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Problems at HUCM

Students Complain About Medical Program

By Melanie R. Holmes
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many students within the Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM) are calling for changes to be made, citing rodent-infested buildings, mediocre school supplies, and lack of financial aid.

According to students, the rodent-infested buildings used for prolonged research are unacceptable.

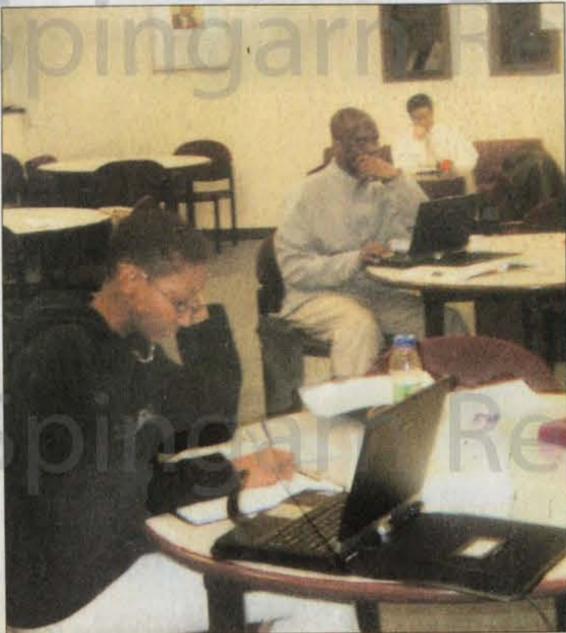
Medical student Charlene Sydnor feels that building and laboratory renovations are necessary to ensure top-notch research facilities and a competitive edge.

"We're trying to do something good for the community and sometimes extra things like gnats can slow you down," Sydnor said. "[The administration] needs to realize we do research and we need to be able to compete with our facilities."

Dawn Cannon, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions of the College of Medicine, agrees with the students' concerns.

"The rooms with rodents see a lot of traffic activity," she said. "When people stay in a place for a long time, they bring food and critters follow food. There's no force field around the College of Medicine preventing rodents from entering."

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Rodent-infested buildings make it hard for medical students to do prolonged research.

Punch-Out Changes Pushed to Summer

Officials Cite High Costs as Reason

By Venus B. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Punch-Out will not be closing for renovations this year.

According to university officials, no acceptable bids were placed for the addition of new restaurants to the ground level of Blackburn. As of last Thursday's bid deadline, the lowest estimated cost for the construction was two times greater than what Howard University had projected.

The project was originally scheduled to begin yesterday and end 60 days later on January 2, in time for spring semester. However, the lowest estimated time for completion was 80 days, which does not fit the University's time con-

straints.

"The contractors could not deliver a date that would not impose on the academic calendar," Franklin Chambers, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, said.

The renovations of the Punch-Out will most likely occur at the beginning of the summer.

Sophomore electrical engineering major Eric Borden is happy that Howard is waiting to start construction.

"I think that construction in the summer is even better," Borden said. "Then students who live places without a meal plan don't have to worry about trying to find another place to eat while the Punch-Out is closed. It will give us something to look forward to at the beginning of the next school year."

'Celebrating Advancements, Breaking Barriers'

Law Students Dialogue with Fortune 500 Top Counsel

By Charreah Jackson
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the number of people of color and women in the highest legal corporate positions small but growing, the General Counsel Forum "Celebrating Advancements, Breaking Barriers" was held with minority chief legal officers of Fortune 500 companies to ensure that minority law students of today learn the skills to reach the top.

Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) Executive Director Veta Richardson welcomed the full audience in Moot Courtroom.

Dean of Howard Law School, Kurt Schmoke, was the moderator for the distinguished panel and introduced the gathered African American chief legal officers/executive vice presidents of America's premiere companies, including Paula Boggs of Starbucks Coffee Company, Howard Graduate Solomon Watson of the New York Times Company, Rick Palmore of Sara Lee, and Michele Coleman Mayes of Pitney Bowes Inc.

During the discussion, panelists offered their own

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Richard English, Wade Boykin and Antoine Garibaldi discuss possible solutions to gender disparity at HBCUs.

Forum Discusses Lack Of Black Men in College

By Ruth L. Tisdale
Campus Editor

The average ratio of men to women at HBCUs is 61 to 39, and at Howard it is 65 to 35. During a forum entitled "Achieving and Maintaining a Balance in the Participation in Higher Education of African American Men and Women," keynote speaker Antoine Garibaldi and Wade Boykin sought to find a solution to this disparity.

At the introduction of the forum, Interim Provost and

Chief Academic Officer Richard English said that Howard's mission statement requires it to play a leading role in addressing the gender disparity problem.

"Our task is to continue to support the women and help the men," English said. "Policies and programs will be taken to address this problem."

During his speech, Garibaldi offered the audience an abundance of statistical data about the gender gap of

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Verizon Communications Adopts School of Business Team

By Shara D. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

During a formal ceremony on Wednesday evening, Verizon Communications, a company specializing in telecommunications and Internet services, officially announced the adoption of a team within the School of Business.

In attendance for the ceremony was Verizon-Washington, D.C. President Marie C. Johns, who is also a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees. Johns spoke to the students about the importance of exhibiting resilience in the face of adversity.

"Often in life [showing up] is 90 percent of the game. Just keep showing up," Johns said. Johns also stressed the necessity for teamwork in any stage of life and the need to continue supporting the

greater community. She offered the team members advice on maintaining a well-balanced life. "As individuals, we need to be spiritually, intellectually and physically balanced," Johns said. Twenty-one CAP program director Bernadette Williams



Board of Trustee member Marie Johns posed with members of the team Verizon adopted.

is excited about the year ahead with their partnership with Verizon.

"Verizon has been part of the program for a number of years, and they are raising the bar for commitment," Williams said. "[Johns] is committed to the program and

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Weather Forecast

Today
PM SHOWERS
High/Low: 59/55 °

Wednesday
RAIN/WIND
High/Low: 67/48 °

Thursday
SHOWERS
High/Low: 59/52 °

Friday
FEW SHOWERS
High/Low: 58/41 °

Seventeen Magazine to Hold Casting Call

By Venus B. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Fashion experts, novices, and everything in between will fill Burr Gymnasium on November 20 for Seventeen Magazine's "School Zone" casting call.

"School Zone" is a feature that visits a different college campus each month to highlight the school's lifestyle and fashion. The feature asks students about their favorite classes, why they chose their school, and their favorite places to hang out around campus. The feature has visited New York University and University of Texas - Austin.

According to Craig Chapman, Assistant Lifestyle Editor of Seventeen, the mag-

azine chose to hold an open casting call at Howard University because they try to select schools that are very diverse from each other both geographically and fashionably.

"We try to pick different schools for different reasons," Chapman said. "We picked Howard because of its reputation for being one of the most fashionable schools in the country, and the most fashionable HBCU."

Chapman also maintained that Howard stood out because of its #2 ranking on Women's World Daily's list of Most Fashionable Universities after NYU.

Denise Cardwell, the
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VOICES & VIEWS

Why are African Americans scared to give blood?



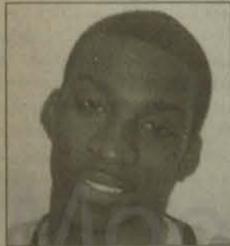
Anthony Bobcombe
Junior
Computer Science

"They're probably scared that they might find out something they don't want to know."



Deanna Thornton
Junior
Public Relations

"I didn't really know that African Americans are scared to give blood. I'm not."



John McCown
Sophomore
Business Finance

"I don't think that we're scared. Blacks are just too concerned with their own self-interest to think about doing things for others."



Mia Gibson
Freshman
Pre-Pharmacy

"We're afraid either because of the pain, or the evaluations coming back as tainted, as in the blood carrying a disease."

PHOTOS BY ROGER ROMAN

NCH Breaks Myths About Homeless

By Erica Nzei
Contributing Writer

Christian Brothers United hosted an event at Howard University on Thursday where the National Coalition for the Homeless spoke about current conditions of the homeless.

"Three and a half million people will experience homelessness, and this number is rising," Jessie White, spokesperson for the National Coalition for the Homeless said. "National Coalition for the Homeless is the oldest and largest non-profit organization working to permanently end homelessness."

According to White, the National

Coalition for the Homeless specializes in advocating for housing and increasing income, healthcare, education, civil rights and hate-crime legislation for the homeless.

"There's a tape floating around college campuses through the Internet about violence against homeless people," White said. "High school and college age people beat, spit and pee on homeless people. Someone even dragged a sleeping homeless man to a dark alleyway and beat him."

Moses Scott and Joan Jackson told of their experiences with homelessness.

"I was homeless for thirteen years right here in D.C.," Scott said. "I was in the streets when the wind chill factor was

actually thirteen below zero."

To shatter the myth of all homeless people being too lazy to find a job, Scott said that he had multiple jobs during his homelessness.

"At one time during my homelessness, I had three jobs," Scott said. "As an alcoholic and an addict, I misappropriated my funds."

Jackson's story is quite different, yet ends very similarly. Although she graduated high school with a 4.0 and was accepted to Howard, alcoholism and drugs led to her homelessness.

"I was accepted to Howard, but

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Employee of the Week



Ms. Annie Mae Battle

By Nicole Marie Melton
Hilltop Staff Writer

Never call Annie Mae Battle a desk receptionist. Although she works at the front desk in Cook Hall, she has grown to be much more than what her job description calls for.

As a mentor and friend to many students across campus during the past 13 years, Battle's warm spirit and comforting sense of humor make her someone students trust.

Battle began her tenure here in 1990, when she became employed by the University to work behind the front desk at Meridian Hill Hall.

"I filled out the application and a week later I was called in for the job," said Battle. "I still appreciate that phone call to this day."

Since then, Battle has worked at many residence halls, including the Tubman Quadrangle and Slowe Hall. However, her current location at Cook allows her to experience a different aspect of campus life.

"This is the first year I've been on the main campus, and I've met a lot of new people here. I get to see more of what happens on campus and I love it," said Battle.

For Battle, being there for students as a counselor is important. Working in numerous residence halls has allowed her to witness many issues Howard students face.

"Everybody needs somebody to talk to and I have been doing that throughout my years with the students," Battle said. "There are a lot of things that the students go through. Sometimes if they have problems, they'll come to me and we'll discuss the problem and try to get it taken care of."

Mildred Stinston, the senior residence assistant in Cook Hall, has experience. See BATTLE page A10

Giving Blood at the Mecca



PHOTOS BY ROGER ROMAN

At the blood drive, students, faculty, and staff members gave blood as well as registered with the National Bone Marrow Donor Program.

Howard Students Help 'Save A Life'

By Venus B. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last week, the American Red Cross Save A Life Tour 2003 visited Howard University's Cramton Auditorium.

According to the Save A Life website, the purpose of the tour is two-fold. It is designed to raise awareness of the ongoing need for blood and to obtain a level of blood donation that makes certain that whenever someone needs blood, it will be available.

At the blood drive on Thursday, over 80 pints of blood were collected from 149 attempts.

To ensure student involvement in the event, Nneka Faggatt created the Save A Life Challenge. It involved an invitation for all student organizations at Howard University to come out and volunteer, donate, or visit the Mobile Museum.

"The purpose of the Challenge is to motivate students to have fun and participate," Faggatt said. "We are tired of hearing that Howard isn't doing enough. We're ready to give back."

Each of the 31 participating organizations received 25 points for every member who gave blood, 20 points for those who tried to donate but were denied, 25 for those who volunteered at the drive for at least an hour, and 5 points for each member who visited and answered a question about the Mobile Museum.

At the drive, senior information systems and analysis major Jimmy Prude donated blood for the second time.

"I like the fact that giving blood helps someone else," Prude said. "You should give blood because you can help save another life. It's actually fun. The first time I was concerned about after-effects, but it's all hype."

Catherine Jones, a junior legal communications major, had also donated once before. "Everyone should try to give blood because it saves at least three lives," Jones said. "It's painless and your body replenishes itself with blood within two weeks."

While volunteering at the drive, junior political science major Japhon Dar took the

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Some Students Don't Give Despite Need

By Erica Nzei
Contributing Writer

With the growing AIDS epidemic and sickle cell anemia a constant plague in the African American community, donating blood is a necessity. However, African Americans and other minorities have become absent from donor lines.

According to the Massachusetts General Hospital website, of the 5 percent of the U.S. population that donates blood, only 10 percent are African American or Hispanic.

"I think minorities don't give blood because they don't really take the time to stop off and help out to donate the blood," junior business management major Damek Fraser said. "I guess they don't have the mindset to do it."

Senior broadcast journalism major Jacquelyn Hicks believes the environment in which blood is given may push minorities away.

"Something about blood drives makes me uncomfortable," Hicks said. "I'm not opposed [to giving blood], but I'm uncomfortable with the

situation where they want you to give blood. I've always associated needles and blood with hospitals and sterile areas. Something about blood drives in a gym or a lobby frightens me."

Although Hicks says she has a high tolerance for pain, she still doesn't like needles.

"I have a very high tolerance for pain so needles don't bother me," Hicks said. "I'm very much into volunteering, I just never thought about getting pricked unnecessarily."

However, fear is not the only culprit for the lack of minority blood. In some cases, anemia and low weight makes some minorities unable to give blood.

"I can't donate because I'm underweight," junior telecommunications major Arin Woods said. However, even if her weight weren't an issue, she said, she would still be afraid of needles.

Other students just aren't motivated to donate blood.

"I've never donated because I'm too lazy to," Fraser said. "I wouldn't take the time to go through all the proce-

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Grads Demand Better Housing

By Candice Jones
Hilltop Staff Writer

After driving 24 hours from Texas, Tosha Terry, a first year MFA program graduate student, was vexed to find out her situation when she arrived on Howard University's campus.

"I was on the waiting list when I arrived—almost homeless after driving 24 hours to get here," she said. "By the grace of God I was able to get housing in the East Towers."

According to a November

1980 issue of The Hilltop, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) was in a frenzy about the hassles of obtaining housing. During a GSA meeting in 1980, a five-plank proposal requesting better housing, funding of mathematics program, implementing programs to better the university, were a few of the issues discussed among the graduate students.

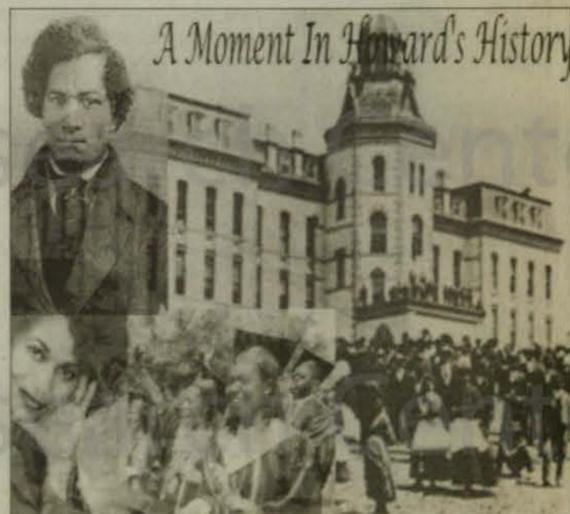
The 1980 GSA Coordinator Ayo Daramoka was concerned about the hostile surrounding community the graduate students are housed in. Daramoka

suggested some community programs be drawn up to make graduate students more comfortable with their surroundings and vice-versa.

The meeting consisted of a discussion with then vice-president of student affairs Carl Anderson that allowed graduate students to speak out and state their stances on housing.

Ely Dorsey, then GSA Financial Advisor stated that Graduate students should not come to D.C. in search of housing the first three weeks of the

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CAMPUS



Michael Louis Pflieger spoke of the evil injustices in today's society in Chapel on Sunday.

Pflieger Sermons on Hypocrisy of Culture

By Richard Dorceus
Contributing Writer

Michael Louis Pflieger, pastor at Faith Community of Saint Sabrina in Chicago, Illinois, encouraged students to do what is right in his sermon at Rankin Chapel on Sunday.

During his sermon, Pflieger

said that in the story of dry bones, God asked Ezekiel if he could make the dry bones live and the prophet said that only God could know.

"God is still crying out from the throne can these bones live," Pflieger said "God is showing us no matter where we are at still to these day we are in a valley of dry bones."

Pflieger commented that parents bring their kids to school and kids stay in school every day, but they leave school unable to read.

"Twenty-five percent of African American high school students are dropping out of school in Chicago," Pflieger said.

"I tried to find out who is in the worst shape; the twenty-five percent or the seventy-five percent that are still in school and [don't] know how to read and write."

Pflieger pointed out that in America there are first rate prisons, but third rate schools.

"In this nation it depends on where you live and the color of your skin on what is in your class room and what kind of teacher you have to teach you," Pflieger said "We as a country have learned how to save the whales but we still have not learned how to save our children."

Pflieger said that drugs is

the only fortune five hundred company you never have to look at the stock to see how it is doing because you know it is up.

"We can listen to telephone conversations in caves in Afghanistan but we still can not find drugs," Pflieger said "IRS can find if my income taxes is ten dollars off but people can import millions of dollars worth of drugs and never get caught."

He also mentioned that we are the largest incarcerating nation in the world.

"We put twenty-five thou-

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'Kissing Disease' Not a Concern

By Angel Wilson
Contributing Writer

Dominique Pender remembers one particular symptom a friend showed when he came down with infectious mononucleosis.

"I remember that he got real tired all the time; fatigued," Pender, a junior finance major, said. "He had no energy."

Howard students appear aware of mononucleosis, but few seem concerned about catching it.

"That's the kissing disease, right?" said Nkosi Sharp, a senior African American studies major. "I've known lots of people who have gotten it. I never got it, but my entire varsity soccer team in high school got it...from sharing water bottles. It takes you out for at least a month."

While it is known as the "kissing disease" because it is spread mainly by saliva, mononucleosis goes far beyond a simple cold from a kiss.

According to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) National Center for Infectious Diseases, the Epstein-Barr virus that causes mononucleosis is one of the most common human viruses. Ninety-five percent of American adults between the ages of 35 and 40 have been infected.

Laboratory tests, which include a white blood cell count and a positive reaction to a mono spot test, are needed to confirm mononucleosis. There is no cure for the illness, and antiviral medications are ineffective. Only the symptoms can be treated.

In milder forms, mononucleosis is barely indistinguishable from regular illnesses. The initial symptoms are very similar to a cold or the flu: fever, loss of energy and appetite, chills, and a severe sore throat.

According to the Mayo Clinic, other symptoms include headaches, swollen tonsils, and a skin rash.

The major telltale sign, according to medicinenet.com, is what happens after the illness. For months after the illness subsides, a person may experience "a feeling of fatigue or tiredness."

For this reason, mononucleosis can be easily confused with chronic fatigue syndrome, which carries the same feeling of long-term tiredness.

On Howard's campus, mononucleosis research falls on some deaf ears.

"We hear a lot about STDs," senior history major Tamika

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'Domino Effect' Brings Pizza Deals to Howard Students

By Byron Stewart
Contributing Writer

Ordering pizza from local businesses is a common practice among Howard students. With the new "Domino Effect" ordering pizza has become cheaper and easier.

While relaxing in Carver Hall with some friends, sophomore classical civilizations major Brent Robinson noticed that Domino's pizza chain charged Howard University students steeper prices than students at Georgetown University.

During Robinson's first meeting with Domino's officials on Oct. 7, he learned the various prices of all of the Domino's franchises in the metropolitan area.

"We wanted to try out a way to give [Howard] a good price," Robinson said.

Robinson figured that if one driver came at one time with several pizzas to a dorm and sit for a half hour that would lower the cost.

Howard wanted to compromise more with Domino's pizza, so Robinson drafted the "Domino Effect," which is a list of offers and wants from Howard to Domino's and vice versa.

Short-term demands included high quality meals at



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low costs, drivers with more speed and punctuality, fair practices, larger portions and to match the prices of Georgetown University. As of now, Domino's charges Georgetown University \$3.99 for a medium 1-topping pizza and \$5.99 for a large.

Residence Life agreed to the "Domino Effect." Domino's now sells pizza at Carver and Slowe on Tuesdays.

"I believe that this was an ingenious process which fits the business people with the customer," Alex Blackshire, a graduate assistant at Carver Hall pizza, said. "If Howard applies itself properly, this can be a good business."

Hernandez is pleased with the outcome of Robinson's proposal.

"Carver is always busy," Hernandez said. "We get a lot of business from Carver Hall and we were trying to give back."

Olu Burrell, a Slowe Hall resident assistant, was one of the first in line.

"I think that this is cool," he said. "They should do this more than just Tuesday and make it a pizza party on Friday and Saturday night to encourage students to stay at home and watch DVDs and videos next to a Domino's pizza."

Members of other dorms were also in line with the crowd of Slowe residents.

Marcus Stanton, a sophomore advertisement major and a resident of Meridian Hill was one such resident.

"I came all the way from

Meridian Hill to take advantage of this great deal that Domino's is providing. I love it," he said. "Personally, it is a shame that Meridian Hill doesn't have this deal. It's amazing for a college student on a budget that is still hungry, when we are so far from the café."

Domino's has agreed to extend this discount to all of the dorms on Howard's campus. On certain days of the week, Domino's will stop at two dormitories to provide this service.

While the majority of the students were happy during this event some students did raise concerns about the pizza.

Anthony Parish, a junior radio-television-film major, worries about the quality of the pizza.

"The quantity of the pizza may reduce the quality of the pizza," he said. "I've looked at most of the pizza and it was looking kind of shabby, so I was not sure that the quality was there versus the one on one order approach."

Despite the few grievances from some students, Hernandez and most of the students were satisfied.

"Business is always good at Howard," Hernandez said. "We will come back and do it again. Being the number one pizza place around here I'm sure we can handle it."

Howard Helps Jumpstart Teach Early

By Venus B. Taylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Thursday, the Jumpstart Early Childhood Education program kicked off its newest affiliate, Jumpstart Washington, D.C., to the promise of 300 volunteer hours by 35 Howard University students.

Sponsored by AmeriCorps, Jumpstart allows college students to work with 3- to 5-year-olds on school readiness while the collegians themselves learn more about becoming teachers.

In his speech at Thursday's event, Michael Williams, a junior pre-physical therapy major and Corps member, expressed that the preschool years are the most influential time in a child's education.

"A child must be nurtured in order to be functional in society," Williams said. "For our admirable over-worked and under-paid teachers, it is nearly impossible."

Richard English, Howard University Interim Provost, articulated the special place that Jumpstart holds at Howard.

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Alumni Project Gives Back to the Community

By Alafaka Opuoyo
Contributing Writer

As the time of giving thanks draws closer, many Howard students are looking for different avenues to give back to those less fortunate. Project GiveBack is an outlet that many students have used to give back to the community.

According to the Project GiveBack Website, Ransom Miller III, Founder/Chairman of Project GiveBack, started The Thanksgiving Food Distribution Drive in the fall of 1995. Miller, a Howard Alumni, collected canned goods and cash donations and gave six families and one homeless shelter food baskets.

Families are picked based on information provided by the Washington D.C. Department of Human Services-Eckington Branch and Maryland Department of Social

Services.

Miller's inspiration for starting Project GiveBack stemmed from his upbringing in the church. Continuing in that same spirit, as an undergraduate at Howard, Miller volunteered with a variety of organization but did see the relationship with Howard University and the community.

Miller's future plans for the organization is to start the first college chapter at Howard. According to Miller, Howard is the ideal place for the first college chapter to be because of the resources the school has.

Avianca Small, a sophomore architecture major and the Howard co-chairwoman of the event also volunteered last year with Williams. She wanted to maintain her relationship with Project GiveBack in the future.

"I see myself working with

the organization until I graduate from Howard," Small said

Miller projects 150-200 boxes will be given out this year. An average family of four will receive enough food to last them for four days including Thanksgiving Day. Among others items, the basket will include a turkey, 2 chickens, vegetables, and potatoes.

Latonia Williams, a sophomore sociology major and one of the Howard chairwomen for the event, said that over 60 students responded to the drive this year.

Katrina Ifill, a freshman nursing major, said that the time of the event may have been a deterrent for others, but not for her.

"I will make the effort to stay up, even if I have to stay up all night," she said.

Williams participated in the event last year and was only supposed to package the

Project GiveBack

Where:
Joseph H. Cole Fitness Center
1200 Morse St., Washington D.C., NE

When:
November 22 at 6 a.m.

Transportation:
Students will be picked up across from the Towers at 5:30 a.m.

Additional Information:
Those interested in delivering food are to report to the Fitness Center at 8 a.m. All volunteers will be served a continental breakfast.

For More Information:
For more information, call 321-1991 or 703-286-8209 or log on to <http://projectgiveback.org>.

food baskets, but ended up distributing them. Williams said seeing the looks on the families' faces made the experience a memorable one.

Williams that true volunteering comes from the heart. "All I have to say is volunteerism is not something that

you can be forced to do, it should be come from the heart," Williams said. "Even though all of us do not come directly from the D.C. area, we are now part of the D.C. community and we should all give back to this community."

Students See Need for Change Corporate Growth for Minorities

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"Many students study there on the weekends when janitors aren't available," Ashanti Woods, Vice President of Grievances for first-year students, said. "There aren't enough trash cans, but students can't leave bags of chips there."

Cannon is not exactly sure what will be done to eliminate the rodents, but suggested a building-wide extermination may be necessary.

According to Woods, another major complaint of HUCM students is the poor-quality downed syllabi.

"Basically, the downed syllabi is a school-provided notebook that has all the information we need to know for tests," Woods said. "They were [of] poor quality; they weren't bound well and pages were falling out."

"A lot of times we'd get the syllabi late," first-year medical student Elisha Flanagan said.

Students also voice objections towards inadequate financial aid and funding.

According to Woods, finan-

cial aid for HUCM students was cut by \$1,500 this year without informing students of the change.

"From what the administration told us, the University did a survey and saw that the medical school received more financial aid than other HU graduate schools," he said.

Woods said that the administration has already implemented plans to cut back on complaints. For instance, problems regarding the syllabi are no longer a concern to students. Woods claims students were provided with bound syllabi within 24 hours.

"The administration also said that renovations are supposed to be completed over Christmas break," he said. "The financial aid department will see if there can be a couple extra hundred dollars allotted to the HUCM."

Cannon declined to speak on issues surrounding renovations and financial aid and other administrators were not available for comment.

"What is going to the committee is what students asked

for," Cannon said. "It cannot be finalized before going to the committee."

Although Cannon believes the task of fixing complaints is one of Herculean measures, she feels empathy of behalf of the students and will help to improve conditions.

"When there's a lot to do, things do get done but perspective is very limited," Cannon said. "Students don't necessarily see changes in place, but a lot has gone on. When accusations are made about other people's motives, it's good to see things from other people's point of view."

Woods believes the current predicaments within the HUCM are temporary and has confidence that the administration will handle the problems to the best of their ability.

"I wholeheartedly believe that the administration is taking steps to alleviate problems with the intention of fulfilling the college's mission of creating well-educated and competent physicians," he said.

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experiences and different paths that each took to become successful in their respective field.

"Although we all now hold similar positions, there are any number of ways to get to where we are and be successful," said James Potter, general counsel and secretary of Del Monte Foods said. "Think of your own strengths and play those own strengths to achieve."

The panel remained realistic and shared with the audience their experiences with being top black corporate officials, handling discrimination.

"There is no greater satisfaction than grooming our successors of the next genera-

tion," Mayes said. "Remember always to have the courage and confidence to change directions and adapt."

Although the event was held at the Howard University Law School, all area minority law students were welcomed and invited to attend.

Law students, including those from Howard, George Washington and the University of Maryland - Baltimore County, appreciated the opportunity to network and see for themselves minorities who had reached the top.

"I am glad to be a part of this important event," George Washington first year law student Will Wilder said. "It is a rare networking opportunity as we gain insight on possibilities we may not be aware of."

It was vital that I come here to hear from black general counsel, as we here about corporate options."

Second year Howard law student Dara Royer said that she was ecstatic to attend the panel discussion.

"This program is a great way to learn about the different opportunities in the law, particularly top positions in corporate America," she said.

"This program was very beneficial in various ways," second year Howard law student Marques Pitre said. "It was encouraging to see successful minorities in such powerful positions. The information received was important because it opens our eyes to different options for law careers."

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was very receptive to the students' questions. She went out of her way to mingle [with them] and show support."

Freshman management major and team member Kevin Horton appreciates Johns' words of wisdom.

"It was a good ceremony, and it was very well put together," he said. "She gave a motivational and inspirational speech."

Freshman marketing major Janeen Blige believes that the program has given her an advantage within the business world.

"Being able to network

within the corporate world at such an early stage of my college career was a wonderful learning experience," Blige said.

"Johns was a good speaker, and she definitely had an impact on my thoughts about Verizon."

Headed by sophomores Jullian Giles and Rory Scott, the team was lead through a variety of presentations and projects throughout the year.

"My job is to facilitate an atmosphere where freshman students can grow and learn. I act as liaison between the school and the freshmen, and I help them with the transition from high school to college," Giles said. "All of the speakers were dynamic and open with

students about what they need to do to be successful in college and in their careers."

Scott sees his role as a team leader a way to ensure that new students have the opportunity to make a smooth adjustment to college life.

"Initially, we act as older students who are here to help the freshmen, but as the year goes on, it becomes more than that. We serve as an example for the students and offer guidance in the School of Business and in life," he said. "The ceremony gave them the chance to see that corporate representatives are no different than students on this campus."

Howard in Seventeen's "School Zone"

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Howard University contact for "School Zone" is excited about the magazine's visit to Howard's campus.

"Everybody wants to be a model and have their time to shine," Cardwell said. "The feature will be both fun and educational to show that we are not just smart with fashion, but also with economics, social issues, and leadership."

Junior graphic design major Shayla Carson, who has modeled for United Colors of Benetton in Italy, will be in attendance at the call.

"My interest in fashion was sparked when I started modeling in the 10th grade," Carson said. "Fashion is not just about clothes. It is a source of income, attention, publicity, and a pretty cool occupation."

Jeron Ravin, a junior advertising major and fashion merchandising minor, shares Carson's fascination with style.

"My mother is a source of inspiration," Ravin said. "She is the most well-dressed woman I know."

However, Ravin is not only an admirer of fashion, but also a player in the industry. He started his own clothing line, J. L. Raven Attire, to address the lack of diversity within African American fashion.

"Hip-hop culture seems to monopolize the fashion culture," Ravin said. "There is much more to fashion than baggy jeans and backwards hats. Fashion is a representation of self. The clothes someone wears on a day-to-day



Howard students will have the opportunity to be featured in Seventeen Magazine.

basis determines the individual's success in life because it shows the attitude you have with yourself and with others."

Sophomore marketing major Christina Weaver follows Ravin's way of thinking.

"Individuality is what makes a person fashionable," Weaver said. "You don't necessarily have to wear designer clothes like Prada and Armani. Fashionable people have learned how to wear their character. My character is strong and independent so I wear professional yet fly business suits."

Kamari Simpson, a junior marketing major, concurs with Ravin and Weaver.

"There's a difference between having a sense of style and being fashionable," Simpson said. "Being fashionable is more like conforming to what society deems popular at any given moment, like wearing Gucci head to toe, but while having sense of style you use your outward appearance to reflect you inner self."

The open casting call will be held in Howard University's Burr Gymnasium on Thursday, November 20 from 4-7pm. To see the latest "School Zone" feature, pick up the November issue of Seventeen Magazine or visit www.seventeen.com.

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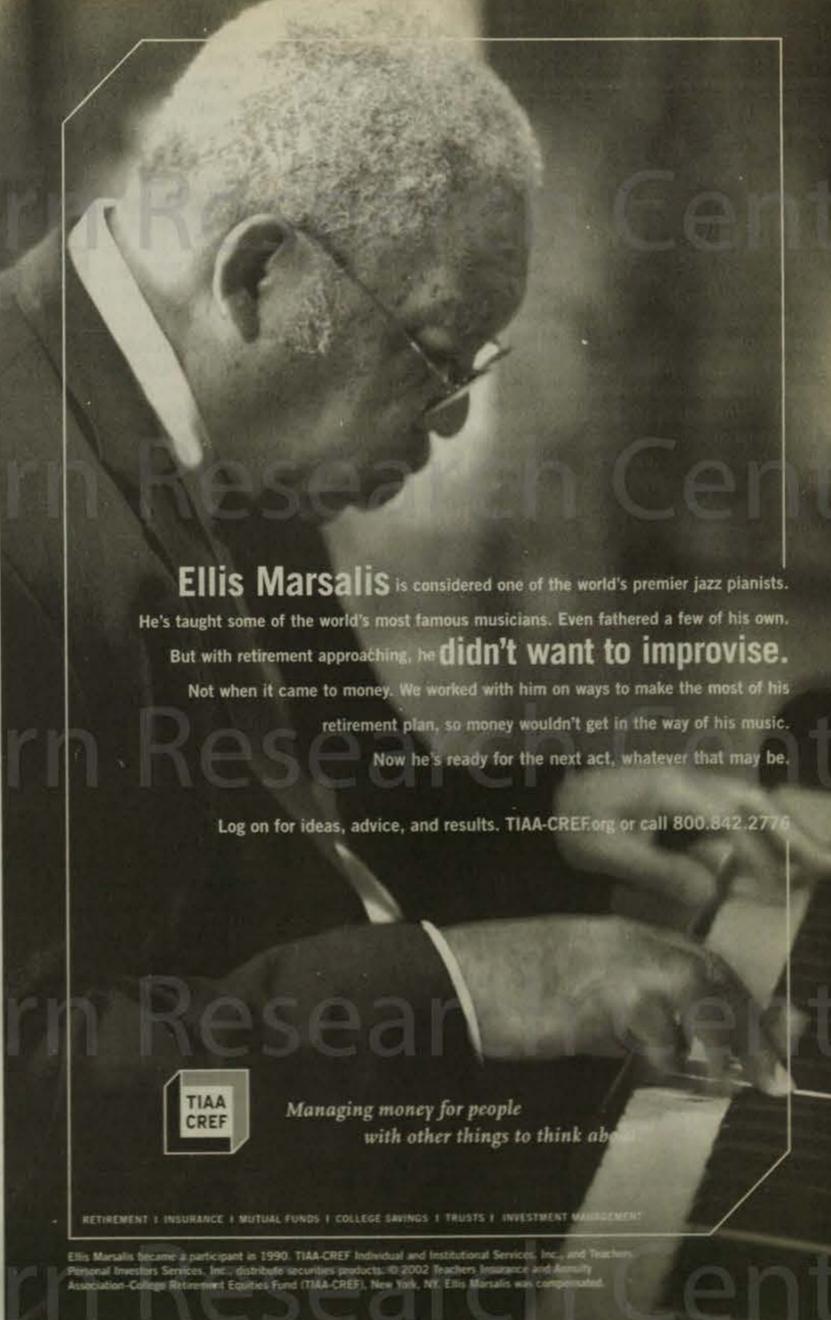
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U.S. Refuses Ozone Deal

UN talks on protecting the ozone layer have ended without a deal, after the U.S. asked permission to continue using a chemical it had earlier agreed to ban. The U.S. team at the Nairobi conference said its farmers needed methyl bromide, but other delegates disagreed. Developed nations have already cut their use of the chemical by 70 percent, pledging to phase it out by 2005.

But the dispute has raised fears that the U.S. may now ignore some of its commitments on ozone protection. At the Nairobi conference, a number of countries requested small exemptions from the Montreal Protocol, the international treaty on ozone-destroying chemicals. But the U.S. asked to be allowed to increase methyl bromide use in 2005 rather than eliminating it.

Americans Brand-Naming Kids

Americans are increasingly turning to the world of popular culture to name their children, a study has found. Children have been named after big brands as diverse as beauty company L'Oreal, car firm Chevrolet and designer clothes company Armani. There are even two little boys, one in Michigan and one in Texas, called ESPN after the sports channel.

Psychology professor Cleveland Evans discovered the trend after surveying U.S. social security records for 2000. Evans, a professor at Bellevue University, Nebraska, has studied baby names in the U.S. for 25 years. He has found that car models are a popular source of inspiration; 22 girls are registered as having the name Infiniti while 55 boys answer to Chevy and five girls to Celica. Seven boys were found to have the name Del Monte - after the food company - and no less than 49 boys were called Canon, after the camera.

Designer firms and types of clothing were also well represented, with almost 300 girls recorded with the name Armani, six boys called Timberland and seven boys called Denim.

In some cases it seems something else was on some parents' minds - six boys were named after Courvoisier cognac.

It is a stark contrast to the most popular names in the U.S. as found in social security records - Jacob and Emily were top for 2002.

Democrats 'Chat' Out Bush

Democrats in the United States Senate have blocked votes on several of President Bush's choices for top judges. Using a tactic called filibuster, the Democrats delayed the votes by talking non-stop for nearly 40 hours - until the session was adjourned. The Democratic senators refused to accept the judicial nominees, saying they were too conservative.

For two days and nights, both sides remained at their posts, occasionally napping in camp beds scattered around the Senate chamber.

Bush criticized the Democrats' tactics as "shameful."

U.S. Strikes Back Against Bombings in Iraq

U.S. forces in Iraq have struck at targets near Baghdad and elsewhere in a major offensive after a spate of deadly bombings and ambushes by insurgents. President Bush stressed it was important for more Iraqis to provide intelligence to prevent new attacks.

U.S. forces hit five targets near Baghdad airport with mortar fire on Friday - positions allegedly used by insurgents. Earlier, a U.S. helicopter gunship killed seven Iraqis suspected of preparing rocket attacks on a U.S. base.

In the latest attack against coalition troops on Friday, a U.S. soldier was killed and two others were injured in Baghdad. The U.S. military said the soldier from the 1st Armored Division died in a roadside bombing in the center of the city.

Source: BBC News

Baghdad Official Shot by U.S. Soldier

By Eleisha John
Contributing Writer

A statement by the U.S. military has confirmed that the mayor of a Baghdad neighborhood was shot and killed last Sunday after a confrontation with U.S. troops. Mohamad Gazi al-Kaabi, 29, was a coalition-appointed council leader in the crucial district of Sadr City.

Reports state that the dispute began when al-Kaabi's car was refused entry to the compound of the council's headquarters, where tighter security measures had been put in place due to the recent spate of car bombings. An argument ensued and, according to the military's statement, "during the altercation a shot was fired," wounding al-Kaabi in the leg. He bled to death some time later at the Rustamiya

American Field Hospital. U.S. Central Command says that investigations are currently underway behind the actual circumstances of the incident, and as to why al-Kaabi was taken to Rustamiya instead of one of the two closer hospitals in the area.

The shooting deals a serious blow to the coalition's efforts to garner support in Sadr City - a volatile Shia district where resentment of military occupation has led to numerous demonstrations and suicide bombings.

Adrienne Dukes, a sophomore marketing major, witnessed firsthand protests against Iraqi occupation in the "March on Washington" last month. She says she can see both sides of the argument. "We can't just leave after all this," says Dukes, "we have to help them back on their feet,

but there are also priorities here."

Sadr City has been the site of several recent conflicts. Formerly called Saddam City, the area is one of the poorest in Baghdad, and home to some two million Shiites. Many of the roles of civil government have come under the control of the powerful Hawza movement. Shiite cleric leader, Moqtada Sadr has been particularly vocal in his criticism against both Saddam Hussein and the U.S. military presence. Al-Kaabi was not regarded a member of the Shia political



Security has been stepped up in Iraq because of the recent increase in car bombings.

groupings, and was seen by many as a collaborator rather than a local representative. Turnout for his funeral on Monday was reported to be relatively small. Still, the shooting comes at a time of considerable friction between Iraqi locals and American forces, and there are fears that the incident will only exacerbate existing tensions.

No More Fish on the Menu

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

For the second year running, scientists have advocated a total ban on cod fishing off the west coast of Scotland, in the North Sea and the Irish Sea. The researchers are trying to convince authorities that this measure, though drastic, can not be avoided if the cod fish is to survive in these waters. They have also advocated a ban on other stocks such as whiting in the Irish Sea.

Courtney Smiley, a radiation therapy freshman, agreed with the ban. "I think it's a good idea but it won't stop people from doing what they want to do." She then added, "The enforcement will be the most important thing."

The reason is that despite repeated warnings over the years, and despite previous conservation measures, these stocks have been steadily declining in the past years and have reached such



dangerous levels that the scientists believe that if they are not allowed to breed, they will be disappear from the waters forever. Officials are now left with a difficult decision to make: on one hand, the proposed ban would allow the fish to recover in numbers great enough to support the fishing industry once again, however, what is to happen to these fishermen during the interim period?

"It's not right for us to kill out entire species. There is nothing wrong with this law and they should be able to implement it. There are similar seasonal laws existing already in the Caribbean." Said Karee Onfroy, a junior in political science.

Fishing officials are still fighting against a complete ban, insisting that they could control the number of cod caught while catching more bountiful species.

Leyland McGann, a political science and economy senior, weighed the scenarios. "As far as the environment goes, I think we should pay attention to what scientists have to say since they are more knowledgeable. Overfishing will disrupt the ecosystem. They can look to alternatives such as having private farms. We should heed the scientists' advice as long as it doesn't disenfranchise the economy"

The issue is by no means foreign to man. As we

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Here Kitty Kitty... Oh! Big Kitty...

Are Pet Tigers Too Dangerous?

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

U.S. authorities removed 24 Bengal tigers from a private sanctuary in New Jersey last week. The tigers were taken from their pens and transported to an animal shelter in Texa, after complaints that they were not being properly cared for.

Officials from the International Fund for Animal Welfare said the tigers' pens were dirty and infested with rats. According to state officials, "one small, badly malnourished tiger was found caked in mud, with the pads of its feet covered in sores."

Attention was drawn to the animals' plight after officials shot a tiger wandering in a suburban area. New Jersey authorities then questioned the conditions at the 12-acre Tigers Only Preservation Society sanctuary. There was never proof that the wandering tiger was owned by "Tiger Lady" Joan Byron-Marasek, the sanctuary's owner, but doubts after that incident led to the non-renewal of Marasek's permit to keep the animals.

It is estimated that 10,000 tigers are being raised as pets in

basements and backyards in the U.S. - fewer tigers remain in the wild.

Last month, police had to sedate and remove a 350-pound tiger from a New York apartment after the animal's owner, Antoine Yates, went to the hospital with bites he said were caused by a pit bull. When the authorities arrived at Yates' home, they found a three to five foot caiman alligator and an orange and white tiger.

Following the evacuation of the building, policeman Martin Duffy tranquilized the tiger by rappelling to the fifth floor.

"I saw him eye to eye, to say the least," Duffy told the AP. "He charged twice and I shot him."

The police then entered the five-bedroom apartment, secured the sedated tiger to a stretcher and carried it away.

They then encountered the caiman which they also toted

out of the flat. Yates was suspected to have raised the tiger from the time it was a cub.

Damien Dunbar, junior information systems major said, "I think that wild animals, including some domesticated dogs, should be kept out of urban areas. They should only be allowed in rural property (farms) which also should be inspected by authorities. If I saw someone walking a pet tiger on a leash down Georgia Avenue, I wouldn't think it cool."

Larry Wallach is another private citizen who keeps his pet - Spike the Bengal tiger - in his New York backyard. Wallach, like some owners, have permission to keep the tigers because they use them for educational purposes, such as school tours or TV shows.

"I think if you're capable, financially property wise, and you want it - we're Americans, we live in a free country - then go get it!" said Wallach.

Christina Crocker, a junior economics major agrees.

"I think it is cool," she said.

"If I had the choice to have a different pet I would choose a tiger. As long as people have the means and the animals don't pose a threat to society, then there's no problem."

The question to be asked is why are more and more people opting for tigers as pets? Wallach told the BBC that it is mainly ego. Apparently, even with pets, size does matter.

Steve Zawistowski, animal behaviorist from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals suggests stick to normal cats.

"Big ones just aren't meant to be pets," he said. "It would be safer for the community if this was made illegal. These big cats are going to suffer when you have them - and you're going to be a danger to yourself and your community."

Natalie Hanna, an international business major agrees.

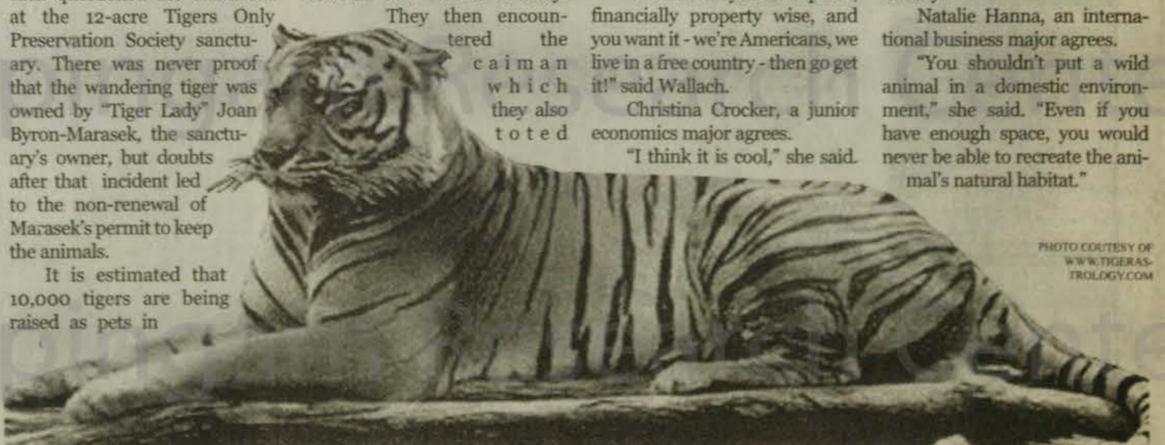
"You shouldn't put a wild animal in a domestic environment," she said. "Even if you have enough space, you would never be able to recreate the animal's natural habitat."

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Quote of the Day

What luck for the rulers that MEN do not think

Adolf Hitler 1889-1945



Nigerian President Promises Corruption Crackdown

By Gregg Wallace
Contributing Writer

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has urged oil and other mineral-extracting firms to be transparent as he tackles the country's endemic corruption. "The fight against corruption must be relentless and continuous because the forces of corruption are determined forces," the president of the African nation that regularly tops the global list of most corrupt countries, said on Friday.

"Unless you continue to check on them, they will do all sorts of things, including blackmailing, using subterfuge, even threat and intimidation to get themselves off the public hook," Obasanjo said.

Obasanjo's call for transparency is an attempt to repair Nigeria's tainted image. But the task at hand is difficult.

The president said he would introduce an initiative urging oil and other companies involved in mineral extraction, such as gold, to open their accounts to scrutiny. The idea is that Nigerian companies would reveal how much they received and their foreign partners would publish how much they paid.

"When you have received \$10 million but the others paid \$12 million, where has the two million gone? When the two societies publish the accounts, this is truly transparent," Obasanjo reminded.

"The oil companies need to be more accountable to the government and the public," said senior history major Renee Barker. "Once the legislature is implemented, corruption will not be as rampant as before."

Daniel Patterson, sophomore chemistry major thinks that, "He [Obasanjo] has a good plan, but it has to be done the right way. Otherwise, it would be a waste of money and the companies



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Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

have to comply, else it's a waste of everybody's time."

The president was speaking at a press conference organized by global corruption watchdog Transparency International. Last month Transparency International released its worldwide annual graft index, ranking Nigeria second only to Bangladesh as the most corrupt. Never short of pledges, Obasanjo ironically is a founding member of Transparency International. But in the five years he has been in power, not a single senior figure has been convicted of corruption.

Observation Deck



Fake Drugs Intake Increased

The world-wide use of fake drugs has increased because they are so easy to make and sell cheaply, says the World Health Organization. It is launching a campaign to clamp down on the use of the drugs, which it warns can be harmful and even deadly.

The WHO estimates up to 25 percent of medicines consumed in developing nations are counterfeit or substandard. They are often used to treat life-threatening conditions such as malaria, TB and AIDS. The problem is also widespread in richer countries, according to the WHO.

One of the best-selling fakes is Viagra, which can easily be bought on the Internet, it warned.

German States to Ban Head Scarves

A German state has begun moves to ban Muslims from wearing head scarves in schools.

The bill was proposed by the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg following a supreme court ruling in September that allowed a Muslim teacher to wear a head scarf. The legislation is expected to gain approval from the state parliament early next year.

The ban will not apply in religious education classes, and Christian and Jewish symbols will not be banned. Three states - Berlin, Hesse and Saarland - want head scarves banned in all public services.

India to Hold 2010 Commonwealth Games

India has hailed the decision to award Delhi the 2010 Commonwealth Games. Officials describe it as a huge opportunity, particularly for

the country's fast-growing economy. The Indian capital beat its Canadian rival, Hamilton, by 46 votes to 22 to win the right to host the event, which brings together about 5,500 athletes.

Delhi will be only the second Asian city to host the four-yearly event, following in the footsteps of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, in 1998. India had been favorite to win the vote at a meeting of member nations in Montego Bay, Jamaica, having twice had unsuccessful bids in the past.

The country will spend more than \$400 million on the games, mostly on building sporting facilities and infrastructure in Delhi, a city of 14 million people.

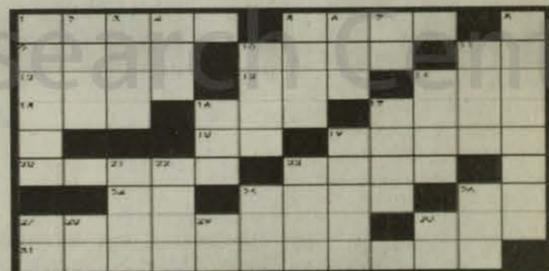
Italy to Dump Nuclear Waste in Tourist Area

The Italian Government has selected a town in an area of outstanding natural beauty as the site for an underground nuclear waste dump. The small coastal town of Scanzano is in the extreme south of Italy. Experts say the waste will remain radioactive for up to a 150,000 years. But the government regards the consolidation of its nuclear waste storage facilities in one place as a national priority, given the increased risks of possible terrorist attack.

About 80,000 cubic meters of radioactive materials stored temporarily in different parts of the country will be collected and transported to a thinly-populated area which attracts many tourists because of its unspoiled wildlife.

Source: BBC News

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- Coined term for "Low-paying, dead-end work" (5)
- Mauritian President (4)
- Pirates' call (4)
- What fishes do (4)
- Symbol for element Hassium (2)
- Nuclear weapon (4)
- Strike (3)
- Policeman (3)
- Insurance Medical Exam acronym (3)
- Tutankhamen or King ___ (3)
- Spice married to Beckham (4)
- Preposition for position (2)
- Food that never spoils (5)
- Capital of Jordan (5)
- Makes up skeleton (4)
- Initials of Sesame Street Muppet roommates (2)
- Country with capital Vientiane (4)
- Roman numeral for 2 (2)
- Voice of Bugs Bunny (2,5)
- Irish Republican Army (3)
- Number 1 selling US snack (6,5)

DOWN

- Philippines capital (6)
- Pal (4)
- Makes you laugh (4)
- Spanish for Hey (3)
- Pregnant goldfish (4)
- British for small island (3)
- Your Magazine (2)
- Suffocation (8)
- Close (4)
- Flexible tube (4)
- Ice cream ___ (4)
- Brown by the sun (3)
- Nerve fibers linking medulla oblongata to cerebellum (4)
- Bootleg liquor (5)
- Go from solid to liquid (4)
- They sang, "Looking out for another, anyone will do, you're in the mood for a dance." (4)
- High seat of distinction (4)
- Member of Buddhist people in Mekong River (3)
- Internal Revenue Service (3)
- Member of Parliament (2)
- Executive Order (2)
- Lieutenant (2)
- Internet Protocol (2)

Free School Breakfasts in Wales

By Ria Marie Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the Welsh assembly have voted in favor of plans to provide primary school children with free breakfasts. The decision comes as a result of a recent study by Reading University which showed that "children who miss proper breakfasts share the same reaction times as people in their 70s." Breakfast snacks with "simple carbohydrates" like sugars give a quick short-term boost in energy, but conventional breakfasts such as cereals or toast have more "complex carbohydrates and release energy over a longer period."

The research conducted on 9 to 16-year-olds showed that they performed better at mental tasks after eating a traditional breakfast. Those who did not wound up with reaction times of pensioners. The Welsh National Union of Teachers (NUT) supports the plan which they believe would "help pupils concentrate, socialize more and help parents who are under pressure to get to work." According to the BBC, Spokeswoman Heledd Hayes said that she was confident no extra pressure would be put on teachers and that extra staff would be brought in.

The Welsh Assembly Government has been criticized for their proposed breakfast plan by opposition parties, who claim that the plan is "flawed" and nothing more than "a gimmick." While they admit that the assembly

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2003 - International Year of Fresh Water

Usable Water Shortages Plague the Earth

By Sean Jackman
Hilltop Staff Writer

"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink," from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, may soon cross the line from famous quote to reality.

Even though water covers roughly two thirds of the Earth's surface, most of it is too salty for our uses. Of the estimated 2.5 percent of the world's water that is not too salty, two thirds is locked up in glaciers and ice caps. Of that remaining, 20 percent is in remote areas and much of the rest is in the form of floods and monsoons. If you did the math, you'll end up with a very small percentage of usable fresh water on the earth: less than 0.08%.

With the water supply so dangerously low already, scientists expect water demand to increase by 40 percent in the next 20 years. This cuts the world-wide average supply of water per person by a third.

In response, the UN has designated 2003 as the International Year of Fresh Water. Scrapping the original goal of halving the number of deaths due to no access to clean water by 2015, a new report has set a date in 2030.

Humans use about 70 percent of the current water reserves in agriculture, mainly for irrigation. Unfortunately, irrigation wastes almost 60 percent of the water used, as it trickles off or evaporates before doing anything.

The growing population

also accounts for the dramatic rise in water demand. An adequate safe water supply is key to good health and a proper diet. Everyday, over 30,000 children die before they turn five from hunger or easily preventable diseases due to a lack of a reliable water supply.

Pollution has also begun to diminish the little water obtainable by use. Estimates show that there is more polluted water than in the largest river basins.

Various organizations are now dedicated to trying to help provide communities with an improved water supply.

Water Aid is one such international charity that works mainly in the poorest communities of Africa and Asia. Established in 1981, they reportedly help over 500,000 people yearly through water, sanitation and hygiene education projects using practical solutions and low-cost technologies.

The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) is trying to get governments to practice more efficient water usage techniques, including precision sprinklers and irrigation systems, which drip water directly onto plants in order to stop the waste typically involved with this activity.

Cheaper, less energy-intensive ways of running desalination plants are also being researched while subterranean water supplies are being sourced for usage instead of groundwater.

People in developed countries tend to take their water supply for granted. What people



in other countries wish they had, others use without a second thought.

Renikko Alleyne, a senior computer science major, admitted to never caring about her water usage but promised to change.

"I waste water every day, not really worrying about how it affected others," she said. "After this, I'm sure I will be more conservative in my water usage."

However, there were some who were conscious of their usage.

Keron Alfred, a senior computer science major, said, "I have always been conservative about how I use water. Sometimes I may waste some in opening a tap and waiting for it to reach a certain temperature but in general, I prefer efficiency and so I naturally don't waste a lot of water."

Maia Cave, a junior computer science major, is optimistic but practical about the impending water crisis.

"Although I am sure that we will find a method in the near future to make use of currently unusable water sources, there is no need for us to exploit our current water resources," she said.

Hopefully the actions of these groups, and others, will reverse the dry tide that threatens to engulf us.

Kenyan Universities in Strike Crisis

By Eleisha John
Contributing Writer

All of Kenya's public universities were closed indefinitely last Monday, a move that has divided students, educators and even the media. The decision was taken after some 3,200 professors and lecturers launched a strike for better salaries and terms of service.

Last year, the Kenyan government promised pay

increases, but has reportedly been delayed by the struggling economy.

The Ministry of Education has said in principle that it is willing to initiate pay increases in February 2004, but has not given any details of its planned package. The Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU) is demanding concrete proposals before calling off the strike, which has shut down all six public universities -

Egerton, Kenyatta, Maseno, Moi, the University of Nairobi and the Jomo Kenyatta University. Chancellor of the latter, Ali Mazrui, said that the stagnation in wages is impeding faculty from research and publishing efforts.

Senior print journalism major Alicia Johnson thinks the action is justifiable and relevant to the situation of teach-

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Microsoft Attempts to Stop Computer Predators Through New Program

By Courtney Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

A sophomore international business major, Brandon Bailey attempted to complete a last minute paper when his computer screen suddenly went black. After trying to retrieve his lost paper unsuccessfully, he discovered his computer was infected with a virus.

The sudden outbreak of viruses like the MSBlast worm and Sobig viruses on the Internet has made it difficult to complete tasks in a technology driven world. In early November, in an effort to help catch the offenders, Microsoft partnered with law enforcement officials and imple-



mented the Anti-Virus Reward Program.

The Anti-Virus Reward Program will reward anyone with information that will aid officials in arresting individuals who illegally release worms, viruses, and other damaging codes on the Internet.

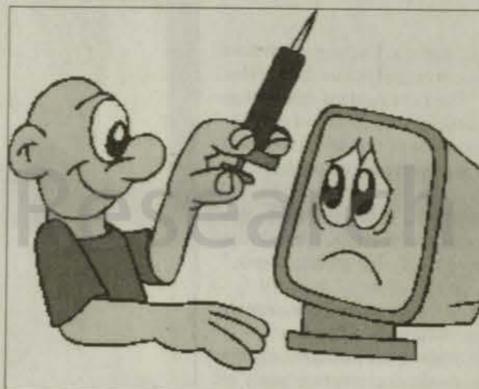
According to Microsoft, there are an estimated 200 to 300 new viruses discovered every month. Trying to find the individuals responsible for illegally launching these viruses has been a difficult task for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Secret Service. The FBI and Secret Service find it difficult to identify and track the culprits online and as a result many attackers still lurk on the Net.

"Even as we work to make software more secure and educate users on how to protect themselves, we are also working to stamp out the criminal behavior that causes this problem," explained Senior Vice-President and General Counsel Brad Smith of Microsoft in an interview with EE Times.com.

Brad also discussed the danger of Internet crimes.

"These are not just Internet crimes, cyber-crimes, or virtual crimes," he said. "These are real crimes that hurt a lot of people. Those who release viruses on the Internet are the saboteurs of cyberspace, and Microsoft wants to help the authorities catch them."

The first reward from the program will be in the amount of a quarter-million dollars for information leading to the person who released the MSBlast A worm. This worm was created espe-



cially to destroy Microsoft's Windows operations.

In addition, Microsoft is also offering a second reward of a quarter-million dollars for information that may result in the arrests and conviction of the offenders responsible for releasing the Sobig virus.

The Sobig virus made messages appear on individual computers, as if they were from the official Microsoft e-mail addresses.

Crashing computers, blocked e-mail, slow Internet access and lost files are also affecting Howard University students.

"We all have been affected by these viruses, and it has been a big inconvenience. I am glad Microsoft has this program, it is time to cut back on these viruses," sophomore accounting major Taleah Holloway said.

Mocha Lounge Still Going Strong Eight Months Later

By Christopher A. Wall
Contributing Writer

Whoever said that businesses fail within the first six to 12 months of opening could not have been talking about Mocha Lounge Espresso Bar and Café.

"Being a native Washingtonian, I was concerned with how the community would respond to the business," said Theresa Sawyer, a full-time employee and manager at the Mocha Lounge. "But we've been here for over six months and we're still going strong."

Although the Mocha Lounge, which is nestled on Florida Ave. between the Howard University Plaza Towers and U St., has only been open for a short time, Gregory Lea, the entertainment manager, declares that business has been flexible and is steadily rising.

"From a monetary standpoint, most of our business comes from the surrounding community," Lea said.

"We are now in the process of implementing more ways to reach Howard students," Lea explained. "Howard students bring lots of ideas and as a result, there is now a poetry night every Thursday from 6 to 11 p.m."

The growth of the Mocha Lounge, according to Lea, depends on how well the Howard community responds to the business.

He is currently looking for undergraduate students to assist in advertising for the Mocha Lounge.

"Handing out flyers is good, but word of mouth is what we need to boost business," said Lea. "We're trying to make the business grow, but we would also like to provide a warm and intellectual atmosphere for Howard University students in the process".



Sawyer appreciates the business from Howard University students, but attributes the success of the business to the owners.

"One common misconception about African Americans is that we are unable to properly manage our money," said Sawyer. "The success of the Mocha Lounge, in my opinion, is attributed to...the proper management of funds."

Sawyer assures that everyone associated with the business works diligently to provide quality customer service.

"I've been here since the grand opening in March," Sawyer said. "I am the last of six employees still working. Many of them were young and only wanted to make a quick buck, but they weren't willing to work for it," explained Sawyer.

Although there are few employees, Sawyer is positive that this minor setback won't affect business.

"When we opened in March, many Howard students were preparing for graduation and summer vacation," said Sawyer. "It was slow then, but now business couldn't be better."

Despite the success of the café some Howard students like senior advertising major Ashley Johnson are reluctant to give their full support.

"I've only been to the Mocha Lounge once," Johnson said. "My decision for not going back is mainly based on the area. I don't think that the current location was a wise area to put the Mocha Lounge."

Johnson also cites men outside the café flirting with her as another reason for

not returning.

"They can be intimidating at times," Johnson added.

Some students share Johnson's opinion of the café.

"I went to the Mocha Lounge a few weeks after they opened. The service was bad and the coffee was not all that great," sophomore biology major Walter Emanuel explained.

Although Emanuel was initially not impressed with the café, his opinion soon changed.

"I decided to go back [to the Mocha Lounge] because there was a poetry cipher and I was really interested," he said. "The second time I went, everything improved—the coffee was great and the atmosphere was friendly."

There is only one Mocha

Lounge Espresso Bar and Café, but it may not be this way for long.

"We're going to see how business is six months from now before plans for a second Mocha Lounge will be considered," Sawyer said. "We operate mostly by word of mouth. If there is a need for another Mocha Lounge, it will definitely be considered."



Money Matters



Divas Spends Thanksgiving in Safeway

By Ashley Kelly
Business & Technology Editor

The smell of ham, turkey dressing, sweet potatoes, collard greens, and macaroni and cheese fill the air. It is Thanksgiving Day at Diva's house.

Divas stares outside her second floor window watching as the red, orange and yellow leaves decorate her backyard.

"Diva get down here," Diva's mother calls.

Divas reluctantly gets up from her plush pink coach and walks downstairs.

"Mom what is it?"

"Well, first I need you to change your tone girl," her mother said turning beet red (a rather drastic color for a woman of her complexion). "I need you to go to the store to pick up a few items for dinner."

"What do you need mom?" Diva asks, still annoyed she had to leave her room.

"I need garlic, Jiffy mix, eggs, milk, paprika for the potato salad and onions."

"Okay," Diva says as she extends her hand for the money.

Her mother hands her a debit card instead.

"Diva don't take all day." Diva goes upstairs to change clothes.

Yes, she even has to look fly to go to the grocery store.

When Diva walks into Safeway, she grabs a cart and heads to aisle one.

"What did that woman say she wanted? I'll just guess."

Divas rolls through the grocery store and starts grabbing random items.

"I think she said bread," Diva says as she grabs two loaves.

Divas bypasses the Jiffy mix and picks up brownie mix instead.

"I need some chocolate," Diva grabs another box of brownies before leaving the aisle.

Ten minutes later, Diva's cart is half full, but she only has one thing that her mother requested—paprika.

She only remembered this because potato salad is her favorite.

"I really don't remember what mom asked for, but what would Thanksgiving be without a turkey?"

Divas lifts a 20-pound turkey into the cart crushing a bag of potato chips she just picked up.

"Out of all this food I'm sure I got what mom needed. What would that woman do without me?" Diva says with a bright smile as she walks to the cash register.

"How are you today?" the cashier asks Diva as he rings up her groceries.

See DIVA page A10

Forum Discusses Students' Mistreatment of Homeless

HOMELESS from A2

my family told me I had already had enough schooling, so I took on a janitorial job," Jackson said.

Eventually, Jackson's hard work paid off and she got promoted to payroll, which led to much bigger things.

"I wanted to come back to Washington and I wanted to show all these people who made fun of me when I was in school that I had a charge card and they didn't," Jackson said.

Jackson said that she still did not find solace until she turned to alcohol.

"One night I was in the streets, and I was drunk again, and this guy told me he was going back to the shel-

ter, I didn't think anything of it because I was drunk," Jackson said. "He grabbed me by my throat and raped me. I thought to myself, 'Am I going to die tonight?'"

Not long after that, Jackson restored her faith in God and put her life back on track. She is now off the street and working with the National Coalition for the Homeless.

Senior political science major Timothy Butler listened to the speakers and said it humbled him.

"It was touching and humbling to actually hear the stories of those that were homeless," Butler said. "I have really been touched and blessed and I'm inspired to do more things to eradicate homelessness in America."

Butler is not the only stu-

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National Coalition for the Homeless online: <http://>

dent that was inspired by the speakers.

Antoinetta Hairston, a junior radio-television-film major, feels the ultimate goal is to help others.

"The ultimate goal is to help out the people," Hairston said. "After coming to this program tonight. It has kind of enlightened me that everyone doesn't have that dollar, everyone didn't choose to be homeless."

Black Donors a Rarity

NEED from A2

dures they have to go through." Freshman marketing major Ashley Peters believes it goes much farther than being underweight or being lazy.

"Minorities want to give back to the community," Peters said. "But they want to give back to their community and most of the blood is given to white people

first."

Despite the universal thought that the blood is not coming back to the African American community, according to the Massachusetts General Hospital website, minorities are in desperate need of blood because of diseases like sickle cell anemia.

Freshman broadcast journalism major Sudana Irby

believes there is a fear throughout the minority community that hinders minorities from donating.

"I think it's a big fear because with a lot of different diseases running around, like AIDS; you never know what you might have," Irby said. "It's kind of scary that you donate blood and then you find out you might have something."

Students Give Blood To Red Cross

SAVE from A2

opportunity to sign up for the National Marrow Registry.

"There is a shortage of both blood and marrow in the United States because of recent events," Dar said. "I may get in an accident and need a transfusion. I know that if I give, I can receive."

According to Red Cross Marrow Donor Program Minority Recruitment Specialist

Juliette Williams, not enough African Americans are donating bone marrow.

"Currently there are approximately 5 million people on the registry, but only 388,847 are African American," Williams said. "Because [African American] numbers are so low and the chance of matching is so slim, people are dying needlessly."

American Red Cross

Volunteer Anne Snodgrass' passion for donating blood matches that of Williams for donating marrow.

"[Giving blood] is easy, almost painless, and it does so much good for other people," Snodgrass said. "But if you can't give blood there are other ways to help. It isn't difficult to volunteer at blood drives. There are all over Washington, D.C. almost every day."

Jumpstart Sparks Young Minds

START from A4

"[Jumpstart] is taking great steps to ensure President Bush's goal that all children can read by the third grade," English said. "This is a very ambitious and powerful goal and as our nation approaches the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board, it holds a special significance at Howard University."

Further stressing the importance of Jumpstart is U.S. Department of Education Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education Sally Stroup.

"One of our issues is academically preparing and rearing students to come into school ready to read," Stroup said. "Reading is a lifetime gift. Once you give it to [a child], no one can take it away."

Stroup also expressed her belief of the importance of college students sharing this gift with preschoolers.

"Kids who succeed in school are pretty happy adults once they get out," Stroup said. "College students instilling in little children the dream that they can go to college is invaluable."

Rob Waldron, the CEO and President of Jumpstart, said that he greatly appreciated the Howard students who are engaged in service.

"Corps members have entered the business of hope, the hope that we can improve the lives of children in America and solve the problems in education," Waldron said. "It is unconscionable that we can decide at such an early age the fate of a child's life."

Corps member Kimberly Jones, a junior legal communications major, feels that

Jumpstart makes a great influence in helping children to improve their fate.

"There is so much you can get from Jumpstart," Jones said. "We impact these children while learning how to change lives and how to educate."

Williams agrees with his fellow Corps members on the difference that Jumpstart makes. "I have a genuine interest in children," Williams said. "I love to see them succeed and see the smiles on their faces."

Jumpstart D.C. - Howard University works mostly in elementary schools themselves, like Bruce Monroe. For more information, visit the Howard University Community Association on Georgia Avenue, right next to Wachovia bank, or call 202-806-4771.

Official: Stress and Mono Related

MONO from A4

Brown said. "I haven't really heard anything about it. If it was a big deal on campus, you'd hear more about it."

Psychology major Victor Downing agreed with Brown's conclusions.

"Someone I knew in high school was out for awhile with it, but I wouldn't say it's as big a deal on Howard's campus," he said.

Lynette Munday, Associate

Director of Medical Services at Howard Student Health Center, said that the center does not keep track of mononucleosis cases, only lab test results.

"I don't think people take it seriously," Pender said. "I wouldn't want to get tired like that."

Ann Hatch, who works for media relations for the Dallas County Community College District, said that health center staffers notice the connection between the disease and stress.

"They told me that it's not uncommon to see an increase in mono cases at the end of every semester, especially fall and spring," Hatch explained. "Students who are preparing for final exams are stressed, tired, don't get enough sleep, don't eat properly, and generally abuse themselves physically. As a result, they come down with mono more frequently."

For more information about mononucleosis, students can visit the student health center.

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Welsh Students Get Free Breakfast

WALES from A7

has good intentions, they believe that the plan was not adequately thought out and that it would result in less resources for other education policies such as smaller classes and building repairs. Assembly Liberal Democrat leader Mike German told BBC Radio Wales that there were "big questions."

"We don't know for exam- ple how much this is going to cost. If it's going to be voluntary, who's going to take it up, who's going to provide the staff..."

The Welsh Labour Party however was confident in the plan's feasibility and the program will be started in September 2004. Jodiann Ledford, a junior biology major, believes, "It is a positive initiative and the U.S. government should follow in this

path. Many students who attend public primary schools come from underprivileged homes with single parents who are most likely unable to provide the children with a nutritious breakfast."

Edward McLean, a senior civil engineering major, agreed. "I think it is a really good idea. Parents who are poor cannot afford a good breakfast for their kids. The first meal of the day is the most

important, so the government should definitely step in to provide this benefit for those who can't afford it."

First Minister Rhodri Morgan told the BBC that he received positive feedback from children at a primary school in Swansea which already provides an affordable breakfast for pupils. He said that, "It isn't simply a matter of 'I like jam on my toast' or 'I like cereals' or whatever. They

seemed to understand what good it's doing them and I'm very pleased about that."

Cherie Warner, a junior biology major said that the breakfast plan was important, especially for people who cannot afford it. "People assume that everyone has access to meals, but there are some who don't, so providing meals for children makes people aware that there is a need which has to be met."

Cross World Puzzle Solutions

ANSWERS from A7

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1. McJob	1. Manila
5. Taya	2. Joke
9. Ahoy	4. Oye
10. Swim	5. Twit
11. Hs	6. At
12. Nuke	7. YM
13. Hit	8. Asphyxia
14. Cop	10. Shut
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16. Tut	14. Cone
17. Posh	16. Tan
18. At	17. Pons
19. Honey	19. Hooch
20. Amman	21. Melt
23. Bone	22. ABBA
24. EB	23. Banc
25. Laos	25. Lao
26. ii	26. IRS
27. Mel Blanc	27. MP
30. IRA	28. EO
31. Potato Chips	29. Lt
	30. IP

All Kenyan Universities Closed Indefinitely

KENYA from A7

ers here in the United States. "Often the state of education is blamed on the teachers," says Johnson, "but they rarely have the tools they need to teach."

The pay strike has divided the country's press, with two daily newspapers (The Nation and The East African Standard) calling for negotiations, while another (the Kenya Times) has issued a bitter criticism of the professors. Students have also found themselves on opposing sides of the controversy.

Some 60,000 students were sent home last Monday amid fears of rioting. Howard University senior Ano Miller, recalls a similar crisis during

her years in Kenya and says that university closures have taken place before, especially due to student rioting.

However, on Monday evening, many students at the University of Nairobi gathered outside the campus in a show of support for their professors and several student leaders joined staff at a meeting addressed by union officials. When asked whether a similar show of support would be likely on Howard's campus if the situation arose, most students interviewed found it highly unlikely. Senior insurance major, Keren Charles, says that the level of support here would "depend on how comparable professors' salaries are to that

of their peers."

"I think [students] would simply be happy not to have classes," says Johnson, "I don't think they would bother to go out there and support their professors."

In a twist of irony, Kenya's assistant education minister, Kilemi Mwiria, has found himself in an awkward position. Mwiria, a former lecturer, led a similar pay strike ten years ago, but must now handle the government's negotiations with his former colleagues.

Currently, a tutorial fellow in Kenya is reported to earn Sh15,000 (U.S. \$195), a lecturer Sh17,000 (U.S. \$221) and a full professor Sh31,000 (U.S. \$403) per month.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

DIVA from A8

"I'm good. It sure does stink that you have to work on Thanksgiving."

"Yea, but I'll be off soon. You sure are buying a lot of last-minute food."

"My mom sent me to the store for some items, but I forgot what she asked for, so I just picked up things I thought she needed."

"She forgot the turkey?"

"Yea I think that was one of the items."

"Okay," he says as he finishes ringing up the food, "Your total comes to \$105.77."

Diva swipes her mom's debit card and seconds later realizes it will not go through.

Diva's mom gave her a debit card because she only needed a few items

and she knew \$20 would take care of what she needed. Not what Diva thought she needed.

"Is there a problem miss?" he asked, as he noticed the young lady had a very perplexed look on her face.

"Uh—for some reason my mother's stupid card is not going through."

"Would you like to use another form of payment?"

Diva has two credit cards and her own debit card in her wallet, but Diva only spends her money on necessities—like a new pair of pumps. Thanksgiving dinner is nowhere near her necessity category.

Instead of using her own money to correct her dumb mistake she begins helping the cashier take the groceries out the bag.

I'd rather go home empty handed than broke. Besides if I broke, how am I going to buy anything tomorrow at the after Thanksgiving sales?

It's bad enough that Diva is abusing her credit, but now she is trying to abuse her mom's money. It looks as though she will never learn.

When your family sends you to get last minute stuff for Thanksgiving, (and they will) write a list and don't buy extra items.

It sure would stink to spend your Thanksgiving where Diva spent hers—in Safeway.

Dedicated to D.R — we got through that conference somehow.

The Cod's Tale of Extinction

COD from A6

have migrated across the globe, man has made a habit of taking for granted his food source. Unfortunately, it's only after some generations that the consequences begin to show. We have over-fished our oceans, and not just off Scotland and Ireland, but around the earth, and as a result, a new study reported that 90% of all large fishes have disappeared from the world's ocean in the past half century. Meanwhile scientists try desperately to get bans passed and enforced.

Dolphins, whales, sharks and other large oceanic creatures are caught indiscriminately in fishing nets and massive amounts of dead fish are thrown back into the sea. Regrettably, many fail to see how this affects other species.

The marine ecosystem is well balanced, and when we deplete one of the units in the system, the balance is ruptured. Any species that is reduced, will adversely affect other species that are in contact with it; whether that contact be predatory or mutual in nature. The trend that scientists have noticed, can only

lead to the starvation of the marine ecology in the future.

A statement from Kela Francis, senior English major, couldn't sum this up better: "We need to ensure that the environment is the same, which may not always be possible. We can also implement breeding programs and expand into different food sources while helping fishermen get alternate methods of income. This will help the exploitation. Of course, as many people as possible also need to be educated on the issue."

Annie Battle Makes Students Feel at Home

BATTLE from A2

enced Battle's interaction with students and appreciates her willingness to always lend a listening ear.

"Ms. Battle is someone you can confide in and she will tell you the truth," Stinson said. "A lot of students feel comfortable around her and they come to her with their problems, knowing that she is there to help."

Battle's role as a counselor can be linked to her aspirations to one day become a child therapist. Serving as a support system is nothing new to Battle. As the mother of four daugh-

ters, she makes it a priority to devote quality time to her family.

"Once I leave work, I go home and spend time with my children," Battle said. "They are exactly what I work for, and it's my job to be there for them."

In celebration of Thanksgiving, Battle plans assist with a potluck dinner she is organizing in Cook Hall to recognize the hard work of the hall staff.

Christyn Paige, a resident assistant in Cook, notes that Battle always manages to make the staff feel at home.

"Ms. Battle goes out of her way for other people," Paige, said. "She pays attention to the little things that others miss and that makes her a good employee."

For Battle, extending herself for others is just a part of her caring nature. She enjoys working with students and takes pride in her many roles in the dorms.

"If there is anything that the staff or students ask me to do, I'll do it," said Battle. "If Ms. Battle can do it, Ms. Battle is there."

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Forum Speaks on Univ. Gender Gap

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men and women of all races. "In 1999, there was a gender gap of 1.2 million between white women and white men," Garibaldi said. "There is not only a gender gap between African American men and women, but between all races."

In his statistical data, Garibaldi said that while there is a big gender gap between men and women ages 18-24 who graduate from high school, the gap is significantly smaller in the age range of 25-29.

"In 2000, 86.6 percent of African American men completed high school or an equivalent," Garibaldi said. "So many times we focus on the 18-24 age range, but we forget the untapped resource of men at the 25-29. We need to make resources available to these men."

In Boykin's speech, he said that the education of black boys is the story within the story.

Teachers hold lower expectations of black boys,' Boykin said. "This translates to less answer time for boys. Until we are able to get more black men through the pipeline then we will fail as a society."

According to Boykin, society must move past the sorting process in the educational system in order to rectify the gender disparity.

"The sorting process seeks out the weakest link which is African American males," he said.

During the Question and Answer period, one audience member asked how Howard would work to retain African American men.

"We have very high expectations and demands on the academics," President of Howard University H. Patrick Swygert said. "We perhaps need to have more resources to meet that demand."

When asked if the University allows for lower SAT scores to garner more

males, board of trustee member Florence McKenzie said that Howard does not only look at SAT scores, but also other achievements.

"We encouraged the University to take a chance on students," McKenzie said. "We feel that the University's mission needs to be able to accept those who might not have all of the requirements."

Students who attended the event were impressed with the statistical data provided.

"The numbers [data] were good and drove home the point presented," Shawntel Herbert, senior public relations major, said. "The answers that were given to the problem offered possible solutions."

Freshman accounting major Wesley Bullock believes that the University is already doing a lot to recruit more men.

"Howard has already taken steps to accommodate those who want to come," Bullock said.

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GSA Speaks Out on Housing

HISTORY from A2 semester.

Anderson explained to the graduate students that undergraduates have first rights to the selection of housing. Graduate students became uneasy as Anderson elaborated on undergraduates having first preference, and stated that the housing policy made that clear. He also stated that the administration sought living facilities, in reference to the University's purchase of

Howard Manor, and the leasing of Eton Towers, Park Square, and Sutton Plaza.

Anderson stated that Queen of the Apostles of the Divinity School was the only building specifically for graduate students and that was because the undergraduates have to be helped first.

One graduate student, who was unidentified in the article stated he would never suggest that anyone come here because of the

housing problem.

An abundance of students today feel similarly about their experience with housing on campus.

Second year graduate student and Psychology major Hussein Edelen, who now resides off campus, described his situation as equally aggravating.

"My experience with on campus housing was everything but pleasing and frustrating to say the least, besides I want to be treated like an adult."

Pflegar Encourages Students to take back Authority and Put God First

PFLEGAR from A4

sand dollars a year on [people] in prison and yet [we] do not give them a G.E.D, do not give them high school diploma, do not give them treatment for drugs and then send them out," Pflegar said. "We say you paid your dues but your record is with you for the rest of your life."

Finally Pflegar said

there are four steps that can get students can take to get right with God. First, they must draw back to God. Second, they must take back the position of authority. Third, they must be the voice of America. And fourth, they must do what is right even if it means not receiving anything.

Students who were present said that the

message blessed them greatly.

Junior business major Demaine Jones said the message help him not to compromise his integrity and faith to fit in this sick world.

Senior education major Sara Waters said that the message gave her understanding to shut off her television and go to her bible for wisdom.

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Howard	7

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SCSU	27
FAMU	15

Morgan St. - Bye Week

**Standings:
(MEAC, Overall)**

NC A&T	(6-0, 10-1)
Bethune-Cookman	(5-2, 8-2)
Hampton	(5-2, 6-4)
SCSU	(4-2, 7-4)
Morgan St.	(3-3, 5-5)
Howard	(1-5, 3-7)
Delaware St.	(1-5, 1-9)
Norfolk St.	(0-6, 1-10)

VOLLEYBALL:



Morgan St.	3
Norfolk St.	0
FAMU	3
NC A&T	0

Bethune-Cookman	3
SCSU	0
American	3
UMES	0

NC A&T	3
Bethune-Cookman	1
Norfolk St.	3
Coppin St.	2

**Standings:
(MEAC, Overall)**

<i>Northern Division</i>	
#2 UMES	(9-1, 24-11)
#4 Morgan St.	(6-3, 14-17)
#7 Howard	(3-7, 7-15)
#8 Hampton	(3-7, 12-13)
#10 Coppin St.	(1-9, 3-27)
#11 Delaware St.	(1-9, 4-24)
<i>Southern Division</i>	
#1 FAMU	(10-0, 22-3)
#3 NC A&T	(8-2, 15-16)
#5 SCSU	(9-4, 15-10)
#6 Bethune-Cookman	(5-5, 10-21)
#9 Norfolk St.	(2-8, 3-22)

Running sensation Antoine Rutherford has 1,050 rushing yards on the season and one more game . . . see B2.

Howard Athletes Put To the Test

Drug Testing Procedures Leave Little Room for Error

By Kaneicia Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer



Olympic track runner Marion Jones never imagined she would be experiencing a nightmare because of her running, but vigorous drug testing is beginning to haunt her career.

Jones has been subpoenaed to give evidence in front of a grand jury that she hasn't used an anabolic steroid called tetrahydrogestine, or THG.

She's in jeopardy of losing her medals if found guilty. But so are three other gold medalists, 7 NFL stars, and baseball great Barry Bonds. They're among 40 athletes that have been subpoenaed for the same reason.

As new street drugs and performance enhancers arise on the professional spectrum, the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA), races to keep up, knowing that new drugs will trickle down to the collegiate level.

Therefore, the NCAA is constantly adding new additions to its banned drug list. In fact, they even test for urine manipulators or "masking agents" to ensure that an athlete is not using a banned substance.

Howard University tests its athletes independently using Quest Laboratories. However, Howard athletes are also subjected to NCAA testing depending on the sport and whether or not the sport attains NCAA championship status.

"NCAA tests men's football, women/men's cross country, and women/men's indoor-outdoor track every year for banned substances and street drugs," said A.B. Williamson, Howard University Director of Compliance and Athletic Business Affairs. "We additionally test all sports for street and other illegal drugs, such as cocaine and marijuana."

The university tests its student-athletes once a year, but the number isn't set in stone. "There is no limit to how many times an athlete can be tested," Williamson said. "If an athlete is under suspicion, a coach or athletic administrator can request that athlete be tested as well."

Bison hurdler David Oliver has been randomly tested more than once this year. "I was tested twice before our season even started," said the senior marketing major from Denver, Colorado. "But I think random testing is necessary, and should be done more during the championship events."

In the age of sports enhancers, dietary supplements and street drugs, few have been an issue at Howard. However, student athletes who have to maintain a certain weight for may feel tempted to take the newest drugs to get fast results.

Freshman football running back Antoine Rutherford is familiar with athletes taking performance enhancers, dietary supplements, and weight gainers.

Rutherford wants to gain 15 to 20 pounds by next season, but he plans to use the safest technique to obtain his goal.

"I think you should gain weight naturally," Rutherford said. "You should try to eat properly and nutritiously. I want to be about 215-220, so I am planning to eat more and lift. The most important thing is to stay clean and enhance your body naturally."

"The overwhelming drug that has been detected in student

"The overwhelming drug that has been detected in student athletes has been marijuana."

-A.B. Williamson,
Howard University
Director of Compliance and Athletic Business Affairs

Is Howard's Athletic Talent Going Up In Smoke?

To get a closer look at how many athletes on Howard's campus actually use drugs, The Hilltop conducted a survey of thirty student athletes chosen at random from various varsity sports.

Have you ever knowingly used a drug that was banned by the NCAA while at Howard?
YES - 27% NO - 73%

Have you ever been caught and deemed ineligible or suspended for using NCAA-banned drugs?
YES - 0% NO - 100%

Have you ever known an athlete other than yourself at Howard who used an NCAA-banned drug?
YES - 77% NO - 23%

Were they caught and deemed ineligible or suspended for using NCAA-banned drugs?
YES - 57% NO - 43%

Have you ever known a Howard athlete who used drugs banned by the NCAA but whose drug use went undetected after a random drug test by the NCAA because of he/she used a detoxification that concealed the presence of the drug or got rid of it altogether?
YES - 70% NO - 30%

Do you feel that random drug testing by the NCAA is an effective way of determining whether or not athletes are using banned drugs?
YES - 73% NO - 20% UNSURE - 7%

Do you feel that random drug testing by the NCAA is effective at deterring college athletes from using banned drugs?
YES - 37% NO - 63%

SPORTS

On The Real

By L. Michael Flanagan



Props: I Give Credit Where Credit is Due

Props: to Howard's freshman running back Antoine Rutherford for giving Howard fans something to look forward to. Rutherford, who is averaging a whopping 116 yards per game, should finish this season as the MEAC's leading rusher.

Big Props: to the Howard offensive line, fullbacks, tight-ends, and receivers for excellent run blocking, humbly, helping our fourth string running back go over a 1000 yards for the season. After Jay and Keon went down early it wasn't looking good, but with the season ending at Delaware St. next week, fans can say that this year's running game was a success.

Props: to Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson for guaranteeing their victory this weekend over the Kansas City Chiefs, who were 9-0 and looking to become the first team since the 1972 Miami Dolphins to finish the regular season with a perfect record. Further kudos to the Bengals first year head coach Marvin Lewis for defying the odds and turning the Bengals organization around. Last year 'Natti 1-9' after ten games. This season's record? 5-5.

Props: to Sports Illustrated for testing the validity of the SI Jinx by placing the Chiefs on the cover last week. That darn SI jinx sure is scary.

Props: to ex-Redskin, turned Carolina Panther running back Stephen Davis for punishing his former team on Sunday. Last year, the Skins' fazed him out of the offense before they deceived him by not resigning him. Now he's at home in North Carolina and has the once terrible Panthers, primed to make a Super Bowl run.

Props: to Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles, who at one point this season, were looking quite pitiful. After stumbling to a 0-2 start, which paralleled in controversy and futility, the league's highest paid player has led his team to a 7-3 record and himself out of the media's doghouse.

Props: also go to the Nike football people for their marketing of Michael Vick making him the star of the season alongside 49er Terrell Owens in the latest Nike Gridiron commercial. The commercial features, Vick-#7 scrambling and passing to Owens-#81, all in a cartoon, Japanimation, super-hero type drama.

Prop of the Week goes to Major League Baseball for not cracking down hard on players who use steroids and not revealing the names of players who tested positive for steroids. Nobody wants to see their favorite player's image tarnished for using steroids. I'm not saying any names, but you take a harsh stand on steroids and you lose the dramatic homerun totals of the past five years. And they know this man.

That's all the props I have for this week. Until next time, peace and blessings.

Rutherford Gets 1,000, But Win Still Eludes Bison

By Kaneicia Brown
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Bison football team plunged deeper into its loss ratio (1-5 MEAC, 3-7 overall) after the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats (5-2 MEAC, 8-2 overall) sealed their eighth win of the season with a score of 21-7 Saturday afternoon. The contest was this season's last home game.

Linebacker Mike Sanders forced a fumble that Greg Spriggs recovered, giving the Bison possession at the Wildcat 39-yard line. Third-string quarterback Antoine Hartfield launched a 39-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jonathan Brewer, and the Bison escaped a shutout. The score brought the Bison back in the game, as the Wildcats led by a lone touchdown.

"Having a sudden change in score changes the momentum," said Bethune-Cookman Head Coach Alvin Wyatt. "They had the opportunity to make something happen defensively with us being up by seven. But the 'championship touchdown' put us back up fourteen."

The "championship touchdown" came at the hands of Wildcat quarterback Allen Suber. The "Suberman," who scored 22 touchdowns prior to Saturday's contest, ran 28 yards on a nerve-wracking fourth down to add yet another score to his resume.

In fact, the touchdown that Suber scored with 7:38 left in regulation was his 41st rushing touchdown of his career, and broke the standing Wildcat record.

"It was very hard to contain him because he is so agile," said sophomore safety Antoine Bethea, who led the Bison defense with 12.5 tackles. "Everybody had to be responsible for containing him."

But Suber was not the only record-setter; running back Antoine Rutherford surpassed the 1,000 rushing-yard mark of his career this season, the only freshman in Howard's history to do so. Rutherford's 140-yard effort Saturday accounted for nearly 78 percent of the Bison's total offensive yardage.

Suber gained 150 of the 249 rushing yards for the Wildcats running their option play.



Third-string quarterback Antoine Hartfield (7) tries to avoid a sack by a Wildcat defender. Bethune Cookman recorded seven sacks against Howard last Saturday.

Suber and running backs Rodney Johnson and Brad Lee faked the hand-off exchange, and effectively duped the Bison defense.

"He read the tackles to fake pitch to me," Johnson said. "We normally run it all year, and it really worked against Howard."

Yellow flags worked to the advantage of

the Bison offense that gained 89 yards because of penalties against Bethune-Cookman.

The Wildcats received a 15-yard penalty when defensive end Ricky Williams blatantly

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Bison athletes of the week

Name:
Antoine
Rutherford

Sport:
Football

Position:
Running Back

Classification:
Freshman

Hometown:
Hollywood, FL

Running back Antoine Rutherford became the first Bison to rush for 1,000+ yards in his rookie season during Saturday's game against Bethune-Cookman. The freshman standout who was selected as the MEAC Rookie of the Week for the fourth time this season, gained 140 rushing yards against a Wildcat defense came in allowing an average of only 119 rushing yards per game. In addition, Rutherford's 140 yards accounted for 78 percent of the Bison total offense.



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Name: Antoine Bethea

Sport: Football

Position: Defensive Back

Classification: Sophomore

Hometown: Newport News, VA

Sophomore safety Antoine Bethea experienced defensive success against the Wildcats Saturday, leading the Bison with 12.5 tackles. Bethea also forced a fumble.

Bison Defeated by Wildcats Drug Testing Athletes

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tackled punt returner Shaun Miller before he caught the ball. However, a foul by Howard offset the penalty.

Wyatt wasn't surprised. "We are the most penalized team in the MEAC," Wyatt said. "We plan for 107 yards in penalties, because that's what we average. But I am tired of getting penalties, which is why I took Williams out for that personal foul. I will not condone that type of behavior."

Offensively, the Bison struggled to move the ball toward the endzone, and were forced to punt eight times. The Bison suffered a loss of 44 yards on seven quarterback sacks, and had

possession of the ball for about 26 minutes, 10 minutes less than the Wildcat offense. Quarterbacks Marcos Moreno's and Antoine Hartfield's efforts combined for seven completed passes out of 18 attempts for a total of 62 yards.

The Bison lost starting quarterback Moreno late in the second quarter due to an injury to his left shoulder. Moreno was sidelined for the remainder of the game, and is questionable for playing in Howard's last game of the season against Delaware State.

"We think it's something with his left shoulder, but he hasn't been diagnosed yet," Bison Head Coach Ray Petty said. "He will be taken to the hospital to be x-rayed later

on today."

In the absence of Moreno and the second-string quarterback Ronald Venters, Hartfield may have to start against Delaware State for Howard's final contest of the season.

"We feel confident about Hartfield coming in," Petty said. "He started in the spring and was replaced by Moreno due to injury. He's very capable of playing the starting position."

The Bison will face off against the Delaware State Hornets this Saturday in Dover, Delaware for their last game of the season. The Hornets are currently 1-9 overall, and 1-5 in the MEAC.

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athletes has been marijuana," Williamson said. "However, the percentage is very low among students here, and we will continue to test randomly to keep it that way."

Colonel McLain Garrett, the director of Howard's student health center, does his best to ensure the most accurate results for the students' and the university's safety. That includes guaranteeing that athletes can't submit urine for testing that isn't theirs.

"We have an addition to the normal process here at Howard called 'change of custody,'" Garrett said. "After the student fills out the slip properly and the specimen is labeled, whoever touches it from then

on must sign for it. Even the representative from Quest has to sign for it, and the recipient at Quest has to sign for it once it gets there. If it comes out positive, another test is done, to see how much of the substance is in the specimen, and to verify that it belonged to that individual."

Garrett works diligently to ensure the testing proceeds as accurately as possible.

When a student athlete is tested, their coach is at the door to identify the athlete as the individual on record for testing. Once their identity is verified, the athlete is assigned an open bathroom door.

"Male students are watched by me, and females are watched by Dr. Mundy," Garrett said. "After the student comes out with the specimen,

they fill out a slip with their name, I.D. number, and sport. The specimen is then handed to a medical personnel staff member, and the change of custody process begins."

Bison goalkeeper Lindsey Walton, thinks that random testing is effective. "I think that the testing catches people, but it's not going to stop people from using drugs," Walton said.

Freshman guard Christina Aden agrees, and has no compassion for any student athlete who gets caught. "If someone chooses their own gratification over their team, then they deserve to get caught," Aden said. "But as a team, you can't worry about the test. I don't think anybody worries about it."

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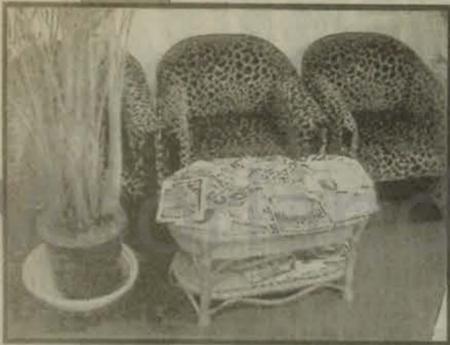
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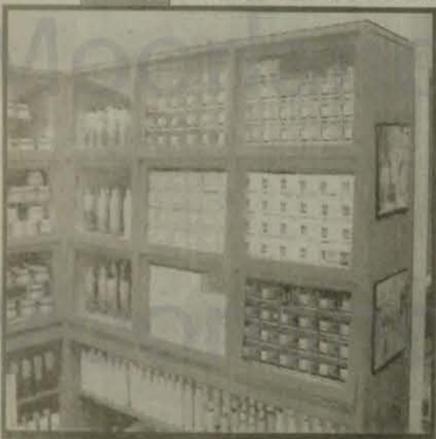


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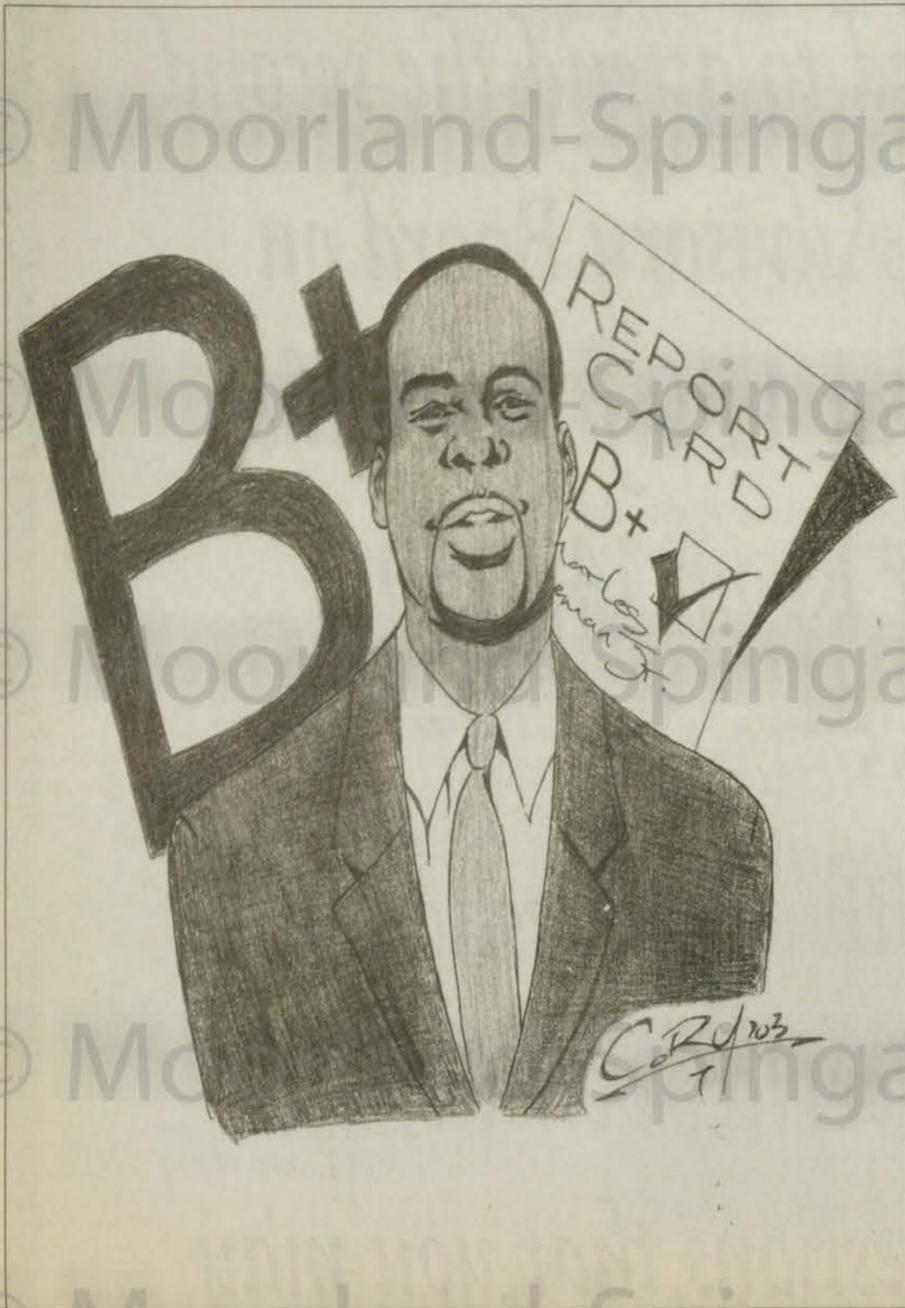
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And the Survey Says ...

In a poll of 100 graduate students, The Hilltop asked the following questions about the current Graduate Trustee, involvement and effectiveness pertaining to the student body.

- Do you know who the Graduate Trustee is?
Charles Coleman - 30%
- Do you understand what the role of the Graduate Trustee is?
Yes - 52%
No - 48%
- Do you feel the Graduate Trustee is visible on campus?
Yes - 15%
No - 73%
Uncertain - 12%
- Does the Graduate Trustee address your concerns?
a) very much so - 5%
b) adequately - 5%
c) somewhat - 17%
d) not really - 29%
e) don't know - 44%
- Do you feel the current Graduate Trustee is an accurate representation of you as a Howard student?
Yes - 9%
No - 44%
Uncertain - 47%
- If there was ever a problem, would you feel comfortable going to the Graduate Trustee to discuss your issues unannounced?
Yes - 22%
No - 28%
Uncertain - 50%
- If there was ever an incident where your interests were at hand, do you feel the Graduate Trustee would vocalize your opinion as a student to the Board of Trustees?
Yes - 40%
No - 26%
Uncertain - 34%
- Do you feel the Graduate Trustee has or will make any tangible changes in the Fall or Spring?
Yes - 4%
No - 66%
Uncertain - 30%
- Do you feel the Graduate Trustee could prevent a proposed tuition increase by other members of the Board of Trustees?
Yes - 20%
No - 33%
Uncertain - 47%
- How do you hear about Board of Trustee meetings?
a) word of mouth - 10%
b) fliers or bulletins - 58%
c) email - 32%
- Compare the current Graduate Trustee to last year's.
Much better - 9%
Somewhat different - 23%
About the same - 37%
Worse - 31%
- Give the current Graduate Trustee a grade.
A. (excellent) - 12%
B. (good) - 11%
C. (average) - 45%
D. (unsatisfactory) - 18%
F. (failure) - 14%

Graduate Trustee Gets a B+

Charles F. Coleman Jr. has come to the halfway mark of his career as a member of the Howard University Board of Trustees. As Graduate Trustee, Coleman has the responsibility of representing the voice of the numerous graduate schools of Howard University. Coleman ran under the acronym "The R.E.A.L. Agenda" (Reliable Effective, Accountable Leadership).

So far, Coleman has followed through with many of the items listed in his platform and is assessing the needs of graduate students.

The trying part of the job of Graduate Trustee is being able to effectively communicate with graduate students who are spread out across the D.C. area, such as the Law School and School of Divinity.

Due to the nature of the graduate school layout and schedules, it is much harder for Coleman to disseminate information because their campus is not centralized. Coleman has tried to stay abreast of graduate issues and concerns by attending Graduate Student Assembly meetings. He has also distributed status reports periodically via e-mail.

However, there is more that can be done. While we realize the difficulty of being visible among spread out cam-

pus, we suggest that Coleman hold individual town hall meetings in conjunction with the GSA to better assess his entire constituency that has unique needs.

Consistent with the goal of increased visibility, Coleman does plan to hold a mass town hall meeting with all graduate schools next semester but we hope there will be follow-up efforts.

Thus far, one of Coleman's best initiatives has been his meeting with

Kurt Schmoke, Dean of the Law School, to discuss bet-

ter ways to get students to earn higher scores on the bar exam. This initiative will eventually help graduate students in the passage of standard graduate and professional exams. Coleman is also searching for more resources to offer students who may need assistance in passing such exams.

Because he served as Undergraduate Trustee during the 00-01 school year, Coleman has been able to establish a better rapport with the Board, which may cause his vote

and presence to be a heavier influence. His previous experience as a student leader has been an asset to his performance as Graduate Trustee. Currently, Coleman is working with Howard University Provost Dr. Alex English to establish more joint degree programs among graduate student disciplines.

In addition, he is trying to create a pilot program with the Law School to get refund checks and validation stickers distributed on its campus.

This way, graduate students do not have to travel to the main campus to handle their administrative needs.

In terms of tuition increase, Coleman says that he would only support an increase if there would be tangible change and if there was an increase he would fight to keep it as low as possible.

It is difficult for The Hilltop, being as majority of the staff are undergraduate students to completely understand Coleman's role and just how graduate students feel about Coleman's performance thus far. But there are strong signs suggesting that he is on track to complete his agenda.

We are proud of his reliability, effectiveness, and accountability, but we hope to see as much if not more from Coleman.



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Of Mules and Media: Black Woman Falls Victim to the Lynch Mob

Asha L. French

"Black women are de mules of the earth." When Zora Neale Hurston penned these words in 1937, she couldn't have known that the U.S. Army and the American media's treatment of Private Shoshana Johnson would confirm them 67 years later.

Private Johnson, who was captured by the Iraqis, shot in both ankles and otherwise terrorized, will receive

only thirty percent of her benefits while her blonde unit mate, Jessica Lynch, whose injuries were sustained in a Humvee wreck, will receive eighty percent. The total difference will be between six and seven hundred dollars a month.

While the Rhyming Reverend Jackson has been contacted, no disenchanted preacher/activist's antics will make white supremacist patriarchy shed tears (or money) for Shoshana

Johnson.

Meanwhile, the word "Lynch" has recently gained more popularity than it had in the thirties. The media has made Lynch, this blonde tomboy who "joined the army to help pay for college," the poster-girl for pseudo-patriotic propaganda.

Furthermore, "Saving Private Lynch" is a shining example of the historical preservation of the sanctity of white womanhood.

With vast news media

coverage, a best-selling memoir and made-for-TV movie, the white southern bell is tenderly placed on her pedestal while the dark-skinned, braid-wearing single mother, who joined the army for cooking experience, toils invisibly.

Regis Philbin even misidentified Johnson as a "friend" of Jessica Lynch, and not a P.O.W. These injustices, coupled with the U.S. Army's sad appraisal of a black woman's worth, are

too much for even mules to bear.

Our daughters, too, must bear the brunt. "Saving Private Lynch" was aired on the same night as "The Elizabeth Smart Story." This drama documented the kidnapping of the blonde teenager who America watched playing the harp (over and over) until her safe return.

Asha DeGree of Shelby, NC, Alexis Patterson of Milwaukee, WI, and Kynande Bennet of Whiteville, NC are all missing brown girls whose safe returns will not be guaranteed by incessant video clips on national news.

Because of imbalanced media coverage like this, Jon Benet Ramsey remains a household name, while Girl X is a pseudonym that most of the nation has forgotten.

Brutally attacked and poisoned in the Cabrini-Green projects of Chicago, Girl X was left blind, crippled and invisible to a nation more concerned with the young beauty queen who was killed by her own rich parents in the same month.

Our nation's imperfections become painfully obvious in the media, this cesspool of institutionalized racism.

In a perfect America, women like Shoshana Johnson go to culinary school to learn how to cook, not the Army.

In a perfect America, videos of toothless, plaited, mahogany girls invade American homes until someone recognizes the little girl with her pervert kidnapper and sends her home.

In a perfect America, the slumlords of Chicago projects are held responsible for the crimes committed there, and put on trial in the homes of every American who watches television.

Finally, in a perfect America, Denzel Washington directs a movie based on Johnson's best-selling memoir, "Finding Shoshana." In the film's most touching scene, Private Johnson reads a poem to her elders entitled, "Who Will Cry for the Mule?" And everyone cries.

Still For Howard Dean

Nell Bradley

In America, we have granted rights under the constitution that allow us to have freedom of speech. When we apply that given freedom in any circumstance, we should not be held under scrutiny unless it is a case of slander or liability. Therefore, when someone makes a statement that they believe in, they should not have to apologize for it. I am defending Dr. Howard Dean's "I am for the people with the confederate flags in their windows" statement made at the Rock the Vote Debate made last week. I do not feel as if Dr. Dean should have apologized for the statements he made because he was sincere about his thoughts, not likely to his character and he made a valid point.

Dr. Dean stereotyped poor white southerners when he used the rebel flag as a primary symbol to categorize them. The statement he made did not include offense to African-Americans nor to southerners. And, in a way there is validity to his statement because in some places in the south seeing a rebel flag is common. There is no relevance in his statement that regards to African-Americans other than the symbol is offensive to many of us, but just because someone uses that as an example should not call for an apology. If anyone should be angry it should be the white southerners.

In addition, it is about time that we as African-Americans stop using our energy to make people apologize for what they say; instead we should now call for action to be made to help our community. Just because someone apologizes does not mean they are sincere. For example, P. Diddy did more than just apologize for accusations of manufacturing his clothes in the sweat shop; he went to Honduras and reprimanded the situation.

Furthermore when Dr. Dean explained his statement, it made sense because poor people in general need to stop classifying themselves as republicans and as democrats—especially southerners. The Republican Party in favors those who have money.

In general, not only are poor whites still considered as constituents they are a main target for many candidates. Dr. Dean just chooses to classify them as having possession of a Confederate Flag, but that does not change the fact that the majority of the Democratic Party wants this group. And, there is a good reason. Poor white southerners are very patriotic and are willing to fight for their country. Although Dean claims he is opposed to war, he will need the support of these poor White Americans because this election will primarily be consumed with war on Iraq.

His statement can be a great publicity tool, and if there are any grounds for conviction he should be blamed for pimping the media. What he said might have been slightly abrasive, but it is causing such uproar with the media because he said it at an HBCU during one of the most popular presidential debates. Any publicity is good publicity and Dr. Dean is definitely a prime example of using the media to his advantage. That's a great winning tactic to simply keep your name circulated in the press (especially if you have enough money to do so). His ratings now may have went down a notch, but this gives him valid opportunity to redeem himself, make his face seen, and talk about more of his issues.

If anybody should have to apologize, it should be the people who formulated the questions for the Rock the Vote Debate. Personally, I found that the Democratic debate at Morgan State University irrelevant, simple and uninformative. Particularly because there were general questions about weed smoking and then a few presidential candidates displayed "techno funky" advertisements in attempt to gain younger voters.

And that's the problem...We fail to look at real issues. Dr. Dean being for white people with rebel flags in their windows is not a real issue. Poor people being sent to die in a war about oil and family conflict is; the cycle of young African-American males being sent away to prison causing possible genocide in the community is; Same sex couples not being able to adopt children is; and Migrant Hispanics working for 3 dollars a day in America is. It's about time we wake up and see what this country should be, the land of the free including freedom of speech.

Dear Hilltop.



In his review of the film "Master and Commander," Tahman Bradley complains that "Lucky [sic] and the Doctor's discussion becomes the center of the film", and by extension, their relationship. How incisive. The relationship between Captain Jack Aubrey and Dr. Stephen Maturin IS the center of the 20 novels; that's why it is called the Aubrey/Maturin series. This complaint of his is akin to saying Conan Doyle was mistaken for making Holmes and Watson the center of the Sherlock Holmes series. Not

all authors find it necessary to make his centerpiece a Clarice and a psycho.

Mr. Bradley has more to complain about, as he puts it, to the director's (Peter Weir's) resorting to "formulatic [sic - "formulaic"] scenes", complaining about how "laughable" is the "far side of the world speech" given by Jack Aubrey.

But Mr. Bradley sees the speech's (and the film's) greatest fault in telling us what will happen. "This is actually worse than most big battle speeches because Lucky shares how the battle will unfold. Yeah, tell me what will happen before it happens, great filmmaking."

Maybe James Cameron (in the "Titanic") should not have had the Bill Paxton character show the older Rose (and us) the computer-generated

animation of how the Titanic would sink, especially at the beginning of the film.

Because of the chaotic nature of the film's climax Cameron thought it best to use this as a device to orient the audience. Did Cameron's device spoil the film for Mr. Bradley by revealing to him that the Titanic would sink?

Or maybe Akira Kurosawa (in the "Seven Samurai") bored his audience by having Kambei (the lead character) and his cohorts upon arrival in the village survey it in order to show us how the ensuing, chaotic battles would unfold. Again, the director painstakingly shows the samurai's battle strategy, even by use of a map. Maybe Mr. Bradley thinks that Kurosawa's device ruined for him what many consider the greatest action film ever made.

One more thing, I know Mr. Bradley thinks Orson Welles ruined "Citizen Kane" by not just telling us what would happen in a scene, but what would happen in the whole movie. Welles had the nerve to kill off his main character in the opening of the film, and then show his whole life portrayed in a ten-minute newsreel. Welles did so because of the chaotic structure of his film, a series of intertwining flashbacks from the main characters in Kane's life.

I can hear Bradley now - "Yeah, tell me what will happen before it happens, great filmmaking."

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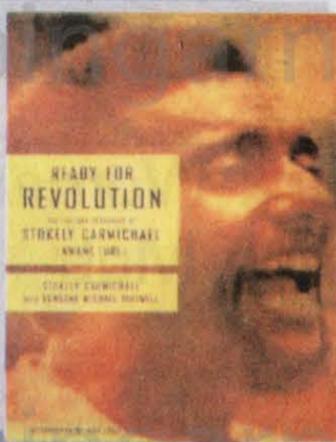
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