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Dorm Security Problems of the Past

By Charreah Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

From burglaries to stabblings to rapes, Howard's dormitories have had a history of dorm security problems.

In 1985, The Hilltop featured a full front-page article about a gold watch stolen from a freshman in the Quad. Although a stolen watch may not have appeared newsworthy, the adult male culprit, who was captured and charged with burglary, had been in a shower stall in Truth Hall the day before, while Tonya Trotter showered, and escaped when she started to scream.

The Director of Security, Billy T. Norwood, responded to the incident by saying that the student and the security guard were responsible for safety measures.

Two Howard football players were stabbed in front of Cook Hall during an altercation on August 28, 1987. According to the article written, campus police was of no help to Metropolitan Police, who arrested the suspects in the case. A freshman was stabbed in the chest and a sophomore was stabbed in the stomach.

The numerous burglaries, assaults, auto thefts and other crimes experienced by Howard University students each year are not a new occurrence for the school.

In 1990, campus crimes reported three rapes, 24 robberies, 37 assaults, 137 burglaries, 320 thefts, and 22 auto thefts. Even then, students expressed a large interest in crime prevention and security officials said they received little support from administration.

In 1994, a student at the Bethune Annex was abducted at gunpoint as she tried to purchase an evening snack from the vending machine. She was raped then brought back to the dormitory lobby.

Residents of the Bethune Annex were distressed because the assailant gained access to the building easily, and abducted the female resident without being stopped or even seen by the Annex's staff or security.

Sophomore occupational therapy major Britney Hughes said, "I go the vending machines at night all the time. It could have been me."

Of the many crimes that occur on campus each year, incidents directly involving campus police officers and those intended to protect have a greater affect on students. In

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Securing Howard's Campus

Hilltop Tests Dorm Security; Four Dorms Breached



PHOTO BY ROGER ROMAN

The Hilltop successfully snuck into the Quad and several other dorms last Thursday in an attempt to highlight the lackadaisical approach many dorms take to student security. Another successful attempt was made by 1985 HUSA President Emory Calhoun.

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Campus Editor

As visitation ended Thursday for most students, it was just beginning for nine Hilltop staffers.

From 11 p.m. until 1 a.m., nine Hilltop staffers tested several of Howard's dormitories to see if the dorms were as safe as officials claim.

The Annex was the first dorm tested.

Staffers sent a female non-Annex resident through the front door to open a side entrance for two male staffers to enter. While the two males

were entering through the side entrance, the resident assistant on duty was busy watching television and eating pizza.

"It's disturbing to find out how easy it was to enter one of the underclassmen dorms that is supposedly one of the safest," an assistant editor said. "It was sad to see that the student on duty could have stopped the guys from entering if she would have only paid attention to the monitor."

Alexis Logan, a resident of the Annex, said that there have always been problems with unwanted people in the hallways.

"Maybe (security guards) should walk up and down the halls to be more active instead of sitting there reading a book," she said.

Entering Cook Hall proved to be easier. Since the front door was propped open and there was only one person on duty, three Hilltop staffers were able to walk into the building without showing identification.

"As we walked into the dorm, the lady at the front desk was preoccupied with the television," a staff writer said. "And as we walked out, she was smoking a cigarette. When

we were wandering the halls of the dorms, we could have stolen items from the rooms, defaced the property, or hurt students who lived there."

Instead of regularly checking IDs, Cook Hall often monitors students on a familiar face basis.

"There are only a few of people who work the door that know everyone's face," Tara Moon, a resident of Cook said. "Most of the time there are people who are on duty who are joking around and don't know who is coming in. During the night, most of the security guards are asleep, and they

need to be on watch more."

Many Drew Hall residents dream of sneaking women into the all male dorm. It was a simple task for Hilltop staffers, due to the lack of attention being paid by workers at the front desk.

While one staffer stood at the front desk, the other female staffer pretended to go to the restroom, but instead went to the first floor of the dorm.

"They should have taken notice that it was late, and that

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Students Unsure if Campus Police Deserve Pay Increase

By Melanie R. Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many students remain uncertain as to whether or not campus police officers deserve an increased salary.

Based on job-performance alone, students overall agree that the campus police have not sufficiently fulfilled their job requirements, and do not deserve a bonus in their checks.

"I wouldn't support the campus police getting a raise on the current job that they do," sophomore classical civilization major Brent Robinson said. "They're as strong as their weakest link, and there are a lot of weak links right now."

Robinson said that he has seen a select few officers making arrests, securing various locations and running the track to remain physically fit.

"Obviously those people are very proud of what they do," he said. "Those people deserve



FILE PHOTO

Many students site poor performance as a reason for not supporting the campus police's push for a pay raise.

a raise, but this is not one of those jobs where a few people should stand out. I want the whole team to be adequate."

Sophomore political science major Nate Smith said

that the officers lack a professional attitude and provide minimal protection to students.

"I usually see them in their

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Dorm Safety Tips

- 1) **Do not share your keys with anyone.**
Letting someone use your keys to get into a dorm he or she does not live in is dangerous.
- 2) **Do not prop open doors.**
Never keep a door open so one of your friends can get in later. This invites every Tom, Dick, and Harry off the street to come in.
- 3) **Report suspicious activity.**
If you see someone suspicious wandering the halls and you have the strange feeling that person does not belong there, tell your RA immediately.
- 4) **Learn to walk away.**
Do not get involved in physical altercations (fistfights, etc.) in a dorm. It can lead to arrest, suspension, or expulsion.
- 5) **Storage exists for a reason.**
If you brought anything particularly valuable to the dorms, it would probably be a good idea to store it or ship it back home. There is no need to tempt someone needlessly into finding a way into your room and taking what is yours.

Compiled by Danielle Scruggs
Asst. Campus Editor



HUSA, IPU Hold Panel "The Art of Activism"

By Venus B. Taylor
Contributing Writer

On October 16, the Howard University Student Association and International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU) hosted the first of a bi-weekly panel series entitled, "The Art of Activism."

The theme of Thursday's session was "I'm gonna stay on the battlefield: Political Participation and Protest." In this discussion, civil rights leaders spoke about the need for activism among the students of Howard University.

Rania Masri of the Institute for Southern Studies opened with a short discourse full of energy and emotion. "Why do

we struggle? We struggle because we're angry and we're hopeful," Masri said. "If we're not angry, we're not paying attention."

Mark Thompson, radio host for WOL AM's "Make It Plain," addressed the two types of activism that the younger generation can undertake: grassroots and electoral.

Thompson defined grassroots politics as those efforts that do not necessarily come immediately into fruition, such as reparations. Electoral politics are the battles that have a more finite end, like a presidential election.

According to Thompson, it is difficult for African

Americans to make the transition between grassroots and electoral politics. Thompson said that he started to build a bridge by creating the Umoja party.

"Republicans don't care about us and Democrats take us for granted," Thompson said. "That's why we had the Umoja party placed on the ballot. To help ease the transition."

Following Thompson was Damu Smith, founder of Black Voices for Peace. Smith commended Howard University students and other college students nation-wide for sleeping on the steps of the Supreme Court on April 1 in the fight for Affirmative Action. Smith fol-

lowed his praise with an urging for Howard alumni to return to campus.

"Howard graduates from the 1960s and mid-1980s need to be invited back for a forum," Smith said. "At this forum they need to explain what they were doing at the time. That will show Howard students what struggle is all about."

Harmonizing with the words of these political activists was progressive 2004 presidential candidate Representative Dennis J. Kucinich, D-Ohio. Joined by his colleague and friend, Representative John Conyers, D-Mich., Kucinich added to the upbeat atmosphere of the gathering.

"Each time someone speaks out against injustice, he or she sends out a tiny ripple of hope," Kucinich said. "Enough of these ripples will eventually create a current."

Conyers expressed his support of Kucinich in an impromptu speech where he referred to George W. Bush as the worst of all 43 presidents.

"Right now we have three progressive candidates running to replace the un-elected occupant of the White House," Conyers said. "Al Sharpton, Carol Mosley-Braun, and Dennis Kucinich."

Kristen Howard, Director

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What measures should be taken to ensure dorm security?



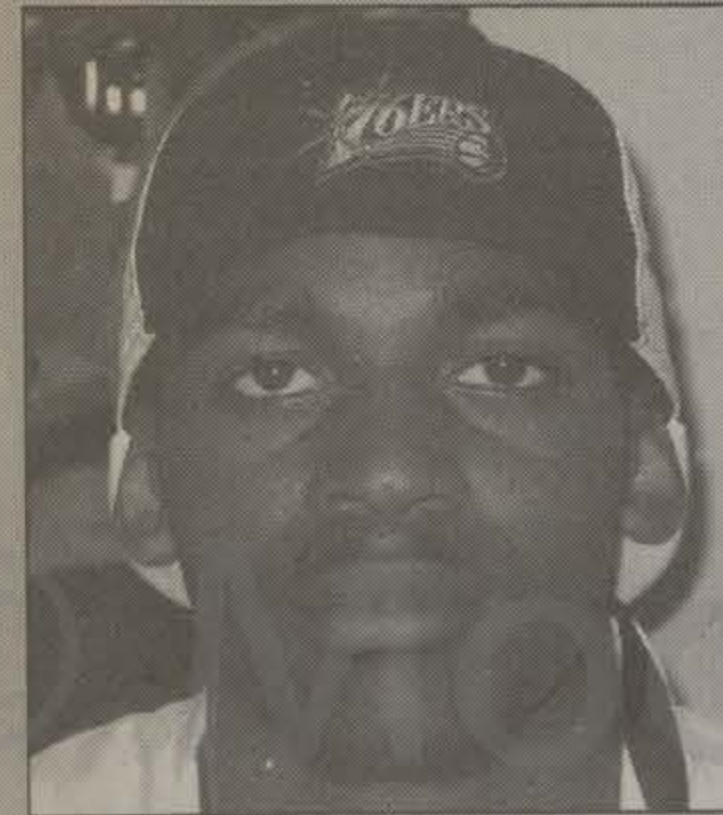
Janelle-Nicole Jone
Junior
International Business/
Finance

"Make sure the security that is hired actually cares about their job."



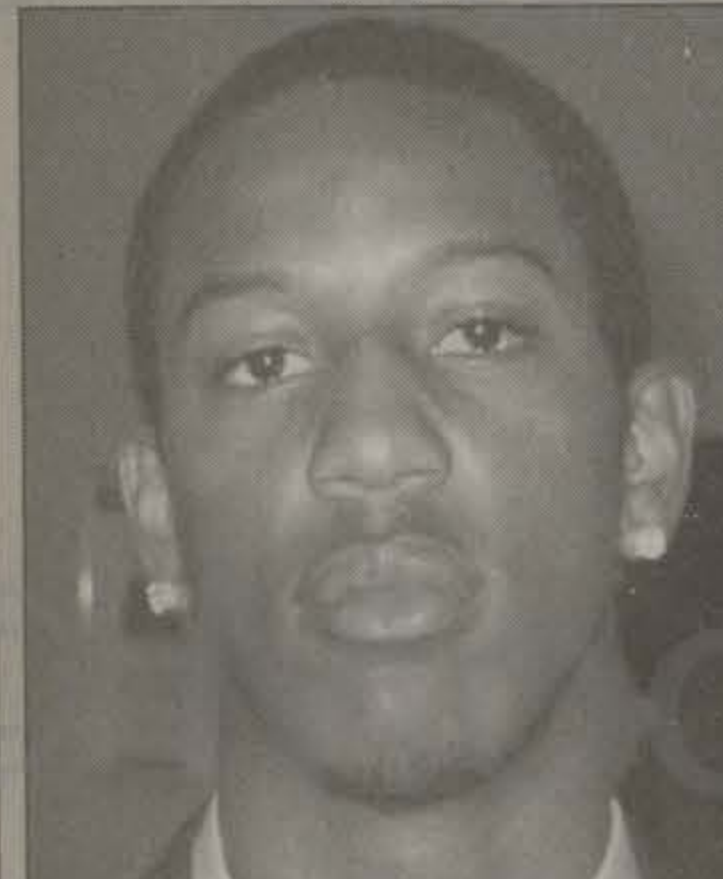
Eddie Winslow
Sophomore
Radio-TV-Film

"Hire security guards under 85 who already got a full night's rest before they came to work."



Stan Greene
Freshman
Business Management

"Security guards being more attentive to activities inside and outside would help ensure dorm security."



Will Gant
Freshman
Undecided

"Make sure that everyone's Howard ID is checked, so that random people cannot have access to the dormitories."

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Students Unaware of AIDS Awareness Month

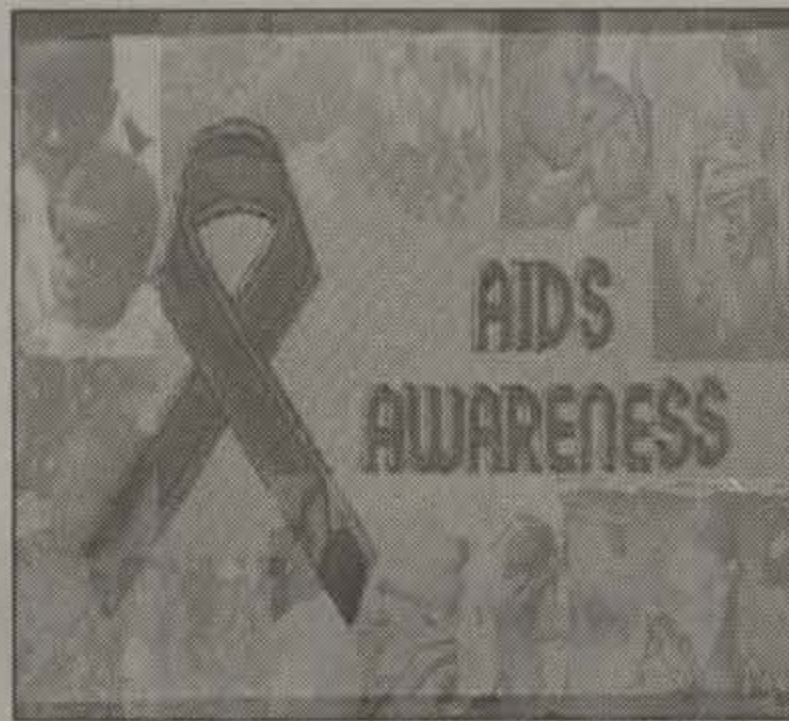


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY RUTH TISDALE

October is AIDS Awareness Month.

By Melanie R. Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

October is AIDS Awareness Month, a time to spread the word, not the virus. However, many students are oblivious to the 30-day dedication to HIV/AIDS consciousness and prevention.

"I know nothing about AIDS Awareness Month," sophomore architecture major Jascynda Jones said.

Sophomore biology major DeAnna McCall said that she did not know that October was AIDS Awareness Month.

"I feel kind of bad I'm not doing anything about it," McCall said.

Despite the apparent inactivity Howard students expressed regarding the month, students assert their support for the cause.

Some feel it is a much-needed entity for the improvement of the nation's black community, but specifically the safety of Howard students and members of the surrounding community.

"It's important because it lets students know about the disease that's going on in the world," freshman accounting

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Alumni Renovate Punch-Out



FILE PHOTO

Howard Alumni Jean Burnett and Robert Cooper's dream of redesigning the Punch-Out will begin on Nov. 17, and will include new Greek plaques, and more food choices for students.

By Alafaka Opuiyo
Contributing Writer

When the Punch-Out closes on November 17, two Howard University alumni will begin implementing their new designs.

Senior partner of Atelier Architects Jean Burnett and Robert Cooper had tried unsuccessfully in the past to pursue renovation work with the University, but with a contact Burnett had in food services, he was able to present his ideas and was picked for the job from a variety of applicants.

According to Burnett, input from the students and staff, as well as the University's food provider, Sodexo, were used in creating the final design for the new Punch-Out. The layout consists of a contemporary

design that highlights the multifunctional characters of the dining area. The floor plan includes a stage with track lighting, both formal and informal dining areas, casual seating, and an additional exit.

Burnett said that there would be provisions to accommodate the wooden Greek organization plaques. The new plaques would include computer-generated images wedged between Plexiglas display cases.

Roberta McLeod, the Director of the Blackburn Center commends the current administration for its interest in change and student life at the University.

Burnett said that they bring something special to the renovations of the Punch-Out because they are both Howard alumni.

"Being an (alum) and having eaten at the Punch-Out, I think that with the design and the overall concept, we are sensitive to the needs of the students," Cooper said.

As a former student of the University, Burnett feels happy to be able to give back to the institution that prepared him for the real world both academically and mentally.

"I feel proud to be part of improving student life at Howard," Burnett said. "Howard provided me the opportunity to grow as a young African-American man."

Burnett feels that it is not only important to give back to the institution from which he received training for both the professional and personal world, but also it is also para-

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Hilltop Staff Fired After Work Stoppage in 1985

By Candice Jones
Contributing Writer

This week in 1985, six section editors plus the production and photography staff called a work stoppage and were later fired by the Editor-in-Chief, Carol Winn.

The work stoppage was said to be a result of the firing of editorial editor Manotti Jenkins. The reason for the Jenkins' being fired was undisclosed. Other reasons staff members said led to a work stoppage, according to a back issue in The Hilltop was the lack of organizational skills and leadership they saw in Winn and the newspaper

being \$10,000 over budget.

Present Life and Style editor Jozen Cummings could not quite grasp the situation. "I just don't understand why you would fire a whole staff," he said. "I've been with The Hilltop for four years and I have seen a little bit of everything, but not a whole staff being fired."

Winn explained that this was not the first time that The Hilltop had been in a situation of deficit spending. She also added that any deficit spending that happened was for valid reasons. According to the article, Winn was forced to fire the staff because of recurring issues that were becom-

ing routine.

The former editors disclosed three grievances against Winn: "Her lack of leadership skills resulted in a \$10,000 budget deficit; she consistently [lost] articles and ads; and...she [fired] Jenkins because she [did] not feel that all editorials should relate to Black people." These grievances were printed in The Hilltop almost immediately, shedding light on the situation to the rest of the campus.

Winn was ready to compromise with her fired staff, but after gaining knowledge of the staff's grievances, she

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HU Chess Club Makes Moves



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The plan for a new chess club at Howard began in 2001.

By Jonathan Davis
Contributing Writer

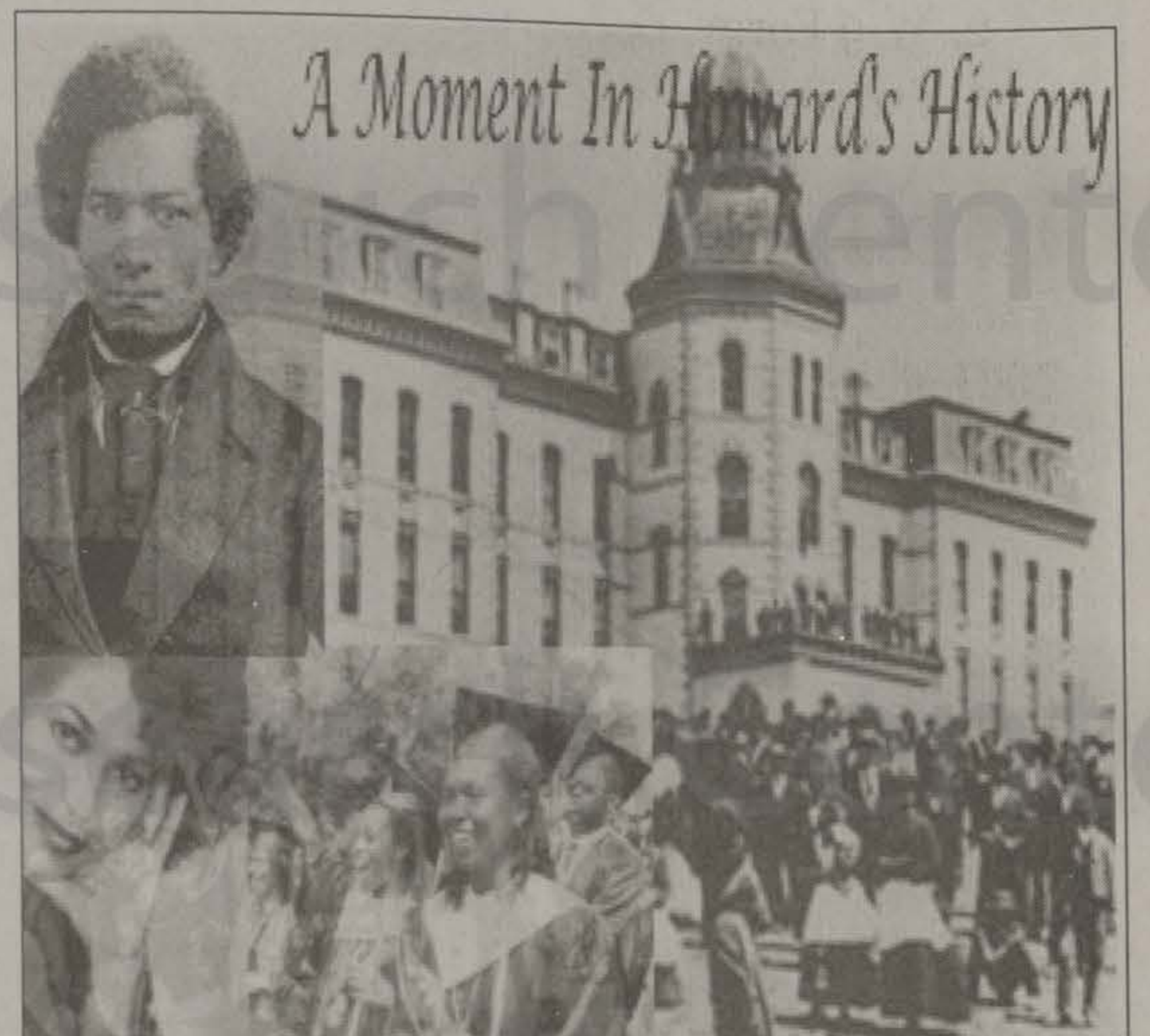
"Through the chess club, I have learned about leadership, teamwork, communication and confidence in myself and my abilities."

Sophomore chemical engineering major and chess club president Travis Hoskins, along with vice-president Emanuel London, student advisor Ali Torain, and adult advisor Vaughn Bennett turned an obscure club into a successful program.

The plan for a new chess club began in 2001 when then-freshmen London saw junior Alan Assue and senior Aaron Provotiaux in Blackburn playing chess. When the three meet and talked, they learned that they had the same passion for chess and realized that they can turn that passion into something special.

In spring of 2002, London, Torain, and Kayendie met with Vaughn L. Bennett, Executive Director of the National Chess Federation, and shared with him their vision for a chess club on Howard's campus.

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APPLICATIONS

Applications are available **Friday, October 24, 2003**, in **Room 111, of Blackburn Center**, and must include the following supporting documents:

1. Settlement Report (Only if your organization has previously received funds from the GSA)
2. W-9 Form
3. Detailed Budget

DEADLINE

The deadline for funding request submissions is **Friday, November 7, 2003** at the close of business.

??? Questions ???

If you have any questions, please e-mail them to **Vimbai Mhungu**, Fiscal Coordinator for Graduate Student Assembly at vmhungu@yahoo.com. A timely response is assured.

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CAMPUS

Dorm Safety Investigated

BREACH from A1

I did not have any business walking into Drew that time of night," a staff writer said.

According to staffers, the Quad, which is considered to be the "Fortress," a place where no man can enter, did prove to be the hardest dorm to enter. Two female staffers went into the Quad and walked past the resident assistant on duty and were not asked to show identification.

While the two girls were roaming the building, two male staffers and two female staffers entered the Quad through a side door that was propped open by a medal rod.

"If it was that easy for a student to get enter a dorm, it would be just as easy for someone off the streets to enter who may have worse intentions than a male trying to see his girlfriend," a staff writer said.

"I think students need to realize that it is not just the security's fault for the lack of security," an editor said. "If students open or prop these doors open, then they leave themselves vulnerable for trouble."

The two male staffers were entered the building, but were only caught after their bragging was overheard by two RAs how easy the task had been.

"Even though the Quad has its problems with security, they try their best to protect its residents," an assistant editor said. "Other dorms need to look at what the Quad is trying to do to ensure safety."

The only dorm that passed the test was Meridian. Staffers were denied entrance by the security guard on duty.

No one had identification that would scan and the guard denied us entrance one staffer said.

Graduate student Alai Gomaney said that undergraduate students need help security keep them secure.

"Students have to take some responsibility in protecting themselves from harm," Gomaney said. "By leaving doors propped open, and not reporting unfamiliar people to security, you leave yourself vulnerable to trouble."

Some students feel that these incidents point to gaping holes in campus security.

"Campus security and police officers want raises, but they are not doing their job to protect us from harm," freshman English major Karen Seay said. "Any one of these individuals could have done a lot of damage to the students in the dorms they entered. We have to fix these holes before someone gets seriously hurt."

Franklin Chambers, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and co-chairperson of the Security Committee, said that these issues will be addressed immediately.

"We will rectify the instances immediately," Chambers said. "We can't afford to have any breach on campus. These issues are critical to safety on campus and they will be addressed accordingly."

Director of On Campus Housing Charles Gibbs said that the security of the dormitories is the number one priority of Residence Life.

"I am highly disappointed that my staff was not vigilant in protecting our students," Gibbs said. "Changes will be made in the protection of our students."

Security Issues Revisited

PAST from A1

1998, electrical engineering major Louis Spencer, a junior at the time, and three other students were accosted by University police officers.

The incident occurred outside the Louis K. Downing Engineering Building as the

students were asked, and complied, to exit the building, adhering with a new closing policy. One of the officers yanked Spencer by his collar and drug him down the street, and as he tried to look at the officer's badge for information, the officer yelled out his name and number.

As the security breaches

continue to occur, students are not innocent bystanders to the instances.

Last year, 2002-2003 Howard University Student Association President, Cornell Williamson was able to sneak into the Bethune Annex, and was later accused of stealing a cell phone from one of the residents.

Students Feel Better Service May Result in Pay Increase for Campus Police Officers

POLICE from A1

cars talking to other officers," Smith said. "They don't do patrols often enough. There should be expanded patrols along Georgia Ave. and going down Fourth St."

However, according to the Campus Police Union Representative Carla McCormick, some officers and their families live on welfare. McCormick declined to make any further remarks and Executive Director of the campus police J.C. Stamp was not available for comment.

Sophomore broadcast journalism major Kendra Smith feels that although the officers are mannerly, they are few in number and not easily accessible. Nonetheless, she is one of many students who support the Campus Police in their endeavor to achieve a higher standard of living through a pay raise, but maintains that the officers should receive no more than the bare minimum.

"Being underpaid is the number one reason they should get a pay raise," Smith said. "They should get paid at least the minimum. I don't think they should work for a rich school and be on welfare."

Smith also feels that the Campus Police feel unappreciated by administration and the student body. "If students were more aware of the struggle then they'd be more supportive of a raise," she added.

"They should get paid in



FILE PHOTO

line of other Metropolitan police, but not above that," Nate Smith said.

Some students feel that a pay raise would entice the officers to strengthen their work ethics, leading to increased protection around campus and a renewed attitude from and towards the campus police.

"They'll take more pride in their jobs if they get a raise and they'll be nicer to the students," Kendra Smith said. "Students will feel like the money went towards an improvement in the school."

Robinson believes many students would find a pay raise among the campus police unfavorable because it would cause more money to be taken from their pockets.

However, he feels that a pay raise would benefit students, faculty and administra-

tion by weeding out the dead weight.

"The raise should be used to bring in certified people to replace those who are not serving the campus as well as they should, and ensure the type of people we need to protect the Howard University family," Robinson said.

Whether the raise is used to refurbish or replace workers, Robinson stresses that enhancements within the campus police will not occur overnight.

"Whenever you tell a large group of people something is going to cost them, they don't like it unless they see the change," Robinson said. "It will take time. I hope that a lot of students look into it deeper than the whole money issue and see the positive end result."

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NEWS

HU Chess Club Makes Moves

CHESS from A2

Bennett saw their vision as something that was possible and wanted to help.

In April 2002, Howard hosted a chess tournament that consisted of 60 chess players from elementary, middle, and high schools from all over the country.

In the Fall 2002, the Howard University Chess Club was born. At the beginning of the semester, nearly 60 people signed up for the chess club; however only 10 of those 60 were really dedicated to the club and showed up to every meeting.

"They are very intelligent people from different back-

grounds that can speak the universal language of chess," said sophomore international business major Clarence Mitchell.

Sophomore biology major and club secretary John Cooper said that chess does not require a lot of intellect.

"You don't have to have to be super intelligent because you have child prodigies who know how to play chess well, but may not get a 4.0 in school," says

The growth of the club allowed them to receive funding from Sam Amoako-Atta, Assistant Director of Intramural Sports. According to Hoskins, Atta supplied the chess club with chessboards

and chess pieces along with funding to pay for fees to participate in tournaments.

Along with reaching top ranks in chess, the club has started to establish links with National Society of Collegiate Scholars to teach chess to kids at Bruce Monroe Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

However, the club feels that much more work needs to be done. According to Student Advisor Ali Torain, a private room for the chess team is needed so they have a place to set all of their equipment and a place for members to enhance their skills.

Mr. Bennett wants to establish a chess scholarship.

Activists Speak at Lecture Series

ACTIVISTS from A2

of Civic Affairs for HUSA, feels that it was very important for students to attend this lecture, and others like it.

"As Howard students, we should take advantage of every opportunity to get involved in the political process," Howard said. "By attending forums

where we can interact with those already active in the process, it gives students a chance to see how we can get more involved."

Junior dance major Rohiatou Siby said that college students should not stop fighting just because they made it this far.

"We have a duty to stand

up for those who can't," Siby said. "Just because you're in college, doesn't mean you have everything."

Junior biology major Tia Williams concurred with Siby.

"We're the future," she said. "If we don't act against injustice for ourselves, who can we expect to do it for us?"

HU Alumni Help Reconstruct Punch-Out

ALUMNI from A2

mount to help younger alumni. This philosophy is reflected in the composition of his staff that includes six younger Howard graduates.

Jon Moore, a senior business management major, feels what Burnett and Cooper are doing is exemplary.

"I definitely see what they are doing as a great contribution and should be commended," Moore said. "I plan on getting into the business side of the music industry, so the only

way I can see giving back besides giving money is by offering job opportunities to Howard students interested in that field."

McLeod is excited about the up coming upgrades to the Punch Out and has been trying to get changes at the Blackburn Center for more than a decade.

"When we put the key in the door, we were ten years outdated," McLeod said.

According to McLeod, it is a privilege to attend an institution of higher learning. One should articulate the appreciation for such an opportunity

through the action of giving back to an alma mater, with craftsmanship, money, or both.

Meshie Knight, a senior radio-television-film major agreed with McLeod.

"Personally, if I was to think back to my experiences in the Administration Building, I would be tempted not to give back," said Knight.

"Considering the fact that Howard is an HBCU, I would like to see the services improved for future students who are to follow."

When is AIDS Awareness Month?

AIDS from A2

major Michelle Hamilton said. "It lets people with AIDS know that we support them."

Transfer psychology major Henri Apollon said that it imperative to shed light on the HIV/AIDS epidemic within the Washington, D.C. area.

According to a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control, Washington, D.C. has the fifth highest AIDS rate within the United States metropolitan areas.

"People need to be more aware of how AIDS affects the community, especially [in] the African American community," Jones said.

"AIDS Awareness Month is especially important in the D.C. area because D.C. has one of the highest rates of AIDS for black people," Apollon said. "People get shocked when it happens to them, but they have no idea how much AIDS impacts our lives."

Jones agrees and encourages students to help fight the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the black community.

"We should get involved because we're a part of the community, too," she said. "We're a part of the future, and we need to make it what it's supposed to be."

While many students applaud the existence of AIDS Awareness Month, others are skeptical that any good will come from it. Some students claim that even if the consequences are fatal, many people will continue to jeopardize their health by making life-threatening decisions.

"Some people think they're invincible to AIDS and don't think about the effects of unprotected sex," Hamilton said. "Even though AIDS Awareness Month informs [people], knowing about AIDS is not going to stop them. People are still going to do what they want to do."

Many students believe

that better promotion of the month will add to the effectiveness of HIV/AIDS prevention on campus. Forums, seminars and speakers on campus were suggested to not only celebrate AIDS awareness for one month, but throughout the entire year.

"We need to have someone come in and talk about it," McCall said. "Not just AIDS, but all sexually transmitted diseases. We need something to show people the severity."

McCall proposed that free condoms be available in each of the dorms, as well as free HIV/AIDS testing to curbe the spread of the disease among Howard students. However, she urges students to worry less about sexual thrill and more about education.

"We came here to get an education, not kill your body," she said. "Focus on what's important, and right now, sex isn't it. But if you are going to have sex, use protection."

Editor-in-Chief Fires Staff in 1985

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immediately put job opening ads in the paper, expressing that she appreciated their good efforts, but she could appreciate someone else's as well.

"I have heard about crazy things that can go on with newspaper staffs," sophomore business major Jennifer Steele said. "I don't know if these things really happened, but you gotta do what's best for your publication even if it's against popular opinion."

"This sounded like an

April Fools' joke at first," sophomore political science major Shari Johnson said. "I can't even imagine staff workers at The Hilltop doing a less than perfect job because the students depend on them for news and campus updates."

John Harrisingh, who was chairperson of the Hilltop Policy Board, defended Winn by saying that she was apparently doing something right if the board elected her. A meeting was scheduled in the Blackburn Center to solve the matter as soon as possible.

HUSA called a three-day

rally, according to president Emory Calhoun, who said that he was only trying to serve the best interest of the students. The rally also called for Winn's resignation.

Sophomore Spanish major Kitomila Cole reads The Hilltop twice a week religiously and was surprised that something like this happened with Howard University's publication. "I couldn't imagine this happening today," she said. "I don't write for the paper, but the product I see on Tuesday and Friday is pretty thorough."

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Staten Island Ferry Crashes

(BBC News) — American investigators have begun questioning witnesses and crew about a ferry crash in New York that left 10 dead and 34 injured.

The inquiry is set to focus on the condition of the ferry's pilot who is reported to have lost consciousness just before Wednesday's accident.

The boat hit enormous pilings at St. George's Terminal on Staten Island, which ripped through the vessel leaving a mass of splintered wood, steel and glass.

Witnesses described how people's limbs were torn off as they tried desperately to move out of the way. Others dived into the harbor to escape the debris.

Ferry services have resumed after being suspended while emergency teams worked into the evening digging through the wreckage in their search for victims.

Suspicious Bags on Southwest

WASHINGTON (CNN) — The Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration ordered security searches of all U.S. commercial aircraft Friday after suspicious bags were found in the bathrooms of two Southwest Airlines flights, U.S. officials told CNN.

In a statement, Southwest Airlines said the bags were found Thursday night after the planes landed in Houston, Texas, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

"The items, inside a small plastic bag, included a small number of box cutters and other items intended to simulate a threat. A similar discovery was made in Houston last night on another aircraft during a scheduled maintenance inspection," a Southwest statement read.

Notes in each package "indicated the items were intended to challenge the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint security procedures," the airline said.

Doping Conspiracy Uncovered

(CNN) — Less than a year from the 2004 Summer Olympics, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency has announced it has uncovered a doping "conspiracy" involving previously undetectable steroids used by track and field athletes.

The agency said "several" track and field athletes tested positive for the THG (tetrahydrogestrinone) steroid, but did not identify them or their nationalities. The athletes, their governing bodies, and the U.S. Olympics Committee were all notified of the results.

The USADA said Thursday it also contacted the U.S. Department of Justice "because this information pointed to potentially illegal activity by the distributor of a controlled substance."

"What we have uncovered appears to be intentional doping of the worst sort," according to a statement from USADA Chief Executive Officer Terry Madden.

Boy Names 2-Headed Snake Mary-Kate & Ashley

CENTERTOWN, Kentucky (AP) — Hunter York was afraid of snakes, but he couldn't resist the two-headed reptile he found.

The 10-year-old said he picked up the black king snake with a stick, then noticed it grabbed the stick with two heads.

The 8 1/2-inch female reptile hasn't eaten since Hunter found it October 4.

Hunter's father, Rodney York, loaned the snake Tuesday to snake hobbyist Scott Petty to see whether he could induce it to eat.

"We couldn't force-feed it, because we don't know which head eats," York said.

York said he jokingly named the snake Mary-Kate and Ashley, after the teenage TV and movie stars, the Olsen twins.

U.S. Nuclear Weapons Program Resumes

"How could the U.S. produce such a product when they have made a point for other nations to cease and desist their manufacture of nuclear weapons?" - Asha Dee Celestine

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Tennessee will soon become the sole commercial nuclear station in the United States. The plant, which is owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), will produce both residential electricity and tritium - an isotope used to heighten the explosive impact of thermonuclear weapons.

The government's decision to use the plant as a source of tritium is based on the fact that the TVA is already part of the military complex. It is also the nation's largest public utility and the cheapest alternative.

The Watts Bar Nuclear Plant's role as the government's tritium manufacturer has sparked opposition from both the private and public sector.

Two federal officials, Democratic Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, refuted the proposal, saying that "a civilian reactor making a bomb ingredient destroys the



Watts Bar Nuclear Plant is located just south of Watts Bar Reservoir on the Tennessee River in east Tennessee. It is TVA's third nuclear power plant.

nonproliferation principal of separation between atoms for peace and atoms for war. The United States has made the same case - unsuccessfully - to North Korea."

Asha Dee Celestine, a junior mechanical engineering major says that, "The production of an element here in the U.S. that can be used to facilitate nuclear weapons is a clear case of double standards. This makes no sense. How could the U.S. produce such a product when they have made a point for other nations to cease and desist their manufacture of

nuclear weapons?"

Tritium has not been produced by the government since 1988, but now the TVA will receive about \$10 million a year to make about 1.5 kilograms to 3 kilograms of tritium annually over the next four decades, without a profit, according to Chairman Glenn McCullough.

Patrice Lee, a senior psychology major said that, "This is ridiculous. Tax payers' money is being spent on building bombs. The U.S., especially given the current situation, shouldn't be doing this now, not ever."

Hundreds of Unsolved Deaths in Mexico U.S. sending Congressional Team to Investigate

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

The United States has sent a Congressional team to investigate the deaths of hundreds of women near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Six members of the Congress delegation are meeting relatives of some of the women in a city that is across the border from El Paso, Texas. They were accompanied by representatives of Amnesty International, who claimed that the aim of the trip was to ensure that justice was done.

However, Pavel Byles, a senior computer science major did not think it was necessary. "I think the U.S. should just stay out of people's business. Next thing, they'll be putting 87 billion dollars into Mexico. Déjà vu?"

Kavir Manningchan, a freshman computer science major, agrees with Byles.

"They should first try to go through regular diplomatic channels and probably request a UN investigation because

"I think the U.S. should just stay out of people's business. Next thing, they'll be putting 87 billion dollars into Mexico. Déjà vu?"
- Pavel Byles, senior computer science major

every country has a responsibility to uphold the principles of human rights," he said.

Mexican authorities have recorded up to 250 victims, yet human rights activists claim that the total is closer to 370. These unsolved murders have created a national scandal as the Mexican authorities have been criticized for apparent bungling after failing to find the perpetrators.

Bodies of the victims have been discovered since 1993, mainly in dusty road side graves and sometimes strewn on the roadside. The victims have been mostly poor maquiladores, seamstresses working on the numerous assembly lines. Many of the corpses were found mutilated and strangled. Evidence of sexual encounters was also present. The authorities have failed

to narrow down the people responsible to a serial killer or killers or even to criminal gang involvement.

Spokespersons from other civil groups like "Bring Our Daughters Home," told congressmen that getting the authorities to investigate the cases was difficult. The London-based Amnesty International made no secret the blame they thought should be placed on the Mexican authorities. They accused the Mexican police of being negligent and of fabricating evidence in their investigations. They also blamed the prosecutors of living in a world of denial.

Hopefully, the delegates will be able to apply enough pressure on the government so that they will focus more on solving the murder cases.

Tolu Folarin, a graduate student, said, "Being a woman, it's outrageous. It almost seems that these people have no value for life. Something needs to be done and I'm happy that they [the U.S.] are being proactive."

Quote of the Day

"We shall not flag or fail. We shall fight in France, we shall fight in the seas or oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

WINSTON CHURCHILL,
SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON BRITISH RESISTANCE TO THE NAZI
JUNE 1940

COLUMN

Left of Center

By Lauren Bayne Anderson

"Congress shall make no law...prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people...to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
- The First Amendment, the U.S. Constitution

Last week four major news organizations received a letter from U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, ordering them to disclose confidential sources.



News Orgs Should Appeal Ruling to Reveal Sources

Freedom of the Press said it is highly unusual for a judge to order so many reporters to divulge their sources in any one case, according to the Washington Post.

While federal and Supreme Court rulings state reporters lack an absolute right to withhold information about their sources, Dalglish said in the Washington Post article, that because no criminal actions are alleged, Jackson's order is almost unprecedented.

In the First Amendment are written the words that journalists live—and sometimes die—by. Often referred to as the fourth branch of government, the news media is one of the most important foundations of American society. One major purpose is to

serve as an alternate form of checks and balances to the government.

By calling attention to politics, policy and the practice and application of both, news media gives the American people what they need to form intelligent opinions, hold their leaders accountable and effect change: information.

In providing that information, often journalists come to a roadblock. It could be that the only source with information would lose their job if they talked, maybe they would risk political persecution or even put their life in danger.

In these situations journalists

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High Time for Women in Morocco

Women's Rights finally gained as decreed by Islam

By Gregg Wallace Contributing Writer

Women in Morocco are to win greater marriage and divorce rights under reforms that King Muhammad says will bring their status in line with the spirit of the Quran's teachings.

The minimum age for women to marry is to be raised from 15 to 18, to equal that of men, and women will get property rights in the marriage.

Women will now be able to divorce their husbands, rather than just the other way round, and unlike previous conditions, divorce will need a judge's approval.

Muslim men will still be able to marry up to four wives, but for the first time polygamy will also need a judge's authorization, in addition to the prior consent of the man's existing wives and wife-to-be.

The King, who is the highest religious authority in Morocco, quoted The Prophet to justify his plans: "Make husband and wife jointly responsible for the family in keeping with the words of my ancestor the Prophet (Muhammad, peace be unto him), 'Only an honorable man will honor them (women) and only an ignoble man will humble them'."

Female students at Howard advocate that the laws are unnecessarily belated. Mahkada Taylor, sophomore Physics major, thinks that, "Despite the social and religious implications of such a change, the rights of the women must be the primary concern. I think that this reform is long overdue."

Robin Williams, a senior Systems and Computer Science major, says that she is "glad to hear that some of the women in Eastern societies are getting equal treatment, especially in an Islamic society. From what I hear, most of these women live in silent fear everyday. These new laws will probably lead to other such countries giving women equal rights."

The new texts, which parliament is expected to approve, also guarantee for the first time the principle of sharing between husband and wife of property acquired during marriage.

After succeeding his father King Hassan in 1999, the now 40-year-old king said he was willing to overhaul the Moudawana, or family law.

But when similar reforms were wanted in 2000, Islamists organized a massive demonstration against the plan in Casablanca, attended by an estimated 200,000 marchers.

Feminists staged a counter march in the Moroccan capital, Rabat, which drew nearly as many participants.

Symbolically, King Muhammad allowed pictures of his fiancée to be published for the first time in Moroccan history.

He also initiated a quota system in last year's general elections guaranteeing 30 seats for women in the 325-member lower house of parliament.

Dutch Throne Left at the Altar

By Ria Marie Davis Hilltop Staff Writer

Prince Johan Friso of the Netherlands has given up his right to the Dutch throne. Friso, who is second in line to the throne, has rejected his right of succession because the government failed to support his upcoming marriage.

Dutch law requires that heirs to the throne seek government and parliament permission before they marry; but Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende refused to give parliamentary consent for the marriage because the couple was not upfront about the bride's past relationship with a dead gangster.

Mabel Wisse Smit, a human rights activist and the Prince's fiancée, had claimed that she vaguely knew Klaas Bruinsma, a man once known as the "Dutch godfather." Bruinsma was supposedly a notorious drug baron who was said to be involved with contract killings. After numerous questions, Smit confessed that she had in fact dated Bruinsma as a student and had regular contact with him, including overnight trips in his boat. But she denied any romantic relationship.

One of Bruinsma's former bodyguards however, reportedly told Dutch TV that the two had an affair. Balkenende, who ordered an investigation into the affair, said that he could not approve the marriage. "The monarchy,"



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The Dutch Royal Family. From left: Prince Johan Friso, Queen Beatrix, Prince Claus, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and Prince Constantijn.

he said "has always played an important role in the Netherlands and because of that reason it is important that there are no problems."

Danyelle O'Neal, a senior biology/chemistry major, said that she cannot criticize the Dutch government's actions.

"The couple [Prince Friso and fiancée] had provided information that was not complete and not correct, which has harmed the confidence (of the government)."

-Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende

"This is their culture, their rules. In America, we are also governed by the government. We have to obtain a marriage license to be officially married in the eyes of the state, we have to obey the law and we have to pay taxes, but their control is just on a different level."

Prince Johan is standing by his fiancée's side and said the marriage would go on regardless. He also strongly denies that there was any romantic or business relationship between Smit and Bruinsma.

There are those who support the Prince's decision to renounce the throne, like Omitola Odumiami, a freshman biology major, who

believes that the Dutch "governmental policy is unjust and outdated."

Marini Ramee, a junior psychology major, agrees.

"I don't think it is fair for the government to deny Prince Friso's marriage based on these grounds. But the fact that he is willing to give up his throne for her, shows that he really loves her."

A recent Dutch opinion poll of the affair, now called "Mabelgate," shows that the Dutch population does not believe Smit is innocent of the allegations, and many still remain undecided.

This latest fiasco is not the first surrounding Dutch royal liaisons, but one in the long line of controversies. The BBC reported that Crown Prince Willem Alexander, Queen Beatrix's first son and heir to the Dutch throne, had created an initial uproar when he asked for the hand of an Argentine-Maxima Zorreguieta, whose father served in the military junta which terrorized Argentina in the 1980s. Their marriage was however approved of and the couple has won the nation's affections.

Queen Beatrix's own marriage in the 1960s to German-born Claus von Amsberg, had been even more tumultuous and triggered riots.

Observation Deck



Spain Pledges \$300 Million to Rebuild Iraq

(BBC News) - Spain has pledged \$300 Million towards the reconstruction of Iraq, one of the largest offerings by any nation or organization.

The aid, to be given in grants and loans spread over several years, comes ahead of next week's donor conference for Iraq in the Spanish capital, Madrid.

It adds to the \$231 million pledged by the European Union, \$1.5 billion by Japan and about \$835 million from Britain.

Spain was a staunch supporter of the U.S. throughout the Iraq conflict and currently has around 1,300 troops in Iraq.

Fins to allow Cell Phone Kid Tracking

HELSINKI, Finland (Reuters) - Finland has proposed a new law that would let parents track the movements of their young children via mobile phone, even without their consent, in a move that could set an EU benchmark in privacy and handset use.

The proposal is part of new law on privacy in electronic communications and could still be changed in parliament hearings, although the Nordic country's coalition government accepted it unanimously this week.

U.S. Vetoes Action against Israel Wall

(BBC News) - The United States has vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israel's controversial West Bank barrier.

The draft, introduced by Arab states, declared that the structure was illegal under international law and that construction must be halted.

Other international mediators had been urging Israel to end construction of the fence.

President Bush had merely called the barrier a 'problem'.

Angola, Chile, China, France, Guinea, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, Spain and Syria voted in favor of the resolution. Bulgaria, Cameroon, Germany and Britain abstained. The U.S. was the only vote against the draft.

One Twin Moving After Separation

(BBC News) - The two-year-old Egyptian twins who were separated during major surgery have reacted differently as doctors wean them off coma-inducing drugs.

Mohamed Ibrahim came off the drugs on Wednesday, and was said to have shown some movement on one side of his body and was breathing spontaneously over a mechanical respirator.

His brother Ahmed had minor seizures during the night prompting doctors to keep him in his coma for a while longer.

Doctors said both boys continue to do well following the 34-hour operation last weekend to separate them at the crown of their heads.

They had been kept in a coma following the operation to reduce the risk of brain swelling.

Space Shaped like a Soccer ball?

By Sean Jackman Hilltop Staff Writer

Space: the final frontier. For years, man has thought that it was infinite, ever expanding into nothingness. Yet, this theory had conflicted with all the data that had been collected. Now, a team of scientists has kicked back up a theory that was suggested before, but that fits the new data like a glove, or rather, a ball -- a soccer ball.

The new data suggests that not only is the universe finite but that its structure resembles that of a soccer ball. The theory is supported by real world observations of radiation left over from the big bang that did not support the view of an infinite universe. The speculation has lasted for two millennia, but scientists involved in the work say that new observations may finally help in determining once and for all whether the universe is indeed infinite or finite.

An infinite amount of matter would generate an infinite or open universe while a finite or closed universe would be a result of a finite amount of matter. Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) radiation is the leftover radiation from the early days of the universe. Density fluctuations in these waves are observed, measured and analyzed. These density fluctuations are essentially the vibration overtones of space, and thus cannot be larger than space itself.

However, recent measure-

ments of the CMB from NASA's WMAP probe need some fudge factors to line up with the expectations of the leading flat yet finite model of the universe. The WMAP probe, formerly the Microwave Anisotropy Probe (MAP), measures the microwave background's extremely tiny variations.

The new study, led by Jean-Pierre Luminet of the Paris Observatory, suggests that the universe is a dodecahedron; a complex pattern of 12 pentagonal shapes; with opposite faces connected in pairs. This theory explains the data obtained from the probe without any fudging.

The pattern could be likened to a sheet of paper with the left and right edges rolled towards each other to form a cylinder. If you start at one point and walk in a straight line, you eventually end up at your origin. If in addition, we could roll the top and bottom without crumpling the paper, so that things moving off the top appeared at the bottom and vice versa, our "paper universe" would be a crude yet simple replica of the universe proposed by Luminet and the other scientists.

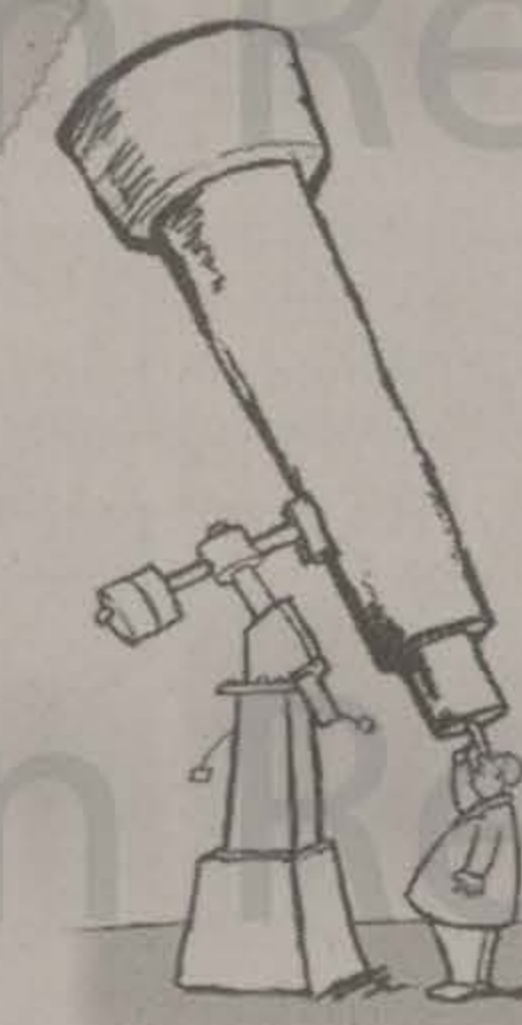
Even though more work is needed to prove the theory outright, the possibilities are already starting to develop. Light would experience the same travel patterns you would while walking in our "paper universe" meaning a single object in space should have multiple images. In theory, a person could see light coming from a



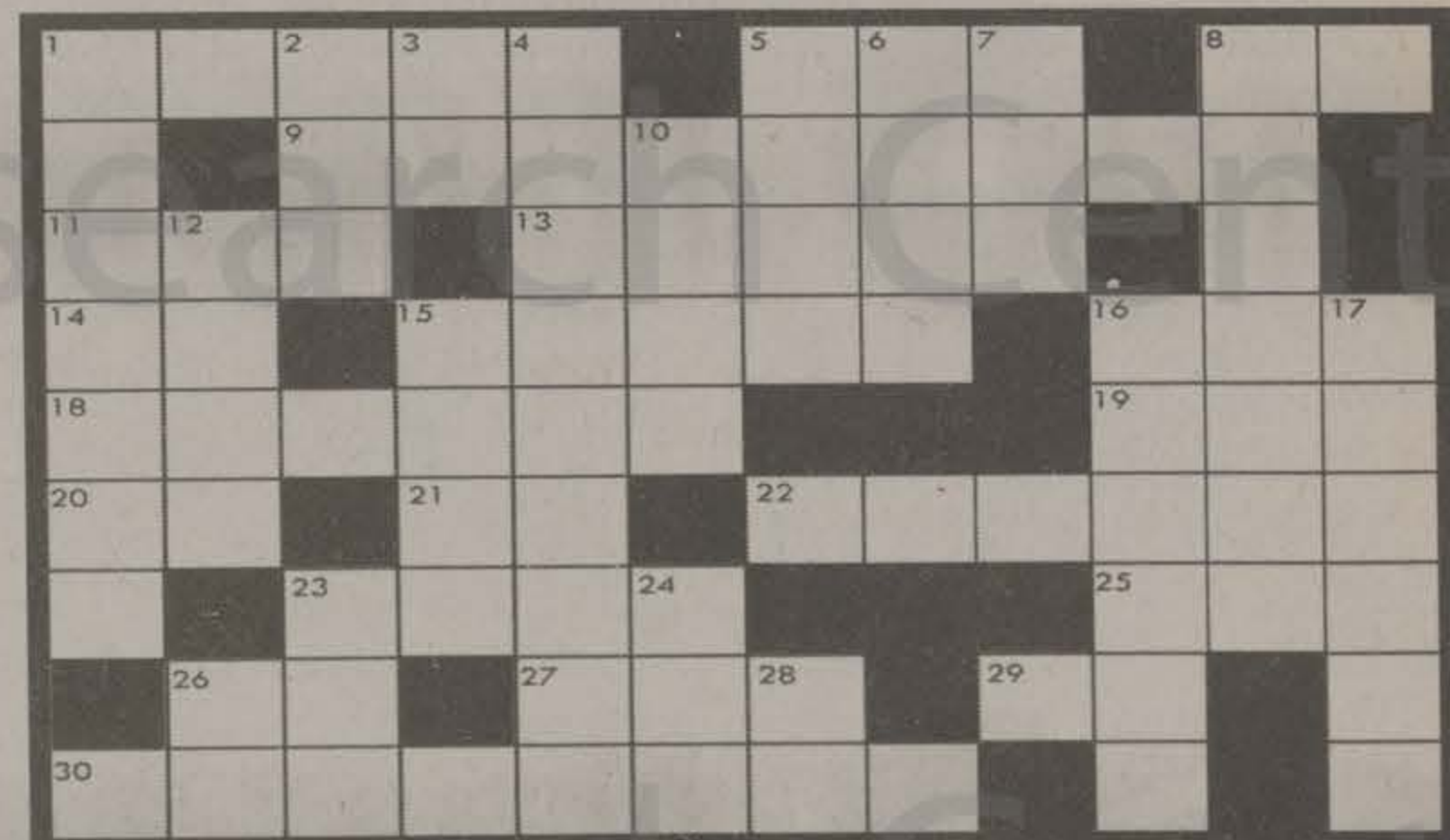
single object on the far side of our "paper universe" by looking left or right. The concept has left scientists pondering the potential extremes of space travel. Even more mind boggling with this concept, is that even though space is finite, there is no boundary to it! Either nothing beyond it exists, or it is outside the observable range of astronomers.

Elizabeth Samuel, a freshman, was unimpressed with the theory: "If this is true, then what is beyond our concept of space? Is it expanding, then into what? Is it contracting, then what from?"

The concept has not found favor with Renikko Alleyne, a senior computer science major, either. Said Alleyne, "That is stupid. Space could not be shaped like a football [soccer ball]. Years of scientific theory can't be discredited in an instant, so I believe space is an open infinite area."



CROSS WORLD PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1. Third nation to send human into space (5)
5. World's most popular beverage (3)
8. Largest oil and gas producer in the U.S. (2)
9. Airline to attempt world's longest non-stop flight in Feb '04 (9)
11. You'll have nightmares on this street (3)
13. Island off Senegal that was largest slave trading center on Africa's coast (5)
14. Cote d'Ivoire country code (2)
15. Carried (5)
16. No-stick cooking spray (3)
18. Nonconforming opinion (6)
19. International Refugee Org. acronym (3)
20. In printing, half an m space (2)
21. Light abbr. (2)
22. Population count (6)
23. Sometimes combined with muffin to mean attractive (4)
25. Org. responsible for shoe-screening policy in airports (3)
26. A princess or two (2)
27. South Korean President (3)
29. No in Spanish (2)

DOWN

- 1. Citizen of Chechnya (7)
2. Distinctive doctrine (3)
3. Nickel abbr. (2)
4. Venezuelan city where German Dr. Johann Siebert created his bit- ters (9)
5. Small mountain lake (4)
6. Fencing sword with protected tip (4)
7. Initials for Microsoft evolution game where players build tribes into civilizations (3)
8. Country with capital Minsk (7)
10. Violent and bloody (4)
12. Right to hold another's property until debt is paid (4)
15. Pants supporter (4)
16. Star 10 million times more powerful than sun (6)
17. World's first internet browser (6)
23. Salutation (3)
24. Spanish title for gentleman or nobleman (3)
26. Official prosecutor for judicial district (2)
28. Expression of triumph (2)

Business SPOTLIGHT

Strawberry's Bistro More Than Just Filling

By Chizoba Udeorji
Hilltop Staff Writer

Rosalyn Doaks, owner of Strawberry's Bistro, has proved that determination and hard work can turn into a strawberry and whipped cream dream. In just a few short years, patrons and critics alike have acclaimed Strawberry's Bistro. With what seems to be such a quick accomplishment in the risky world of business, it's a wonder what her formula for success has been.

"When I was younger I didn't have many aspirations other than graduating from high school," said Doaks. Born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, she was a typical teenager with her thoughts in every direction. The only thing she knew for sure was that college was mandatory.

"We all knew that college was not optional, so I attended Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina." There, Doaks obtained a B.A. in Sociology, and went on to attend gradu-

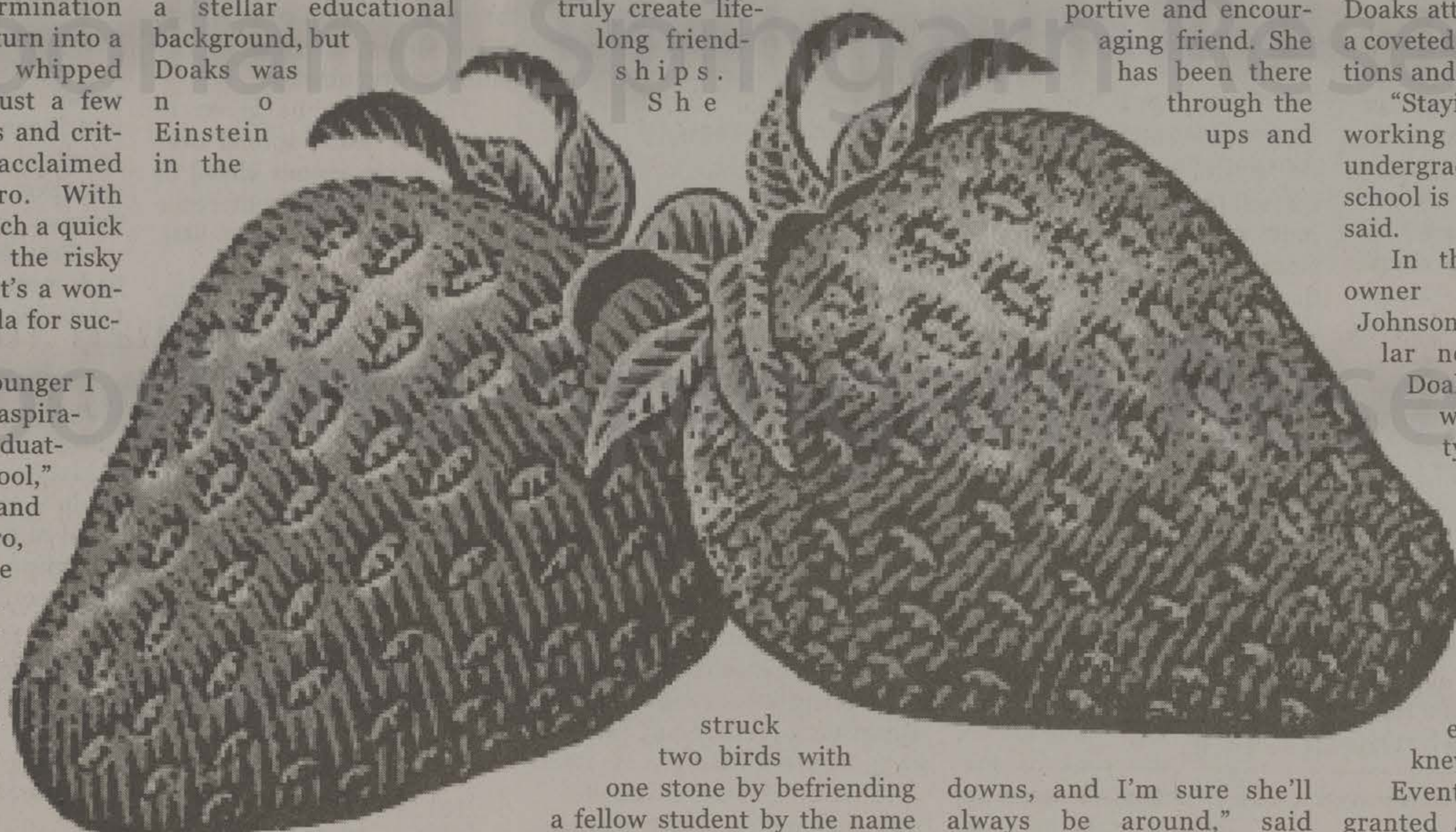
ate school at American University, in Washington.

One would assume that someone with so much drive and determination must have a stellar educational background, but Doaks was not Einstein in the

and mature in graduate school. That's when I buckled down."

Doaks believes that college is where people truly create lifelong friendships.

She



struck two birds with one stone by befriending a fellow student by the name of Robin Beaman.

"Robin and I were classmates at a school that didn't have very many African-Americans. We became good friends in class, and we've been close ever since," said

Doaks.

Both women were destined for success professionally.

"Rosalyn is a very supportive and encouraging friend. She has been there through the ups and

became the Vice President for International Marketing and Sales for a new, but growing network called Black Entertainment Television. Doaks attributes landing such a coveted job partly to connections and networking.

"Staying in touch and networking with people from undergraduate and graduate school is very important," she said.

In the year 2000, the owner of BET, Robert Johnson, sold his billion-dollar network to Viacom. Doaks saw this event as a window of opportunity to do something that she had always dreamed of.

"I've always wanted to own my own business," she said. "I didn't always know what I wanted to do with it, but I knew I wanted it."

Eventually, Doaks was granted a loan through the Prince George's County Economic Development Plan, which helps small businesses and entrepreneurs.

downs, and I'm sure she'll always be around," said Beaman, who at one time worked for Oprah Winfrey's company, Harpo Productions. Beaman now owns her own Public Relations firm named Beaman Inc. in Chicago.

Upon graduation, Doaks

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Money Matters



Divas Go on a Date

By Ashley Kelly
Business & Technology Editor

Divas' eyes glisten from the light of the candle as she stares across the table at Deon.

This is Diva and Deon's first date since they met in the Punch-Out last Tuesday.

Deon is not a baller like most of Diva's dates, but he saved up enough money from his last paycheck for the two to dine comfortably. So he thought.

"What made you pick this place, Diva?"

"You don't like it?"

"No. It's not that. It's really nice. I just didn't know it existed."

I bet you didn't. Messing with those low-class girls doesn't get you into doors such as these, Diva thinks.

"Oh, I noticed this place last month when I was coming back from the mall with my girls."

Glancing at the menu for the first time, Deon notices the prices, which start at \$10 for an appetizer and climb to \$40 for seafood dishes.

The cheapest thing on the menu is the \$6 bowl of soup.

"Good evening, my name is Shanon and I'll be your server tonight. What would you like to start with?"

Start with, Deon thinks. It's time for us to be finished. These prices are outrageous. I should be OK though, Diva said she hates seafood.

"Uh... is that lump crab meat for the crab cake sandwich?" Diva asks the waitress. "I only eat the best."

"Yes, of course." I don't even like seafood, but this brother is coming out the pocket tonight.

"Great. I'd like to start with the fried calamari, a bowl of French onion soup and I'll have the crab cake sandwich for my entree."

"And for you sir?"

"Uh... Uh. I'd like a bowl of the French onion soup."

"What would you like as your meal?" the waitress asked.

"That is my meal," Deon replied.

The waitress walks away, grateful for the hungry young woman who boosted the bill--thus boosting her tip. But pissed at the woman's date.

Cheapskate, she thinks.

"Uh... Diva, I really like you and everything, but your taste is a little too high for my pockets," Deon said.

"Oh really. Then why did you ask me out then? You knew I was high-class."

"Whoa! Whoa! High-class has nothing to do with ordering everything you possibly can off the menu just because you don't have to

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Upscalez Salon: A Californian Flair For Hair

By Camille Jordan
Contributing Writer

Perched atop the many businesses and fast food restaurants overlooking the rich culture of the intersection of Georgia and Florida Avenues sits Upscalez Hair Salon and hairstylist Thomas Washington.

Washington, sporting a head full of dark brown locks and dressed in blue jeans, a t-shirt and sneakers greets guests with a smile. A native of the San Francisco Bay area, Washington prides himself on being able to "Bring Cali Flair to East Coast Hair," a slogan located on his business cards.

On average, Washington brings in about \$1,200 to \$2,000 a week through his services including relaxers, gel twists, locks, weaves, dyeing and precision cuts.

Washington's prices range from \$45 for a wash and press, to \$200 for full weaves.

Although he has worked in two other salons, Salon 705 and Familiar Place, he has finally settled at Upscalez where he is in a management position.

Amongst his daily tasks, the typical beauty shop dialogue occurs. Conversations about hair care, hair texture and various regional hairstyles

are discussed daily. He makes it a point to offer his clients a carefree and pleasant environment along with healthy products and wonderful customer service while they "put their hair in his hands."

Creativity is a major element involved in hair styling, Washington explained. He loves the idea of making people look good and increasing their self-esteem.

Sharon Sumler, a customer of Washington's for almost three years, said she came to Washington with low self-esteem, bad acne, split ends and one simple question: Can you make my hair grow? With an energized "yes" from Washington and two to three consistent visits, Sumler saw results.

"He takes care of me," explains Sharon. "He does good hair and people trust him," she adds.

In order to maintain a healthy relationship with his clients as well as run a successful salon, Washington has a "no tolerance" policy when it comes to employee and customer gossip. He prefers that problems be handled out in the open.

While many hair stylists are out to get business at any cost, Washington said he strives for perfection.

Proposed Cell Phone Directory Sparks Debate

By Chizoba Udeorji
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nadia Roper can always be found with a purse in her left hand, and her trusted cellular phone in her right. One can only imagine her anger and dismay when she realized her phone was missing.

After days of searching, she considered the phone lost. Accompanying her lost cell phone was the loss of contact information for over 100 friends, family members and acquaintances.

Roper's situation is far from unique, but in less than a year, this may be a dilemma of the past.

By next year, some of the nation's major wireless carriers intend on creating a directory that allows the public to access anyone's cellular information. This system will be similar to the 411 (information) directory.

The directory will not only be available to cellular users, but for telemarketers as well. This is only the beginning of what could turn into a major privacy issue.

Cell phone carriers believe that creating cell phone directories will make it easier for the growing number of people who want to use their wireless phones as their primary phones.

Although this may be ideal for some, there are still millions of people who value the privacy and anonymity of cellular service.

"I wouldn't want just anyone to have my phone number. It's just not safe. It should be our right to give our cellular number to whoever we want," said Mary Goins, junior biology major.

Many people agree with Goins, that the cellular phone is the most private form of



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communication; e-mail is bombarded with spam, telephones with telemarketers, residential mail with endless junk. There is also there is the issue of cellular minutes.

Each call made and received by a cellular user is billed to both parties involved.

"My cell phone bill is high enough without worrying about calls I know I don't want. I would rather not have a phone," said April Shaw, junior marketing major.

While many agree with the idea that a number directory can be a nuisance, some believe that the benefits can outweigh the cost.

"I believe that an information directory could be a good idea," said Roper. "I'm sure everyone has called 411 at least once or twice."

Cellular Telecommunications

NEWS

News Orgs Should Appeal Ruling to Reveal Sources

NEWS from A6

need to be able to offer some form of protection to a source that is willing to share information. And through that need was born the practice of using anonymous sources. You've seen them used before: often attributed as "a top white house official" or "sources familiar with the case," these people often provide the missing puzzle piece.

Without anonymous sources, journalists wouldn't have cracked Watergate, which led to the end of the Nixon administration, but more importantly, to the awaken-

ing of the American public, whose blind trust for the office of the president was exposed and subsequently questioned. Probably the most anonymous source in history, the identity of "deep throat" is still unknown and will be until his death.

And it should be. One can only imagine how the sequence of events would have been altered if the Nixon administration had ordered Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to reveal the identity of "deep throat."

Would there have been enough information to impeach

Nixon? Would deep throat continue to live comfortably today? We can only guess. But a few things are for sure: inside information would have ceased, his safety wouldn't have been guaranteed and future inside sources wouldn't have as strong basis on which to trust reporters and give their valuable information.

And consequences like these can only hurt the American people. When reporters don't have access to inside information, it's the American people who become ill informed. It's the American people who don't have access to information to hold their leaders

accountable, decipher rhetoric and spin and untangle an unfortunate but common web of lies.

Chipping away at civil liberties is a slippery slope and it needs to be stopped before it goes too far. The Federal Communications Commission's deregulation efforts are one way the freedom of the press is being challenged. Forcing reporters to reveal anonymous sources is another.

A free press is what makes a free society truly free. If we allow government to interfere with the press, we are not only risking our civil liberties, we are allowing

them to attack the core foundations upon which this country was founded.

The four news organizations being subpoenaed should appeal Jackson's decision, if not for the integrity of their organizations and their sources, for the American people.

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ANSWERS from A7

ACROSS

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30. Marianas

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28. Ha

Money Matters: Diva Goes on a Date

DIVA from A8

pay." "So what are you saying, you too cheap to pay?"

"No. I'm saying I'm leaving."

"You're what?" Diva yells.

Deon storms off leaving

Diva at the table with a maxed out credit card and \$5 in her Gucci wallet.

Deon is a great example of keeping his priorities in line when it comes to spending money on a date. He knew that Diva's expensive meal was unrealistic and out of his league—therefore refusing to

pay was the right thing to do in this situation.

Don't order food on the menu that you cannot pay for yourself. Or you too may be left behind to wash dishes.

Dedicated to the guy in the I-lab with all the bright ideas.

Strawberry's Bistro More Than Just Filling

BISTRO from A8

"I was fortunate to get that loan. Many people have dreams, but no one listens to them. It's such a jaded phrase, but it's real," said Doaks.

In December of 2001, Rosalyn's labor began to bear fruit. Strawberry's Bistro was officially open for business.

"I'm not really a dessert person. But I love strawberries. I have to have them everyday," said Doaks.

Many people have said that PG County lacks attractions with class, or something that people can be proud of. However, Strawberry's Bistro became an oasis of great dining and eye candy.

The strawberry motif is more than evident in the restaurant, but the strong

presence of the deep red fruit is far from overdone.

"American Cuisine with an international flare," is the quote that best describes Strawberry's Bistro.

Doaks believes that people will always respond to great food and a welcoming environment.

"I provide what I would want if I were going out to a nice restaurant," said Doaks. Her customers aren't the only ones who are satisfied.

"I love working for Rosalyn. She's a great employer, the best I've had," said Madie Estete, a former waitress at Strawberry's. "Strawberry's Bistro is a dynamic place to work, especially since there are few black businesses of high rapport."

Strawberry's Bistro has

appeal in every direction a restaurant can, with happy customers, employees, and great food.

Doaks has much to be grateful for, and she knows it.

"I have so many people to thank. My husband and my son for being understanding, and knowing that the business is hard, Robin Beaman for being a true friend, Bob Johnson for being an inspiration and a mentor, and of course the Lord Jesus Christ," said Doaks.

"If I can do this, anybody can do this. A black woman in an upscale mall? It's not common. I would like to be an inspiration to others," said Doaks.

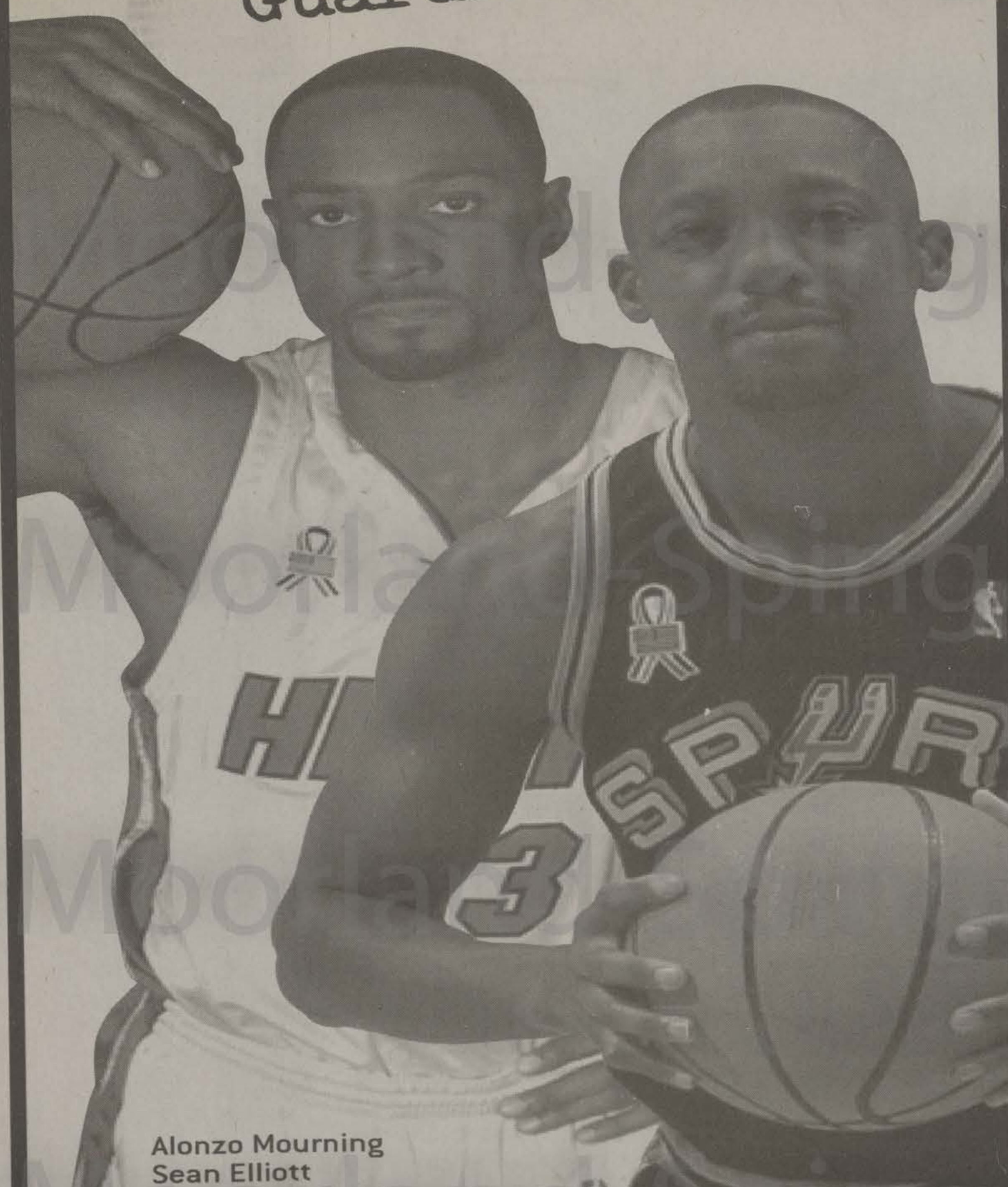
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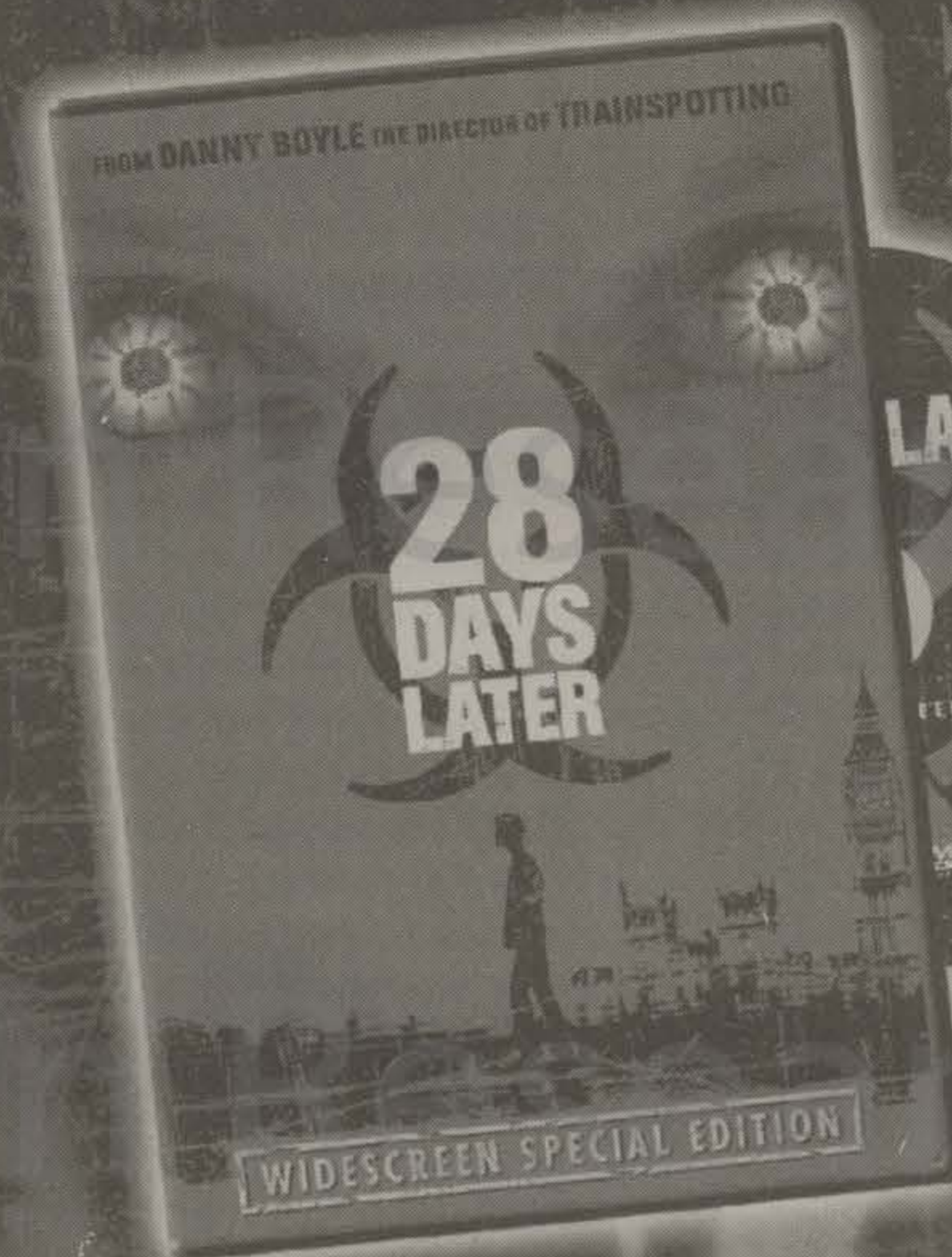


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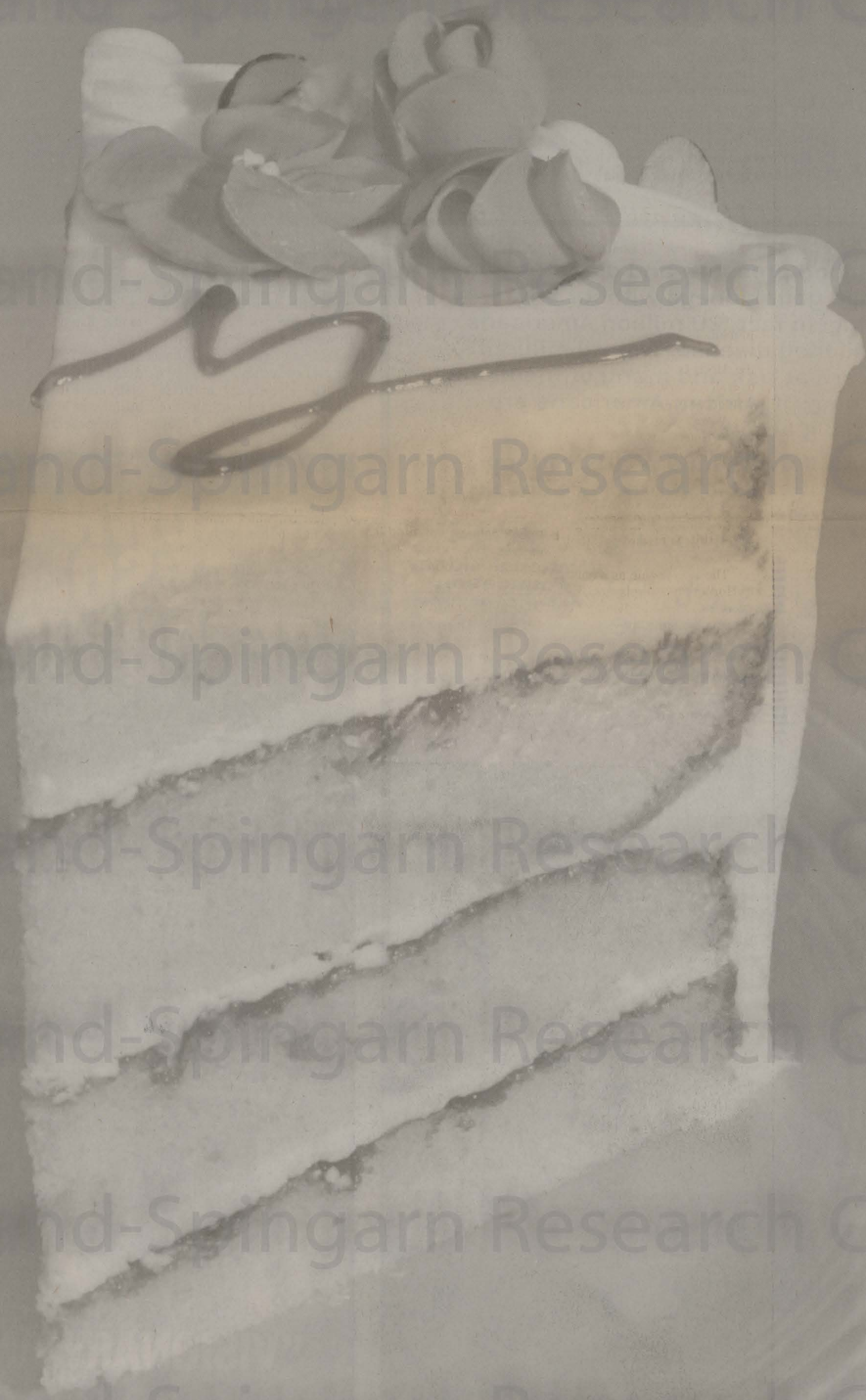


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This Week in MEAC



FOOTBALL:



Bethune-Cookman	31
SCSU	28
Hampton	52
Norfolk State	0
Morgan State	33
Howard	12
NC A&T	22
Florida A&M	16

Standings:
(MEAC, Overall)

Hampton (4-0, 5-1)
NC A&T (3-0, 6-1)
Bethune-Cookman (3-1, 6-1)
SCSU (2-1, 4-3)
Morgan St. (2-3, 3-4)
Howard (0-2, 2-4)
Delaware St. (0-2, 0-6)
Norfolk St. (0-4, 1-6)

VOLLEYBALL:

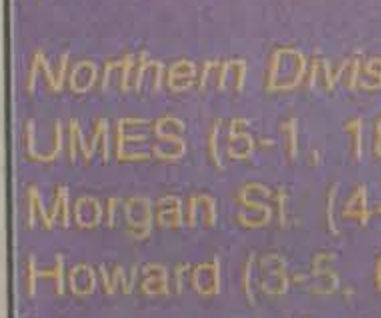


FAMU	3
Delaware St.	0
UMES	3
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Bethune-Cookman	3
Delaware St.	0
Norfolk St.	3
Howard	2
NC A&T	3
Morgan	1

FAMU	3
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Bethune	0
Hampton	3
Delaware St.	0
Morgan	3
Howard	2
NC A&T	3
Norfolk	0

Standings: (MEAC, Overall)
Northern Division:
UMES (5-1, 18-9)
Morgan St. (4-2, 7-15)
Howard (3-5, 6-11)
Hampton (2-4, 9-9)
Coppin St. (1-5, 2-18)
Delaware St. (1-6, 2-17)
Southern Division:
FAMU (7-0, 15-3)
NC A&T (5-1, 11-11)
SCSU (4-2, 12-6)
Bethune-Cookman (2-4, 6-17)
Norfolk St. (1-5, 2-15)

SOCCER:



MEN'S SOCCER	
Philadelphia Univ.	2
Howard	3
WOMEN'S SOCCER	
Quinnipiac	2
Howard	0

CROSS COUNTRY:



Bye Week

See who this week's Bison Athlete of the Week is ...



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Woodward Scores Game Winner in Overtime

By Edward Hill, Jr.
Special to The Hilltop



PHOTO COURTESY HOWARD SPORTS INFORMATION
Kwesi Graham fights for possession in a recent game. The Booters are now 3-8-2.

Senior forward Brian Woodward scored the game-winning goal in overtime to give Howard University a hard-fought 3-2 Atlantic Soccer Conference win over Philadelphia University.

The Bison, who have won two in a row and are 2-0-2 in their last four games, improved to 3-8-2 and 1-1-1 in the ASC while Philadelphia dropped to 5-8 and 0-2-0 in conference play.

Woodward's goal came at the 108:24 mark of the game on an assist from teammate Brian Mapp. It was his second goal of the season.

After a scoreless first half, the Rams got on the board with a goal from midfielder Nolan Dzielak that was assisted by

See **WINNER** page B2

Delaware State Fires Football Coach Hornets Unable to End Losing Slump

By Soraya McDonald
Sports Editor

Former Delaware State Head Football Coach Ben Blacknall was fired last Wednesday, halfway through the Hornets' (0-2 MEAC, 0-6 overall) winless season. Defensive coordinator Butch Posey was named as interim head coach.

Posey will also continue to serve as defensive coordinator.

The Hornets' had a bye week this past weekend, but will be preparing to face Morgan State this Saturday for their homecoming.

The firing came as a shock to Hornet football players, who expressed their dismay at Blacknall's dismissal.

"I don't think they ended it properly. He deserved more respect than that. It's going to



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Ben Blacknall was fired last Wednesday, midway through his fourth season at Delaware State.

be rough," quarterback Keon frazier told The News Journal.

Delaware State athletic director Hallie Gregory will start looking nationally for a

replacement before the season is over. University president Allen Sessoms, who came to Delaware State in July, said the university wants to hire a coach, preferably with Division I-A experience, before this spring.

Currently, Sessoms and the University's Board of Trustees are considering making the move to Division I-A football in the future.

"This decision is based on my view of how important athletics is. I want to do it with the focus that I'm comfortable with.

I like Ben and I wanted to work with him, but not in that role," Sessoms told The News Journal. "Going I-A is about getting the name out there. It's not a pipe dream. From my perspective, it's the only choice...We have to be a big deal

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On The Real

With L. Michael Flanagan

A Few Choice Thoughts

They don't really care about us. While local schools Maryland and Georgetown kicked off their basketball seasons with late night tributes to their teams this past Friday, HU's Midnight Madness was nowhere to be found. Usually held on the Friday before a basketball program's first practice, one source said that it will probably be held next month, yet I haven't heard about such a thing. Still, look for senior guard Hekima Jackson to have a breakout season this year.

And while we're on the subject of Howard sports, I want to personally congratulate the football team for helping keep the campus crunk during Homecoming by actually winning the game. They also contributed to keeping Morgan State's campus crunk during their homecoming after losing in Baltimore this past Saturday. Good luck in winning next week against NC A&T. It's their homecoming too.

Now for a rhyme:

"Yes, in Dusty we trusty-we still have your back
But apparently all of the curses are still intact.

Both the Cubs and Red Sox choked last week, making fans in both cities weep.

I hope they find that sucker who interfered with Alou's catch; I can't believe him, he is so so whack!"

Alright, enough said about that one. Have you noticed that Latino players are revolutionizing the sport of baseball with their passion for the game and exciting play just as African-Americans have basketball?

Just look at the Florida Marlins up the middle; Rodriguez at catcher, Castillo at second base, Gonzalez at shortstop, and Pierre in center field.

Go Marlins, ya'll go ahead and beat the Yankees in seven. Nobody likes the Yankees anyway.

Furthermore, in the news...the girl who claimed to be raped by Kobe is clearly a promiscuous young lady and sounds like a cross between Monica Lewinsky and J. Lo.

Last week, Kobe's lawyers struck gold when they revealed that another man's semen was on the yellow panties she wore to her rape test the day after her encounter with Bryant. The panties were a different pair than the underwear the woman said she wore the night before she met him.

Still according to Kobe, "Every day is a bad day." Good luck bro.

Why is it that LeBron can play but he can't shoot?

The rookie is shooting a ridiculous 30 percent from the field during the preseason. Denver Nugget Mello, Carmello Anthony, is shooting 50 percent. Stick to passing kid. By the way, you might want to give fellow Ohio resident Maurice Claret a call to let him know how you're doing.

And... black ownership and management is back. The NBA's

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Bears Use Bison Mistakes to Gain Victory

By Kancicia Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROL SMITH, ALL PRO PHOTO
Senior wide receiver Jonathan Brewer caught two touchdown passes for the Bison Saturday.

Interceptions, fumbles, and blocked kicks diminished Bison dreams of ruining Morgan's homecoming this past Saturday. The Bison fell to the Bears 33-12. Morgan's defense didn't shatter the Bison's hopes; individual mistakes and an offensive mental meltdown led to the Howard's demise.

"We broke down in our special teams," said Bison Head Coach Ray Petty. "Our long-snapper (Tralan Andrews) is out, which made the timing off for the kicker. The blocked field goals, PATs, and punt returns gave them extra momentum."

The Bears commanded control of their homecoming right before halftime when they managed to block and score off kicker Vaughn Waters' punt return.

"Our strategy was to be real disciplined with Howard," said Morgan Head Coach Donald Hill-Eley. "We played excellent in specialized teams."

Defensively, the Bison were successful at stopping the Bears. They prevented Morgan from converting on fourth down four times, and 11 times on third down.

However, the Bison were unable to convert their defensive successes to offensive scores. An interception thrown by junior quarterback Marcos

Moreno in the first minute of the game gave the Bears an opportunity to get close to the goal line. The interception was the first of five for the Bison.

"Our defense was on the field too much, and we had too many turnovers. You can't win a game with too many turnovers," Petty said.

After the Bison defense stopped the Bears from capitalizing on the mistake, a fumble from running back Antoine Rutherford gave the ball right

“The blocked field goals, PATs, and punt returns gave them extra momentum.”

-Bison Head Coach Ray Petty

back to Bears.

This time, the Bears scored on a 24-yard field goal, bring the score to 3-0.

The Bears' quick defensive seven-man front effectively held Bison running sensation Antoine Rutherford to only 66 yards. The numbers were lackluster for the freshman back, who had been averaging nearly 110 rushing yards per game.

The Bison deviated from their usual run-heavy offense to one that was more pass-happy. Howard only gained 69 yards rushing during the whole game, but 205 passing.

"We wanted to throw the football against them because we knew they were excellent in stopping the run," Petty said.

Senior wide receiver Jonathan Brewer caught both of Howard's two touchdowns, including a 50-yard pass from Moreno.

"Basically, I just followed coach's game plan," Brewer said. "I knew the secondary was the weakest part of their defense, so I knew the coach's strategy was going to work."

Just as things got bright for the Bison, clouds shortly followed. The Bears blocked punter Vaughn Waters' PAT, which brought the score 6-3.

Morgan quarterback Bradshaw Littlejohn game came alive late in the second quarter. Littlejohn rushed for 47 yards in 10 plays, helping the Bears

attain ideal field position at for another field goal.

"I just wanted to come out and do what was expected of me," said Littlejohn, who rushed for 83 yards and a touchdown. "Coach Hill likes for both quarterbacks to pass and run."

The Bears came out after halftime and almost immediately scored a touchdown, sending the crowd of 14,000 into hysterics.

Shortly after the second interception was thrown by

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SPORTS

Rutherford's Quiet Storm Quenches Offensive Drought

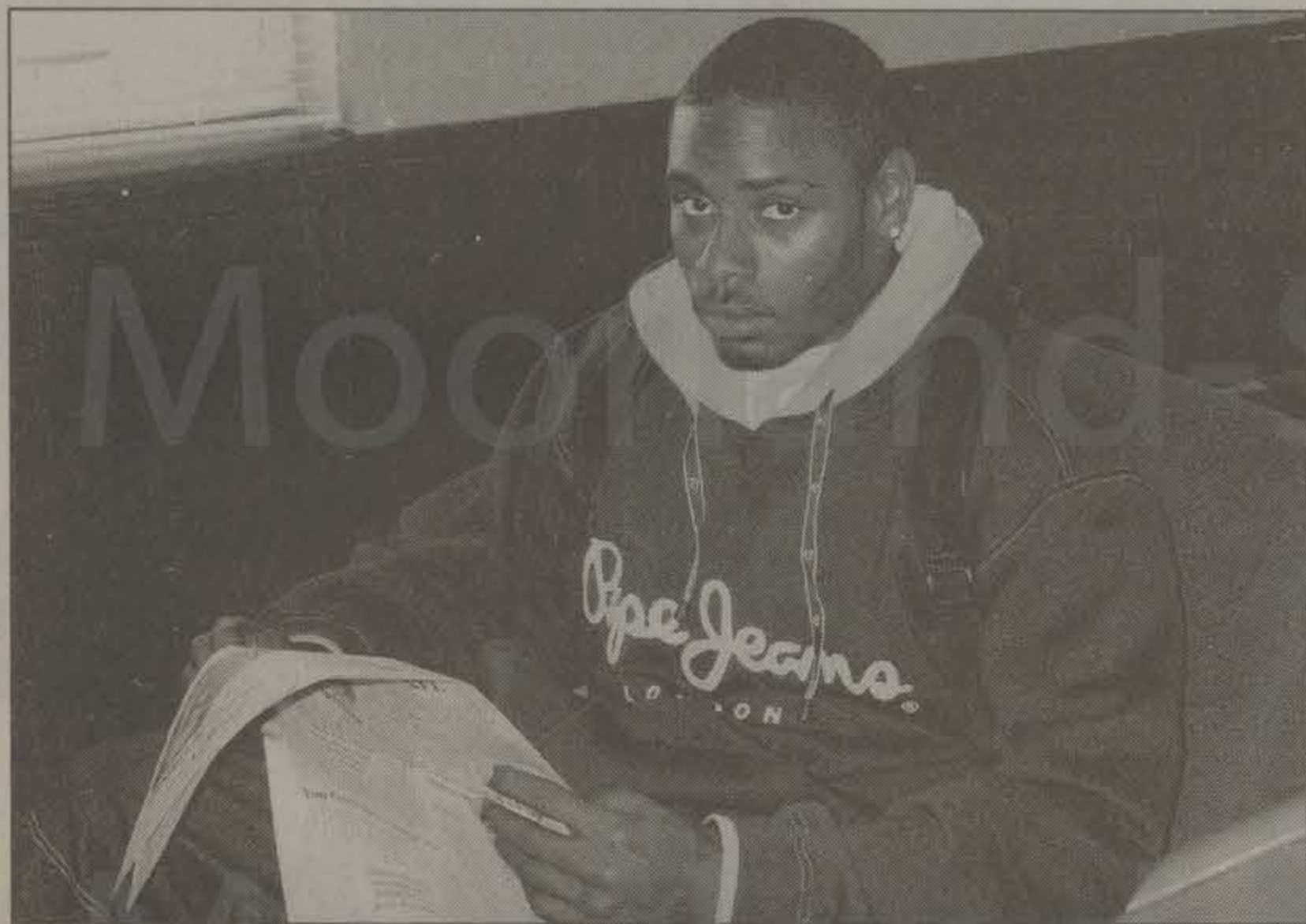


PHOTO BY CHAD HOUSTON

Virginia Tech transfer and Bison standout Antoine Rutherford relaxes in Cook Hall during some rare free time.

By Nakisha Williams

Asst. Editorials and Perspectives Editor

Freshman Antoine Rutherford sits quietly in the club room of Cook Hall. He periodically nods his head to greet passersby, but is otherwise still. His quiet demeanor suggests few hints of the aggressive running back who swiftly darts around football fields picking up yardage and dodging tackles.

The one who, almost out of nowhere, has taken the team by storm.

That storm has led to 439 yards and three touchdowns in four games.

Rutherford's college football career didn't start at Howard. After a successful career at Chaminade Madonna Prep high school in Florida, complete with all-state and all-district honors, Rutherford raised the eyebrows of college recruiters everywhere.

Ultimately, he chose to take his talents to Virginia Tech. But his stay at Tech wasn't a long one. As time progressed, Rutherford realized that playing for the Hokies was stifling his career.

"At Virginia Tech's spring ball I realized that we were playing against each other," Rutherford explained. "I felt like I was better than some of the guys

before me and I didn't want my four years to pass by without being able to play."

The father of one of Rutherford's former teammates suggested that he consider Howard and put Rutherford in contact with wide receivers coach Gary Harrell. After ironing out administrative technicalities, the Bison snagged a new running back.

"Howard was straight up with me," Rutherford said. "I felt like I would actually get some playing time."

Playing time, and plenty of it, is exactly what he's gotten.

In an almost surreal turn of events, injuries to the Bison's first three backs catapulted Rutherford from a mere fourth string on the depth chart to the starting lineup.

After only playing four games, Rutherford was already leading the conference in rushing yards, a respectable accomplishment considering that all the other rushers have played six games. He's rushed for 439 yards 89 carries, averaging 4.9 yards per carry and almost 110 yards per game.

He's earned MEAC player of the week honors twice.

While not everyone expected Rutherford to explode out of nowhere and perform this well,

the coaching staff never put it past him.

"[Rutherford] is a talented individual. We knew that when we brought him in," said Bison Head Coach Ray Petty. "Due to unfortunate injuries he got his chance to play and he has made the most of it. That's why we pass him the ball 25 and 30 times a game."

Rutherford attributes much of his success to the strength of the offensive line's blocking.

"It's easy to do my job because of them," he confessed, "They trust me enough to run the plays."

Before the team faced Savannah State, Rutherford told line if he rushed for 200 yards, he would treat them to dinner.

Whether it was dedication to the game, the promise of free food, or a healthy medium of the two, his teammates delivered. Rutherford rushed for 206 yards and made a touchdown against the Tigers.

Those 206 yards put Rutherford in third place for the record of Bison leading rushers in a single game. Harvey Reed, who rushed for 260 yards in 1987, and Fred Killings, who rushed for 213 yards in 1988, are the only two who precede him.

Oddly enough, both Reed and Killings grew up playing football within thirty minutes of Rutherford's hometown.

But off the field, Rutherford's persona is different from the aggressive football player that's seen when suited up.

His smile, which he flashes frequently, and his reserved disposition are enough to make anyone forget that he's supposed to be a ferocious running back.

And despite his accomplishments, he frequently shifts the focus off of himself to build up the team.

"There are a lot of good people here who don't get enough credit," he admitted humbly, "I see everyone trying to get better."

BISON ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Name: Brian Woodward

Sport: Soccer

Position: Forward

Classification: Senior

Hometown: Greensboro, NC

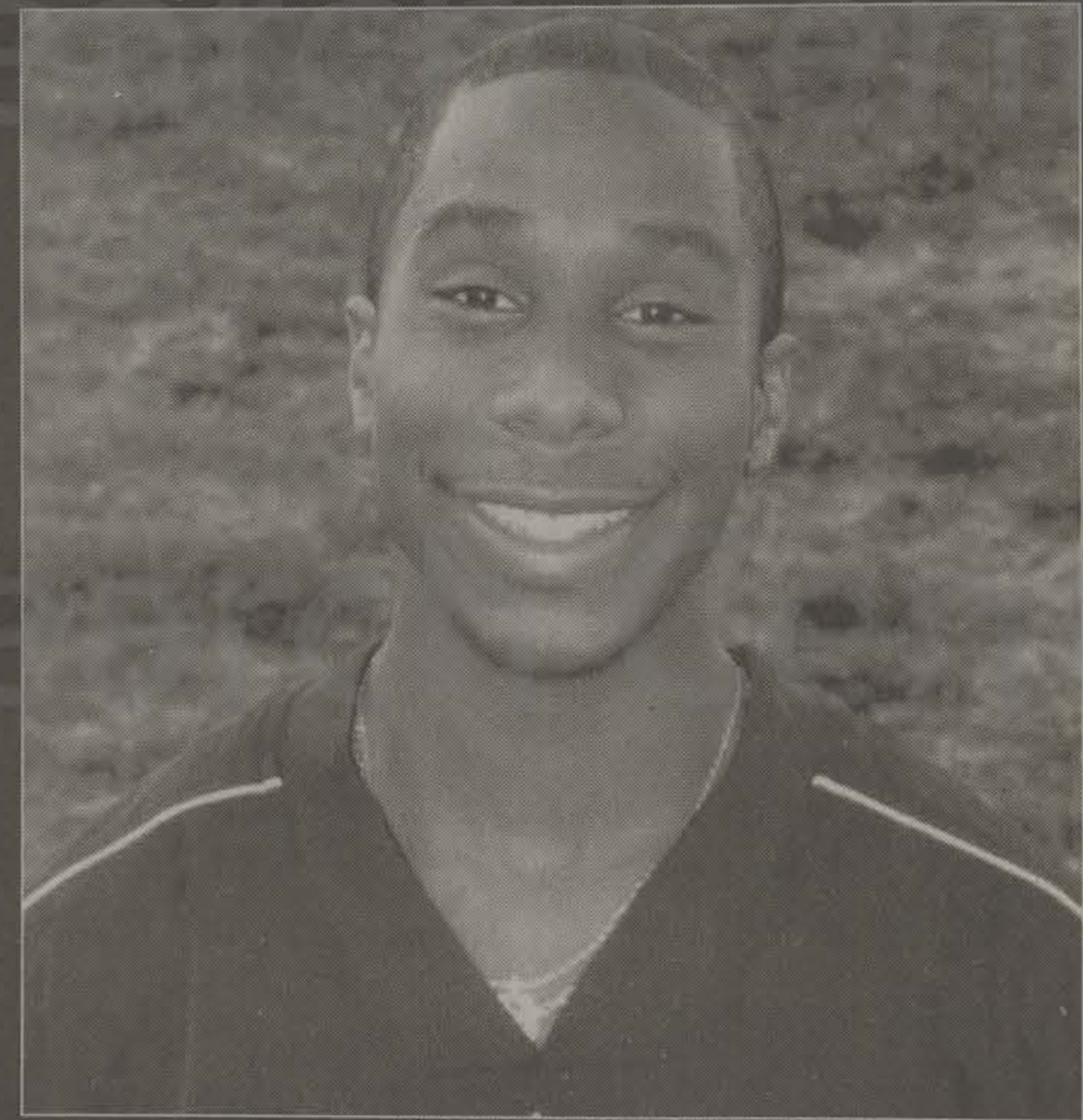


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Brian Woodward scored the game-winning goal in overtime to give Howard a hard-fought 3-2 Atlantic Soccer Conference win over Philadelphia University. Woodward's second goal of the season came at the 108:24 mark of the game on an assist from teammate Brian Mapp.

Volleyball Looks to Improve Against MSU



FILE PHOTO

The Lady Bison will try to move up in conference standings when they play MSU.

By L. Michael Flanagan
Asst. Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team will be playing a must-win game at Morgan State tomorrow. The two teams will meet in Baltimore, the second time the teams will have met in the past week.

The ladies want revenge after Morgan State (MEAC 4-2) beat Howard (MEAC 3-5) in Burr Gymnasium 3-2.

In addition, the Bison lost this past Saturday to the worst team in the league, Norfolk State. The Spartans had not won an

inter-conference game since 2001.

For Howard, the Morgan State match might be the most decisive of the season. But first the women must overcome their tentative, timid nature, a weakness that the

Lady Bears exploited last week. "We fell down 0-10 early and every point we lost is because we couldn't pick up their serves," said middle blocker Kollin Hoskins.

Senior outside hitter Shay Edwards said the intimidation factor came from one of Morgan's middle players. The Bears have a middle player that they actually use everywhere front row and back row.

"Morgan's middle is where they dominate," Edwards said.

One key ingredient that the Lady Bison have been missing is Edwards, who sat out the last few

games with a back injury. Edwards ranks second on the team in digs and is one of its leaders.

"We really need to focus on mental preparation, but it's hard for our team to stay focused with so many first year players," said Edwards who remains optimistic about returning for the Morgan game.

"I'm trying to grab a few of those steak and shrimp dinners," she said, referring to an incentive that Head Coach Linda Spencer offered to players.

The Bison volleyball team was ranked sixth in the MEAC Women's Volleyball Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Bears were ranked third, and Norfolk State was ranked eleventh.

It's game time for the team. The women won't finish over .500 if they don't win all of their remaining games. After Morgan the volleyball team will face Delaware State (MEAC1-6) at home followed by top-ranked FAMU.

"Were better than everybody we play and were ready to take out our last few losses on Morgan State," Hoskins said.

Did You Know ...

- Howard has a new swim coach
- Swimming and Diving Coach Roy Fagin graduated from and swam for Morgan State University
- Fagin has 26 years experience in swimming
- Fagin was responsible for developing a swim team for the Washington youth in conjunction with D.C. Parks and Recreation that is still in effect
- Fagin plans to coach Howard's swimming and diving team to an NCAA tournament.

Facts compiled by Bree Boulware

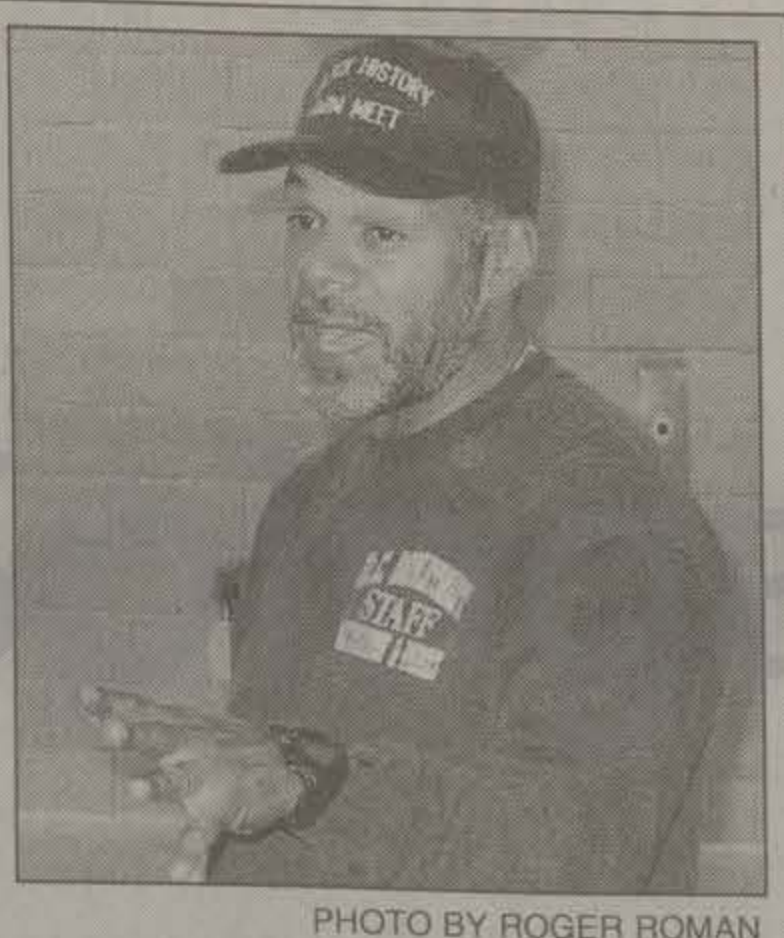


PHOTO BY ROGER ROMAN

Woodward Scores Game Winner in OT

WINNER from B1

freshman defender Lucas Zucal four minutes into the second half.

Howard later countered with an unassisted goal from defender Idris Ugriovhe in the 69th minute. The Bison appeared to have the victory

wrapped up when senior forward Nadir Wade scored following an assist from defender Justin Phillips a little over two minutes later.

But Philadelphia changed that when John Havrilla and Dzielak teamed up for a goal 16 seconds later to deadlock the

game and send it into overtime.

The Booters will look to extend their current win streak when they travel to Baltimore October 29 to take on the University of Maryland Baltimore County at 3 p.m.

A Few Choice Thoughts

THOUGHTS from B1

Charlotte Bobcats owner Bob Johnson hired Bernie Bickerstaff, formerly of the Washington Wizards, as coach and general manager. Johnson

has created the only black majority owner, GM, coach combination in major pro sports. Much respect.

Yes, I know I was jumping all over the place this week, but they say that October is the

best month in sports. You have the World Series going on, college and pro football drama ready to climax, college and pro basketball hitting the court, and even a little hockey. Can it get any realer?

Delaware State Fires Football Coach

HORNETS from B1

in the community. Athletics is a piece of the puzzle. This will convince everyone that we're serious."

This season would have

been Blacknall's fourth with the Hornets. His record was 16-24 since he took over prior to the 2000 season. Blacknall had four years on his contract that paid \$85,000 annually.

Blacknall, who had been

coaching football for 32 years, told The News Journal that he did not anticipate the firing.

"I wish them well at DSU," he said. "I wish only the best. I hope the kids get the support they deserve."

Bears Use Bison Mistakes to Gain Victory

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Moreno, Ronald Venters took his place under center. The quarterback change proved to be ineffective, as Venters was just as luckless as Moreno. His second pass was intercepted by Morgan free safety Cliff Johnson. The Bears scored another touchdown, which gave them a 12-26 lead.

The incomplete pass curse continued to plague Venters, and he threw another interception. Senior cornerback Thomas Potts ran 83 yards for another Morgan touchdown.

"I just read the route, saw the ball, and broke out on it," said Potts. "I just wanted to create an opportunity to score, because this is my last homecoming."

Potts' scored the last touchdown of the game, leaving the final score 12-33.

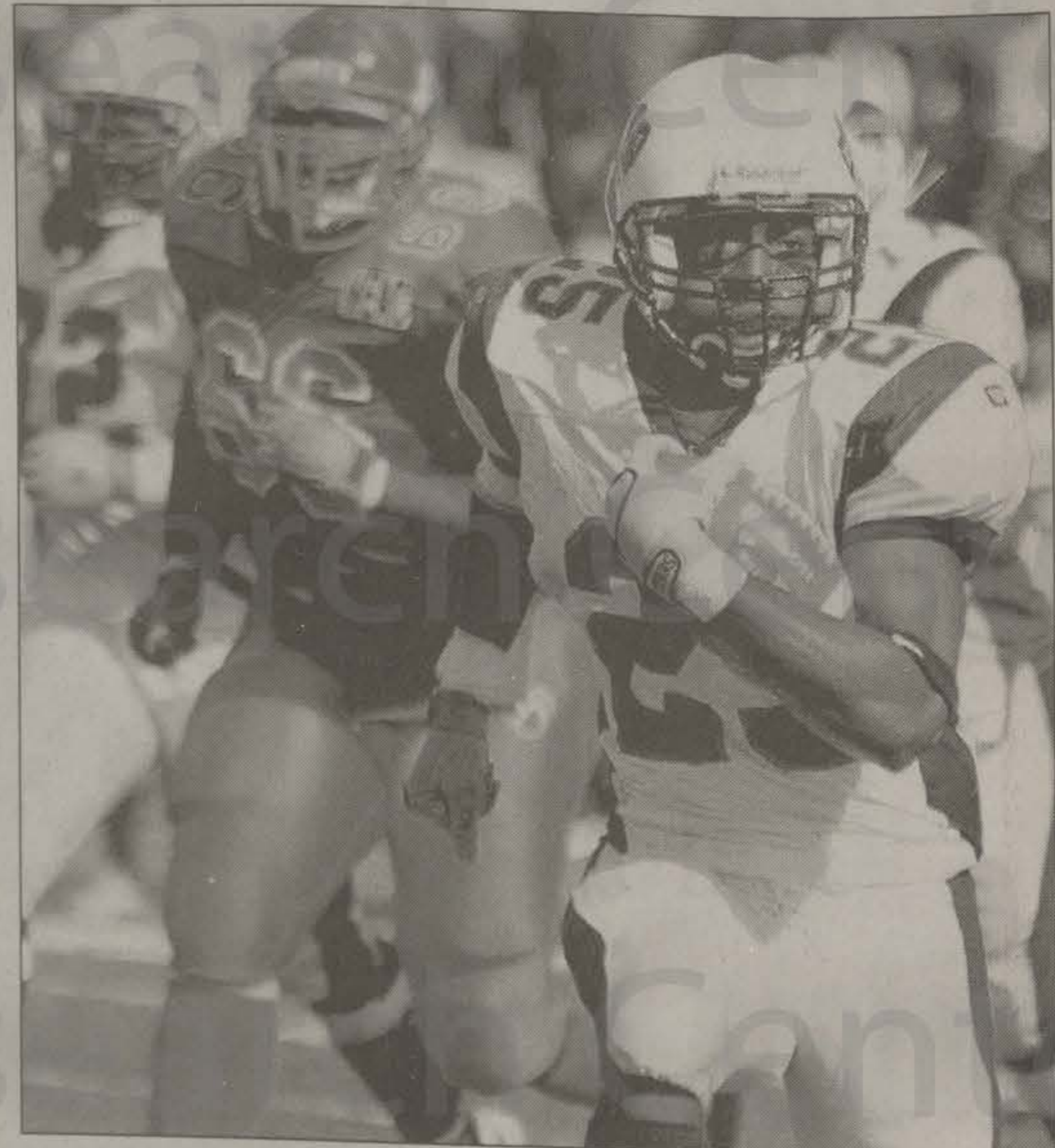


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Running back Antoine Rutherford rushes with the ball at the game at Morgan State Saturday.

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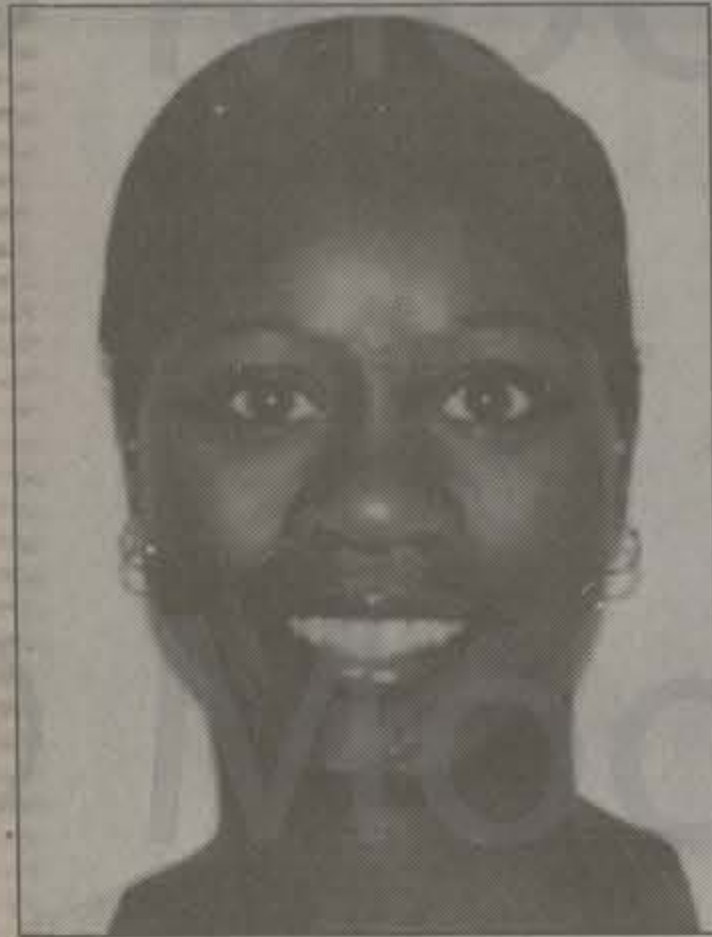
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Coral Cantigas Brings Latin American Melodies to D.C.



By Monica L. Barbara
Indulge Editor

The Curse of the Independent Woman

"What is wrong with these men!" my friend asked in despair. "It's like they want to act like women!" She was speaking of how she was doing all the work in approaching a romantic interest. Call me old-fashioned, but she's got a point. It's the natural order for men to pursue and for women to be pursued. Wouldn't you be a bit perplexed if you looked up and saw a cat chasing a dog down the street?

Now, I dare not claim to be the authority on male/female relationships, but it does seem as if we've all got a bit turned around. To me, more important than where we are is how we got here and how to turn it all back around. Although the natural inclination would be to place the blame on insecure males, I'm going to have to spread the love-blame equally, if not slightly skew it towards females this time.

In an effort to separate ourselves from the stereotype of the cash-gaining proficient gold digger, those of us who paid our own bills found an anthem in Destiny's Child's "Independent Woman." And it is, of course, true that independence, which is really being misused to express self-sufficiency, is a good and admirable quality. I think, however, that we've gone too far. First it was financial independence, then someone flew off at the mouth and started the whole, "I don't need a man; I'm fine all by myself." Whoever threw that one out there should be taking great pains to withdraw it immediately.

Complicating matters more are extreme feminists who've taken over the whole independent woman revolution. I've heard of women lashing out at men trying to hold the door for them, "I don't need you to hold the door for me; I'm not helpless." Give me a break! No wonder men are confused.

Thanks to all this confusion, I'm now expected to approach a guy first, ask him out first, pay half-or heaven forbid all of the bill on our date, and initiate things physically?

Trust me, I see clearly the double standard: well, why should a guy have to do all of that? Because it is a man's world (pipe down extreme feminists, it is), and if you want to be treated like and considered a man, you've got to act the part. Comparatively, women who want to be treated like ladies must act the part. You should celebrate your accomplishments, especially financial ones, but don't forget that you are a woman and money is not the only gain to be had.

One of my mother's favorite words of wisdom to bestow is, "Let a man be a man." She says this whenever I express impatience over the speed with which a potential relationship is progressing. What she's really saying is, let him do the work; let him do his job.

There was once a time when women were revered as precious treasures whose affections must

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By Nakisha Williams
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Need a vacation? It won't take a plane to get there. The sweet blend of voices that make up the chorus group Coral Cantigas can transport even the busiest person to the coast of Latin America in no time. Coral Cantigas' harmonic infusion of music from Latin America, Spain, and the Caribbean provide a unique cultural experience that is hard to match.

The result of the drive and vision of Diana V. Saez, Coral Cantigas was formed in 1991 when Saez, who holds a master's degree in conducting from Temple University, realized that there were no choral groups in the area dedicated to Latin music.

"D.C. is a choral city," Saez explained, "but I felt like there was such a vacuum here." Saez sought to fill the vacuum with the sounds of Coral Cantigas, though the road to her dream was not an easy one.

"We started out with nothing," she remarked. "In the beginning, we didn't even have an audience."

It took a couple of years and the help of many volunteers, but with passion and drive, Saez built her choir into what is today. The group, which remains the only choral group in Washington, D.C. that specializes in Latin music, recently won the prestigious 2003 Tony Taylor Award. This honor is bestowed by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington to a dynamic



Coral Cantigas, founded in 1991, is Washington, D.C.'s only Latin choral group. The 27 member chorus has members from across the world.

group each year.

Coral Cantigas has created a refreshing and distinct sound in a day where music is so often redundant and recycled. "Most of the material that we use is not even published in the United States," said Saez.

Their music does not appeal to the closed mind that only desires to hear club beats. Coral Cantigas has a refined artistic sound that transcends the everyday "popular music" found on the radio. Singing in Spanish, Portuguese, and a variety of American languages and

dialects such as Nahuatl, Quechua and Creole, Coral Cantigas performs folk songs and sacred chants from many traditions of the 13th Century. Instruments from the specific country that is being showcased usually accompany their music.

"If we're doing music from Puerto Rico, we'll use Puerto Rican drums and instruments," Saez explained. "If we're dedicating a show to Brazil, we'll have a Samba dancer."

With 27 members that hail everywhere from Italy to Puerto Rico, Coral Cantigas

has performed in places such as The Mexican Cultural



John Veihmeyer presents Diana Saez, Coral Cantigas founder, with the 2003 Tony Taylor Award.

The Washington Ballet: Perfect Symmetry in Motion



Firebird was one of four pieces performed during the Washington Ballet's program the first week of October.

By Harold Eichelberger
Contributing Writer

Behind a thick, hitched velvet curtain resembling a Trading Spaces design stood a group of dancers. As the curtain split, artistically inclined and physically ready, Europe's best classical composition was unleashed as a dozen dancers dashed into a descent most beautiful ballet suites offered.

This is the Washington Ballet, founded in 1976 by Mary Day. Mastering classical ballet, this ballet has been choreographed by the likes of Twyla Tharp, Choo-San Goh, and George Balanchine. With venues ranging from Singapore to Cuba, this ballet has found its place in the world.

"Momentum" was the opening suite, and that is truly what it is. Sectioned off in

pairs of males and females, their athletically chiseled bodies revealed that for them, ballet was a lifetime calling. Each pair elevated themselves, one by one, in flighty circles and leaped and stretched, allowing their bodies to be manipulated by gravity in such a way that the leotards were grimacing in pain trying to hold on. This suite, choreographed by Choo-San Goh, was truly the epitome of beauty. Matched with a

classical sound, the dancers offered themselves to the audience for 15 minutes.

Although there was dance without storyline in this ballet, one specific suite performed, "Firebird," commissioned by Sergei Diaghilev from Igor Stravinsky in 1910, is deemed a classic as well as a standard.

"Firebird" is a Russian fairytale about a bird who affluently displays the power of love between the pursuer and the pursued. It contains a warrior who retrieves a magical feather while he is in search of love. But to every love story, there is always the other suitor. As him and the other suitor fight for their love, the warrior becomes restrained. Practically overcome with death, the Firebird comes to his rescue to unleash a magical curse on the warrior's enemy.

Not only were the costumes elegant, but the design of the set was also interesting in this particular ballet. From the painting of the firebird hanging in the rafters of the stage to the forest in the background, the entire set reminds one of Chinese folklore.

While the entire story was without words, it seemed as though each dance movement told a sentence of the tale, and as all the dancers came together, they told a paragraph. Dance, for that moment, was a form of story telling that could only be comprehended by the intuitive mind.

The solo ballet performance, "Nocturne Monologue" by Jason Hartley, enticed the

Institute, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Strathmore Hall, and the Washington National Cathedral. They have also performed with the likes of Tina Chaney and Scot Reiss of the early music group Hesperus, and the Children's Chorus of Silver Spring. In addition to small appearances here and there, Coral Cantigas holds three major concerts per year.

While a big part of their fan base is Latin American, they also have a wide variety of other backgrounds and ages that come to their performances. The diversity in the crowd at performances is something that Saez continuously enjoys.

"Part of the reason why I formed this group was to build bridges in different communities in the city," she explains. "With our music, we're always looking for connections."

For scheduled events, tickets, and general information about Coral Cantigas visit www.cantigas.org.

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"The Great Divide"

By Jennifer L. Williams
Asst. Indulge Editor

I have come to reach an overwhelmingly perplexing conclusion.

I have no male friends. Not a one.

After a long talk with one of my best friends (who happens to be male) he informed me of the aforementioned statement.

In my incredulousness, I quickly pointed to examples of various male friends of mine that I just hang out with, play a rousing game of Madden with, talk to, etc.

And each time I brought up an example, he quickly shot it down with one statement:

"Jennifer, you may not think of them as anything other than just your friends, but as you are a female, and an attractive one at that, their thoughts of you are far from platonic."

As I still doubted this, I took to approaching my male friends to find out exactly how "friendly" their thoughts of me were. I got pretty surprising answers ranging from, "Well, J, you know we've always been cool, and if you ever wanted more, I'd be down," to "Girl, do you know I would (insert word here) you in a minute?!?!? Quit playing!" It seemed as if none of my male friends viewed me as solely a comrade.

These reactions cause me to pose a question: Are men and women capable of beginning (and maintaining) a balanced, purely platonic relationship, or is that notion eliminated with the onset of puberty? Moreover, once one party has disclosed they want more than just a friend, can a friendly relationship still be maintained if the other party doesn't want to explore anything further than friendship?

While I have always had scores of female friends, I have always been able to get along exceptionally well with guys. Males are non-judgmental, much less catty than certain women, and have the ability to be up front about what they feel. They always have a kind word to spare, and are able to listen objectively whenever I feel like no one understands. Furthermore, my male friends freely give their perspective on any and everything, are great conversationalists, are wickedly funny and extremely charming.

In short, I came to befriend the type of men I could one day see myself in a relationship with. (This is not to say that my intent in becoming friends with guys was to establish anything more than a friendship. I simply found them to be sweet and unique individuals with great qualities. Why not be their friends?)

However, when I am blindsided (yes, blindsided, because I rarely, if ever, see it coming) with the prospect of one of my "friends" having more than a platonic interest in me, I am usually left wondering how I might have contributed to feelings deeper than friendship. I make it a habit to be as up front as possible with all of my friends, and, for the most part, the same is reciprocated. In short, I view many of my male friends as "older brothers" of sorts. However, it has become clear that very few of them view me as their "little sister," for whatever reason.

Maybe this is one of those questions I will be left to continually ask. Maybe I will never find myself with a male friend completely devoid of feelings (other than friendship) for me. However, I'm not going to stop looking for exactly that. And to all of my male "friends" - I love y'all anyway.

Ravi and Anoushka Shankar: The Art of Sitar

By Harold Eichelberger
Contributing Writer

In the mouth of a huge auditorium, the stage sat in the center. A stagehand scurries across the floor like a mouse and places incense around the square that would house the musicians.

As quick as the deep scent of incense aroused the nostrils of the audience, each musician filed on stage to the sound of standing ovations and cheers. Humbly, each performer clasped their hands and bowed gently.

Ravi and Anoushka Shankar, a father and daughter duo of India, abound the crowd with their talent as well as grace. These are the greatest sitar players ever made by divine hands.

Very unique, Indian music has a different flavor, but one that belongs in the crux of artistry.

Ravi Shankar gently grabs the microphone and the audience hushes as if the silence was planned.

Alongside his daughter, whose countenance is of orchids, he announces the order of the show and begins his first tune. Anoushka strokes her sitar as would an angel on their harp, and the concert begins.

In the sound of every 20-minute piece, India's beauty and history spoke through the speakers. Ravi closed his eyes

intensely, and at the pace of every sound, the notes could be heard parading out of his soul and onto the aural senses of the audience's minds.

Ravi is well accomplished with a resume that boasts having written for Yehudi Menuhin, the London Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, and for Jean-Pierre Rampal. His awards include France's highest award, the "Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur," and he also choreographed the ballet "Ghanashyam."

Not to be left out, Ravi's daughter, Anoushka, holds her own on the sitar. Anoushka has already been identified as Ravi's successor at the age of 21.

On stage, she kept count by tapping her bare, golden foot on the floor, and as she played it was no secret why she was nominated for a Grammy Award, or that she is a movie star, an author, and conductor. Her greatest honor as of yet is winning the British Parliament's House of Commons Shield for her musical talent.

Ravi and Anoushka could easily have their music mistaken for rock, blues, or even acoustic jazz due to their eclectic use of improvisation. The two played with the duality of two cardinals chirping on the same branch.

As the concert continued, there were bouts of call and response assisted



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Anoushka Shankar, shown here posing with her father, Ravi Shankar, is the heir apparent to his throne. The two recently played in front of D.C. audiences.

by two fellow musicians Tanmoy Bose and Arup Chattopadhyay who play the tabla. Tanmoy and Arup beat the skins of those small brass wrapped tablas so hard until powder bled into the light and deteriorated into dust particles.

Examining each instrumentalist was not an easy task for fear of missing the work of another artist by focusing to intently on one.

As the closing neared, the playing became more and more intense, the climax of the sitars and tablas sounding like a river chasing the end of a stream, a stream of musical genius.



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Ravi Shankar, dubbed by many as the "Sitar King," has collaborated with many, including composer Philip Glass (shown here) and former Beatles member George Harrison.

Literary Corner

Kalam's Book a Bumpy Journey Through Childhood

By Stella Ukaoma
Contributing Writer

For most people, growing up is rarely ever without its pains, and in *Night Journey*, Murad Kalam takes us down the convoluted path of the growth of a young black man without guidance. Running the streets of South Phoenix, Arizona is Eddie Bloodpath, Jr. and his elder brother, Turtle. At ten, Eddie is overgrown, awkward yet good looking, the opposite of his brother Turtle, who is frail and pint-sized but already a juvenile delinquent. Only two years older than Eddie, Turtle is already running drugs and prostitutes, but still tries to protect Eddie from the harsher realities of the streets.

However, not even Turtle can stop Eddie Bloodpath, Sr., their father, from leaving without any warning. Reeling from shock, Eddie retreats into a stony silence and is now mistaken for a moron by everybody.

The departure of his father somehow brings two new people into Eddie's life: Jules and Tessa. Jules is a mailman and drug dealer, who decides to play the role of big brother to Eddie. Tessa is an odd but beautiful prostitute in whom Eddie finds a safe yet innocent haven of sorts. Finally, the bottled up pain comes tumbling out and Eddie speaks again.

When Turtle introduces Eddie to boxing, there is a new ray of hope in Eddie's life. At Bumpy's gym, he can dare to dream of transcending to

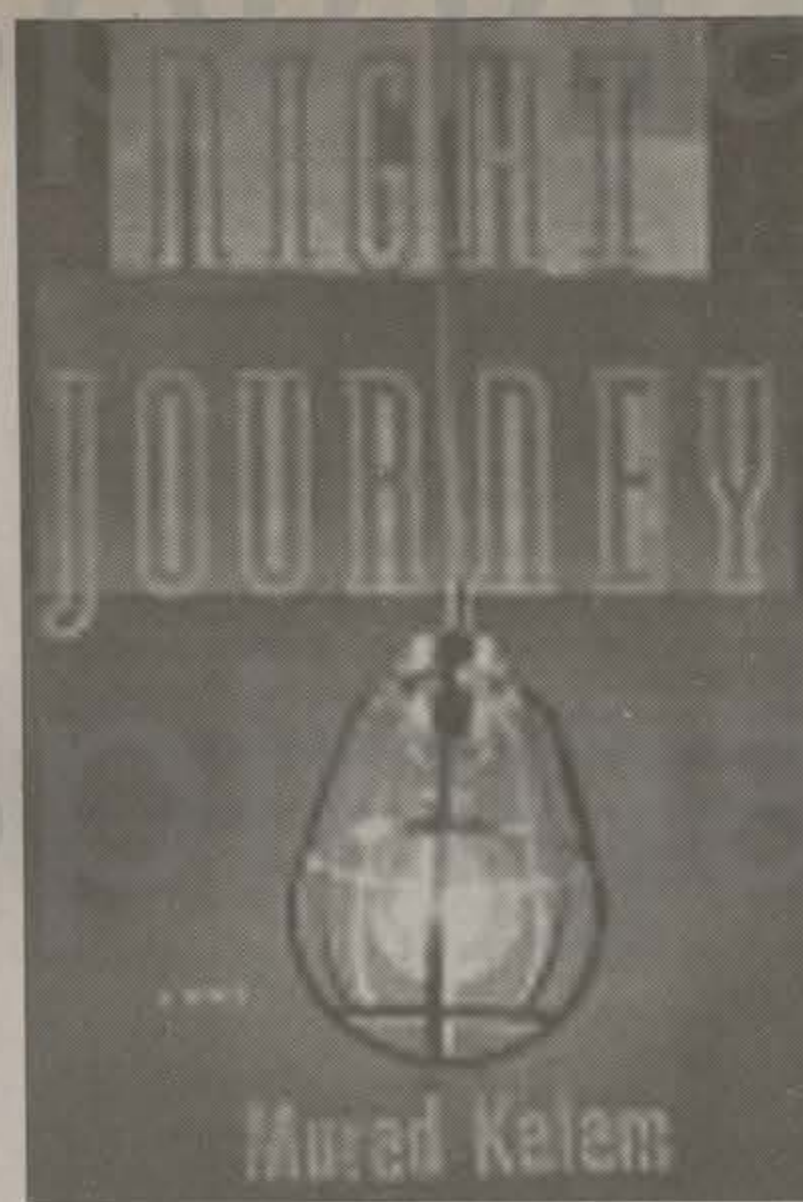


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"Night Journey," written by Murad Kalam, is a coming-of-age story.

greater heights because of Mr. Kellner's drunken praises. However, winning can only come at a price.

Seven years later, with a Golden Glove trophy to his name, Eddie is alone again, with Tessa long gone and Turtle now in prison. But just before despair can prevail, love comes to his rescue again. This time, it's Marchellina Canister, a naive bourgeois bookworm who has a crush on him.

Just when Eddie begins to find meaning in his life, old ghosts reappear to open old wounds. His father, his brother Turtle and Tessa all come into his life, once again.

Still, time cannot heal the estrangement between father and son, and Turtle leaves the house for unknown destinations, leaving behind an oncoming storm that he will later be forced to face.

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be won. Those times ended when differences in roles between men and women became misconstrued as a matter of strength and weakness.

The actuality is that there is not a relationship of opposition in terms of strength and weakness between men and women, but a relationship of compliment. The femininity of a woman is strengthened by the masculinity of a man, and the masculinity of a man is strengthened by the femininity of a woman. So, men, step up to the plate, and women, put on your catcher's mitt.

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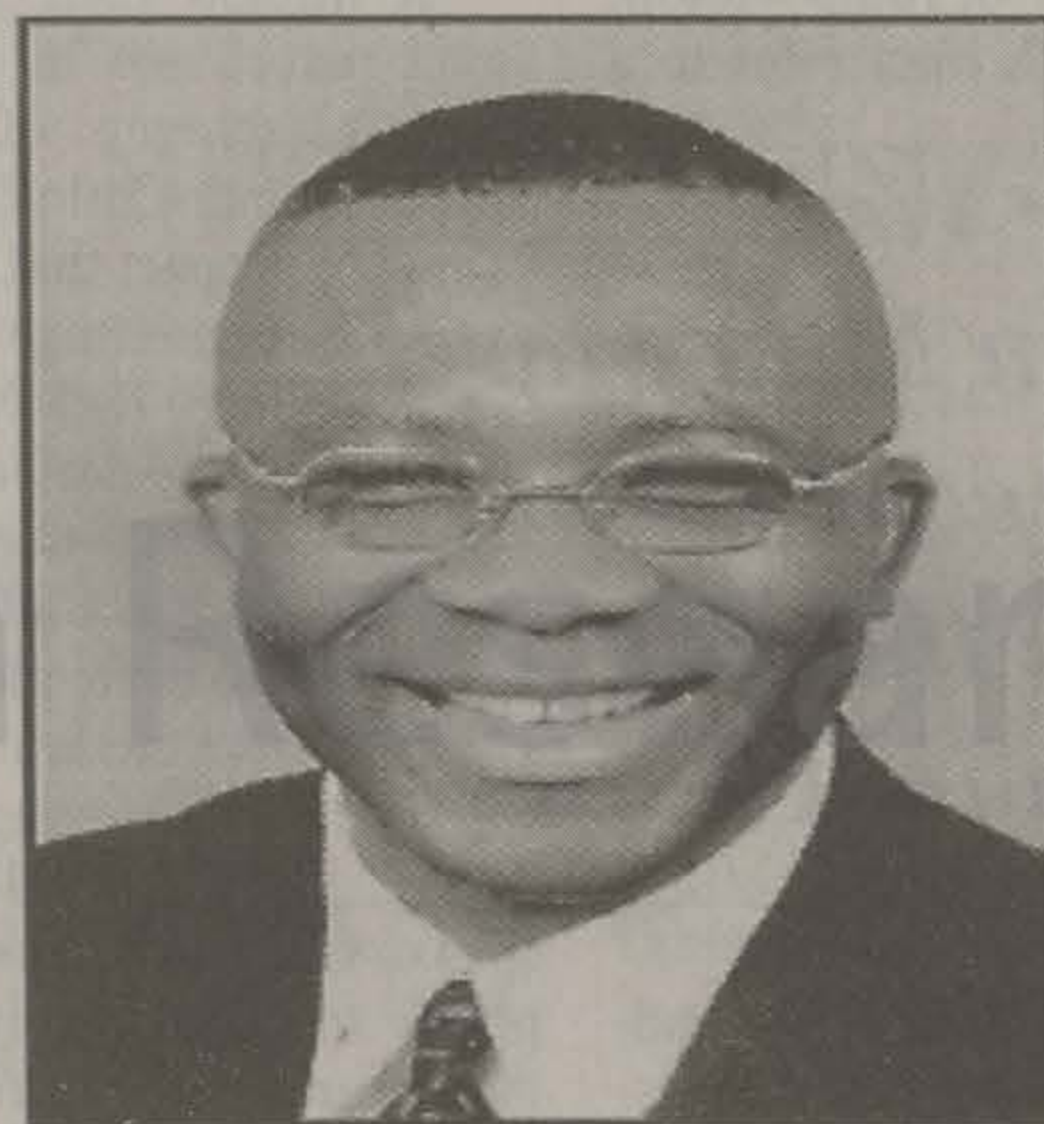
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Security Must Improve

Everyone knows how easy it is to sneak into the dorms. If you walk in with the right air of authority as if you live there, you can pretty much enter the dorm of your choice.

Doors are propped open, security personnel do not always check for IDs, student desk workers let friends slide, and IDs of non-residents even grant access to dorms. The irony of the situation is that many times people who legitimately live in the dorms are harassed while non-residents walk by with ease.

If the University is going to be so vocal about visitation rules and access into the dorms, they need to follow through with tightened security.

There have been multiple instances of unauthorized persons reeking serious havoc in the dorms. People have had items

stolen and acts of violence have even occurred as a result of limited or lazy security personnel.

While we understand that it is a nuisance to check people in and that some of the visitation

Our View:
There is a continuous need for security improvements in dorms.

rules do not necessarily reflect the fact that we are adults, we think that security needs to be more consistent.

Maintenance needs to check locks on doors to ensure that unauthorized people cannot gain even easier access.

Student and Resident Assistants on dorm duty need to pay attention to who is coming in

and out. Students also need to help in the efforts in keeping our dorms secure. We need to check in our guest(s) properly and not sneak people in.

For students who are not doing scandalous or harmful activities in the dorms, it may be annoying to have to adhere to dorm rules.

But try to understand that the one time that an exception is made could be the one time that someone's life can be harmed. Not everyone who walks through the doors of our dorms has good intentions.

We have to weigh the cost of our own convenience versus the overall welfare of others and ourselves.

Consistency is the key to making sure that all of us are secure in our residences, no matter how annoying security policies can be.

The March is Not Over

Eight years ago, the nation bore witness to the unification of a near million men of color, coming together for a common goal. Our nation's capital was inundated with a presence that was felt both near and far. It was a time of racial unity and cultural pride. The March sought to promote a mass movement of improving the spiritual, moral, mental, social, political, and economic status of black men and their families.

Now, eight years later, the effects of that monumental day are scarcely evident.

The men that stood and took the pledge vowed to "never again use the 'B' word to describe any female," to "support black artists," and to "never raise my hand with a knife or gun...except in self-defense." These affirmations, among others, are principles that could substantially benefit our race if applied nationally.

Unfortunately, they have

not been.

As we all know, the things that the Million Man March sought to abolish are things are happening more than ever in the black community. We can barely turn on the TV or radio without hearing a black man refer to a

Our View:
The Million Man March has not had a lasting impact on the state of black men in America.

black woman using the "B" word. The rate of black men ending up in prison is ever increasing disproportionately in relation to other races. And when was the last time we chose to support a restaurant like "Howard Deli" rather than Subway?

No, we are not saying that this single event should have changed the long-existed ills of

our race. However, we are saying that the impact of this event should have permeated beyond the lives of those million men that stood together on October 17, 1995 and took the oath.

A million men may be a small percentage in the grand scheme of things, but think of the impact that this small percentage could have had on the rest of the nation.

We need to fully realize and embrace the principle of collective action. The old cliché "together we stand, divided we fall"

speaks volumes to our potential power to incite change in this nation and this world. Perhaps the Million Man March should be a bi-annual event that continuously strives to better our community.

We must not be satisfied with being standard or even mediocre. In the words of our national anthem, "Let us march on 'til victory is won."

Bush Adds Anther Ultra-Conservative

As we all know, the Supreme Court is becoming increasingly conservative. As if we needed another far right-winged justice, President Bush recently placed conservative California Supreme Court justice Janice Rogers Brown on the fast track to a seat in the highest court in the land.

We wish we could be happy about the appointment of a black woman to this seat. After all, Janice Rogers Brown is the first African American female to be nominated to the D.C. Court of Appeals - one of the most powerful courts in the nation.

However, her race only serves as a disappointment to her fellow African-Americans whom she has never defended through her rulings. Not only does Brown have a history of having dissenting opinions concerning civil and constitu-

tional rights, but she has no interest in guaranteeing equal protection under the law or environmental protection.

For these reasons, the NAACP has vehemently spo-

poster boy for black leaders who have anything but the interest of the black community at heart.

It is understandable that a conservative President will appoint conservative judges, but that doesn't mean we have to accept the consequences that will undoubtedly ensue with Brown's powerful new position. To add insult to injury, Brown is simply unqualified. Her Bar scores were significantly lower than the average of most state Supreme Court justices.

We support the CBC and the NAACP in their denouncement of Brown's appointment. This woman has made it clear that she will use her power to make it nearly impossible for victims of discrimination to find justice in the D.C. Court of Appeals, and eventually in the Supreme Court.

Our View:
The appointment of Janice Rogers Brown to the D.C. Court of Appeals is disturbing.

ken against Brown's appointment to the D.C. Court of Appeals. Similarly, the Congressional Black Caucus called a meeting that was entirely dedicated to the denouncement of her appointment. We couldn't agree more.

Brown is described as "the far right's dream judge" and has been compared to Justice Clarence Thomas. We all know that Clarence Thomas was the

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Reefer Madness: Marijuana Beyond Medicine

Shaka Shaw

It seems as if recently, the line between politics and entertainment has become blurred. There was a time when the media presence of politicians and political candidates was limited to Larry King and legitimate news programs and stations.

Senator John Edwards made history as the first to announce his presidential candidacy on a comedy show, namely Comedy Central's Daily Show with John Stewart.

Arnold Schwarzenegger announced his candidacy for governor of California on Jay Leno.

Though some might lament this departure from the norm, I think that this trend creates an opportunity for politics to become more accessible to an audience that might not necessarily tune in to CNN every evening. Given this new accessibility, it's rather obvious that it is time to re-examine our views as a country on the issue of legalizing marijuana for both medicinal and recreational use.

Though many of the current presidential candidates have taken a decidedly vague stance on the issue of medical marijuana, George W. Bush has been very clear in his actions that his administration does not support the use of marijuana nor does it support the deregulation of its use for medicinal purposes.

According to a report from the Granite Staters for Medical Marijuana, Bush has attempted to "undercut" Proposition 215, which was approved in 1996 and grants legal access to medical marijuana. Bush's staunch position on this issue seems somewhat skewed, however, if you take into consideration the well-known Cheech-and-Chong-like exploits of his own pot-loving daughters.

In 1936, a propaganda film entitled *Reefer Madness* was released to the public in an attempt to discourage youths from using the drug. The film, though serious in its intent, has become a cult hit for its unintentionally hilarious portrayal of the "crazed" pot-smoker, listing among the drug's symptoms an affinity for jazz music. Grossly uninformed and misguided in theory, this film seems to be the muse for Bush's current action toward marijuana legislation.

Unless you've been living in a cave in Afghanistan, you've seen the anti-marijuana commercials that White House Office of National Drug Control Policy has sponsored to stop the "threat" of marijuana usage among American youth. One commercial even goes so far as to cite that marijuana sales support terrorism. Others try to pin the symptoms of impairment of judgment, reckless behavior, and lack of ambition on users of the drug. The most notorious ad is perhaps the commercial where some pot-smokers in a car run over a little kid on a bike.

My question is: Where are all the anti-crack ads on television? Since crack is not a drug that heavily affects middle- to upper-middle class youth in suburbia, it does not seem to be a priority for Bush's administration. How can you list a drug that simply makes you want to eat a bowl of Fruity Pebbles and take a nap as a threat to the public safety?

Twelve state legislatures since 1973 have altered their views on decriminalization of marijuana. Usage and/or possession of marijuana in said states no longer warrants jail time or arrest. Each year, marijuana prohibition costs Americans about \$10 billion in tax dollars and results in the arrest of over 734,000 people. Considering the abhorrent state of public K-12 education in the United States, that money could be put to better use prosecuting real criminals, not marijuana offenders.

Some would be surprised at the statistics associated with marijuana usage, recreational and medicinal. According to a 2001 report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, about 12 million Americans use marijuana regularly. It is the third most popular recreational drug right behind alcohol and tobacco, which are legal yet physically more dangerous than marijuana.

A distinguished UK medical journal called *The Lancet* went on record stating that "the smoking of cannabis, even long term, is not harmful to health." Meanwhile, tobacco kills over 400,000 a year and alcohol poisoning weighs in at an approximate 50,000 deaths a year.

With Bush still in power, however, there doesn't seem to be an end in sight to the crackdown on marijuana across the nation. A spokesman for the DEA in Washington, D.C. echoes the policy of the Bush anti-drug administration: "We do not target drug users... We target drug-traffickers. There is no such term as medical marijuana, except as created by the marijuana lobby."

However, the question remains: How many more dollars will the President direct away from our schools and community-building programs and into the prohibition of marijuana? And for how long will American taxpayers tolerate it?

Please direct all comments, questions, and concerns to the author at mistershaw2@yahoo.com.

According to the census bureau, 53 percent of the growth among Hispanics is a result of immigration. The Hispanic population grew 9.8 percent between Census Day, April 1, 2000, and July 1, 2002, compared to the growth of the population as a whole, which was 2.5 percent.

In closing, abortion is a "black women's issue" but not in

the sense that it's ravaging our communities and killing off our race.

It's a black woman's issue in that since we use the procedure, we should continue to defend it, as it offers our women a greater choice over their bodies and their lives.

Sincerely,
Lauren Bayne Anderson

The Unrighteous Kobe

Kristie D. Magee

Supporting my latest trend of being a CNN news junkie, I have just concluded watching Larry King Live, which focused on the continuation of the People vs. Kobe Bryant preliminary hearing.

In today's hearing, evidence was presented that raises speculation and creates a cloud of doubt on the accuser's allegations. In fact, the prosecution's case was greatly diluted.

Still, there are so many "what ifs" and "whys" within this case that it's enough to give one a headache (Where's the Alevy?!).

However, regardless of what actually occurred in that hotel room on June 30, 2003, one truism prevails:

Disregarding God's plan and not following His will but your will instead can lead to dire consequences. To begin with, the premise of this case is saddening: Kobe Bryant failed to honor women, which is not a part of God's plan. He dishonored his wife by choosing to engage in sex outside of their marriage, and he dishonored the accuser by choosing to engage in meaningless sex with her.

The two angles that extend from this central premise of dishonoring women, and ultimately God, are also disheartening: Either Kobe Bryant is being falsely accused for overstepping his boundaries, or he actually did overstep his boundaries and inflicted undeserving pain and suffering upon another.

Nonetheless, I must acknowledge my empathy for all parties involved. Kobe Bryant is indubitably suffering. His family is indubitably suffering. If the accusations are true, the accuser is indubitably suffering.

This case has made me reflect on my past feelings of disappointment on other adultery cases involving well-known and highly respected figures, such as Jesse Jackson.

His infidelity was especially disappointing, due to his spiritual and leadership attributes. He is a strong and prominent leader of today, so he couldn't possibly possess any flaws, right?

How often we look at our strong leaders as being strong without realizing that they possess weaknesses. What an oxymoron that is! What a true oxymoron that is!

Strong leaders are not devoid of weaknesses. While I am in no way alleviating anyone's ungodly and wrong actions, I realize that we as humans suffer from so many weaknesses and limitations. I can only pray that we are able to strengthen these weaknesses, overcome our limitations, and transcend our earthly bodies by becoming more Christ-like.

Unfortunately, we will never achieve full-fledged Christ-like status because we are not Him, but it is a status that's certainly worth struggling for and striving for.

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Dear Hilltop.



In response to my column, "Abortion, A Black Women's Issue Too," John J. Raphael, a Roman Catholic Chaplain at Howard University, charged that I did not give an "intellectually honest picture of what the 'choice' involves."

Mr. Raphael then went on to discuss the "dilation and evacuation" and "dilation and extraction" method of abortion (also known as D&E and D&X), which is used during the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.

While I appreciate his response, I hope clarify a number of his misleading and inaccurate points.

What Mr. Raphael failed to

mention is that of the 1.4 million abortions annually, the D&X method is used in only 3,000-4,000 (a fraction) of those cases. And more than 90% of all abortions are performed in the first trimester when these methods are not even options.

The two methods are used primarily for three reasons:

1. The fetus is alive, but continued pregnancy would place the woman's life in severe danger, would grievously damage the woman's health and/or would disable her.
2. The fetus is so malformed that it can never gain consciousness and will die shortly after birth.
3. The fetus has been found to be dead, badly malformed, or suffering from a very serious genetic defect. This is often not detectable until late in the second trimester.

More than two dozen states have banned D&X procedures

except in cases of extreme circumstance. In addition, Mr. Raphael failed to distinguish that there are even some po-choicers that do not advocate for the D&X procedure.

For the purposes of scaring women, in explaining the graphic late-term procedures, Mr. Raphael gave a good example. But for the purpose of accurately explaining common abortion procedures, Mr. Raphael's was extremely misleading.

Describing abortion procedures admittedly can be uncomfortable. The same is true for describing a plethora of medical procedures and/or surgeries. Unfortunately, many anti-choice advocates attempt to use this discomfort as a tool to make women feel guilty about their choices. "Partial birth abortion" has simply become a political buzzword for anti-choice advocates.

They want to scare women

into believing they are "murdering" a "child." However, when a fetus becomes a child is so unclearly cut; it has been the source of debates for thousands of years. Many use their religious beliefs to make this determination. Others use science and conclude a fetus is not a "child" until it can survive on its own—somewhere around 23 weeks.

But "murder" is not an accurate depiction of the disposal of a group of cells (called a fetus) during the early stages of pregnancy.

Mr. Raphael said that because African American abortions have taken place, it's "no wonder that we are now the number 2 minority in the United States." In actuality, African Americans are the second most populous minority in the United States not because of abortion, but because of the high immigration rate of Hispanics, which are now America's largest minority.

Curses, Shmurses: The Chicago Cubs and the Psychology of Losing

Danielle Scruggs

As I type this, the Florida Marlins are embracing each other, laughing and cheering and celebrating their 9-6 defeat of the embattled Chicago Cubs. I'm heartbroken and I'm not even a big Cubs fan. I love the White Sox but if only one team from my hometown could get it together and make it to the post-season this year then it might as well be the Cubs.

Now that they've lost, I feel hollow. I can almost taste the disappointment. The Cubs haven't won the World Series since 1908. 1908! That means 95 years, a major worldwide depression, two world wars, and 18 presidents later, the Cubs have yet to win a

major championship. They're the worst franchise in any sport—including basketball, football, and ice hockey—when it comes to winning championships.

There are so many things that could explain why the Cubs lost after coming so close, this close to winning the pennant. There's the fan interference controversy, in which an overzealous fan in crucial Game 6 of the NLCS series reached out and grabbed what he thought was a foul ball away from Moises Alou.

The Marlins proceeded to trample the Cubs afterwards.

Then there is the oh-so-convenient excuse: blame someone, anyone, no matter if it's a random "bum" on the team, the manager, the Tribune company,

WGN, or the bat boy. Someone on the field or in the cushy sky-box seats or in the announcer's seat had to have done something wrong to foul up yet another Cubs season.

My personal favorites are the Curse of the Billy Goat and the infamous black cat sighting (insert cheesy horror movie music here). In 1945, during Game 4 of the

World Series, tavern owner "Billy Goat" Sianis, brought his pet billy goat to Wrigley Field so the two of them could enjoy a wonderful day of baseball together.

Of course it sounds weird but to his credit, Sianis had a ticket for the goat. Anyway, no one would let him in and legend has it

that he put a curse on Wrigley Field and said the Cubs would never host the World Series again. The Cubs did indeed lose the World Series that year to Detroit. It's been 58 years and now thanks to the Marlins, there's no sign of another World Series quite yet.

It gets weirder. In 1969, Mets fans let a black cat out onto the field at Shea Stadium. The cat crossed behind Cubs batter Ron Santo, who was at the plate.

After the cat incident, the Cubs lost that game, fell out of first place and never made it back to the top.

Personally, I do not buy any of those excuses, explanations, whatever one wants to call them. I think the problem is far deeper

and complex. Chicago sports teams might have a twisted, subconscious desire to be losers. Oh sure, they play hard all season and get the fans riled up and play with genuine chutzpah.

But perhaps the Cubs are comfortable with being losers. Perhaps they unintentionally sabotage themselves because losing is all they know.

Who knows what would happen to the franchise, to Cubs fans, to every resident in Chicago if the Cubs actually went to the World Series? Who knows what would happen if the Cubs not only made it to the World Series, but actually WON? It would be pandemonium. No one would know what to do with themselves. Perhaps the Cubs, on

some level, realize this and engage in unintentional sabotage.

Or perhaps I'm just getting too deep into all of this. I guess the fact of the matter is, you just can't win everything, even if generations of folks have been waiting the better part of a century to do so. So I'll join in the official

Chicago sports rally cry "There's always next year," and hopefully Chicago baseball fans' "next year" is on its way sooner than we all think.

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Wednesday, October 22nd
Sexual Awareness
 Bethune Annex Seminar
 7:14pm

Thursday, October 23rd
Self Defense Class
 Cook Hall Lounge
 7:20pm

Friday, October 24th
Moive Night
 Bethune Annex 7:14pm

Saturday, October 25th
Community Service
 Capital Food Bank
 8:00am

Blue & White Cookout
 By Invitation Only

To Venus-
 Congratulations! I know that you will do a good job. To my "nine staffers"-
 Thanks for going undercover for me. Big Momma-
 Thanks for being my rock. I was able to move on because of you.
 To my real mom and my love- Happy Birthday.
 Anna Mae-We will make the news on Friday.
 Ruth L.

CHARLES EDWARD SHEPARD II after the **CHIEFS** beat the **RAIDERS** on **Monday Night Football** I will be taking you out in front of the School of Architecture for a public flogging. For each touchdown **Priest Holmes** scores it will be an extra 7 lashes. **YOU MUST REPENT FOR YOUR LIFETIME OF SINFUL WORSHIP AND THE TIME IS NOW!!!**
 ---JOSEF *a faithful fan since Joe Montana started*

Courtney and Laura Mrs. Senior and Junior Hilltop on the 9th floor here is your Hilltop shoutout now quit asking me. And Laura I need help in Math...It's not a game!!!
 ---Josef

Ms. Winston-
 Despite our differences in opinion, your friendship means the world to me. I hope that we can agree to disagree about certain things.
 Your friend-
 Stace

Lance Gross...I love your Sean Jean Metrosexual style. I love to see you in those Sean Jean outfits that you wear everyday. You are SOOOOOO FLY!!!
 ---your secret admirer

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U WOULD NEVER LET 5 OR 6 WEEKS GO BY IF IT WERE THE OTHER WAY AROUND!!!

OH YEAH, THANKS FOR DINNER LAST NIGHT...
WHAT'S THE NEW EXCUSE???

Corey-
 Thanks for the help Sunday night!
 I appreciate it.
 -Aisha

Staff thanks for all the help. Aisha you have a permanent place on the G-Unit Squad. Corey you are strange but thanks. Miriam the silent assassin. Arion sleep moe Danielle YOU GOT NEXT... -JOSEF



TO THE SUPER TALENTED STAFF OF THE TUESDAY:

RUTH AND ROGER NICE WORK ON THE DORM STORIES...KEEP THEM ON THEIR JOBS.

ASHLEY MORE BUSINESS LESS HATING

MONICA 11:55PM

JENNIFER NICE COLUMN THIS WEEK YOUR TIME IS COMING

SORAYA KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK THE SPORTS SECTION CONTINUES TO LOOK BETTER EVERY WEEK

ARION LETS TAKE LESS TRIPS TO NEW YORK AND MORE TRIPS TO THE LIBRARY

SHANI THANKS FOR THE WORK ON YOUR DAY OFF. KEEP FLESHING EVERYTHING OUT

MAYA MISSING YOUR PRESENCE IN THE OFFICE

GOOD LOOKING OUT D.J.

ROC

NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR INTERNSHIP CAN YOU PLEASE PAY YOUR REFRIGERATOR BILL.

IT WOULD GREATLY BE APPRECIATED IF I COULD GET SOME INTEREST ALSO

MEAGAN HOPE THAT THIS WEEK IS MUCH BETTER THAN LAST WEEK COREY

CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW POSITION DONT LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD

COREY

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DANIELLE

