occurs in the U.S.

Malls, boutiques and other large retailers such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported strong sales of lawn and garden goods in cities where warm weather marked the start of spring. Auto-industry executives said they aren't seeing a repeat of the sales downturn that hit during the first Gulf War. In 1991, sales dropped by 25% to 30%, said Gary Dilts, head of sales for Chrysler. "This war is under 10%," said Mr. Dilts.

Real-estate brokers said buyers still seemed eager to jump into the housing market. Open houses from Manhattan to Minneapolis were crowded on Saturday, and brokers reported multiple showings.

### \$10 Billion Verdict

### Hits Philip Morris

A \$10 billion verdict against Philip Morris USA by an Illinois judge is likely to trigger a new wave of challenges for major tobacco companies.

The case was the first of a new round of tobacco cases seeking to hold the companies liable for deceiving smokers, rather than for any personal injuries smokers may have suffered. The suit accused Philip Morris of defrauding Illinois smokers of Marlboro Lights and Cambridge Lights by marketing the cigarettes as lower in tar and nicotine. Lawyers for the plaintiffs allege Philip Morris USA knew that smokers would puff harder and get as much tar and nicotine as with a regular cigarette as a result.

Philip Morris has a variety of options to fight the verdict, including seeking a new trial or decision.

### Odds & Ends

U.S. tourist destinations have begun touting themselves as peaceful havens, while lobbying for a share of \$50 million in federal funds to attract international travelers to America. ... Despite indications that more businesses had purchased terrorism insurance in the weeks leading up to the war, a survey by the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers shows the vast majority of businesses have chosen not to buy the coverage.

By Jay Hershey

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## Some Consider Changing How They Advertise In Time of Conflict

By JEFFREY A. TRACHTENBERG and BRIAN STEINBERG

The outbreak of war is forcing changes in marketing strategies for products ranging from cameras to cars to vodka. Even a highly anticipated book by former Enron executive Sherron Watkins, set to be launched this week, may get lost in the flurry of news bulletins and headlines from the Iraqi battlefield.

Doubleday considers "Power Failure: The Inside Story of the Collapse of Enron" by Mimi Swartz with Ms. Watkins, a potential blockbuster. The publisher has been working on the book's marketing plans for more than a year, lining up an impressive array of national TV interviews. The war, however, may crush those efforts.

"If it is a complicated war, it could be put on the back burner," says Suzanne Herz, associate publisher at the Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group.

### Focus Shifts

Book publishers depend on the media to generate buzz, and sales. But as the recent Columbia space-shuttle disaster showed, times of national crisis send consumers flocking to their television sets and newspapers for coverage of the disaster to the exclusion of almost everything else.

It's a lesson that Newsweek magazine Senior Editor David A. Kaplan learned the hard way. On Sept. 10, 2001, Mr. Kaplan's much-anticipated book about the 2000 presidential election, "The Accidental President," got off to a terrific start. It was excerpted as the cover story of Newsweek, and Mr. Kaplan appeared on the "Today" show and "Charlie Rose." But with the next day's terror attacks, Mr. Kaplan's work quickly vanished from the national agenda.

At the outbreak of global vio-

## Marketing Adapts to War



lence, companies worry that marketing efforts appropriate during peacetime can appear insensitive. Immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, for example, CBS went commercial-free for four days, ABC stopped running ads for 94 hours, Fox suspended ads for 48 hours, and NBC held off ads for 70 hours, the networks say.

When the Gulf War broke out in January 1991, airlines, hotels and other travel companies halted most advertising altogether. Many other major sponsors slashed their newspaper and magazine spending to avoid appearing frivolous.

### Less Soap

This time around, consumer-products company Procter & Gamble Co. said it would pull all of its network-TV ads for the first 48 hours of conflict and, after that period, won't advertise during any war coverage.

Internet auction site eBay Inc., which normally promotes timely themes, such as summer rentals or holiday merchandise on its home page, said it's difficult to predict what would prompt a change in its marketing plans. But it noted that, after the attacks of Sept. 11, it dropped most marketing campaigns from its home page.

Of course, not all advertising will cease, although grabbing public attention for new products at such a time is tricky. Software-maker Softscape Inc. is scaling back on marketing a new product designed to help companies or government agencies respond to terrorist acts or natural disasters. It sent out a press release early last week, before the war began, but halted plans for promotional direct mail and Web broadcasts, fearing it would appear to be cashing in on war.

Diageo PLC, the world's largest liquor company, is rolling out a super-premium vodka called Ciroc and planned to introduce it in Los Angeles on April 1. Now there may be a delay.

In launching its new instant camera, called One, Polaroid Corp. wanted to show the product was family-friendly by inviting 100 moms and their 1-year-olds to birthday parties in children's museums across the country. But during time of war, the company says it isn't likely to get much coverage. "We're evaluating things day by day," says a company spokeswoman.

### Addressing Fears

Some marketers simply have changed the emphasis of their ads to

address consumer fears. Normally at this time of year, US Airways would be promoting spring travel. Instead, last week it began promoting a "Peace of Mind" flexible-travel policy, which provides customers with a variety of options to adjust their flight plans inexpensively for travel from March 19 through June 17. "Buy now with confidence," says a notice on the airline's Web site.

The producers of Sunday's Academy Awards show decided to tone down the glitzy broadcast by dropping the preshow segment in which movie stars parade down the red carpet.

Noting the "public mood is volatile, and we need to be very on top of it," WPP Group's Ogilvy & Mather still sees no reason for clients to pull or delay marketing plans, says Tony Wright, chief strategy officer for the agency, which represents International Business Machines Corp., among others. War fears, he suggests, are part of a larger morass of concerns about terrorism, security and the economy. The presence of ads, he says, "is part of daily life, and there is something reassuring about daily life continuing."

Vanessa O'Connell, Sarah Ellison and Don Clark contributed to this article.

## Best Bets For Calls In Crisis

By JANE SPENCER

If you were caught up in a terrorist attack, what would be the best way to connect with your family quickly?

Communications technology has changed dramatically over the past 18 months. Some BlackBerry hand-helds, for example, which performed spectacularly on Sept. 11, 2001, have been redesigned. The latest models may be just as subject to jamming as regular cellphones if networks get overloaded. And gadgets that choked on 9/11 are likely to offer better service in a future attack.

Over the past year, cellphone companies, including Sprint PCS and Verizon Wireless, have rolled out new high-speed data networks that can accommodate heavier traffic loads. In addition, text messaging, now a standard feature on all wireless phones, is likely to work even if voice networks are inundated, because text requires less capacity and is sometimes sent on a different part of the network. Virtually every phone made since the late '90s is equipped with text-messaging, but only about 15% of users use it regularly. Text messages may be able to bypass an overloaded network, and you can quickly blast the same message to a large group of people.

In emergencies, both wireless carriers and landline phone companies typically free up lines and give priority to people who are trying to call out of the affected area. That means it's often easier to call out from an emergency location than to call into the area. That's why the Red Cross urges families to designate a common family contact who is outside their region in the event a disaster damages the local phone systems.

In some cases, older technology might actually work better than the latest gizmo. Take Research In Motion's BlackBerrys. The original models operate on a data-only network called Mobitex that is known for its ability to penetrate buildings and rarely jams. But as RIM and other gadget makers focus on combining cellphones, organizers and e-mail into a single gadget, the newer models use the same network as regular cellphones. "If the cellular networks are overloaded, these things are not going to work," says an analyst with IDC Research.

RIM says that no networks come with guarantees, and that it's confident in the BlackBerry's performance.

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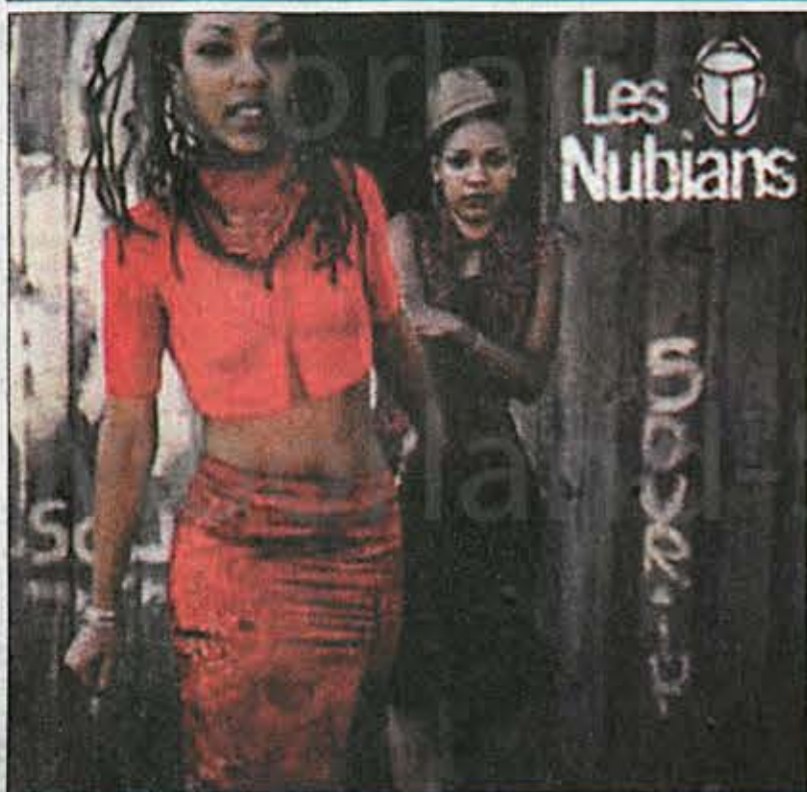


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R&B French duo, Les Nubians, have recently released their second album "One Step Forward."

## Les Nubians: R&B Princesses

By Ebony Simpson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Two or three people are chatting with the bartender, taking full advantage of the open bar, while others seem to be in network mode, profusely circulating their business cards.

There is a couple lounging in one of the leather-upholstered booths, with a gate of empty drink glasses on the small candlelit table before them.

They snuggle, they whisper. She laughs with her mouth wide open. Every so often, he belts out a note or two and just as quickly she melts in his arms.

Most seem to appreciate the comfort and mobility the backbar at the 9:30 Club affords, moving from seat to seat to bar and back to their original seats.

And although the small group of 12 or 13 people are mingling and socializing amongst themselves, frequent watch checks and room scans offer a clue that they are all waiting for something — someone.

As quietly as a mouse enters a room, so do two ladies, each standing five-foot and two inches tall, looking similar enough to be fraternal twins.

Daughters of the same mother born under the same astrological influence (both Libras), Celia and Helen Faussart make up the duo Les Nubians.

They are the unique Afro-European jazz duo responsible for putting French-language music back on the charts in 1999 with their debut album "Princesses Nubiennes."

Since then, the two have been around the world and back, soaking up inspiration and beats from some of the greatest world musicians alive, in order to deliver that universal flavor to their latest album, "One Step Forward," released on Mar. 25.

The slightly taller one, dressed in loose fitting pants and shirt, has the appearance of someone who just stepped off of a plane: tired and weary, but happy to have finally arrived.

The other woman dressed in a close-fitting brown leather wrap, which hugs her body from her chest to just below her hips.

Celia saunters around the room, greeting old friends and making new ones, while Helen chooses to stay closer to me, where she can sit and have a quiet conversation. This display is the epitome of what makes their professional relationship work, according to Helen.

"We provide balance for each other, when one of us is feeling down, the other raises her up," she says in a thick French accent.

Born and partly raised in Bordeaux, France, as children the sisters also lived for seven years on the continent of Africa, in Chad.

Descendants of a Parisian father and a Cameroonian mother, Les Nubians peer out of wide-scoping cultural lens, which they have actively nurtured. At each new travel destination, their first order of business is to scour the area for the music that tells its story.

Their musical voyages have inspired sessions in Jamaica, London and Cameroon where they joined hearts with fellow Cameroonian Manu Dibango to create the album's first released song, "Temperature Rising," which features rapper Talib Kweli, who also happens to be one of their favorite rappers.

"We love Talib, He's a true musician. He's stays true to his self and his vision," says Helen.

Their debut album was released in the United States months after its initial release in June of 1998 in France, Switzerland and Belgium. It became the most successful French-language album in America in over a decade, which Helen feels is a true testament to the passion they have put into their works.

"Singing was not the only possibility for me; I would have been a lawyer or a successful business woman. It really doesn't matter, so long as you have passion in your life."

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### Exclusive Interview

## Travolta's Dancing Career

By Enoch Tims III  
Hilltop Staff Writer

It has been more than 25 years since the pop-culture phenomenon that was "Saturday Night Fever" was released on to the masses, yet its leading man, (now 49) John Travolta, is still making the girls scream.

One could easily attribute the Tiger Beat fanfare to the 'pimpin' white disco suit he wore or perhaps, that other little musical, "Grease." On the other hand, maybe Travolta's seemingly immortal fan base comes from his tragically hip turn in those other pop-cultural phenomena, "Pulp Fiction" and the "Look Who's Talking" films.

Whatever the case, all fans should be pleased — Travolta is back with a new film, "Basic."

In the film, the actor takes part in basic training with highly trained Rangers. He was also required to buff up to once again play the Hollywood bad-boy we have come to know and love.

But if Richard Gere can tap dance his way through "Chicago," then what is stopping the king of disco from taking back his musical throne? For that matter, why wasn't Travolta tap-dancing in Chicago?

"I was offered [the role in] Chicago, like, three times," Travolta recalls, "I turned it down, because I was not seduced by it ... no one came and said, 'okay, this is my vision.'"

In explaining the decision to play the role in Basic he explains that it was personally sold to him. "[The role] was presented to me five times with seduction and concepts. I thought that maybe the lack of seduction for Chicago meant a lack in vision...If I had to do it over again, maybe I would have met with the director."



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Actor John Travolta, passed on an offer for "Chicago," choosing to film action movie "Basic."

Still Travolta doesn't seem bitter about passing "Chicago." Besides, Travolta has been in his share of award-winning movies. Though he has only been nominated twice for an Academy Award, the actor has won a few Golden Globes, BAFTA's, and MTV movie awards.

The actor is obviously loved by his fans and now that he is teaming up with his main man Samuel L. Jackson, one can all but taste the golden bucket of popcorn

coming his way.

"We had been waiting so long to do something together," Travolta says. "I mean he could have done 'Get Shorty,' but that didn't work out. [Basic] was like the first thing he was truly right for and I was truly right for. Even though most of our scenes parallel each other, the chemistry is still there. We got to hang and catch up ... but I'd like to do another movie, too, where we could do more together."

Nonetheless, until that

project comes, Travolta fans will be thrilled to know he is in Baltimore right now filming a firemen pic called, "Ladder 49," with Joaquin Phoenix — which should prove to be a fitting "homage" to America's firemen. While speaking of America, it was natural our conversation to extend to the current war, how this heightened alert has affected Travolta's life in general and choice of projects:

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## Ani DiFranco's Evolve: A Review

By Jennifer L. Williams  
Hilltop Staff Writer

### Grade: A

Ani DiFranco is the embodiment of the independent music star.

For individuals who are open to exposing themselves to different genres of music and refuse to limit themselves to the standard rap and R&B fare, DiFranco's voice is one you must come to know.

DiFranco's latest work, "Evolve," is a listen-worthy effort, seducing the listener with dynamic instrumentation and thought-provoking, conscious lyrics.

DiFranco has definitely paid her dues in an industry laden with flash and excess. From starting her own record label at age 20, to writing and recording for 13 years, DiFranco has never strayed from re-inventing herself.

Starting with her debut self-titled album to her previous offering, "So Much Shouting, So much Laughter," DiFranco proves herself to be a brave soul who never hesitates to speak her mind.

In this vein, DiFranco's latest is unmistakably an album that packs a punch.

The 12 tracks on "Evolve" question everything, from the



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Souful folk artist Ani DiFranco has always been known for her blend of soft instrumentals and hard-hitting lyrics.

vacillating world in which we live, to the various people and places that DiFranco encounters, to insecurities that DiFranco herself faces.

On songs like "Serpentine," DiFranco absolutely shines, beginning with an entrancing, lush guitar solo, and continuing in her trademark passionate manner, pondering out loud:

"And the music industry is pimping girl power/ and hip-hop is tied up in the back room/ with a logo stuffed in its mouth/ 'cuz the master's tools will never dismantle the mas-

ters' house."

As she sings, it becomes evident that she refuses to become complacent with the issues shaping the world around her, and she effortlessly sings about her perceptions with a deftness few artists are able to match.

"Evolve" allows DiFranco to play around with various musical styles, from the jazz-infused "Promised Land" to the staccato, piano-driven "O My My."

Propelled by DiFranco's verbal fuel, these songs seem to take on a life of their own,

commanding a listeners' rapt attention.

The album's title track, "Evolve," finds DiFranco strategically toying with various vocal variations, as she delivers her lyrics with the help of her acoustic guitar.

Lyrics such as "It took me too long to realize/ that I don't take good pictures/ cuz I have the kind of beauty that moves," allow DiFranco to showcase her vulnerability while allowing her resolve to shine through.

Another notable standout on this album includes her usage of dynamic musicians, that only further compliment her vibrant guitar strumming and her lilting vocal crooning. The end result yields a studio-created album with a believable, live show sound.

"Evolve" is a sparkling aural masterpiece capturing DiFranco's implications perfectly. Her statements are political and inspiring without becoming preachy or redundant.

The beauty of DiFranco's work is that she never "sings" a song; she delivers a message to music and invites listeners along for a journey into her mind.

For those not used to alternative music, DiFranco's music expands your mind and opens a listener to experiencing new sounds and ideas.



## Neo-Rap & Soulful R&B

### T-Love Takes Music Way Back

By David Johns  
Hilltop Staff Writer

#### Grade: B

Occasionally a song catches your ear, a melody, a note, something catches your attention and you find yourself reaching to make the connection to the artist or song that it's reminiscent of. Often times, the mark of a true talent is the ability to conjure up feelings associated with classic songs of the time when music was art and not this overly sampled bubble gum produced stuff that's overlaid on the airwaves.

T-Love's debut full-length album "Long Way Back," is one such album. Filled with old school rhymes, rhythms and remnants of days when hip-hop sold messages of self fulfillment, painted pictures of how happy black life could be and contemplated the ways self expression led to one's ability to be free. The artist, who also produced the album, manages to artfully handle an eclectic range of styles with assurance and aplomb.

"Long Way Back" is packed with live instruments and lyrics containing messages and infectious tunes possessing the potential to melodically transport one back to the hip-hop pro-

duced by the likes of De La Soul, Bahamadia and Pharcyde.

Ardently intelligent lyrics, verdant harmonies and rhythmic breakbeats combine with jazzy riffs and featured guests such as Dwele to capture the essence of an artist who cites her inspiration in everything from the poetry of Nikki Giovanni and Maya Angelou, to hip-hop's first ever commercial female rap group The Sequence, to the timeless contributions of Billie Holiday and Teena Marie.

"I been through all types of pain- I been through all types o' weather/ Kept it together/ Been through trials, tribulations, "T-Love recalls on the album's title track. The track — produced by Jay-Dee (Slum Village, D'Angelo, Q-tip) and aided by the pleasing resonance of soul singer Dwele's vocals — embodies the essence of the T-Love's musical range, employing her flair for broken beats and unusual but delightful cadences.

"Long Way Back" proclaims the new beginning of an artist that's been in the game for quite some time.

A record that's been in the works for some 12 years promises to mark the entrance of a multitalented rapper/vocalist who is ready to turn the world of hip-hop upside down — or right side around.

### Kindred: Strikes a Chord with a Sound That Flawlessly Fits

By David Johns  
Hilltop Staff Writer

#### Grade: A

Finding the right combination of music is difficult. Finding symbiotic chemistry both personally and musically is virtually unheard of.

While difficult, and somewhat reserved for fairytales, the singer-songwriter husband and wife team of Fatin Dantzer and Aja Graydon, known collectively as Kindred, blends a soulful mix of intricate vocal interplay, a range of musical genres and a sense of solidarity to produce a brand of soul-stirring music on their debut "Surrender to Love."

The couple, although relatively new to the spotlight have been gathering a core of devoted fans for years. Dantzer, as a teenager penned songs for artists such as Pebbles and Bell Beveo, while Graydon signed a deal as a soloist at the tender age of 15.

Proudly proclaiming the love they have for one another and the commitment they have jointly made to music, Kindred strikes a chord with a multiplicity of melodic tempos and themes.

"We is a beautiful thing / you and me is a beautiful thing," croons the duo backed by a powerful yet intimate 10-piece band.

The Philadelphia-based group, brought to Hidden



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Husband and wife duo, Kindred, hits all the right notes, both personally and musically, with debut LP "Surrender to Love".

Beach Recordings president, Steve McKeever, by Grammy nominated singer Jill Scott, artfully combines honey coated voices and attractive hooks to successfully bring a fresh approach to the recently media infatuated genre, neo-soul.

On "Surrender to Love," the duo, supported by an impressive array of producers, supplies the listener with 18 tracks that pleasingly flow from commanding to comforting.

The album begins with the duo's first single "Far Away," a

midtempo, wistful song about two lovers escaping the trials and tribulations of every day life to simply enjoy their love.

"Loving you is dance/ the rhythm of life/ and if there's a chance/ I want you till I die," the two sentimentally profess to one another supported by equally passionate instrumentals.

Another mid-tempo song, "Stars," showcases the universality of the couple's dedication to both one another and music but spotlights the intricacies of the pair's vocal inter-

play and soulful-ness.

"If I had just one wish it would be to stay together/ stay together and grow together/ and its not much to ask of us/ I know we can do it/ I always knew it," they lyrically confess to one another.

The couple urges their listeners to "Surrender to Love," on an album that is sure to secure consistent radio and home stereo play for some time to come.

## "One Step Forward" is a Step Above the Others

By Ebony Simpson  
Hilltop Staff Writer

#### Grade: A+

The piano joins in with the soulful saxophone and both belt out a welcoming serenade.

Studio-simulated raindrops clear the path as golden chimes signal the coming of a cosmic hour.

Quick-witted drums speak sternly of a journey yet to unfold.

Our wise-hearted guides Helen and Celia of Les Nubians, take over the bass beat, lip-drumming "Doom-Doom-Da Doom-Doom," and at once introduce musical travelers to a most-melodious underworld, where mysteries unfold, lessons are learnt and the poisonous snake within is charmed.

"One Step Forward," scheduled to drop Mar. 25 'round the world is Les Nubians' sophomore album.

"J'Veux D'la Musique," sung completely in French, is

the one song that will make you fall in love with the French language. The words seem to tumble, twist and slide elegantly off the tongue making a beautiful music of their own.

"Temperature Rising," is the album's first single. The song features rapper intellectual Talib Kweli and a melody of beats raining down on the ears of listeners causing simultaneous head bopping, toe tapping, chest popping, and neck swirling.

The album's namesake, is a

tantalizing track with singing flutes and ringing alarms playing forward to background chants of "One step forward / Two steps back."

On the inside sleeve of the CD, six of the songs are linked to different times of the day.

"Saravah," a song Celia and Helen say their mom sang to them, is the five a.m. song. "Saravah" indeed feels like the fresh dawn. Cool and clean, light and airy and innocent, reminding listeners of everything good in life, the kind of

song a mother would sing to her children.

"Que Le Mot Soit Perle," translated as, "that words are pearls," sounds off with Spanish guitar and drums reminiscent of one of Brazilian artist Astrud Gilberto's easy-going tunes.

"La Guerre" means, "war," and this lengthy song relays the very emotionality of war. There is a continuously fierce drum line, a solemn violinist, an anxious chorus resounding "What you understand / reflections of

yourself," and a musical tug-of-war between Les Nubians' tranquil voices and the other instruments. However, the song does end in a high hopeful note.

"One Step Forward" is an essential body of music and inspiration. It is not Helen and Celia, but rather the essence of Les Nubians that reverberates in the heart.

And no, French language ability is not a must, like all true music, the beauty is in the sound.

## Basic: A Basically Bad Film

By Enoch Tims  
Hilltop Staff Writer

#### Grade: C

Everyone loves a good thriller.

"Cape Fear," "Sixth Sense" and "The Silence of the Lambs" are all testaments to that fact.

Everyone loves a good war movie, too.

Refer to films such as "Saving Private Ryan," "Black Hawk Down," and the venerable "Apocalypse Now" as case in point.

And it doesn't get much better than a hybrid of the two genres.

"A Few Good Men," "The Hunt for the Red October" and "Crimson Tide" serve as evidence.

Perhaps these last hybrid offerings are what the filmmakers of the new film, "Basic," had in mind. Unfortunately, director John McTiernan missed the mark with his latest thriller and it is truly flabbergasting, considering he was same director for other classics such as "The Hunt for the Red October," "Die Hard" and even the witty and stylish, "Thomas Crown Affair."

For this movie, McTiernan's direction has resulted in choppy dialogue, absurd twists and certain unforgivably muted performances (more on that later).

"Basic" stars John Travolta as ex-Army Ranger, current DEA agent, Tom Hardy, called in to investigate a SNAFU occurring at a military base at the Panama Canal. Apparently, there are

only two survivors of a routine training exercise, which resulted in the disappearance of a Sergeant (Samuel L. Jackson) and the Rangers under his command.

Hardy, along with Capt. Julia Osbourne, is given the pertinent mission of uncovering the truth behind these tragic events.

Insert some intrigue about a mysterious military faction called Section 8, a lot of gunfire, Carnival and the audience has the disjointed and ridiculous film, "Basic."

With a cast that includes great talents such as Samuel L. Jackson, John Travolta, Connie Nielson and Giovanni Ribisi, making this film an exercise in anticipation should have been a cakewalk. However the director didn't even have the sense to use his trump, Jackson, effectively in



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Samuel L. Jackson fires shots at his former team members in action film "Basic".

the film. Jackson is grievously underused and the audience

will probably never forgive the film for it. One could count the minutes of screen

time Jackson has on one See BASIC page B5



# NEWS

## Travolta's Dancing Career

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"Well, I've always had the luxury of having security around me at all times ... even at my home and especially at special events. So I haven't had the immediate concern others have had ... I have always felt protected."

Alluding to "Basic," Travolta admits to heightening his awareness of the scripts he chooses.

"When considering the script, I asked myself: What did it say about our mili-

tary?" Travolta relates. "If this is an ugly [depiction], what is the point? Even in 'Pulp Fiction,' the darkness was balanced by the levity of Sam and myself. I would rather that a film I make not be purely dark."

Apparently, Travolta is a conscientious filmmaker—a particularly rare occurrence in such a formulaic and bottom-line-obsessed environment. Couple that fact with his seeming x factor and it looks like the name, John Travolta, has reached a level

of immortality that even a Kennedy could appreciate.

For every "Battlefield Earth" there will always be a "Swordfish" and for every "Look Who's Talking Now" there will always be a "Get Shorty."

Besides, even if they don't make another "Grease," generations to come will always find Travolta at home in the welcoming arms of Olivia Newton John, and that's just fine.

## Les Nubians: R&B Princesses

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The sisters have taken seats in the corner booth of the bar and begin signing autographs. They bless people with words like: "peace," "inspiration" and "guidance." They smile easily and juggle multiple conversations effortlessly. The passion Helen speaks of is not the kind that shines through as a bubbly, energetic personality.

The sisters possess that cool intellectual passion that listens intently with the fervor of a young scholar and responds as intellectually as the most distinguished professor. For two young women aged 23 and 26, they possess

the demeanors of wise grandmothers.

Both women have actually become mothers since their debut album was released. Celia, the younger sister, named her now two-year-old daughter Makeda after the hit-song that sent their first album soaring up the charts.

Both claim the experience of motherhood has helped build their character immensely.

"Motherhood makes you project yourself with more patience and love," says Helen. "And it also makes you less doubtful of yourself, because now you are doing it for your child."

Les Nubians also say they

are doing it for the people, a long and varied list of people who musical influences they feel has contributed to their distinctive sound. Miriam Makeba, Ella Fitzgerald, the Fugees, Fela Kuti, and Jazzie B of Soul II Soul are just a few. French rappers such as MC Solaar and Mel' Groove have also left their imprint on the foundation Les Nubians' build their sound upon.

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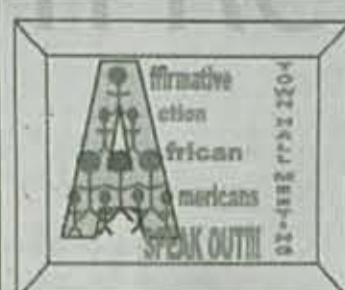
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# NEWS

## Basic: A Basically Bad Film

BASIC from B2

hand and he really never gets his chance to shine. No offense, Travolta, but you cannot carry this film on your own and most filmgoers will go to this film under the false pretenses of a Travolta/Jackson reunion.

If only that was the lone problem with this characteristically forced and preposterous movie. One has to mention the forced chemistry between Travolta and Nielson whose ability to induce an eye-roll is only matched by its ability to spark obviously unintended

laughter.

Watch the scene where Nielson and Travolta disguise their thinly veiled sexual innuendo by engaging in boringly conceived fisticuffs and see if you don't groan in disbelief.

If it weren't for the fact that these actors already have the Hollywood wattage to overcome bad acting like this, they would probably end up joining actors Mario Van Peebles and Shannon Tweed in B-movie purgatory.

Whoever wrote this script needs to learn the difference between a plausible twist and an extra 30 minutes of celluloid. Every time

the audience thinks the film is over McTiernan, James Vanderbilt, or whoever is responsible for this affront, throws a monkey wrench into the script that only serves as an increase in the amount of time it will take for a bathroom break. There is probably no way to be sure of the origin of the many faults in this film, so blame the director.

It just seems like McTiernan came across too many problems and simply picked the wrong solution. Unfortunately, for all parties involved, what has resulted is a film that should be called base, not "Basic."

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# SPORTS



## Time Management

**Bernard Murray**  
Sports Editor

March Madness and Spring Break in the same week; it doesn't get any better.

Well, actually, I can think of one thing that could top the first two rounds of non-stop NCAA basketball, which is, of course, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Tournament.

The same weekend the NCAA tournament commenced, the IHSA state basketball tournament began. NCAA basketball had to take the back burner because my high school made it down state.

I had to support them.

I guess it's because they never went down state in my four years; but I am not bitter.

Their performance wasn't the issue, because they played hard, yet lost to Peoria Central in the semifinals. It's the game and the high school rules that are suspect.

My high school and other schools had every chance to pull off a win, but the ball stayed at only one end of the floor.

With eight-minute quarters and no shot clock, the team with the lead usually held the ball and played keep away to secure the win.

I saw teams with three-point leads and three minutes and some change control the ball and the clock.

Whoa, that takes the fun out of basketball.

The five-second rule is the only rule that prevents teams from standing stationary with the ball; it keeps the ball moving.

Right...

High school basketball games need shot clocks.

Danny Biasone didn't invent the 24-second shot clock for nothing. He saw that the game needed changing, and as owner of the Syracuse Nationals, he and GM Leo Ferris came up with the idea for a shot clock during the 1954-55 season.

Immediately, scoring rose from an average of 79.5 points per game to 93.1.

Even the NCAA has a 35-second shot clock.

Why are high schools so special that they don't need shot clocks?

I can understand. There are only eight-minute quarters, but hell, it's high school basketball; they aren't five year olds who don't know the game.

These are athletes. Even with a 40-second shot clock a team can create something.

Some athletes, I am not dropping names, go straight to the pros.

Where's the preparation?

If high school prepares students academically for college, then why can't high school train basketball players for the NCAA and possibly the NBA with a shot clock?

Let's face it; western culture is about time management.

If there weren't the urgency to accomplish goals within a desired time, how would we ever know when our time here is up?



Top left, Nate Minnoy shows his finesse, shooting over a would-be defender. Top, right MT. Carroll's Brett Yochem can't contain Nate Minnoy as he powers his way to the hole.

## When All Hales Broke Loose

**Bernard Murray**  
Sports Editor

The beauty of sports is that no team stays on top forever.

The leaders of the pack are supposed to fall every once in a while. That's what keeps the underdogs motivated — knowing they could be the David that slays the mighty Goliath.

And for Hales Franciscan, a Catholic high school on Chicago's South Side, the sleeping giant woke up.

While most of the nation was focused on the NCAA tournament, the drama that is the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) they missed.

People in Illinois know that the IHSA is the home of the March Madness; it's their chance to see their sons, brothers, nephews or grandchildren play in a front of 10,000 plus at a university stadium.

The tournament took place in Peoria, Illinois and schools play hard all season with hopes of making that trip.

The Spartans of Hales finished to regular season with a record of 24-6 and won the Super-Sectionals to earn their first trip to Peoria in 10 years.

Hales performance spoke for itself.

They would eventually go on to win state; but becoming

the first all-black school to win state came with some controversy.

The IHSA said Hales' freshman guard Jerome Randle and sophomore Nate Minnoy, who transferred from Mt. Carmel, violated rules that prohibited athletic recruiting by Catholic schools.

Hales' officials were confident they would be cleared of all allegations, while the community of Hales, located on 49th and Cottage Grove Ave., believed it was race-related.

Randle provided constant contribution with his handling and penetration.

"I don't try to be like anybody but myself. I like embarrassing people with my crossover," Randle said.

Prior to their quarterfinal game, Coach Gray London shared an article by Mark Potash with his team.

The article was published in the Chicago Sun-Times a year before Hales visit to state.

"Since Providence-St. Mel won the title in 1985, Chicago-area representatives have produced nothing but disappointment," Potash told the Sun-Times. "Only two teams—Hales in 1993 and Aurora Christian in 1995—even have reached the championship game."

In the article, Potash outlines the reasons why a Chicago-area team hasn't won

the Class A title since Reagan was president: superiority complex, style and officiating.

"Going down state is similar to going to the NCAA Final Four. It's something that could be overwhelming, but we did a good job focusing in on our task," said London.

His Spartans breezed through the quarterfinals and semifinals beating Breese Central and Warrensburg-Latham 65-47 and 62-45 respectively.

The State Final wasn't going to be easy; they played the number one team, Mt. Carroll, and London said three games in two days takes it's toll on a team.

The semifinal games, both Hales and Mt. Carroll, were played hours before their final, however; Hales was the benefactor. They had more time after their game to recuperate.

"As soon as we won the quarterfinal game we put the kids on lock down. We got them lunch and got them off their feet," said London.

They had a lot of confidence winning their quarterfinal and London said that he had never had a team that had so much focus in a tournament environment.

The State Final was played at 8:30 p.m. and Hales had support from students who

rode down on the bus the cheer their team on.

"Of the 10,000 fans, 9,000 were for the other team," said Randle.

"It's exciting when people aren't pulling for you. You have to show them," said senior forward Junies Heyward.

"There's a lot of pressure being an all-black school. We had to put on a class act to win refs over," said senior center Andre Johnson.

London said spectators had no confidence in the team until they saw them play.

It was their defensive intensity and fast-paced play that forced 23 turnovers and converted them into 24-points.

By the end of the first period, Hales had a commanding lead, 19-2 and looked to run away with the championship.

But Mt. Carroll wasn't number one for no reason.

They would eventually chip away at the Hales lead point by point and by half time Mt. Carroll was down by nine points.

"There was no pressure. We've been in too many tight situations to buckle. It doesn't matter whether the lead two points or 19 points," said Heyward.

Both London and Second Team All Conference Nate Minnoy agreed that was their main focus.

London said they weren't a great offensive team — it was their defense that created their offense.

"We're a team that generates runs. Anytime we get a run it puts us in a position to win," said London.

Mt. Carroll came back and tied the game with six minutes left in the fourth quarter. They took their first and only lead 30 seconds later.

The nail-biting came when Jeremy Haas, ending the night with 26 points, nailed a critical three to bring the Hales lead to one with 19 seconds left.

"The previous two times we faked long and came back to get the ball. The defense bit short both times. So we tested them long," said London.

A football pass the length of the court was a strike to Mike Robinson who took it in for lay up.

"It rattled them so much that they threw the ball away the next possession," said London.

That was the game. "It felt good to have the opportunity to do something most don't. It made the community look good," said Minnoy. "Second Team All Conference was a good accomplishment, but it wouldn't have meant anything if we didn't win state."

## Bison Lacrosse Falls to Mount St. Mary's

**By Soraya N. McDonald**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Howard University women's lacrosse team suffered a crushing 21-8 defeat to the Mountaineers of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, their second loss in three days.

"I didn't think that we played as well as we could have. This lacrosse team is one of the strongest that Howard has had so far and this game was an unusual performance for us. They were challenging; they were definitely a competitive team," head coach Melinda Vaughn said.

The Mountaineers (2-6, 0-1 NEC) were led by freshman Kirby Day, who had five goals and two assists in Tuesday's game.

Less than five minutes into the game, Day had already racked up two goals and an assist. It was merely a preview of the rest of her performance

during the game.

Senior Kathy Theodore, assisted by junior Eva Okereke scored the first goal for the Lady Bison on the 14:55 mark. The Lady Bison went on to score two more goals in the first half, bringing the score to 12-3.

Mount St. Mary's continued to pound the Bison going into the second half. Their offense scored three more points in the first five minutes.

Coach Vaughn said that the Bison's lackluster performance seemed to stem from the illness and injuries of several players.

"We were coming back from Florida where a few players caught a bug," Vaughn said. Despite the sickness of some of her teammates, senior Chizoba Egbuono and freshman Brittany Merritt gave healthy performances.

Egbuono led the team with four goals and Merritt contributed with two.

Most of the Mountaineers offense relied on contributions

from Addie Lewis (four points) and Erin Lamotte (four points).

The Bison went on a run in the last 15 minutes of the game where they scored four of their five second-half points.

The Bison defense played a role and saved 13 of the 31 shots on goal, five by Maya Watkins and eight by Shatarah Ramirez. The Mountaineers were able to stop 11 of the Bison's 24 attempts at goal, six saves from Naomi Campano and five from Sarah Rowan.

The Lady Bison will host Sierra College in their next game tomorrow at Greene Stadium at 12 p.m. This game marks the annual family day. The Lady Bison will not only recognize the team family, but the families of seniors and returning players alike.

The Lady Bison will look to redeem themselves from the misfortune of Tuesday's game. Coach Melinda Vaughn is "confident that they'll play a great game Saturday."



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### Answering the Call

Recall all of the stories you've heard and all the photographs and video footage you've seen of the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s. Picture the vivid imagery of our grandfathers and grandmothers participating in sit-ins, and Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on that bus after a long day's work. Recall how that single courageous act by one woman sparked the large scale bus boycott that changed history. Picture the monumental marches across the nation's capital led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

That generation was one of spirit, tenacity, determination, and heart. It was a generation that refused to sit back complacently while injustice reigned.

So what has changed over the past forty-five years that has caused such a dramatic downfall in activism?

Is it complacency? Yes, we

can sit in the front of the bus now and yes we can sit at the counter of a diner, but the struggle is by no means over. What we have is a generation that has become stigmatized with the most dangerous brand - apathy.

On Tuesday April 1st, HUSA and the Michigan club will lead HBCU students from across the

is our responsibility.

We should never be foolish enough to think that the Michigan case that will be heard on Tuesday is something that does not affect us. Affirmative action is for our brothers and sisters who will never be given the opportunity to get into that college or obtain that executive position at that company under normal circumstances. Not because they are not qualified or don't deserve it, but because they were disadvantaged by an unequal playing field and, sadly, racism.

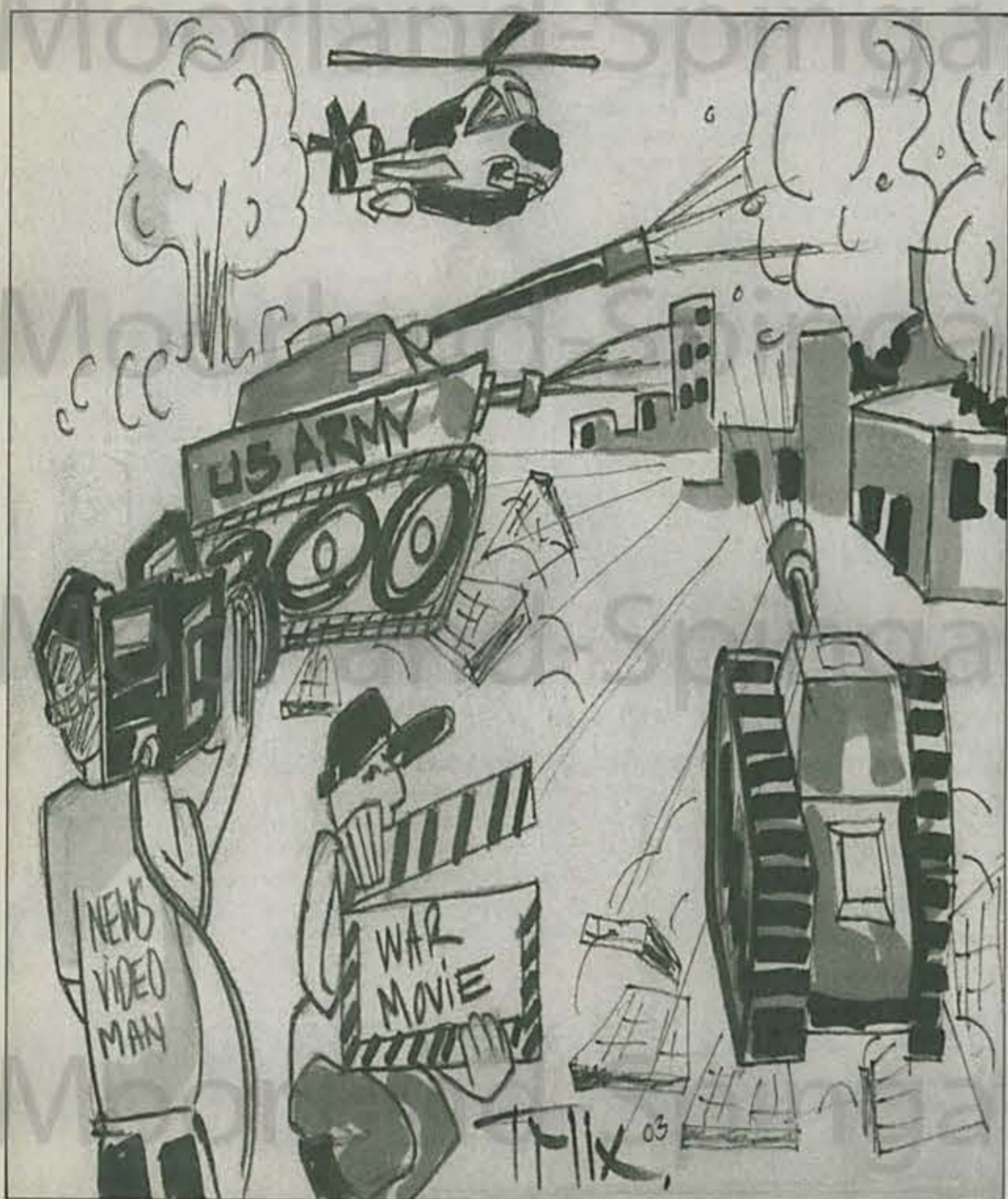
In our parents and grandparents generation, there was call for mobilization to end the injustice that was legalized by segregation and

Jim Crow Laws. Today, the call is for us to make sure that affirmative action is secured for our future generations who deserve a fair chance. On Black Tuesday, show the world that the students of Howard University cannot be labeled as apathetic.

#### Our View:

**On April 1, 2002 all Howard students should take part in the march for affirmative action.**

country in a large scale march to the steps of the Supreme Court. We will show our support for the University of Michigan's admissions policy that considers race as a factor in acceptances. This is not something we should participate in if we have the time, but it



## The Media and the War on Iraq

The job of the news media is to inform the public. Moreover, it is to do so in an unbiased and objective manner. It seems that the American broadcast news media has missed the entire essence of what it means to do this job.

Now that the war on Iraq is fully underway, we have witnessed the most disgusting editorializing and subjectivity on the part of the American news media.

Not only is it unfair, but it is unprofessional. Other countries around the world-- such as Great Britain-- have been reporting on the war as it should be - without bias.

In particular, American anchor men and women have exemplified the most slanted reporting. CNN's Lou Dobbs described the grenade attack on American troops as "terrorism." Terrorism is an attack on civilians, not soldiers during war. If this was to be considered terrorism, then wouldn't it be safe to say that U.S. soldiers are terrorists for dropping bombs from the sky?

Aaron Brown, also of CNN, aggressively confronted Al Jazeera's Washington bureau chief, Hafez al-Mirazi, on air for airing photos of American

"We are unsure as to whether or not Saddam Hussein or his sons are dead or alive." "Certain people have been killed."

These headlines are just a couple of examples of the hazy reporting we have seen on the war. This is not reporting. This is throwing out every bit of information, be it credible or not, just to have something to talk about.

And why is the war the only thing the news media is

reporting on? We have been bombarded with non-stop war coverage on television over the past week.

While the war is undoubtedly the foremost issue in news right now, there are other things to report on.

Instead of having hours long reports on the war that are riddled with unimportant small talk and lack of depth, reporters should use some of this time to report on other events.

Now more than ever, the media seems to be the fourth branch of government. Looks like the days of an independent press are long gone.

POW's. MSNBC went even further by scolding his refusal to not air the photos, as requested by the White House. Funny how they never brought up how the Pentagon released pictures of the Taliban and Al Qaeda prisoners at Camp X-Ray.

Patriotism and support of our troops is one thing but this is not professional reporting. When assuming the position of public informer, one must check his or her personal views and do just that - inform.

Another concern with television news and the war is the pattern of reporting despite a considerable lack of facts.

#### Our View:

**The American news media should be objective and unbiased with reporting of the War on Iraq.**

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Pursuit of Greek Life Can Often Lead to the Downfall of Dedication

Charole Cole

When I was growing up, my mother always told me, "With hard work and dedication, you can achieve anything." However, since I've been at Howard, I have witnessed some situations that made me sit down and really ponder if those words of wisdom are relevant to every life situation.

After much thought on the subject, I felt I had no other choice but to come to the conclusion that those words, which supposedly make up the recipe to success, do not always apply.

I have noticed my conclusion to be most prevalent concerning the Greek and other various organizations on campus. I have unfortunately witnessed some of my closest friends try to endlessly seek membership into these organizations.

These people expressed a great love and respect for these organizations, and as a result, they made a conscious decision

to put an intense amount of time and energy towards their goal. Their goal has led them to take blatant disrespect and mental abuse from current members.

As a matter of fact, these individuals have sacrificed the very essence of themselves because their love for the organization is, at times, even greater than their own well-being.

Furthermore, they have been tricked into thinking that by supporting the organization's endeavors, whether through the donation of their own time and/or money, will somehow impress the current members, and show them worthy of membership.

Nevertheless, when it is time for new members to be selected, the dedicated individual gets overlooked for someone who more than likely did not put in the same time and effort. Because the person may be popular on campus, or something as shallow as being

physically attractive, they are assumed more qualified for membership.

Time after time, the dedicated individual ends up angry or even depressed because they feel as if the energy and time they invested upholding the principles of the organization, and trying to prove themselves worthy was in vain.

Even still, these same people get right back up with even more drive, only to be kicked down again and again. By the time their four years at Howard expires, three of their years have been wasted on a pipe dream.

So they continue to ask themselves, "What was the point of working so hard?" But what is most sad is that they feel like they have no way of expressing their feelings of injustice, since Greeks act as though they are no longer human, but some type of superior being because you are trying to get to where they are.

What these organizations



do not understand is the hurt and pain caused when one is rejected over someone not nearly as dedicated.

Greek organizations, as well as other organizations on campus should abandon the "who you know" policy and actually start focusing on who has been loyal and has worked for the betterment of the various organizations.

More often than not, the same people selected who did not show much effort before becoming a member, will most

likely not show any type of work ethic once they obtain membership. That results in DEAD WEIGHT, which is an unneeded aspect in any organization.

I wrote this perspective to make this simple argument: "Dedication on Howard's campus can lead to more anguish and heartache than success."

Here's an even simpler argument: as far as these organizations on Howard's campus are concerned, dedication does not amount to a d!@#

thing. As a side note, this perspective was not only to express my disgust about this reality at Howard University, but also to give support to all the dedicated individuals who have shown unprecedented amounts of dedication, only to come up empty handed.

They need to be represented and they need a voice.

Charole Cole is a junior pre-physical therapy major from Ridgeport, Connecticut.

## The Importance of Black Tuesday

Cornell R. Williamson

Almost 50 years ago, right here at Howard University, Thurgood Marshall sat in Founders Library and prepared his arguments for the landmark case *Brown v. The Board of Education*.

This monumental victory overturned the "Separate But Equal" clause established by another court case, *Plessy v. Ferguson*, overcame segregation and paved the way for Affirmative Action. As a result of Affirmative Action, a record number of educational and employment opportunities have opened up for all minorities.

On Apr. 1, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear *Grutter v. Bollinger*, a case questioning Affirmative Action at the University of Michigan.

The decision of the court could ultimately outlaw Affirmative Action throughout the nation and reverse much of the progress of the Civil-Rights Movement.

On Jan. 15 (the day we cele-

*-Let Not the Blood, Sweat, and Tears of our Ancestors go in vain.*

brate the birthday and life accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), in a public announcement President George W. Bush urged the U.S. Supreme Court to outlaw Affirmative Action.

The fact of the matter is that today there are far too many African Americans unemployed, not in school and with far less opportunity than any white man. The number of people in this category will only increase if Affirmative Action is outlawed.

Fortunately, we don't have to live in the legally segregated South, during a time when it was illegal for Blacks to read, let alone run a company. We don't have to fight through mobs to get into a school in where we aren't wanted, or sit in the back of a bus, or drink from a "colored only" water fountain.

We don't have to live through these things because we stand on the shoulders of giants, those who dedicated their entire lives to

ensure that we don't have go through what they did.

As a result of their hard work, all of us have benefited. We live a life practically carefree compared to that of our ancestors. On the surface, there is nothing wrong with that.

However, what happens when a race of people become so comfortable that they stop fighting the fight that got them where they are? What happens when we stop caring about the issues that were so important in paving the way?

What happens when a people full of fight and intensity becomes dormant?

It's time for an Awakening. "Now, It is High Time to Wake out of Sleep"

*Romans 13:11*

I'm calling for ALL students to fully participate in Black Tuesday "A March to Save Affirmative Action."

The event kicks off on



Monday Night at 6 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium with a Teach-In/Rally/Protest. At 9 p.m. we will march and camp out by the U.S. Supreme Court. On Tuesday April 1 we will protest and view the Case at the Supreme Court and then return to Cramton Auditorium for a 3:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting with Elijah Cummings and members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Make sure you're there, and be sure to bring a friend. With Over 15 HBCU's confirmed to be in attendance this event promises to be one not to miss.

## Equality And Justice For All: It's Our Time To Answer The Call

David Johns

On the eve of arguably the most important legal case — *Gutter v. Bollinger* — which questions the state of civil rights in the United States, the attention of the nation is seemingly solely focused on war in Iraq.

Domestically, while the legitimacy of institutional practices designed to address social, political and economic inequalities is positioned to be stripped from black Americans, news pages and syndicated television broadcasts are inundated with images of war "heroes" and slain "enemies."

The coverage of the war resembles the reality television shows that have become representative of an invasive fetish that typifies American social interactions. Quietly, the media seems disconcerted and uninterested in the realities that minorities face — the possibility that the "equality" minorities know will soon be legally removed.

All the while, our generation is continually charged with an overarching sense of apathy and a pervasive lack of political involvement.

Preferring to envision our future homes, comprised of rooms seen on MTV cribs, the voices of the youth — particularly blacks — often goes un-televised, unheard and presented as non-existent.

On Mar. 31, thousands of

black students from across the nation will converge in Washington, DC to shout, with one collective voice, our disapproval of the attacks upon the civil rights of minorities.

This is our march on Washington, Montgomery bus boycott and march on Selma.

Youth leaders have answered the call and shown interest in continuing the work done by the generations who worked to give us the opportunities we often take for granted.

Students from across the nation have pledged their support in a march that will situate itself alongside markers of social participation by black Americans throughout history.

While time has seemingly changed — racism has become more institutional and white bed sheets have been replaced by three piece suits — the need for such action validates the necessity for us to continue to force our country to abide by that which is claims to hold true — equality and justice for all.

Participate to make a social statement, ensure that your voice is heard, support a friend, or have stories to tell your children participate in the march on the Supreme Court.

To ensure the future black Americans it is paramount that on March 31 and April 1 when we scream for justice we scream together!

### Dear Editor,

I read the perspective "Tales from a Woman Scorned" (N. Janette Williams, Mar. 11) and your feelings about meaningful relationships.

As an alumnus and former instructor at Howard, I want to encourage you to not give up. The loves of my life were found on that campus. My wife of 37 years is from that campus. Howard is a seminal place in many ways, professionally and personally.

What you are going through is part of that process. Your generation has grown up much faster than mine. By today's standards, we would be considered naive in comparison. We certainly did not have the freedom of your generation. Was it a better time? Probably not. Too much time was wasted in frustration.

Romantic? You had better believe it! Don't grow up too fast as far as your search for love is concerned. You have many years ahead of you. Enjoy the sweetness and mystery of youth. It pass-

es too fast. I am still haunted by the loveliness of some of my female classmates and "what might have been", under different circumstances.

Part of that comes from love of Howard and all that it has meant to me. I may be out of line, but you are going through the same things we did, in our time. You will survive. I can only wish you well as you grow and mature.

Dr. C.R. Lee, '60, '68

### A Different World:

## Divided We Fall; Self Segregation Harmful At HBCUs

David Johns

Black student organizations on 'majority campuses' provide safe havens for students who spend class hours, social time, and quite possibly all of their time on campus reminded of their existence as a minority among a white majority.

In these instances, small classrooms, spaces intended for activities or rehearsals, and dorm rooms provide a place for black students to momentarily escape their blackness and share in a communal discourse with people who just understand.

The practice of self-segregat-

ing in an attempt to find a comfortable place seems somewhat out of place at an institution uniquely designed to make students — normally made to recognize their position as minorities — feel comfortable among people with similar skin tones, cultural traditions, geographical location, and dialectal preferences.

Each year countless students flock to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to escape the pressure of having to be cognizant of correctly pronouncing words, dressing to fit the norm, or navigating that fine line between 'acting black' and 'talking white.'



With that said, it appears to be the norm — at black colleges — to pledge practically anything. Never in my life have I heard of someone going through a formal

'process' to declare allegiance to the dorm they live in.

As a member of a Greek letter organization, I personally understand the ideas and objectives of pursuing an organization to work with people who share like-minded goals and ambitions; however, where does it end?

All too often, students at HBCUs place inclusion with a group or association before academic and personal responsibilities — and for what?

Howard is a big organization, that students should feel proud to belong to. They should walk on the Yard or pass through the Valley and say 'What's up?' to one

another and take pride in experiencing all that HU has to offer — together.

We as black Americans have our entire lives to negotiate isolating situations and utilize shared experiences to foster relationships. The practice of voluntarily self dividing ourselves into factions of groups dedicated to hobbies, extracurricular activities, living quarters, or similar interests within an amplified community of budding claims to individualism and warring ideals of perfection — just to belong — seems unnecessary and fundamentally backward.

Students at Howard and all

HBCUs should adopt the collective mentalities of such prominent black movements like Pan Africanism and the Black Arts to reverse the individualistic and selfish mentalities associated with our generation.

Striving to unify with one another, at an institution chosen among a myriad of reasons specifically to share in experiences with people who look like one another, can only facilitate the ability to revel in the comfort, power and strength of solidarity.

Facilitating positive change in exchange for isolating depravity and social ostracization should be a shared desire.



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To my friend and mentor, April O. Turner (editor-in-chief, '99-'00):  
**CONGRATULATIONS** on your job with Democratic LEADER Nancy Pelosi! I am expecting all the inside scoops this summer when I'm at the WSJ :-)  
--Lauren

Jarvis-- thanks for the tickets. I owe you one. BUT-- can we get it together for the book? What's the deal?  
--Lauren

Happy be-lated birthday Gina!

Congratulations melody on your all American award. We knew you could do it!  
--HUMTT-

MKU Sorority Inc. would like to congratulate its newest members the spring 2003 line!  
**SANKOOOOOFA!**

If @ 1st you don't succeed, dust yourself off and TRY AGAIN...that's if you want to. Holla back when you get back. All 'forgiven.'-- AMBER

A brotha' couldnt have asked for a better 'experience' -- eternal homage to the MECCA  
Thanks to the 3flo' for holdin me down... Appreciate everyone who smiles and says hello to strangers on the yard -- DAVID

Qhaha- Happy Belated Birthday!!  
Melissa- Happy 21st Birthday!!! Don't overdue it tonite :-)  
You guys are great friends. I luv you both 2 death! --Aisha

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Have I told y'all lately that "I LOVE MYSELF?" (smile)- Amber

One Luv to everyone who knows the temperature in the Hilltop office-hold it down-- David

Toni- You are the great friend. We appreciate you Happy belated birthday. From STACEY and MARQUES

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