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## Students Voice Their Concerns During Town Hall Meeting

BY LAUREN STEPHENS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Members of the student body were given an opportunity to voice any of their concerns regarding the University on Monday, Nov. 8 in the Ballroom of the Blackburn Center.

As a part of this year's Re-Definition campaign, administrators from all areas of campus were invited to participate in the Town Hall meeting.

The audience of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff were introduced to the panel by moderator Chequan Lewis, the director of political affairs for HUSA.

Among the departments represented were the Office of the Provost, Residence Life, financial aid, campus security, parking and shuttle bus operations and deans from the various schools and colleges.

Before students in the audience were able to address their concerns, HUSA President Conrad Woody delivered the State of the University Address, outlining the steps that have been taken to implement the plans discussed in the Re-Definition campaign during the election.

Woody spoke about the success of the Student Organizational Retreat, First Fridays in the Punch Out, the

HUSA in your House tours and plans for HUSA to remain visible to the student body in the second half of the year.

"We intend to work with the graduate and undergraduate trustee to do something next semester with President Swygert," Woody said. "We intend to be advocates all year. The HUSA office has an open door policy and we will continue the HUSA in your House tour to remain visible and to address student needs and concerns for the rest of the year," Woody said.

Woody also left the audience with the challenge to donate \$18.76 in an effort to help

HUSA reach the \$5,000 goal for a donation to the Campaign for Howard.

Vice President Freda Henry and Director of Student Advocacy Courtney Watson presented the panel and audience with the results of a survey of 200 students asking their biggest problems at Howard.

The survey found that students are most concerned with customer service, especially in the Administration building, campus security and safety and the condition of the dorms. After each issue was presented, immediate feedback was asked of the appropriate administrator about how the issue can be remedied

as soon as possible.

"We know that when people get up to the microphone, they can tell you whatever, but we actually know these people and we have met with these people," Henry said. "They have told us things and they haven't necessarily done those things. We wanted them to state before their peers and before their bosses and supervisors what's really going on so that if things don't happen, Conrad and I can follow up appropriately. We didn't want it to just be a question and answer session because that is not always the most effective way to get things done."

One issue that caused the

much response from the audience was the showers in Carver Hall. Pictures taken by the HUSA staff showed how water damage has left stalls in the men's dorm nearly unusable.

While Dean of Residence Life Charles Gibbs claimed to have no prior knowledge of the state of the shower stalls, he promised action.

"They won't be like that come 5 p.m. tomorrow," Gibbs said.

According to HUSA programs director Sheree King, Gibbs has followed through on his promise and called plumb-

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## Student Health Center Scheduled to Reopen Monday

BY AYESHA RASCOE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Currently not operating at full capacity, Howard University's Student Health Center is still recovering from the fire that caused extensive damage on October 24.

Since the fire, the health center has accepted patients to determine their health status but all emergencies were sent to the Howard University Hospital.

Student Health Center director McLain Garrett, however, stressed that the health center "never shut down." He said that contractors have been called in to complete various tasks such as purifying air ducts, replacing all the carpeting, and cleaning the entire building to help get the center fully operational.

On Monday, the clinic is scheduled to begin seeing patients on the fourth floor of the student health center.

The Howard hospital's Family Practice Clinic is providing the rooms.

Garrett said his goal was for the entire building to be totally restored by today. He warned, though, that this might not be possible.

"That may slip a little bit," Garrett said. "This is almost total destruction." Instead of today, the entire Medical Arts Building will resume normal operations on Tuesday, including the health center's pharmacy.

Although the whole building was affected, the pharmacy was one area of particular concern. It suffered water and smoke damage and many medicines have to be replaced.

"Because the pharmacy is registered by the DC government, officials gave us a laundry list of things to do before it can be opened up," Garrett said.

"I cannot give one piece of medicine until the D.C. pharmacy board gives its stamp of

approval."

Garrett said he expects the Pharmacy Board to approve reopening the pharmacy on Monday.

As Garrett worked toward restoring the center, he said he was pleased with the quick response of various university agencies such as Information Services and Support and Physical Facilities Management. Within minutes after the fire, he said Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert was on the phone telling him that the repairing the health center was top priority.

Garrett feels his experience in the days since the fire is indicative of unity at Howard.

"When we have to come together, we do," he said.

Unlike Garrett, some students do not feel very positively about the aftermath of the health center fire.

"It's a huge inconvenience."

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Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

While a fire in the Medical Arts Building has left the Student Health Clinic out of operation for the past few weeks, the entire building is scheduled for reopening Tuesday.

## Author Hosts Down Low Discussion

BY AYESHA RASCOE  
Hilltop Staff Writer

African-American women accounted for 72 percent of HIV/AIDS diagnoses from 1999-2002. It was statistics such as this that J.L. King impressed upon students when he visited Howard University.

Presented by the Undergraduate Student Assembly, King spoke about his best-selling novel, *On the Down Low: A Journey Into the Lives of 'Straight' Black Men Who Sleep With Men*, Wednesday night in Blackburn's East Ballroom.

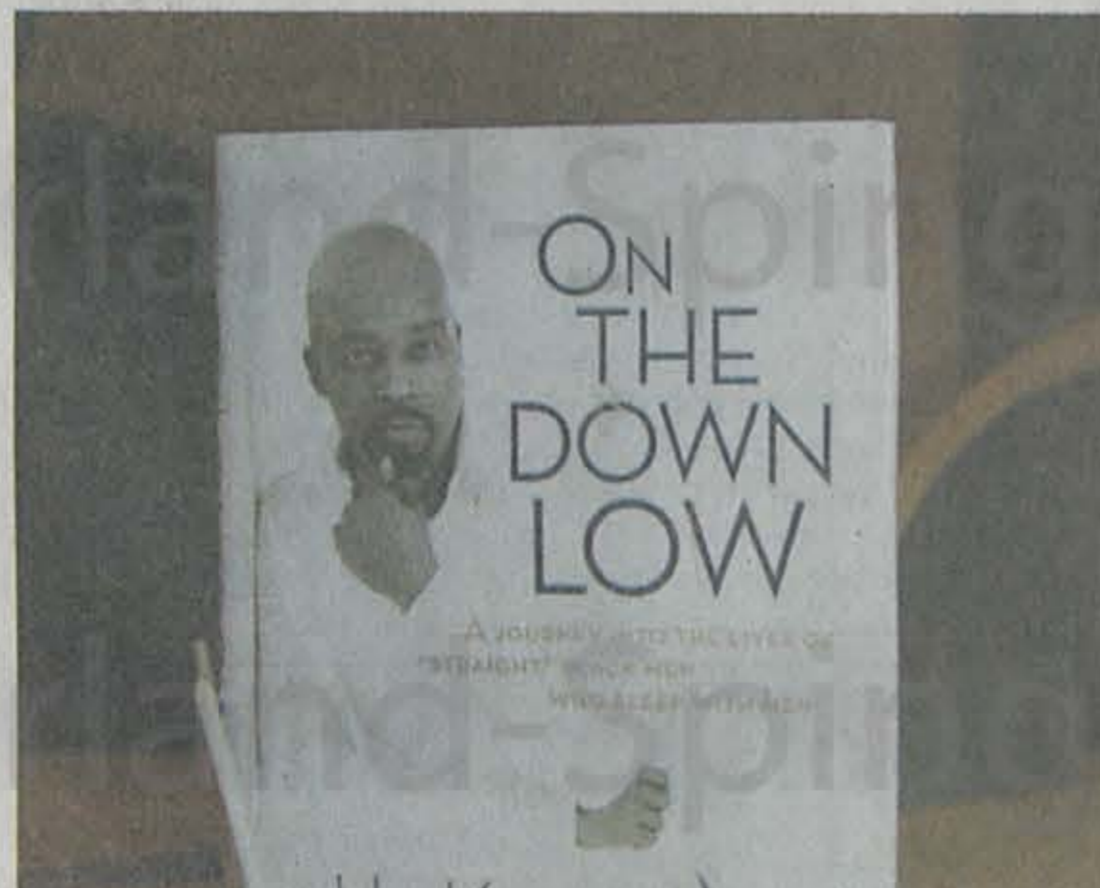
King promoted HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, as well as the trend of

African-American men who secretly have sexual relationships with other men, commonly called "men on the down low."

Members of UGSA said they invited King to speak because they wanted to shed light on this matter.

"Now, men on the down low is such a big phenomenon in the community," said

Courtney Nelson, coordinator for UGSA. "I want to make this campus more aware of this issue. It's not only affecting [stu-



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

J.L. King, author of best-selling novel *On the Down Low*, spoke about his book in Blackburn's East Ballroom Wednesday night.

dents'] relationships, but their health, too."

Members of the audience commented that they came to the event to gain insight into the world of men on the down low.

"We need to know what's going on," said Gera Robinson, a freshman radio, TV and film major. "This is an epidemic. This is not good."

Sophomore public rela-

tions major Candace Paul said she wanted to know why men choose to live this lifestyle.

"Basically, I just wanted to see what's the rationale for this," Paul said. "If you are gay, why don't you just say 'I'm gay?'"

King addressed this subject during the question and answer session.

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## Howard Students Compete in Battle of the Brains' Computer Contest

BY EBONY MEEKS  
Contributing Writer

What do 3,000 teams from 70 countries and six continents have in common? One goal: to champion the 2004-2005 Association for Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Contest.

Computer programmers

from around the globe, including nine Howard University students, will gather at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania tomorrow for an all-out "Battle of the Brains," sponsored by IBM.

The winning team will earn a spot at the World Finals to be held in Shanghai, China in April.

Harry Keeling, profes-

sor in the computer science department in the College of Engineering Architecture and Computer Science, is coaching Howard's team for the third year.

"We consider it a victory when we are competitive," Keeling said. "Many of the other schools like Yale and Harvard

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Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Nine Howard students will be participating in the 2004-2005 Association for Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Contest tomorrow in Pennsylvania.

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**“Do you feel that the HUSA President, Vice-President and Undergraduate Trustee are visible enough on campus?”**



“I don’t even know their names, I don’t see them.”

**John Paul  
Junior  
Biology**



“I don’t know what they look like, but I know they’re getting things done.”

**Rhyann Curtis  
Sophomore  
Finance**



“Yes, JP’s in my class.”

**Alisha Padilla  
Freshman  
Psychology**



“The only thing I ever see with the undergraduate trustees is the pictures, I never see them out and about talking to people. I just see the pictures in Blackburn.”

**Mia Lawson  
Sophomore  
Journalism**

Photos by Marlene Hawthorne

# Chess Team Declares Intellectual War on Howard

BY KERRI COX  
Contributing Writer

From Tiger Woods in golf to Venus and Serena Williams in tennis. Blacks have proven themselves to be worthy contenders in the arena of games and sports. But one frontier remains to be explored and conquered by black people – the game of chess.

The feats of the Howard University Chess Team, however, show promise to earn Black people an indelible place as masters of this intellectually inspiring game.

Revived in 2001 by Howard students Emanuel Jordan and Ali Torrain, the HU Chess Team has seen a membership increase from eight people to 50-60 people. Vice President of the club, Gerik Whittington, attributes this growth in interest to a number of reasons.

“First of all is our newly acquired status as an official club of Howard University,” Whittington said, a sophomore

economics and math double major. “This status then affords us funding and sponsorship from the Recreational Department for equipment and resources which help enhance our visibility and skills.”

Another reason he cites is the open exhibitions that the club occasionally hosts.

“Exhibitions present the entertaining and fun aspects of the game to the public,” Whittington said. “For example, at the 2004 Howard Homecoming Yardfest, while the other activities were going on, we had two long tables set up with chess boards placed outside and we had an international female master, sixth ranked in the country, play about 10 of our members simultaneously. This type of spectacle promotes interest.”

However, the chess club is not all about fun and exhibitions. Although the club caters to those who wish to play primarily for enjoyment, it also consists of those members who wish to

compete against a worthy opponent in intellectual warfare.

“When we go to compete in tournaments, very often we are the only representatives of an HBCU,” said junior chemical engineering major Travis Hoskins. “There may be 50 players in the room and only five of them will be Black, and usually all five will be from Howard University. This in itself is an accomplishment – being a minority, being new in most cases, and still doing so well.”

In their first appearance in the 2003 Pan American Inter-Collegiate Chess Championships, held annually in Philadelphia, the senior representatives of the club placed 19th out of 36 teams. While at the 2003 National Chess Congress, an annual chess tournament, the team won in every section in which it entered. While at the National Chess Congress tournament, the newer members of the team earned fifth, sixth and seventh place out of approximately 30 players.

Vaughn Bennett, founder

and director of the Olympic Chess House, an organization committed to promoting chess among children in the DC community, also serves as mentor of the HU team and coordinator of tournament activities and stressed the importance of Howard’s participation in these events.

“Chess stands as the only sport in which Black people are yet to make their mark,” Bennett said. “In 1999, we earned our first major representative in the sport, Maurice Ashley. Before this, there wasn’t anyone that we could speak of.”

Bennett sees Howard as a tool instrumental in paving the way for the future emergence of talented African-American chess players and chess teams.

However, the Howard University Chess Club is encountering some hardships associated with growth. According to Whittington, one challenge is eliminating the stereotypical image that chess players are

“nerdy and geeky.”

“Many famous people have played and do play chess,” Whittington said. “However, not many people know this. People such as P. Diddy, Will Smith, and Ray Charles have all made it known their interest in the ‘reality’ of the game. We just need to find a way to get that out to the public.”

Serious players advocate that chess is in many aspects literally a game of life.

Emanuel London, a senior engineering major, found that Benjamin Franklin said it best in his speech titled “The Morals of Chess.”

“The game of chess is not merely an idle amusement,” London quoted. “Several very valuable qualities of the mind, useful in the course of human life are to be acquired or strengthened by it, so as to become habit.”

# Film Students Raise Money for the ‘Black Vision’

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE  
Contributing Writer

The spotlight is on the student filmmakers in the John H. Johnson School of Communications as they prepare for the second annual student film fundraiser that will be held at the American Film Institute (AFI) Silver Theater on Nov. 13.

Titled “Black Visions/Silver Screen: Howard University Student Film Showcase,” there will be a variety of productions from students in the Radio, Television, and Film Department followed by a question and answer session.

Associate Professor S. Torriano Berry understands the hard work students put into making their films and is proud of them and their representation of Howard.

“Long Gone” took about two months to make and there are a lot of visual effects,” Berry said about a film edited by junior film major Opiyo Okeyo. “This piece is about a college student who is out of control. [Okeyo] uses very good effects to show the drugged out state of mind of the student. It is one of the stronger dramatic pieces.”

Okeyo is looking forward to the showcase but is uneasy about receiving feedback.

“There is a little anxiety, especially when you know you put your heart into it, and then you have to hear the opinions about the piece afterwards,” Okeyo said. “By letting the audience critique the films in the showcase instead of just leaving, you get to hear what they think. They may feel that it could be

expanded and made into a bigger production.”

Ron Brodie, also a junior film major, knows all about the experience of having your work shown in front of an audience. He has had his work screened

nervous about.”

Although getting feedback from the audience does have the potential to make students nervous, they ultimately know that going through that experience will help them in the long run.

port upcoming filmmakers,” said Rhianna Benberry, a sophomore psychology major.

Berry can offer many reasons why the students at Howard should take the time out to go and view the short films.

The Radio Television and Film Department’s Acting Chair, Sonja Williams, is also looking forward to the day of the showcase with great expectations.

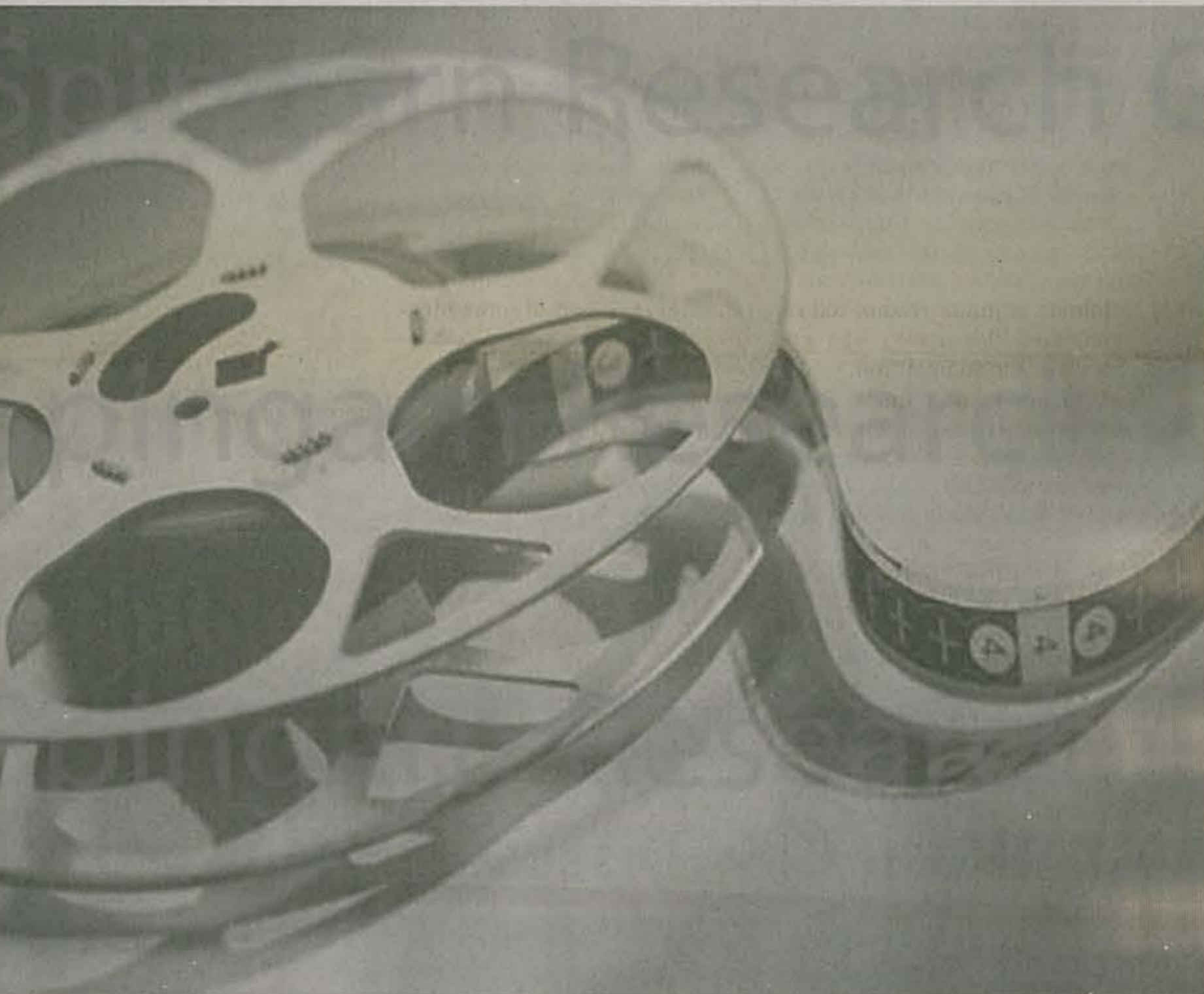
“It will provide an opportunity for people in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, beyond our campus community, to come out and experience our students’ creative approaches to storytelling,” Williams said. “It will allow students to share their visions with the world.”

The students feel the showcase is a good way to start their careers and are grateful to have this opportunity.

“This experience could help to get your name out there, help to get funds, and this is also a place for Black filmmakers to have an outlet on for telling the stories that we tell and getting appreciated and respected for them,” Okeyo said. “I feel honored more than anything else. I get to improve on my delivery as far as discussing a film, as well as my relationship with audiences.”

The “Black Visions/Silver Screen” Howard University Film Showcase will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. at 8633 Colesville Road in Silver Spring, Md. Admission for students is \$5.00, while general admission is \$6.50.

“Howard students have been apathetic to supporting Howard University student’s work, but the work could inspire them,” he said. “The audience away from campus is always blown away by the work of Howard students. Interaction is the strongest part.”



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in public before, but this will be the first time it will be shown at the AFI.

“I was somewhat embarrassed at my last screening and I couldn’t stop laughing,” Brodie said. “For this one at AFI, it is the answering questions at the end part that I would be most

However, the participants feel that events like their showcase often go unnoticed by the rest of the Howard University student body. Some students fault the lack of promotion of such events.

“If more people knew about it, I think that they would sup-

# Student Profile: Precision Entertainment

BY JABARI SMITH  
Contributing Writer

David Johnson and Darius Lyles began their record company, Precision Entertainment, when they were sophomores in high school. Now sophomores at Howard University, the film majors from West Bloomfield, MI have dreams to turn their company into a communications empire.

In their quest to conquer all aspects of the media and entertainment Johnson and Lyles knew that their company needed a name that would make a bold statement.

“We wanted a name that would embody quality, sophistication, and respect and we felt Precision represented all of that,” Lyles said. “Yet, as our motto states Precision is more than just a word it’s a lifestyle.”

Headed by Johnson and Lyles, Precision Entertainment also boasts a strong supporting line-up of members. With

sophomores Jephree White at the head of the radio division, John Williams in charge of the music aspect, Bradley Wete tackling the field of journalism, and Kristen Forest representing the TV and promotions aspect, Precision is poised for multimedia world domination.

“I enjoy being a member of Precision because it’s always nice to have a group of people around you who are focused and interested in the same things that you are,” White said. “Precision has provided me with a wonderful support system.”

Precision is gradually building its reputation on campus as a promising company with fundraisers and events. Precision Plates, chicken and fish dinners for sale in Slowe Hall, have proven to be successful fundraisers for

the company.

In addition, campus-wide spade tournaments and Precision parties are also in the works for the company.

According to Johnson, the key to Precision’s success lies in the strength of its members. “We get with other students who

are trying to do big things in entertainment and we all work together to help each other,” Johnson said.

However, it is Precision’s first full-length feature film, “The 5th Season,” that is destined to establish them as a force to be reckoned with. Written

by Johnson and produced and directed by Johnson and Lyles, “The 5th Season” is Howard’s first student-made action-suspense-thriller that is scheduled to premiere next semester on campus.

“We took the idea to the School of Communications for help and we were told that the idea for the film was too ambitious for a student run film,” Lyles said. “It was precisely what we wanted to hear.”

Currently in pro-

duction, Johnson and Lyles hope to enter the film in the Paul Robeson Awards as well as the African-American film festival in Miami next summer.

Sophomore dance major Janna Thompkins is confident that the Precision movement will be successful.

“I think that Precision will be a positive influence on the black community because it’s about providing knowledge for the community,” Thompkins said. “The media promotes a lot of negative images and stereotypes of Black people. David and Precision are all about promoting positive images of our culture.”

Ultimately, Johnson and Lyles want to move the company out west and establish Precision as one of the most successful entertainment empires ever, complete with Precision records, films, publishing, radio, TV, and real estate.



Photo by Mark King

Sophomore film majors David Johnson and Darius Lyles are the proud owners of Precision Entertainment, a communications company run by Howard students.

# HUSA Strikes Deal With Administrators

HUSA, from Campus A1  
 ers in to fix the root of the problem and is hoping that repairs will be completed by the end of the week.

Students were able to directly address the administrators about their concerns and receive immediate feedback or be directed towards the department or person that could help solve a problem.

For sophomore fashion merchandising major Lauren Jackson, her main concern is the inadequacies of the facilities for Fine Arts students.

"There is a rumor that says that Human Ecology has asbestos and that is where the majority of my classes are," Jackson said. "The drama students' room is extremely tiny. They have a room that is smaller than most classrooms on campus. The facilities for art majors should be a lot bigger since we are the expressive students of the University."

Other concerns expressed by students were lack of housing

for transfer students, the breakdown of tuition and the absence of a shuttle stop in front of the Quad.

"Our first year at Howard, women are easily susceptible to harm versus upperclassmen," said junior psychology major Rhonda Taylor who is also assistant director of political affairs for HUSA. "For there not to be a shuttle stop in front of the dorm that houses first-year female students is absolutely ridiculous and I feel like they are being overlooked and their safety isn't being taken seriously."

While many concerns and issues were dealt with at the meeting, those in attendance felt the meeting could have been improved with a better student turnout.

"I am utterly disappointed because I think many students on Howard's campus continue to complain about the administration, the services and about everything that is going on but it's not even one percent of the university was

represented here tonight," said senior broadcast journalism major Kadia Edwards. "I think HUSA did a great job, but my disappointment comes from students not coming out."

Despite the relatively low turnout of the student body, the HUSA staff left the meeting feeling accomplished and encourages students to take advantage of any opportunity to express their opinions in the future.

"Tonight was a success," Lewis said. "We got a chance to address a lot of the issues and I was very encouraged by the turnout of the administrators. We had a forum for open dialogue, which is very beneficial to the University. I just want to encourage people to engage themselves in Howard University and engage themselves with those that work for us and make sure that the University is a university for students, by students and is really working with students."

## ISSUES FACING HUSA AND SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

**Problem**  
 67 percent of students surveyed gave customer service a 5 or below on a 10 pt scale. Average score of 3.4

**Solution**  
 Greeting and Closing Standard for greeting and Informational Publicity Board where staff can be identified with names and pictures Official Administrative Identification Staff members wear name badges

### RESIDENCE LIFE

**Problem**  
 Bathrooms in Carver Hall- water damaged ceilings make shower stalls in Carver Hall almost unusable.

**Solution**  
 Residence Life is currently working with Physical Facility Management to devise a plan for a ramp to be installed permanently or on a temporary basis for mass move ins

### CAMPUS SECURITY

**Problem**  
 Reports of the escort service not being in service since the beginning of the year. Cars on 9th street and in front of Slowe and Carver are being broken into often. Graduate students living in Mays Hall were without a campus police officer at the door.

**Solution**  
 The campus police department is in the process of purchasing a new van that will accommodate more students. Should be in campus police's possession by the end of the week Campus police officers were re-deployed to areas where high concentration of break-ins occur. Three criminals have been arrested. Police Chief Thomas encourages students to park in well light areas and conceal valuables. Campus Police officers are on night duty 4pm-12am 7 days a week.

### SHUTTLE SERVICE

**Problem**  
 Inconsistency in shuttle service for Slowe /Carver Route- students complain of long waits and no show of shuttles on routes

**Solution**  
 According to Margo Smith, head of auxiliary affairs, a new plan is being devised to make waits shorter.

# ACM Contest Held Tomorrow

IBM, from Campus A1

have coaches who actually take part in creating the problems that are used for the competition so it is difficult to compete."

Led by a student or faculty coach, each team consists of three students and will face a series of six to eight real-world programming problems to be completed in five hours, the amount of time it takes to complete a semester's worth of computer programming.

These problems are designed to test not only programming skills, but also creativity and teamwork.

The three Howard teams are a part of the Society of Systems and Computer Science. Howard's team has entered the

contest previously and has not yet won. However, they are preparing by reviewing and solving problems that have been given in previous years.

Senior biology major David Dawson feels it is important for Howard students to compete in this contest.

"They most definitely need to use the knowledge they have gained at Howard to do something to show their dedication and winning a contest would do that," Dawson said. Jennifer Holmes, a junior, radio, television and film major, was not aware of the competition.

"I don't know much about computer science, but I think it's great that Howard is apart of it," Holmes said. "To know that we compete against Ivey league and

international schools makes me proud to say I go to Howard."

IBM has been the sole sponsor of the ACM-ICPC World Finals and primary sponsor of the worldwide ACM-ICPC Regional Contests since 1997. Since then, the number of teams participating has quadrupled. IBM's commitment is part of a company-wide effort to advance the next generation of information technology talent.

"It's really great the [Society of Systems and Computer Science] are a part of something like that," Kimberley Black, a senior human development major, said. "I'm sure it will reflect well when it is time to apply for work."

# Students Get 'D.L.' Lessons

AUTHOR, from Campus A1

"I think you're born that way," King said. "I don't believe that men go to prison and get turned out. The desire is always there."

He also stressed that men on the down low are not gay; they are bisexual because they have sex with both men and women. King claims to have interviewed 2,500 men who are living this double life, and also that he, too, was once a married man living on the down low.

Speaking to a predominantly female audience, King said that one of the main reasons 72 percent of new AIDS cases are black females is because of black men who are not upfront about their sexuality. He applauded the men who came out to hear

him speak, saying this is a "very difficult subject for black men to deal with."

King said it is disconcerting to him that most of his audiences are predominately female.

"Sisters, you can't do this by yourself," he said. "We need all of us to try to win this battle."

King also criticized black fraternities, saying that while he has been invited to speak to many black sororities, black fraternities seem to be ignoring the issue. He told a story of one black fraternity member telling him that none of the members of his fraternity were on the down low. King countered this by saying that he knew of at least 50 fraternity members who were on the down low.

However, stressed that not

all African-American men are on the down low and that all ethnic groups have men who are on the down low, giving the example of the white governor of New Jersey, James McGreevey, who recently resigned after coming out of the closet by revealing that he had an extramarital affair with a man.

The main point that King said he wanted to leave with students at Howard was that they have to take responsibility for their own well being and have open, honest relationships with their sexual partners.

"HIV is preventable," King said. "Get tested and know your status."

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# Moment in HU History: Chairman Seeks Supports for Athletic Dept.

BY KONAHE JERIGAN  
Hilltop Staff Writer

In a Hilltop article dated November 3, 1961, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education for Men Samuel Barnes said, "the standing of Howard University in the recognized section of sports in America is very low."

In the year 2004, students feel there is some truth to Barnes' words. They feel that while Howard athletic teams have tasted victory in the past, recently as a whole, the athletic department appears to be in a slump.

"I think sports are not a priority at Howard," said freshman human development major Leigh Thornton. "Howard doesn't put the money into their athletes like other schools do."

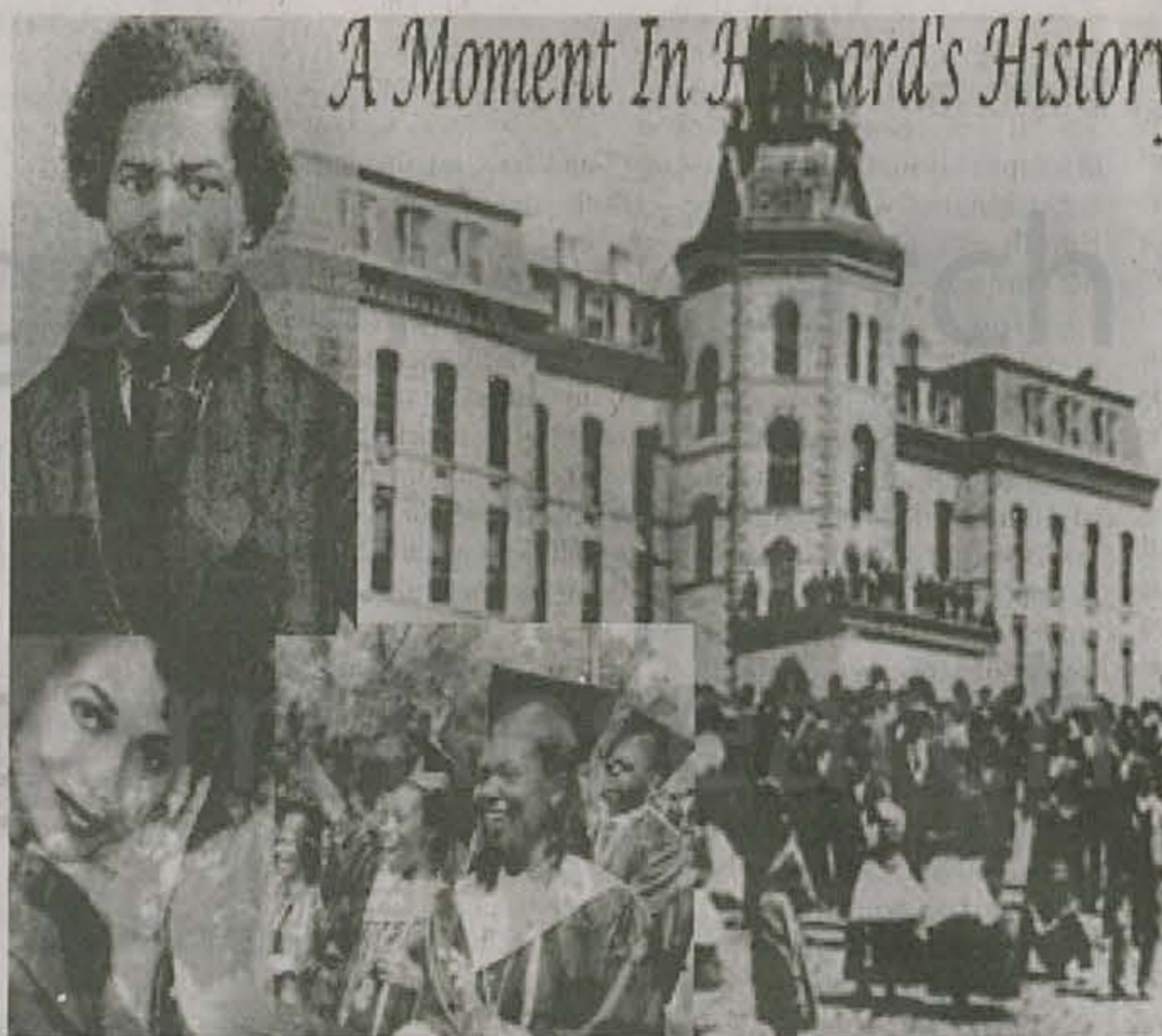
Barnes attributed the "lowly" performance of athletic teams to the dormant school spirit that surrounds Howard's campus. Apart from Homecoming and possibly Midnight Madness the number of students who attend Howard games is slim to none.

"We don't invest enough money into our program," graduate student Eric Afonkwah said. "The facilities, the personnel, the athletes all suffer because there aren't enough funds to back them."

Barnes, who was a leading figure in North Carolina College's growing athletic program, attributed the athletic standing to de-emphasizing athletics, the attitude of the students toward athletics and the heightening of interest in athletics.

"It's a catch 22," said sophomore film and administration of justice double major ShaDeena Russell said. "Fans don't attend games because the teams perform poorly, but I think the teams' performance level depends on the support they get from the fans." Barnes thought a mascot would encourage students to rally around the teams.

"Would a revival of school spirit on the part of the students foster an amelioration of the terrible athletic situation?" he said. "Or must the athletes themselves be the spearheads toward raising the spirit of the student body?"



## EMPLOYEE of the WEEK



BY NICOLE M. MELTON  
Contributing Writer

When the doors in the Office of Student Accounts close at 3:00 p.m., Melony Pritchett still has tons of work to do. Pritchett, an account analyst, continues to answer phone calls and responds to emails from students and parents seeking her assistance with their accounts. For Pritchett, going out of her way to help others is just a part of her job she feels obliged to do.

Pritchett began working in the Office of Student Accounts in March of 2002. Prior to that position, the Maryland native worked as the head cashier in the Howard University Bookstore. While she works full time, Pritchett is also completing courses in the School of Business toward a degree in business management. In her current position, Pritchett oversees all aspects of students' accounts, helping students, parents and businesses to manage their charges, balances, and payment schedules.

"My job is to assist and inform students about what charges they need to take care of in order to register for classes during the semester," said Pritchett. "I like helping students fully understand what their account is about and what they need to do financially to finish school."

Pritchett is also in charge of coordinating charges and payments for students participating in consortium cross-registration through the Washington Metropolitan Area Consortium of Universities, which includes schools such as Georgetown and American. Furthermore, Pritchett manages the accounts of exchange students and Howard students studying abroad.

"Students who are studying abroad require special attention because I have to be sure their financial aid credits properly at a foreign university," said Pritchett. "When you factor in foreign exchange rates and higher costs of attendance, it can get complicated. I don't want a student to be in another country and not be able to register because of a problem with their account."

Pritchett says the best part of her job is interacting with students and being able to assist them in any way she can. She typically sees up to 30 students each day and says that being able to help people is her heart's joy.

"I'm really a people-person and I enjoy customer service," said Pritchett. "When students get to college, they are on their own. I try to make sure they don't feel like they are alone although they are miles away from home. If they need somebody to help them, I'm here."

In honor of Pritchett's effort, students and parents often send emails, cards and phone messages thanking her for her helpful deeds. Although she does not do her job in order to receive

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## FRESHMEN SPEAK: What do you think of The Hilltop? Why?

"I think The Hilltop is very informative. It's nice to know that Black students are writing informative stories and information that we can use in our everyday life."

Ravee' Selby, Physical Therapy

"The Hilltop is an informative opportunity for freshman and anyone else to learn about what is going on at Howard."

Gabrielle Johnson, Hospitality Management

"I think The Hilltop is a great newspaper. It shows the different viewpoints of all the students on the campus and it tells about what the people want."

Dave McKinnon, Computer Information Systems

"I think The Hilltop is good for the students because a lot of people don't read newspapers. They give access to important events happening on campus or anything happening in the neighborhood. It's good for the students to read about it."

Shalondra Gardner, Political Science

"I read The Hilltop when it comes out every now and then. It's in depth and it keeps you up with what's going on around the campus. Some of the articles, especially the one about the contamination in the restaurants on Georgia Avenue, are very good."

Devon Miller, Political Science

"I think it's surprisingly good because most colleges don't have a newspaper that is as good as The Hilltop. It touches people all across the world, not just here in the U.S."

Amir Thorne, Mathematics

"I don't normally read the newspaper until I read The Hilltop. The Hilltop has a lot of political events and all of the other current events that you can't access and it's free. I admire that The Hilltop has all of those advantages."

Bryanna Santee, Undecided

"Honestly, The Hilltop is a one-sided document. They really try to bash Howard University. It seems like every time I open up a Hilltop or see somebody else reading one, the titles and the headlines are real negative towards Howard. Being a freshman, I don't really know that much about Howard. It's good information I guess, but I hear too much negative, not too much positive."

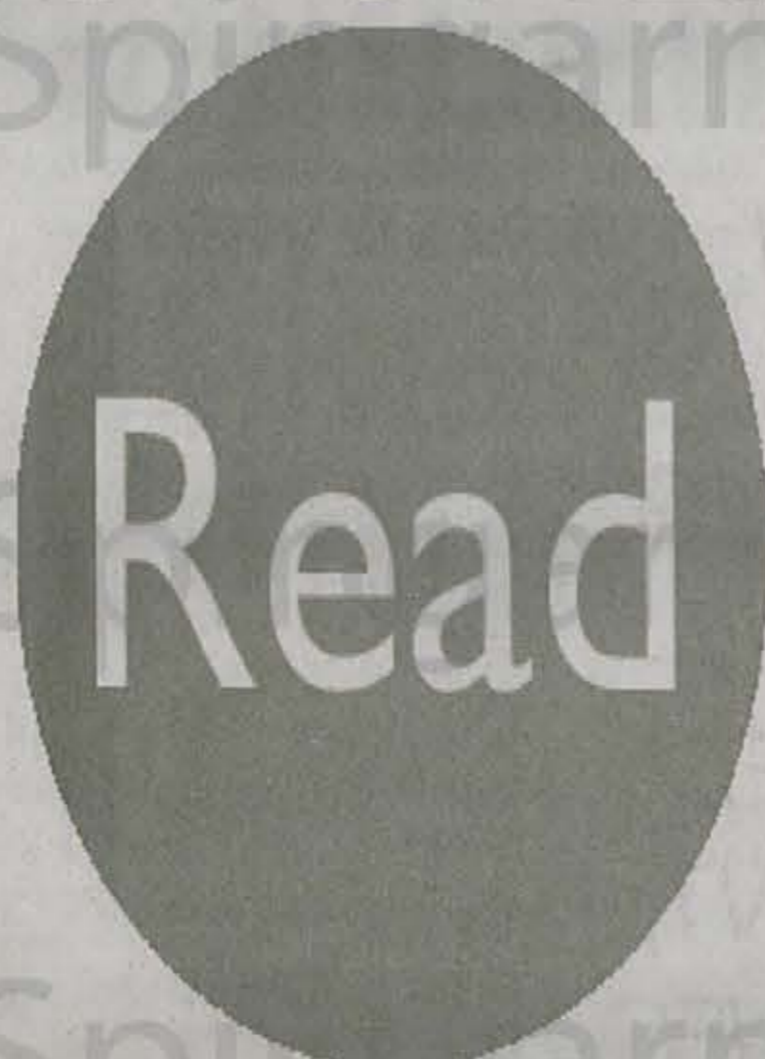
Lloyd Brown, Biology

"I've never read The Hilltop. I don't know, I just never have."

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# Students Contemplate Withdrawing From Class on Final Day

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To withdraw or not to withdraw, that is the question many students' mind each semester. Today is the final day to withdraw from a course, leaving many students hurrying to decide whether or not to remain in a problematic class or to withdraw and eliminate the possibility of a low grade posted on their academic transcripts.

While students are advised to exhaust all possible options before withdrawing from a course, such as evaluating their progress and consulting with their professor, students often view withdrawals as an alternative to receiving an undesirable final grade.

"I'd take a 'W' any day over a 'F' in a course, even though I worry about how it affects my transcript," said senior mechanical engineering major Kamau Wright.

Many other students seem to share in this fear of withdrawals leading to academic backlashes.

"To me, the only legitimate time to withdraw from a course without it affecting you is during the add/drop period," said freshman pre-pharmacy major Anna Kay Johnson. She reasoned that

if a course is dropped during this time it does not appear on your transcript.

"It is counted in your attempted hours, but not in your GPA hours," said Director of Enrollment Management Carol McKinnon.

"You can withdraw from a course and it will not affect you graduating with honors," said Vincent S. Williams, program coordinator for the School of Communications Annenberg Honors Program. "However, if you get an F and retake the course you cannot graduate with university honors, even if you have a 3.9 GPA. That's just the university policy."

Students also are worried about how withdrawals affect their honors status, believing that too many course withdrawals will prohibit graduating with honors.

"I would hate to have worked so hard as an honors student and have a 'W' on my transcript stop me from receiving my graduation honors," says junior political science major Hanan Yehia.

However, that is only a myth. The College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Center officials say that withdrawals have nothing to do with graduating with honors. Additionally, once a course is repeated, the 'W' is removed from a student's transcript.

On the other hand, W's can pose other, non-GPA related problems for students.

For most scholarship students and even for financial aid students, there are a minimum number of credit hours required. In order to keep university scholarships, recipients must complete at least 12 credit hours every semester. Also, in order to have satisfactory academic progress for financial aid, one must earn 70 percent of your original credit load. If withdrawing from a course puts a student below these requirements then they risk losing their awards or aid.

"There is a wide range of things that can cause a person to withdraw from a course," said Michael Fraizer, an associate professor in the Political Science Department and a former graduate school admissions evaluator. "I think a student is well served to withdraw from a class rather than take an 'F'. There is no excuse that is acceptable for an 'F'."

In order to officially withdraw from a course one must first obtain a withdrawal form from their advisors in their particular school. The form must be filled out and signed by the professor, signed by your academic advisor and returned to the department for Enrollment Management, located on the first floor in the Administration Building or to your Advising Center.



Withdrawing from courses can be a double-edged sword for students. While it saves them from receiving a bad grade, a "W" is added to students' academic transcripts to note which course was dropped.

# Case of Student Health Center Fire Still Remains Mystery

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ience," said sophomore Zenobia Charles about being referred to the hospital. Last Wednesday, Charles, who is double majoring in history and political science, spent hours in the hospital's emergency room waiting to be seen about her throat ache. "There should be a more efficient back up plan," Charles said. "The fact of the matter is that students can not perform if they are not healthy."

Ebony Ramsey, a sophomore political science major, said she had been sick for four days but did

not seek medical help because she did not want to go to the emergency room.

"I don't have time to mess around with the hospital," Ramsey said. "I don't have nine hours. Even though a person may not have an emergency, being sick is still a big deal to that person."

The blaze apparently started on the second floor in the medical records room sometime early afternoon on Sunday, Oct. 24. According to Garrett, over 8,000 records of students who graduated over five or six years ago were destroyed in the fire. Garrett said the most recent medical records of students

currently attending Howard and those who graduated last year were located in another area of the building during the fire and were all recovered.

The District of Columbia Fire Department said the cause of the fire remains unclear.

"We do not yet have a definite cause," said Kathryn Friedman, spokesperson for D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services. "The fire remains under investigation."

While the department has not released the report, Garrett speculated that a defective exhaust fan might have been the source of the fire.

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# "Golden Era" Hip-Hop Artist Has Words for HU Students

## Dana Dane speaks about being apart of the golden era of hip hop and suggests that artists should know their worth before entering.

BY TORI L. SCARBOROUGH  
Graduate Editor

On the eve of Homecoming while many were at the R&B concert, and others were at the nightclubs, there was another live party happening within walking distance of Howard University; A Blast from the Past: An Old School Hip-Hop reunion. An array of back in the day dances were on the floor, from the Kid-n-Play, to the Cabbage Patch to the Snake, concert goers reminisced as their favorite artists rapped their old school songs.

A reunion it was. It was the first time in history that all of the artists were featured on one stage to perform. The artists included, Big Daddy Kane, Sweet Tee, Chubb Rock, Special Ed, Dana Dane, Kurtis Blow, Whodini, The Sugar Hill Gang, Grandmaster Melle Mel and Scorpio and Busy Bee. With such a heavy line-up of artists, concertgoers were overwhelmed

and energized like they were back in high school again. I had the opportunity to speak to one of the hip-hop artists who is considered to be from the "Golden Era" of hip-hop, Dana Dane, and he shared some wisdom with me for the HU student body.

**HILLTOP:** How was it to perform with the old school hip-hop artists?

**DANE:** It was hot. I always like to perform with all the old-heads

**HT:** Would it be possible to do a concert with the new-school artists like Jay-Z, Diddy or some other artists from the new hip-hop era?

**D:** Yeah definitely. Doug E. Fresh and Slick [Rick] have been involved with doing concerts with the new-school artists so if the opportunity was there I would be glad to do it.

**HT:** What are some new projects that you are working on?

**D:** I have a new album that

I have been working on that is now finished. The album is a collaboration with 18 independent artists who have been trying to get into the business for years, so I gave them a chance on my album.

**HT:** Who produced the album?

**D:** This album was produced by Mark "Boogie" Brown, RZA (from the WuTang Clan), Kwame and Fresh Gordan.

**HT:** How many tracks do you have on the album?

**D:** There are 14 cuts on the album. The album has not been released officially, but right now I am selling the album on my website [www.danadane.com](http://www.danadane.com) until I get some things worked out with some distribution companies and independent record labels. Hopefully the album will be released at the end of this year or the latest the beginning of next year.

**HT:** There was only one female artist at the concert who

performed? Who are some of the other female artists you would have liked to see on stage?

**D:** Oh wow, I would have loved to have seen MCLyte; Salt N'Peppa, although Salt is the one that may not perform again because she is saved now, I would really like for them to come out of retirement and get out there and do some shows that would be great and Roxanne. She won't perform anymore because she is a psychologist and she said she is fine making the money she needs with her patients.

**HT:** VH1 recently did a tribute to the hip-hop artists. Do you think that they did a good representation with the tribute?

**D:** The VH1 special did not capitalize on the hip-hop artists that were at the show. I was there along with others and we were not highlighted. Some of the artists who were there they did not give cameos to. The documentary was powered by the powers that be there were

people that were interviewed and some who were missed. I mean it will be impossible to get everyone in the hip-hop industry on one show. Not one book, show or concert will be able to get everybody.

**HT:** A few of the artists from the "Golden Era" of hip-hop tried their hand in acting and some went on and had successful acting careers. Have you ever tried acting or wanted to act?

**D:** Naw, not really. I never thought about acting. Although I did try-out for a couple of parts with Spike Lee but it never really materialized.

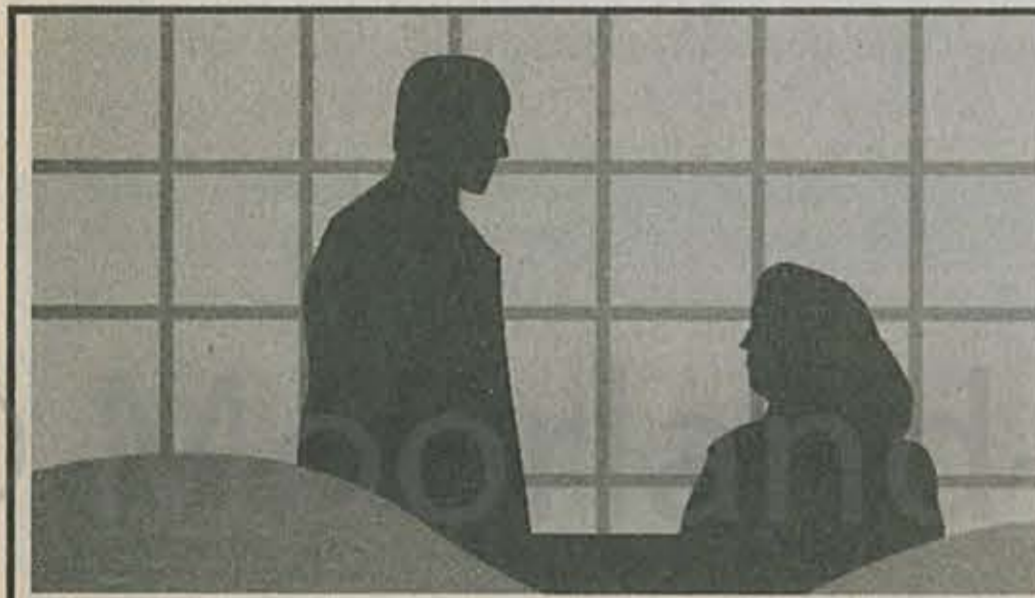
**HT:** How would you say that the rap game has changed since you were out there 15 or 20 years ago?

**D:** Well interestingly enough the industry has come full circle. When we started we had to produce our records independently because the major record labels were not interested in us like

that. Now major record labels are interested but they either have already signed their artists, or we know better and won't take what they are giving us and demand much more. So we do our records independently.

**HT:** You know I have to ask you the old cliché, what advice do you have for current students trying to get into rap industry?

**D:** People need to know their leverage they need to know their worth. When you go into it [the business] you must be wise in your decisions and know what you are doing. There are a lot of books out there that we [old school hip-hoppers] did not have access to. We did not know our worth so we went into it blindly. Unfortunately we went into it blindly and we did not know our worth and so we got burned. So I would say to young people to definitely know your self-worth.



## Dear Lauryn: Advice Column

Dear Lauryn is The Hilltop's new advice column catered towards college students and written by a voice that understands. Lauryn, the voice, gives advice with a dash of urban edge that leaves the reader entertained yet informed. This column tackles issues of the average college student including career choices, sex, grades, parents and dating.

Dear Lauryn,

I am a sophomore and I feel really lost. I'm majoring in a subject I don't care about but changing majors is not the solution because I don't have a passion for anything. I feel guilty because I am a Laureate Scholar with all of my tuition and housing paid but I'm not doing anything with these benefits; the benefits that other students fight so hard to attain. Perceiver, how do I tap into my inner vocation?

Slacker

Dear Slacker,

Let me begin by telling you that you're not alone. Many students go to college not having specific career goals but hope to run into them on their collegiate journey. But you do need to make the best of these four years and truly

utilize all of the resources that The Mecca has to offer. With that in mind, you cannot wait for the opportunities to come to you; you have to go to the opportunities. In other words, be proactive. List your favorite hobbies and see how they correlate with various careers. Think of one of your favorite courses in college and research the jobs that relate to that class. Talk to a counselor in the Career Services Center. Take a career assessment test on-line. Ask your peers how they found their passion. But please don't let these years pass you by without having the slightest idea of what you want to do with your life.

-Lauryn

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## The Career Services Office Has Opportunities for Graduate Students Too

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After spending four or more years in college, many students are faced with making another major decision concerning their education; graduate school. It is tempting to want to immediately go out and find a job, however in an ever-changing market that has become more competitive, students find that a bachelor degree is not always enough to get the jobs they want.

Graduate schools are expected to provide students the edge needed to compete in the workforce for better jobs. Howard's own Career Services Office (CSO) located on the second floor of the School of Communications is there to help both undergraduate and graduate students make the successful leap into their various career fields.

CSO Director Kim Wells believes that the center is a very useful tool for graduate students to utilize. "It is important for graduate students to come in and sit down with someone trained in the area of consult-

ing and talk about what their plans and goals are," said Wells. "There are many students in the same fields but have different ideas of what they want to do within them."

Kim Wells has 14 years of combined human resources and educational experience with nine of those years in management consulting. In addition, his CSO team consists of four full time staff members at the master's level and eight graduate interns providing general service to everyone.

Despite the experienced staff, graduate students don't always have the time to take advantage of the opportunity. Understanding that many graduate students also work full time or have children, the CSO has worked to accommodate their schedules. The staff usually works later hours or Tuesday nights, giving graduate students more options to come in and get help.

"The graduate industry is very different," said Wells. "Job listings are not on the same level of advertising for graduate as they are for undergraduate.

Finding a job becomes a sophisticated search where you have to look on your own."

To help students effectively research those hard-to-find jobs, the CSO has online job listings available. Job requirements vary from extremely experienced to undergraduates at sophomore or junior levels. With partnerships with Vault and Wet Feet, who each have over 100,000 volumes of fact sheets and guides, students have access to a wide range of options.

The online job listing sight, which can be accessed from Howard's main page, receives about 3,500 hits a month and Wells and his staff are working to improve it. "We will be redesigning the website, God willing, by February," said Wells. "We want to make certain information pertain to certain groups, making the site better tailored to individual's fields."

The Career Services Office has also been instrumental in providing opportunities for students to get interviews and strengthen their chances of getting jobs. They hold two of the

biggest campus wide job fairs in the fall and spring, and provide interview workshops. To make students aware and keep them updated, the CSO puts full-page ads in the Hilltop and email faculty and students consistently.

The benefits of graduate school give students the upper hand when it comes to getting big jobs. "Graduate school is always a great option," said Wells. "It makes you more competitive, and gives you more options, especially in higher level jobs. Students also get additional access to expert faculty in their fields."

Wells says that students are taking advantage of the Career Services Office, but they could always do a little more. As for graduates looking to get the job they want, doing the research is key. Once students have a plan they can do the research and seek out speakers on campus, or possible employers who come by. "Howard has amazing resources and, if you take full advantage, you'll be very happy with the results."

## Business Perspective

### Managing a Fortune 500 Company: Do You Have What it Takes

BY AJA ELIZABETH SHASANMI  
Contributing Writer



Charles O. Prince III.

What does it take to the world's largest, financial services firm? According to Howard University students enrolled in the master of business administration program (MBA), it takes a leader who can respond swiftly to correct ethical scandals, value employees, instill strong corporate governance, strive for continuous excellence and make the world a better place.

Charles O. Prince III, Citigroup's CEO since 2003, has attempted to espouse these goals, and for good reason. Citigroup doesn't want its quest for excellence stifled by its size or culture of anonymity.

Historically, this has been a problem as Citigroup's size has hidden ethical dilemmas resulting in the recent ouster of Citigroup's private bank from Japan, trading scandals in London and suspect banking practices in Argentina.

Though plagued with problems, Citigroup has experienced phenomenal growth and expects to double in size within five years. Prince feels confident that he can help the firm grow despite the firm's problems.

Shaka Cuffe, a first year MBA student, expressed optimism in Citigroup's growth plans, saying, "Citigroup is not too big to control."

Cuffe continued, "Bad management in one aspect of their business [didn't] necessarily dictate the culture throughout."

Cuffe thinks that Prince enables horizontal leadership at Citigroup to manage the risks of growing. "Prince does a very good job of [making] the organization more of a family... Recently, he switched the head of Smith Barney and another Citigroup Co. What I think he's trying to do... is blend ideas... His goal was to bring different ideas, different aspects of parts of the business that are working and blend with parts that are not doing so well," Cuffe said.

Others in the MBA program appreciate how Prince has taken a stance on the issue of valuing employees.

"He has taken a stand that the people in the company are important," said Kiahna Patton, a second year MBA student and former Citigroup Human Resources (HR) summer intern. But she notes that Prince needs to put those values

into action. She said, "its all about the money," when talking about investment banks by that Citigroup must continue to "make sure that for people its not just about the money." Citigroup must show that "employees matter too," Patton said.

Dealing with inevitable problems of a company the size and scope of Citigroup, Patton also felt that to be a leader would include being "someone who's able to prevent a panic when something wrong happens...and give a realistic picture of things without creating a panic."

Additionally, Abimbola Fayomi, a first year MBA student noted that Prince could succeed in his goals if he places a large emphasis on corporate governance, internal growth and best practices. Citing her work from a recent Howard MBA Citigroup Case competition, Fayomi recalled her group's suggestion that Citigroup slow down its rate of acquisitions and "analyze [its] internal controls and internal systems and emphasize [its] strengths. Fayomi also noted the adage, "More money more problems" to site that focusing on internal controls has to be central to Prince's ability to grow the firm in the future.

John Shasanmi, a third year, JD/MBA student explained that if he were the CEO of Citigroup, he would "contribute all of its earnings or dividends for one year to one single cause to make a dramatic impact on making the world a better place."

In conclusion, Prince has got a lot of work to do to manage all the facets of a company the size of Citigroup. Being a self proclaimed workaholic, hopefully, he can achieve these goals as Citigroup and its many functional areas strive to grow, change, improve the world, value its workers and make money.

# Students and Parents Alike Praise Pritchett's Strong Efforts

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praise, she is grateful for all of the positive feedback she garners and uses it as motivation to do her best.

"Once, I was talking to a family and it happened to be on my birthday," Pritchett recalled. "I gave them as much information as I could, and they ended up stopping by the office and brought me a birthday card. It was one of my most memorable experiences since working here. I'm not nice so that people will bring me gifts, but I feel truly thankful when people think of me like that."

Pritchett is the proud par-

ent of four and likes spending time with her two sons and two daughters at the library. In her spare time, she also enjoys painting and drawing, a hobby she has pursued since her childhood. After she graduates with her business degree, she hopes to open an art museum to display some of her work.

"When I was younger, I would give my artwork to my dad and he would take them to work," said Pritchett. "He had this long wall in his office filled with all of my projects. I figured I've painted enough pieces to fill up a whole museum, so why not open one of my own?"

Although Pritchett has

the tasks of managing a family, working full time, going to classes, completing homework assignments and pursuing her hobbies, she said it is important to find balance in her life. She wants to serve as a role model to her children and hopes that she can inspire others to live out their dreams.

"I want to prove that although there may be obstacles in life, you can overcome them," Pritchett said. "People ask me all the time, 'how do you do it?' I just have to stay focused and stay strong."

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## Presidential Hopefuls For 2008

Even though President Bush isn't even a month into his new term, speculation is rampant on which Democrat or Republican should succeed him as commander in chief. Listed below are some names being tossed around by pundits.

## DEMOCRAT

**Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.)**

Senator Clinton is clearly the early favorite for the nomination in 2008, but she must first win re-election to the Senate in 2006. Reportedly, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani or New York's governor George Pataki will challenge Clinton for her senate seat. A campaign against Giuliani or Pataki will be bruising, but I predict Clinton will pull it out. Her job approval ratings are in the mid 60's and she has slowly begun to shed the title of "liberal," becoming more of a centrist like her husband, former President Clinton. A loss in 2006 would end any chance she has for becoming president ever. Over the next four years, Clinton will need to build up her credentials on defense. She has wisely positioned herself to do this, by serving on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

**Former Vice Presidential Candidate John Edwards**

As the current field stands, I think John Edwards has a decent shot at challenging Hillary Clinton for the party's nomination in 2008, but it will be hard. Foolishly, Edwards gave up his senate seat to run for president, which will cost him some political viability. It will be hard for him over the next four years to remain on the scene without holding political office. He will need to form some sort of a political action committee to continue raising money for other democrats as well as remain visible. Also, holding on to his senate seat would have given Edwards more time to build up his resume, something that kept him from receiving this year's nomination for president.

**Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.)**

Sen. Evan Bayh is relatively new to national audiences, but I think he has the best shot at challenging Hillary Clinton for the nomination. He is a former two-term governor of Indiana (1989-1996) and is currently serving in his second term in the U.S. Senate. At the end of his second term as governor, Bayh had an approval rating of nearly 80 percent. He won praise for battling the rising costs of Medicaid in his state, the need for more prisons in Indiana, as well as guiding the state through a recession without raising taxes while balancing the budget. Since arriving to the senate in 1999, Bayh has established himself as a centrist who often works well with Republicans. He is a member of the Senate Armed Services and Intelligence Committees, which will be important in this new age of terrorism.

**New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson**

Gov. Bill Richardson was elected governor of New Mexico in 2002 and arguably has the most distinguished resume of any other candidate who may seek the presidency in 2008. As governor, Richardson has received praise for improving education in his state, cutting taxes, re-building the economy and developing a statewide water plan. Before becoming governor, Richardson served for 15 years in the U.S. House of Representatives for New Mexico. In 1997, Richardson became the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, which gave him a lot of foreign policy experience that many governors don't have. One year later, he became the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy under the Clinton Administration. Richardson has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize four times (1995, 1997, 2000 and 2001.). A major plus for Richardson is his Hispanic heritage. Hispanics are becoming a more crucial voting bloc every election year and Richardson will be sure to get a majority of their support if given the nomination.

## Democratic Wild Cards

**Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.)**

I have to give the wild card for the nomination in 2008, to this year's nominee John Kerry. Unlike his running mate, Kerry plans to return to the senate. He reportedly plans to start a political action committee and wants to use his connections from this year's run to remain viable for 2008. However, I doubt very seriously that democrats will give Kerry another shot at the presidency. He ran one of the most inept campaigns in recent memory. I find it laughable that Kerry wants to use fundraising connections from this year to remain viable for 2008. He is overlooking the fact, that most of the money and support for his candidacy came from anti-Bush sentiment, not people who were enthused about his candidacy.

## REPUBLICAN

**Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)**

Sen. McCain is currently the heir apparent to the Republican throne in 2008. With Vice President Dick Cheney unlikely to run, the Republican nomination is wide open. McCain has strong support from independents and moderate Democrats and Republicans. In 2000, McCain nearly won the nomination but lost to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Despite that loss, McCain remains popular. Although his relationship with President Bush was said to be rocky, McCain wisely campaigned for Bush this year. Campaigning for the President helped McCain to keep key allies that he will need for a run in 2008. McCain is clearly a qualified candidate with national appeal, but his age may work against him. In 2008, McCain will be 72 years old.

**Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani**

Known as America's "favorite mayor" for his excellent response to the September 11 attacks in New York City, Giuliani's stock as a potential presidential candidate rose this year when he took an active role campaigning for President Bush's re-election. Giuliani was elected mayor of New York City in 1993 and quickly built a reputation for being tough on crime. Crime in New York City declined 57 percent under Giuliani's watch. Currently Giuliani doesn't hold a political office, but is said to be considering a run for the senate in 2006 against Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. He is also said to be in consideration to possibly replace Tom Ridge as head of the department for Homeland Security. If Giuliani wants the presidency, running for the senate in 2006 is his best option. Replacing Ridge wouldn't do anything to make him a more appealing candidate. Though he has a lot of speculation, I don't think 2008 is Giuliani's year to make a serious bid for the presidency. If he ran for the senate and defeated Clinton in 2006, he would have to start running for president as soon as he arrived on Capitol Hill. I am not one who is convinced that Giuliani can make the jump from a mayor to the White House. If Giuliani can leverage Bush for another cabinet post, like secretary of state, his chances for 2008 would improve.

**New York Gov. George Pataki**

Gov. George Pataki was elected in 1994 and is up for re-election in 2006. He has been credited with revitalizing New York's economy, turning deficits into record surpluses for his state. He has also cracked down on crime in New York. Pataki is also rumored to be a possible challenger for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's senate seat in 2006. Challenging Clinton for her senate seat is an unnecessary risk for Pataki if he has any presidential aspirations. First, there is a serious possibility that he may lose to Clinton, which would take some steam out of his career. Secondly, he is a governor who is likely to win re-election in 2006. Risking that for a Senate seat is foolish because the last senator to win the presidency was John F. Kennedy. If Pataki wants to make a serious bid for the White House, he should remain governor until 2008 and work to align himself with the fundraising base of the Republican Party.

**Senate Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist**

Sen. Bill Frist is President Bush's right hand man in the United States Senate. In 2000, Frist was unanimously elected chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and became the Senate Majority leader in 2002. Frist is a former doctor and currently serves on seven committees in the Senate including the foreign relations committee. He has been an excellent spokesperson for the Republican agenda, and under his leadership George W. Bush became the first president in history to have his party win back majority control of the senate in a midterm election. I think Frist has a decent shot at the nomination, but could face stiff competition from Sen. John McCain.

**Florida Gov. Jeb Bush**

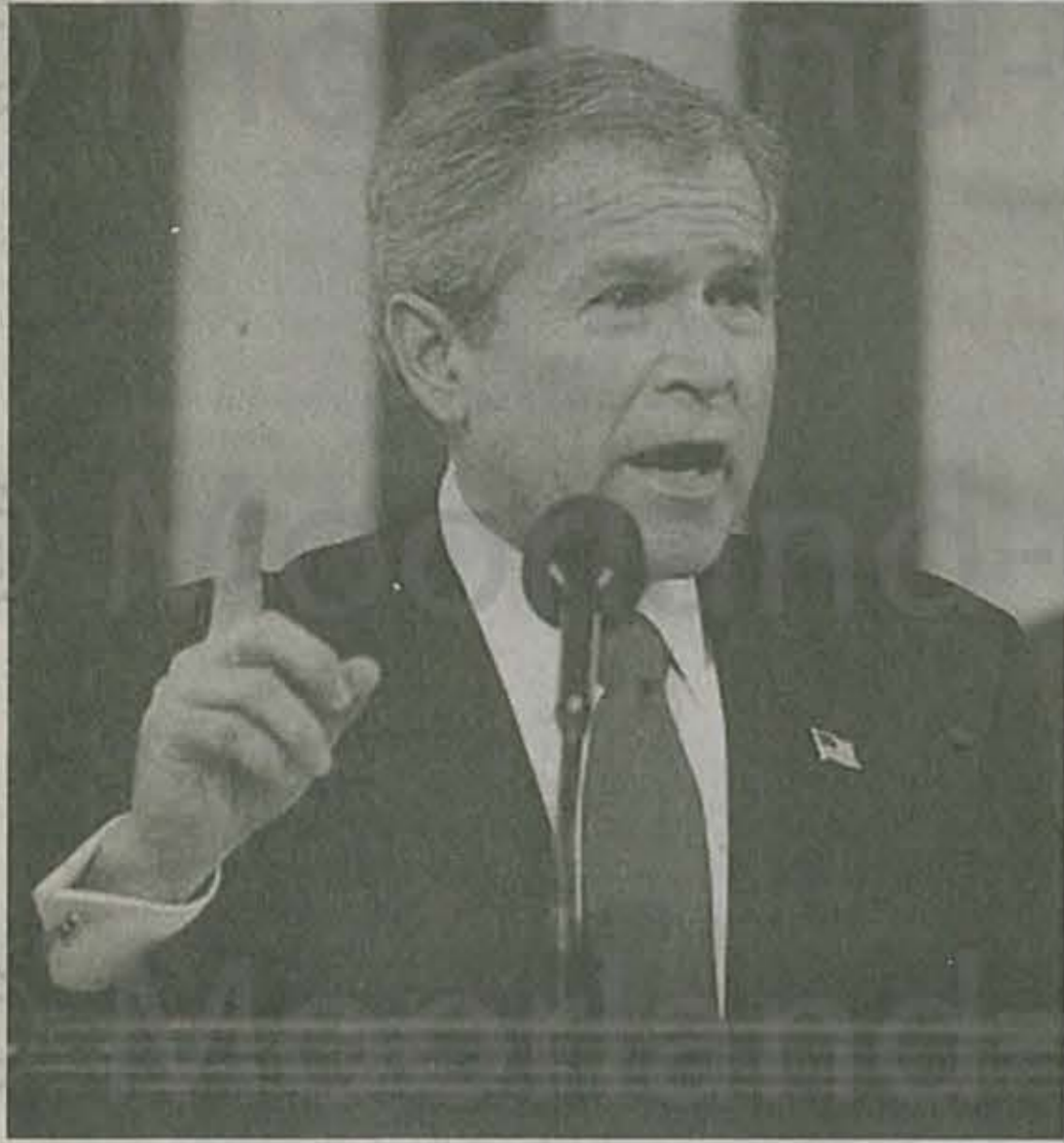
Florida governor Jeb Bush has repeatedly denied having any interest in running in 2008 but speculation continues to follow him. He was elected governor in 1998 and is currently serving in his final term. Bush has a record of cutting taxes in his state and of protecting the environment. He has also increased health insurance coverage for children in his state. The governor has national name recognition because of his brother and father's successful bids for the White House. If Jeb Bush aspires to be president, I think he should run for the Senate in 2006 (though he has denied any interest in this as well.) While there he should use the opportunity to build up his resume with experience in foreign affairs. I don't think 2008 is Jeb Bush's year. Voters may be suffering from "Bush Fatigue" if he runs on his brother's heels. He should move to the Senate in 2006, and serve there at least one term before making a bid for the presidency.

## Republican Wild Cards

**California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger**

California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is a wildcard for the Republican Party's nomination in 2008, but his status as a foreign-born citizen will prevent him from making a run. Currently, an amendment is being considered to allow immigrants the chance to run for president, but that bill is unlikely to pass and be ratified by 2008. However, if Schwarzenegger were able to run he would be a formidable foe. He already has national name recognition from his days as a Hollywood movie star. Schwarzenegger has worked well with Democrats in his state and currently has an approval rating above 60 percent. His speech at the Republican Party's convention clearly showed that he is ready for the big leagues.

## Bush Campaign Accused of Suppressing Black Vote



President Bush won Florida in 2000 as well as 2004.

BY CHARLENE DRAYTON  
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An elections supervisor in Tallahassee, Florida has accused the Bush Campaign of taking steps to suppress the Black vote during last week's election. The supervisor, Ion Sancho, has been an elections supervisor for 16 years. He has gone public recently, charging the Bush campaign with using a little known Florida law that allows political party operatives working inside polling stations to stop voters from obtaining a ballot. The law, allows operatives to challenge whether a voter is eligible to vote based on certain criteria. Voters are allowed to only vote "provisionally" after they agree to sign an affidavit validating their legal status. However, Sancho says not one challenge had been made to a voter in the 16 years he has been supervisor of elections. He called this year's sudden challenges "intimidation." Sancho first made his claims to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) news show "Newsnight." Newsnight also claimed to have knowledge of secret documents and e-mails from the Bush campaign headquarters that suggested a plan to disrupt voting in Florida's African-American voting dis-

tricts. According to the report, e-mails and documents prepared for the executive director of the Bush campaign in Florida, contained a 15-page "caging list" of nearly 2,000 names and addresses for voters in predominantly Black neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville. "The only possible reason why they would keep such a thing is to challenge voters on Election Day," Sancho said to Newsnight. "Quite frankly, this process can be used to slow down the voting process and cause chaos on Election Day, and discourage voters from voting." Federal law prohibits targeting voters for challenges if race is a factor. A republican spokesperson denied any wrong doing and told Newsnight the "caging list" was only a record of returned mail from fundraising solicitations or returned letters sent to newly registered voters to verify an address. Mindy Tucker Fletcher, a republican state campaign spokeswoman, told Newsnight the list was not put together "in order to create" a list of voters to challenge, but Fletcher refused to deny the list would not be used for that purpose. Florida was not the only state to face accusations of voter suppression on Election Day. Several New York radio

stations received calls from listeners alleging that they had been victims of voter suppression tactics. In Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, police officers were accused of selectively pulling Black voters to the side and asking them for proof that they had not been sent to prison in the past two years. Many disgruntled voters left the line without casting a ballot and never returned. This caused an uproar in New York because residents felt police were overwhelmingly stationed in predominantly Black communities.

"It was crazy because I saw people being pulled from the line," said LaTanya Walker, a Brooklyn resident who witnessed the chaos on Election Day. "No one wants to wait for hours in that line, get to the front and then be told to go home to get information and have to wait in the back of the line again." Lawyers were also posted at this Brooklyn voting station, and were said to be challenging people they suspected of being a felon. Some say they were even threatened and were told by the lawyers they would be taken to jail if they attempted to vote without presenting the information needed to prove they were eligible. "I was pulled from the line for no reason at all," said Brooklyn resident Damien Jenkins. "What really made me upset was the fact that they pulled me just when I got to the front of the line. I've never been to jail before, I've never even been arrested before." Jenkins added, "When I was told to come back with proof, I left and never went back. I was so disgusted." Voter suppression was also alleged in Iowa and Nevada. According to the website, [vote2004.eriposte.com](http://vote2004.eriposte.com), the state of Iowa incorrectly labeled dozens of voters as felons and struck them from voting rolls. At a Nevada checkpoint, a bus carrying Kerry supporters was held and searched by state troopers for 40 minutes. The bus driver told news organizations that the troopers repeatedly made anti-Kerry comments while checking the vehicle over.

## Clinic Gets OK to Give Face Transplants

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The Cleveland Clinic recently became the first institution to receive review board approval for human facial transplants, various news outlets report. These transplants would be given to someone whose face was severely disfigured by disease or burns.

"We are, at this point, ready to begin screening patients," said Dr. Maria Siemionow to CNN.com. Siemionow is the hospital's director of plastic surgery research and training in microscopic surgery. She said doctors may need up to two years or more to begin the procedure because of the time it takes to search and find a proper facial donor. "It may not happen in our life, or it may happen sooner than you expect," said Siemionow. When contacted by the Hilltop for further information, the Cleveland Clinic declined to reveal any new information regarding the procedure. But information provided from other sources say the push for facial transplants began quietly with Siemionow conducting facial transplants on laboratory rats. In the case of humans, surgeons say the procedure will consist of removing skin and facial tissues from a donor, then placing it over the recipient's bone and cartilage. Surgeons will then reconnect the new tissues and cartilage to the recipient's face, giving them new skin while allowing them

to look as they did before they became disfigured or had the facial transplant. The procedure comes with many risks for recipients, particularly an increased risk of infection or contracting cancer. There is also a 50 percent chance that a patient's body will reject new tissues from the transplant. The prospect of allowing facial transplants has sparked some controversy within the medical community.

Psychologists argue that patients may suffer from some psychological effects. They say the person may find it hard to identify themselves and may become confused or depressed. Also at stake is whether or not patients should take the risk of having a facial transplant because the surgery isn't life threatening. Doctors have said in numerous reports that facial transplants wouldn't be deemed as being necessary, as is the case with a lung or heart transplant. The difference, they say is that facial transplant would only be performed to improve a person's quality of life, not to save it.

"That is probably at the heart of the ethical debate," said



Surgeons are unsure when they will be able to begin offering the transplants to patients.

Dr. John Barker to NBC News. Barker is the director of plastic surgery research at Louisville University. "Transplanting a hand will not save your life, it will better your life, it will increase the quality of your life, and that's also the argument for face."

Barker also says that although the procedure will be new, doctors across the nation should be able to start performing the procedure once they receive approval. "The technical expertise and techniques needed to transplant human facial tissue are common practice and are performed daily in most centers where complex facial reconstructive procedures are performed," wrote Dr. Barker in an editorial for the *Journal of Surgery* last February.

## Ashcroft Resigns, Gonzalez Named New Attorney General

BY CHARLENE V. DRAYTON  
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President Bush announced Wednesday that White House counsel, Alberto Gonzales, will replace John Ashcroft as attorney general. Gonzales, if confirmed by the Senate, will be the first Hispanic to serve as attorney general. "His sharp intellect and sound judgment have helped shape our policies in the war on terror," said Bush to reporters at the White House. Gonzales has been the White House's top lawyer for the past four years and has had a long working relationship with the president. He served as general counsel for Bush when he was governor of Texas. Gonzales was also Texas secretary of state and served as a justice on the Texas Supreme Court while Bush was governor.

Ashcroft's resignation comes after four years of controversy, in which he became a "polarizing figure." He championed many controversial government policies, including the USA Patriot Act, which many critics say infringed on the rights of innocent people. In a resignation letter to Bush, Ashcroft expressed satisfaction in the job he has done helping to defend the nation from terrorists.

"The objective of securing the safety of Americans from crime and terror has been achieved," Ashcroft said in his letter to Bush.

Democrats on Capitol Hill welcomed Gonzales' appointment. Sen. Charles Schumer, a member of the Judiciary Committee expressed his contentment with the resignation of Ashcroft and welcomed the appointment of "someone less polarizing" to the position.



John Ashcroft

But Gonzales has also had his share of controversy. He wrote a memo in February of 2002, in which he claimed President Bush had the right to waive anti-torture laws and international treaties providing protections to prisoners of war. Critics allege the memo is at the root of the abuses detainees suffered in the Abu Gharib prison scandal.

## U.S. Supreme Court To Take On Ten Commandments Cases

BY VANESSA MIZELL  
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Legal analysts are split over what the outcome will be when the U.S. Supreme Court delivers its ruling on whether or not religious symbols should be displayed on the grounds of government buildings. The split comes on the heels of the high courts decision last month to hear cases involving displays in Kentucky and Kansas. In Kentucky, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) challenged the mounted display of the Ten Commandments on the walls in the McCreary and Pulaski county courthouses. In an earlier ruling, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the display was unconstitutional, but attorney Mathew Staver disagrees. "I think there are a lot of things in America that acknowledge religion, said Staver. "If the government censored religion out of everything I think that would create a lot of hostility." Staver is the president of Liberty Counsel. He will argue against the ACLU when the Supreme Court hears the case next year. Similarly in Texas, Thomas Van Orden, a homeless man, filed suit to have a Ten Commandments display removed from a courthouse, claiming that the display disturbed him. Van Orden said the display made him feel like a second class citizen and endorsed Christianity and Judaism. His claim was rejected and the U.S. District court ruled the monument could stay. It is the different rulings in the Texas and Kentucky cases that have many calling on the Supreme Court to settle the issue once and for all. But, analysts admit it will be



Analysts are split over what the courts decision will be.

a close vote once the Supreme Court hears the case. "Overall, I think it will be a very close vote," said Staver. "This will be very difficult and they will be forced to look at the facts surrounding this issue." Many on Howard University's campus agree that this is a complex issue for the Supreme Court to rule on. "I'm not sure how they're going to handle this," said Dr. Michael Newsom, professor at Howard University's School of Law. "There is not a bright line distinction within these cases but I do think there exists a series of fact variables."

Some students on Howard University's campus argue that the Ten Commandments have played a major role in the formation of the U.S. legal system, and for that reason they should be allowed to remain on government property, including courthouses. "We need to remember the values and principles on which our founders built this country, said Chapel Assistant President Alexis Logan. "One could look at it as a historical monument. It's not forcing any-

one. It's just there, similar to the Confederate flag." Others disagree, and say allowing religious symbols to be placed on government property is the same as state sponsorship of a particular religion. "They are basically sponsoring a religion. It really has to do with imposing your will on someone," said Howard Law student William Esbitt. "If you have those beliefs, removing a Ten Commandments monument won't take it out of your heart and your mind." Whatever the court decides in the end, many hope that the court doesn't appear to be playing favorites with any particular religion. Michael Newhart, a professor at the Howard University School of Divinity believes it is important for the court not to give the impression that there is a standard religion. "We have a pluralistic country and it is important for government to not show preference, said Newhart. "I would encourage religion to be about the business of working toward peace and not for the appearance of religiosity."



The Supreme Court is set to hear in February 2005.

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## BATTLE OF THE BULGE: Health Bug Hits Howard

BY COURTNEY BATTLE  
Contributing Writer

Low carb diets, Bally's memberships and promises of instant weight loss seem to have Americans in a fitness frenzy. With so many products on the market claiming to have found the best way to loose weight and get healthy, many students cannot help joining the battle of the bulge.

Still, some feel the fad diets and quick remedies won't sustain them for the long haul. "I think a lot of the methods of weight loss out now like the Atkins diet and gastric by pass surgery aren't the way to go in terms of losing weight and getting healthy," said Kamaria Gross, a junior legal communications major. "The only way to lose weight and keep it off is to work out and eat right."

Healthy eating habits and physical activity are essentially the right way to go in maintaining a healthy life style, but many students find it hard to fit time at the gym into their busy schedules. "I don't work out because I'm too lazy and I find myself busy with other stuff," said Monica Stele, a junior biology major.

Others use working out as a way to

relieve stress after a long day's work. "I work out six times a week - weight lifting and I do cardio every day. I work out because I like to look good and it makes me feel better," sophomore David Borrego said.

Students also take advantage of the physical fitness classes the university requires for graduation. "I go to weight lifting twice a week so I get a work out with out taking extra time out of my day," said Anya Alexander, a (YEAR) print journalism major.

Making the right choices when eating is another big way students are trying to stay healthy at the Mecca. "I don't do red meat," said Aaron Bonner, a junior advertising major. "I saw 'Super Size' and it scared me. Now I try to eat a salad every day."

After learning how fast food and high fat diets affect the body, many students are opting for healthier alternatives. "I try to only eat chicken and turkey and I try to drink a lot of water. But it's kind of hard to do here because the only thing on campus is fast food," said Ashley Smith, a sophomore psychology major. Among students, the most popular practices are eating more fruits and vegetables, staying away from fast food and drinking a lot of water.

While some have begun taking their health more seriously there are

still others who don't feel the need to watch what they eat. "I've never been on a diet because I'm secure with my body size," said Brittani Saafir, a freshman biology major.

And for some, hitting the gym is just not their cup of tea. "I don't work out because I have no desire to work out," said freshman, Shari Tiwari. Still many doctors and dietitians warn that health is not always measured by how slim the individual is. Having a balanced lifestyle is key to living long and staying healthy.

"I would always come up with some kind of connotation like I'll stop drinking pop or stop eating candy. One summer I went on an all fruit diet. All I ate was fruit, yogurt, and granola bars. I lost weight but after I stopped the diet I gained the weight back," said Holly Jenkins, a sophomore political science major. "The moral of the story is to change your lifestyle not dieting."

Many students try to do small things like taking the stairs instead of the elevator or walking instead of riding the shuttle to increase their daily activity.

Jassie Harris, sophomore public relations major said, "I consider a healthy lifestyle getting enough rest, eating right and working out - just having a balance in your life."



Alveto Alexander, Staff Photographer

Health-conscious Howard students frequent "The Pulse", the Mecca's newly renovated gym, in order to stay in shape during the colder winter months.

## Bison To Salvage Pride Against Bethune-Cookman

BY ZACHARY KENWORTHY  
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With the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship no longer attainable for Howard University, head football coach Rayford Petty and the Bison have turned their attention to finishing the season in the top third of the division. "It's about pride and character now. If we can win these final two games and finish up 7-4, then it has been a successful season. The goal now is to finish in the top three."

The Bison, however, will have to overcome a resolute Bethune Cookman College defensive line that Coach Petty assures, "is the best we will face all year." The Wildcats' secondary, which is also ranked third in Division 1-AA football with 18 interceptions all year, has benefited from the tremendous pressure that the team's front four creates. "Their secondary has been able to put up good numbers because of their defensive line. They are a very athletic team," Petty admitted.

Coping with the Wildcats' relentless pass rush and defensive lineman William Hudson will just be the first of numerous tasks for Howard's offensive line. Against a very athletic defensive unit, the Bison will also be looking to create holes for running back Roland "Jay" Colbert and sophomore sensation Antoine Rutherford. Colbert, in particular, has been stellar for Howard this year and is just 173 yards away from his second 1,000-yard rushing season in three years. The diminutive but stoic back is a large part of the Howard attack and is the core reason why the team is averaging over 200 yards rushing a game.

At quarterback, it is expected that Marcos Moreno will be the starter. Moreno, however,

has been somewhat of an enigma this season. After having his best game as a Bison against Morgan State University in week six, he has faltered since and struggled with composure and maintaining presence in the pocket. Moreno, however, does have a handle on the offense and, according to Petty, "does a good job managing the offense."

Defensively for the Bison, NFL-scouted cornerback Ronald Bartell Jr. and his buffalo soldier defense will have to cope with the triple-option offense that has been implemented by Wildcat Head Coach Alvin Wyatt. "We are preparing for a type of offensive unit that we will only face once this year," explained coach Petty. The triple-option threat is one of the hardest to combat for a defense, even for one as staunch as Howard's domineering squad. In essence, the triple-option is a package style offense that allows the quarterback to have three choices at any one time. The quarterback, in this case Wildcat quarterbacks Jarod Rucker and Jimmie Russel, will have the option to keep the ball themselves, hand it off to the fullback or pitch it to the slot back/receiver who is normally in motion. This style of offense relies heavily on execution and can be a nightmare to defend against.

"It can create some confusion," Petty explained.

Besides running backs Eric Weems and Rodney Johnson, the Bison will also have to account for wide receiver Jonathan Summers, who has been a consistent threat for Wyatt's option offense. The Wildcat's option offense has also been responsible for 17 different Wildcat players running the ball from the line of scrimmage. For the Bison defense, the only option is to remained focused.

## 2005 Versions Engage Howard Game-Heads



Ravens' linebacker Ray Lewis (left) is part of a stiff Baltimore defense on EA Sports' Madden 2005 with the theme "Fear the D."

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A number of sports video-games have recently appeared on the gaming market as players are put in the middle of the action, just as if they were real players playing on a professional team. In particular, for the 2005 version of America's favorites, new features have been designed in order to enhance the ultimate gaming experience. The goal: to be more realistic.

A popular gaming hang out spot on campus is freshman dorm Drew Hall. At any given time there is at least a group of guys playing on the popular PlayStation 2, Xbox, or GameCube systems. The competitive edge of the residents have games lasting late into the night and well into the early morning.

Biology major Mike Yansen, is a true game-head. He recently added EA Sport's Madden 2005 to his collection of games. "I like this new version of Madden because it is harder than usual. I can play for hours and hours trying to beat a team and not even realize how long I have been playing."

The Madden series is always

one of the top-selling football games each year. This year, Madden 2005 took the game up a notch to set it apart from other football games. The gamer is now in complete control of the defense with a new feature that allows the player to modify

It gives you more plays to play with and better chances of stopping the opponents offense from scoring," states civil engineering major Jomari Peterson.

Storyline central is a new addition to the Franchise mode on Madden 2005. It acts as the

gies together: gaming systems and the Internet. NFL 2K5 now brings players high quality on-line playing against other people all over the world. Players can download an innovative V.I.P. System that allows users to view the data on opponents' tendencies and play styles.

"I Personally prefer playing basketball games over football games," states John Davis a radio, television, and film major.

NBA LIVE 2005 allows play to elevate their skills on both sides of the court. The game now allows one to create awe-inspiring dribble moves, highlight-reel dunks, and tenacious defensive plays that express an individual's playing style. This new feature is EA SPORTS' "Freestyle Control", an intense innovation that is headlined in most ads for the game. All-new "10-man Freestyle" adds individual player movements and spacing, creating the most realistic feeling ever. A new graphics engine vividly reproduces each NBA player and reaches new heights while multiple game modes put you in the middle of the action. An all-new "All-Star" mode allows players to create their own All-Star weekend experience from the slam-dunk contest to the actual All-Star game.



The 'Madden Series' has further catapulted former NFL coach John Madden into icon-like status.

pre-snap assignments, including double teams and player-specific match ups for any defensive player on the field.

"The high competition level of Madden 2005 makes this years Madden different from previous years. I like being able to have more control of the defense in Madden 2005.

media and highlights all team and NFL news through a daily newspaper, email, or a radio show surrounding the team. Like it is on a real team, players are affected by the outside events. Player's make the game-play all the more emotionally realistic.

ESPN's NFL 2K5 focused on combining two technolo-



Star Cornerback Ronald Bartell Jr. and the Bison defense will have their hands tied with the Wildcats triple-option offense.

# Howard Student Athletes Play The Numbers Game

BY: COURTNEY EILAND  
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When selecting a jersey number, athletes may base it upon personal significance or possibly a player that they emulated as a child. According to USA TODAY, traded players have even been known to bribe rookies just to get their old numbers back.

Although many student athletes are not allowed to select their number of choice, sophomore wide receiver Larry Duncan has made his number significant in his own way. "I wear the #80. It's a special number to me because it makes you feel lucky," admitted Duncan. "You wear the number for the people in the stands so they know who you are when you're out on the field and can recognize you when you make a good play. Plus, my number is worn by the greatest receiver in the NFL: Jerry Rice. Also my wide receivers coach, Alvin Harper, wore the #80 when he played football for the Dallas Cowboys."

However, even some of the most prolific professional athletes are unable to get their number of choice. For example, when former Utah Jazz forward, Karl "The Mailman" Malone signed a deal with the Los Angeles Lakers in the summer of 2003, his trademark #32 was already among the retired numbers in the rafters of the Staples Center honoring legend Magic Johnson. Although Johnson offered his number to Malone, he declined and settled for the #11, which was his number on the 1992 Olympic Dream Team.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of a number is when an athlete has a chance to see it hanging in the rafters to exemplify their contributions to their specific sport.

A number that one will never see on the



Hall of Fame bound receiver Jerry Rice wears the #80 jersey. According to Howard wide out Larry Duncan, he enjoys wearing the number 80 because of Rice and his wide receiver coach Alvin Harper, who also wore #80 when with the Dallas Cowboys.

back of any player on teams such as the Chicago Bulls or the Miami Heat is the #23. This is a number all too familiar in the National Basketball Association worn by the great one himself who

inspired all children to want to "be like Mike". Although Jordan never played for the Heat, owner Pat Riley retired his number claiming, "No one will ever wear No. 23 for the Miami Heat."

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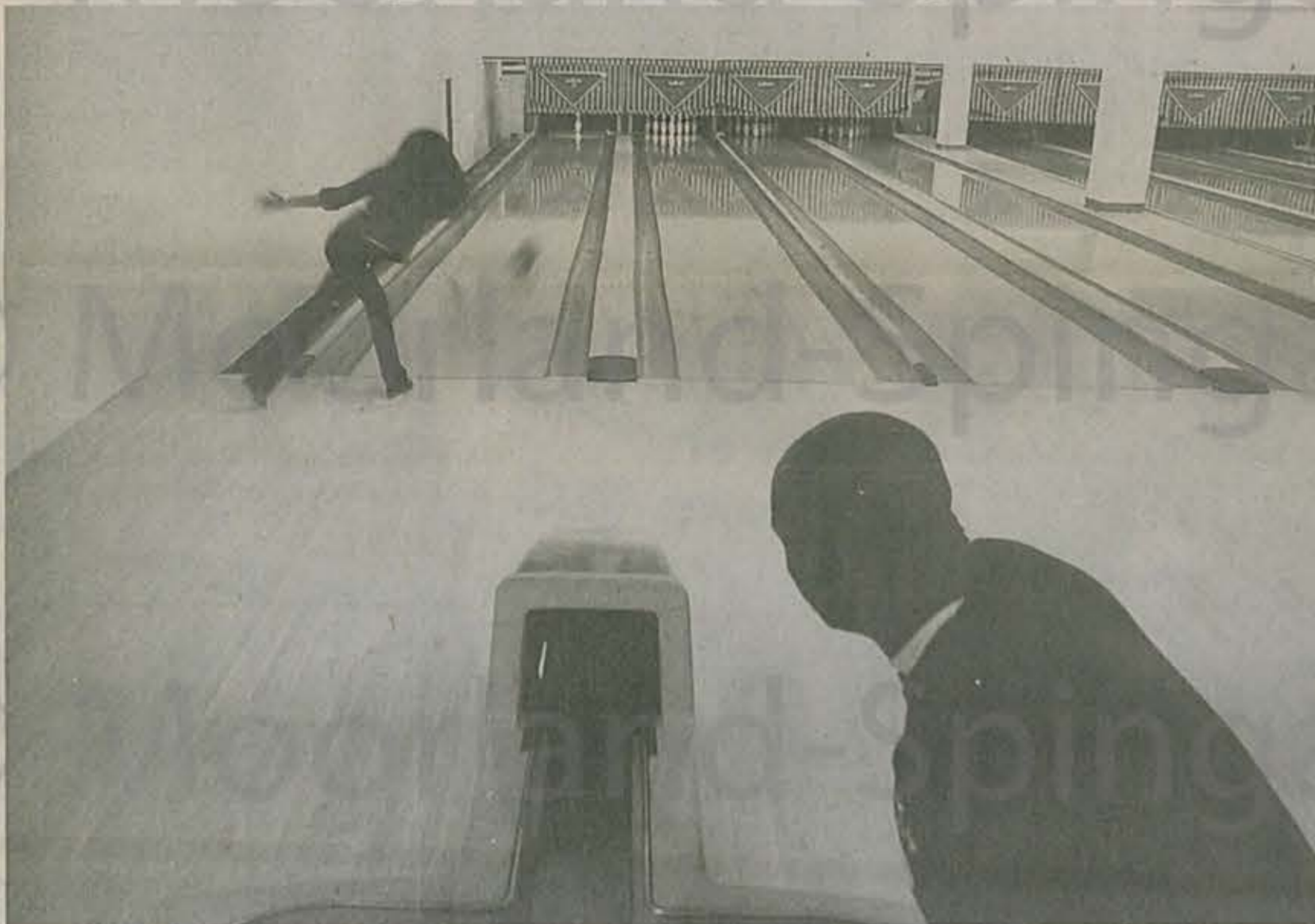
One of Howard's own who bears the #23 is lacrosse defender Shanon Morris. "I wear #23, but it wasn't significant at first until I realized that it was the same number that my brother wore for his football team. I had the #23 when I started on varsity my freshman year of high school so that, of course, was significant to me. Now I have a necklace with the #23 that I wear around my neck so I always remember where my heart is, which is in lacrosse," said Morris.

A question lingering on the average person's mind may be; why do athletes pick the numbers they choose to wear? Well, New York Knicks point guard, Stephon Marbury, chose the #3 because all four of his brothers wore the same number before him when they played basketball at Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York.

Sophomore outside lineman, Zusi Airhiavbere states that when he was in high school he chose the #22 because as a kid he admired former Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith. "Ever since I was a little kid, I admired Emmitt Smith, so when I went to high school, I chose to wear the #22. When I came to Howard I was given the #56, which still has some meaning, because it's the same number that LaVar Arrington of the Redskins wears. But if I was to go the NFL, it wouldn't matter what number I got. It would be a privilege in itself to make it in the league," said Airhiavbere.

When an athlete makes a final decision in selecting his or her number, it becomes a delicate process in which we can conclude that; it is not the number that makes the player, but it is the player that makes the number.

## Recreation Room Provides On-Campus Getaway



Many Howard students enjoy the bowling lanes at the "Rec Room."

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It is Friday evening and you are leaving the Punch Out. As you prepare to walk up the stairs in the Blackburn Center you hear voices and the faint sound of Caribbean music. The sounds are coming from the "Rec Room" in the basement of Blackburn.

Every Friday night, the Howard's Recreation Room is teeming with students. Most are there to play pool, foosball, spades, poker, video games, bowling, table tennis and chess, while others go to the center simply to hang out and relax. From the moment one walks in and hears the slow Reggae or faster-paced Soca music playing in the background, the mellow, kick-back and relax vibe is evident.

According to Keisha Tilahun, a fourth year student who does her work study in the "Rec Room", Friday evenings

are usually the busiest because of the pool club. "The pool club usually has their tournaments here on Fridays so that's what adds to how busy it is down here," said Tilahun.

Pool Club member, Trevor Farrell, was introduced to the Pool Club and the "Rec Room" two years ago when the Pool Club gave free pool lessons. He has been a regular patron ever since. "I practically live here. I am in the Pool Club but I do everything," Farrell said while putting away his pool stick and walking to the poker table.

Once you walk past the pool table area, you will find the center of the room elevated off of the ground. Students here are engaged in food, conversation and card games. Poker and Spades are the games of choice in the "Rec Room". None of the card games are provided by the university. The students provide all of the cards and paraphernalia associated with the "Rec Room". This includes an

elaborate poker set containing a green, casino-like playing field, read white and blue playing chips and pockets to hold the chips.

Joel Penigar, Vice President of the Spades Society, finds himself in the rec room almost everyday. He is an avid card and board game player and said that most of the regulars who hang out in the "Rec Room" share his passion but invite others to partake in the activities. "I would suggest to others to come and chill out here between or after classes. Even if you don't play all the games it is a fun environment," Penigar said.

In the back of the "Rec Room" there is a big screen television and in front of that television there is a crowd of guys playing Mortal Combat on an X-Box. Although this is a two-player game, there are about eight other young men mesmerized by the game. Some of the

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## Athletes Get 'Crunk'

BY COURTNEY EILAND  
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From Tiger Woods' celebrated fist-pumps, to Shaquille O'Neal's gorilla walk after a monstrous dunk, or from Deion Sanders' rademark high-step march into the end zone, to Randy Moss' "Michael Jackson Moonwalk" impersonation into the end zone, many athletes have their own ways of celebrating a spectacular play.

Perhaps the most exuberant attention grabber of them all is Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver, Terrell Owens. One of Owens' most infamous celebrations in the end zone came on October 14, 2002 when he was still a member of the San Francisco 49ers. In a Monday Night Football game against the Seattle Seahawks after Owens scored a touchdown, he pulled a Sharpie from his sock, autographed the football, and proceeded to present the football to one of his financial advisors who was among the front row. In response to reporters questioning his actions, he simply replied, "It's a T.O. thing."

Although the only fine Owens received was \$5,000 for not having his jersey tucked in, his celebration was not well received by NFL spokesman, Greg Aiello. According to ESPN.com, Aiello sent out a memo to all 32 NFL teams, saying, "A player possessing a foreign object -- an object not part of the uniform -- is subject to a 15-yard penalty. If the referee deems the object to be a safety hazard, the player will be ejected from the game. An object such as a pen will be considered a safety hazard."

With this new rule implemented, few athletes were not intimidated by the consequences. About a year later, another situation like Owens evolved concerning New Orleans Saints receiver, Joe Horn. In a game against the New York Giants

on December 15, 2003, Horn caught a touchdown pass and then proceeded to celebrate with the help of return specialist, Michael Lewis, by pulling a cell phone from underneath the goal-post padding and pretending to call someone. Horn took plenty of heat for his celebration and was later fined \$30,000 by the NFL the following day. Lewis, who was involved in the stunt, was also fined \$5,000 for his assistance in the pre-choreographed celebration.

However, one of the most comical celebrations came only a day before the Horn incident when Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver, Chad Johnson, who has repeatedly received fines for his touchdown celebrations, celebrated a victory touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers by retrieving a sign from the snow drift that read, "Dear NFL: Please don't fine me again." Two days later, Johnson was hit with a \$10,000 fine from the NFL.

Although many Howard football players are not allowed to do flamboyant victory celebrations in the end zone, they still manage to celebrate in more subtle ways. Sophomore free safety, Carl Alleyne states, "I sometimes take my helmet off and jump around in the end zone with my other teammates, giving chest bumps and high fives. It makes the team get crunk. It seems like people like T.O. just want to give the fans a show. His celebrations include a little bit of showboating though. Sometimes he can take it overboard, because it makes it seem like it's all about himself sometimes instead of about the team."

So, while some victory celebrations may appear to take away from a spectacular play and contain a slight amount of showboating, it can simply be seen as an athlete exercising his or her freedom of expression, and a way of giving fans a run for their money.



For some, Terrel Owens went too far two weeks ago when he imitated Ray Lewis' pregame dance during a touchdown celebration. However, Steelers' wide receiver Hines Ward got back at Owens this week when he imitated his "eagle-flap" celebration as the Steelers romped to victory over the Eagles. Even with the excessive-celebration penalties, player still get crunk in the endzone.

## Bison Bowling In A League Of Its Own

BY ZAKIYAH WILLIAMS  
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Many Howard students are oblivious to fact that the campus has a bowling team; they are also unaware of the many accomplishments, championships and titles that the team holds. The amount of hard work and effort that go into being a member of the bowling team cannot be measured. Not only is the team

demanding but it also strives for excellence and perfection.

From Nov. 11-13, 2004 the Lady Bison Bowling team is heading to the annual MEAC Championships being held in Laurel, Md. The team is excited and ready for a chance to take home the MEAC Championship title this year. Nothing would make the hard work of the season more worthwhile than a MEAC Championship

title next to their names. Last season, the Lady Bison placed first in 2003 Northern Division.

At the head of every great team is a great coach. The Lady Bison Bowling team is lead by Head Coach Lillibeth Jones. Coach Jones, a Howard University alumna, was also a member of the Lady Bison Bowling team. She knows, and has experienced first hand, the strenuous demands that come

every bowling season. Starting out in September, the Lady Bison competed against other schools along the eastern coast for a chance at breaking records and achieving their personal bests.

This year's shining star on the team is Kimberly Williams. Coach Jones referred to her as the best player on the team. The 2004-2005

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Bison Bowler Kimberly Williams.

# Running With Reason: Howard's Roland 'Jay' Colbert

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In 2002, he was the first Bison running back to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a single season since 1987, and with less than 200 yards to go, he should hit that same mark in 2004. Last week, he was the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, MEAC, Co-Offensive player of the week, and has been Bison football team captain for two consecutive years.

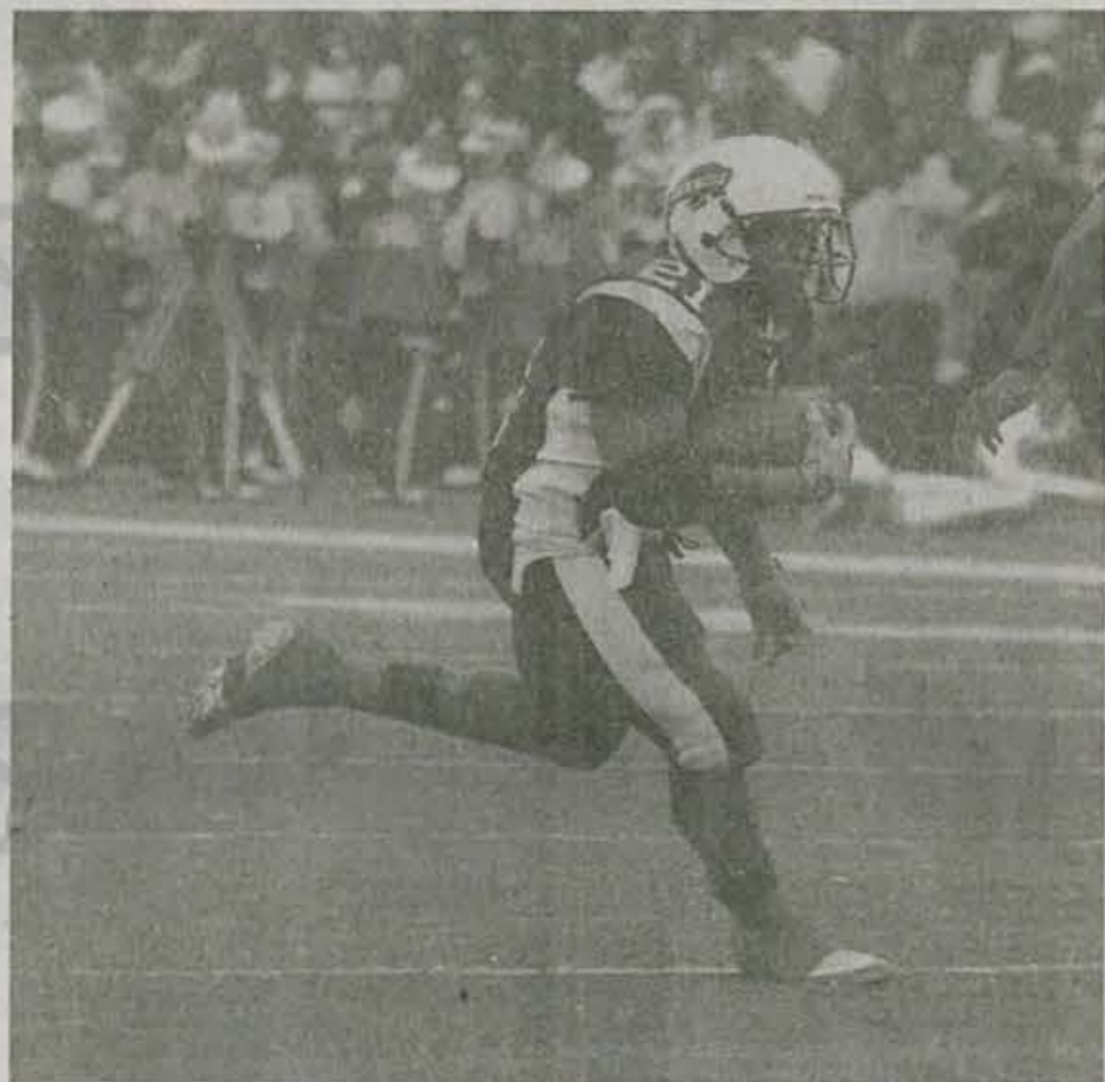
Proudly standing 5'8, 200 pounds, this mysterious Bison wears # 21 on the field, representing the glorious colors of red, white and blue week after week. Thus far he has produced one big game after the next in 2004. He is someone that all of Howard should admire. He is senior Roland "Jay" Colbert.

Head football coach Rayford Petty said, "Colbert is a great football player; probably the best running back in the MEAC. He is a big part of our football team because he has the total package of a running back: speed, power, and intensity. He also has great practice work habits and leads by example."

Colbert, age 22, is from Damascus, Md. where he started his football career at the age of eight solely for leisure, never imagining that he would one day be a key player Howard's football team line up.

"My parents talked to me about playing organized sports and I started running track over the summer," Colbert explained. "Then the track team coach put me on the football team, and I have been playing ever since."

Those childhood games provided Colbert with enough technique to be spotted during a football camp by one of Howard's football coaches his senior year of high school. Though there were many well-known football schools recruiting Colbert, none offered him a full scholarship because of his size. So, he came to Howard on a full athletic scholarship with hopes of making his mark on the football field. Colbert says that he chose to come to Howard because of its "academic stature" and he knew that he would get "a good education



With two games remaining, Jay Colbert is 173 yards away from his second 1,000 yard collegiate season.

and a degree."

Colbert said that if he could do it all over again he wouldn't go anywhere else but Howard. Not wanting to swap anything about his college experience, he admitted, "I wouldn't change anything because there is nothing like the Black college experience." He continued, "I was challenged in the classroom, enjoyed entertainment life and used my time wisely on the field." He describes his college experience as "chaos to mature."

Colbert leaves much of himself on the field. He lets his stats speak for themselves because he is a firm believer in the "don't talk about it, be about it" adage. He says that he doesn't like people to think he is cocky or conceited because he is in fact very humble. "I let all my talking be on the field," Colbert said.

Teammate Antoine Bethea, Bison football team safety, agreed with Colbert. "He is not a person that talks a lot without producing; he comes out on the field and produces. He is just a great player." Bethea further admitted that, "Colbert is not a cocky person so you can always go talk him if you have any problems."

Brian Johnson, Bison football team defensive back and Colbert's best friend, describes him as being all about business on the field, but off the field he is just a regular guy. Johnson said, "Ro is real cool and down to earth. He is very modest off the field and never boasts about himself."

As captain, Colbert's number one goal this season was to teach younger players about commitment and perseverance because winning is not always possible. "You got to have heart," Colbert explained.

With this hearty mentality that he is trying to instill in the younger players this year, he feels that the Bison have grown closer as a team. He says that last year the team was very separated, working as disconnected entities on offense and defense. However, this year, all that has changed with the new goal of the team being winning the MEAC championship.

Colbert graduated from Howard University's undergraduate program in the School of Social Work this past summer, receiving a degree in criminal justice, and is now working on his Master's degree in social work. So, his career at Howard will soon be coming to a close and he hopes to be remembered by students as "an athlete that was not just a jock."

He wants all of Howard to remember to come out and support the football team because fans mean more to players than winning the game. "Evan when it is raining and not the homecoming game," Colbert said, "come show us some love."

# Bison Might Not Like Water, but the Swimming Sharks Do

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They may move through the water like a school of sharks, but don't let Head Swimming Coach Roy Fagin hear you say this about his swim team. "I'm working on getting our name changed right now. UCLA's swim team are the Bruins, North Carolina State is still the Wolf Pack, and so we should still be called Bison."

A member of the Athletic Hall of Fame for swimming at Morgan State University, Coach Fagin is no stranger to the water. Fagin is only in his second season as Head Coach for the Howard University men and women's swim team, but his pride and enthusiasm is as vivid as a coach who has been with his squad for 20 years.

While the team has been perform-

ing considerably well, Nadya Nicholas, a sophomore pre-physical therapy major has been making her individual mark. Nicholas, who is also captain of the women's team, had an impressive performance in the swim meet against Saint Francis that took place over the Halloween weekend.

At the Pennsylvania meet, Nicholas captured the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:03.12 and the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:00.80. She also swam the second leg of the 400-yard medley relay in which the Sharks won with a time of 1:27.17.

Swimming competitively for nine years, Nicholas likes to keep things simple when it comes to preparing for meets. "I go to practice and when the coach gives us different sets I just focus on my technique and try my hardest. I also focus on working my triceps in the weight room because that's important

in swimming."

Hard work and commitment are definitely key components when it comes to being a member of the Bison swim team. Two workouts a day are part of the team's daily routine, one at 5:30 a.m. and another at 4:00 p.m.

According to Nicholas, the mindset of a swim team can be different from other sports teams, especially when going into competition. "Most athletic teams go into competition with the thought that they have to win the game. But with swimming, we're focusing more on trying to get faster times and reach our personal bests."

The team will be traveling to Baltimore this Friday to take on Loyola College in a swim meet that Coach Fagin is very optimistic about. Fagin feels that the upcoming meet will prepare his team for an even bigger competition that is due to take place later

this month. When getting ready for swim meets, the team uses practices and previous meets as a stepping-stone. "We have been doing the same thing since September to get ready for any meet with out two workouts a day. I expect the Loyola meet to get us ready for the Patriot meet, which will be Nov. 19, 20 and 21. The meet will be at George Mason but will include Johns Hopkins, Virginia Military Institute, Loyola College and Howard."

Every good team has areas where there is room for improvement, and while Coach Fagin is proud of his teams accomplishments and abilities, he knows that there can be a positive change. "We are very strong in the sprints, our team is very quick in the water, but we need to become better in distance swimming to make the team more well-rounded."



Swim team captain Nadya Nicholas has led by example thus far in 2004.

# MEAC Championship Awaits Bison Bowling Team

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season will be Kimberly Williams' last season playing with the Lady Bison, but she isn't going anywhere without leaving her mark and setting records for the team. During the season, Kimberly Williams bowled a total of 298 out of 300. By doing this, she beat her average, broke a personal record and set the bar extremely high for her team to live up to.

Coach Jones wanted Howard University students know that bowling is an actual sport. "It requires discipline," Jones said.

The sport of bowling to some is seen as recreation, but to the Lady Bison it is a great part of their life. The team, according to Jones, is much improved this year and has shown considerable development since previous tournaments.

"The girls treat bowling how you would any other sport. They train two times a week with the fitness and weight training coach,"

Jones said. Apart from attending practices, the team also balances an academic workload. The Lady Bison bowling schedule is no different than other athletic schedules on campus and can be very demanding.

This year Coach Jones has high goals and aspirations for the team. She feels that this is the year they are going to get out there and be known for their hard work, dedication and their love for the sport. As the duration of the season spans from September to February, there is still much time left in the season and the Lady Bison still have a chance to bring home more titles and championships. With three more classics and one invitational to go, the girls are ready.

For students interested in the bowling team program, like any other sporting team, there is a required a try out. Grade point average, ability and attitude also play a major factor in making the team.



Bison Bowling Coach Jones

# Time Out At The 'Rec Room'

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young men act as coaches and advise the players as to what moves to make. Others take the role of instigator by adding unwanted but frequent comments like, "you suck," and "how can you let him do that?"

The game systems and games that are played on the big screen are decided upon by the players who provide them. The Recreation Center does not provide students with game consoles, so the students are the sole providers. Some of the X-box players said on Fridays that someone always brings a game

system because playing video games on a big screen television is better than playing in a dorm room.

To the right of the television are foosball tables. According to Krystin Ramlogan, a freshman from Trinidad and Tobago, the foosball tables are usually very popular. Most of the players go back and forth between foosball and other activities so there is no steady number of foosball players. "Foosball is something I play a lot too. When I finish this game of pool I will probably play a little," said Ramlogan.

Shawn John, a sophomore, history major was not as happy

with the "Rec Room" as the other patrons seemed to be. He said, "It [The Rec Room] is horrible because some of the facilities aren't in good condition." John specifically identified some of the pool tables that were in bad condition and the bowling area, which he said needs new bowling shoes.

Whether you are an avid game player, a pool shark or none of the above, the "Rec Room" is a place that is worth experiencing. If you are ever on campus with some extra time, a quick visit to the Blackburn Center's basement may leave one pleasantly surprised.

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# WINTER MUSIC PREVIEW:

## Students Anticipate Upcoming Releases

BY JOHN KENNEDY  
Contributing Writer

With forthcoming releases by Lil' Jon, Snoop, and Destiny's Child, music enthusiasts are in heavy anticipation of what's to come this winter.

One of the most coveted albums of the season is Nas' double CD *Street's Disciple*. Powered by the lead single, "Thief's Theme," and the collaboration with his father, "Bridging the Gap," fans expect to hear a new dimension to the rejuvenated thug-poet's career.

"I'm expecting to hear a more mature Nas, more mature music as well as ... a new level of elevation and of maturity in the game," said junior public relations major Messiah Ramkissoon.

"I'm hearing it's one of the best hip-hop albums to come out in the last five years so I want to see if it lives up to the hype," said Julian Kimble, a sophomore film production major.

Fans also have high expectations for fellow New York lyricist Fabolous, as he is set to release his third project, *Real Talk*, this month. Many would like to see Fabolous deviate from his "huggy songs" and offer an album with more "hood appeal."

"This album is supposed to be a good mix of stuff that's mainstream and then back to his old mixtape days—that's what I'm looking forward to," said James Carpenter, a sophomore international business major. "A lot of his stuff is real pop ... but now he's supposed to go back to the gritty Fab, mixtape Fab—that's the best Fab."

Freshman radio, television, and film major Mariama Kiawu agrees.

"Hopefully he'll take it back to the streets," Kiawu said. "I wasn't really pleased with the last album ... he got all mushy."

For the past two years, everyone from Mobb Deep to Ciara have been "getting crunk" thanks to Lil' Jon's energetic beats. This season, fans are excited about what is to come from his project, *Crunk Juice*, which will feature Usher, Ludacris, Ying Yang Twins, Lil' Scrappy, and many others.

Other fans of dirty south hip-hop are awaiting the release of Ludacris' *Red Light District*.

Will Richardson, manager of Sam K Record Shop, predicts that *Red Light District* will do very well due to Ludacris' loyal fan base.

"A young lady walked in today asking about him already," Richardson said.

Many hip-hop fans are also looking forward to Eminem's fourth album, *Encore*. The self-proclaimed "king of controversy" has created a buzz for the album with the videos for the playful "Just Lose It" and politically conscious "Mosh."

"I want to hear him do less whining," Kimble said. "On his first album he was crazy and the last one he just complained. I just want to hear him do something else—something a little more political or artistic."

Others are not as excited about Eminem's return.

"I am not a fan of Eminem," said sophomore broadcast journalism major Jabari Smith. "I'm sick of him capitalizing off of Black music and the Black man's dollar."

After three years since their last group effort, R&B fans are eager to hear what Destiny's Child has to offer on their newest work *Destiny Fulfilled*.

"They were all doing their thing separately so I want to see what they're going to come up with," Kiawu said.

"I'm looking forward to Destiny's Child's album because my boy 9th Wonder is doing a beat on there," Lamar Johnson, a

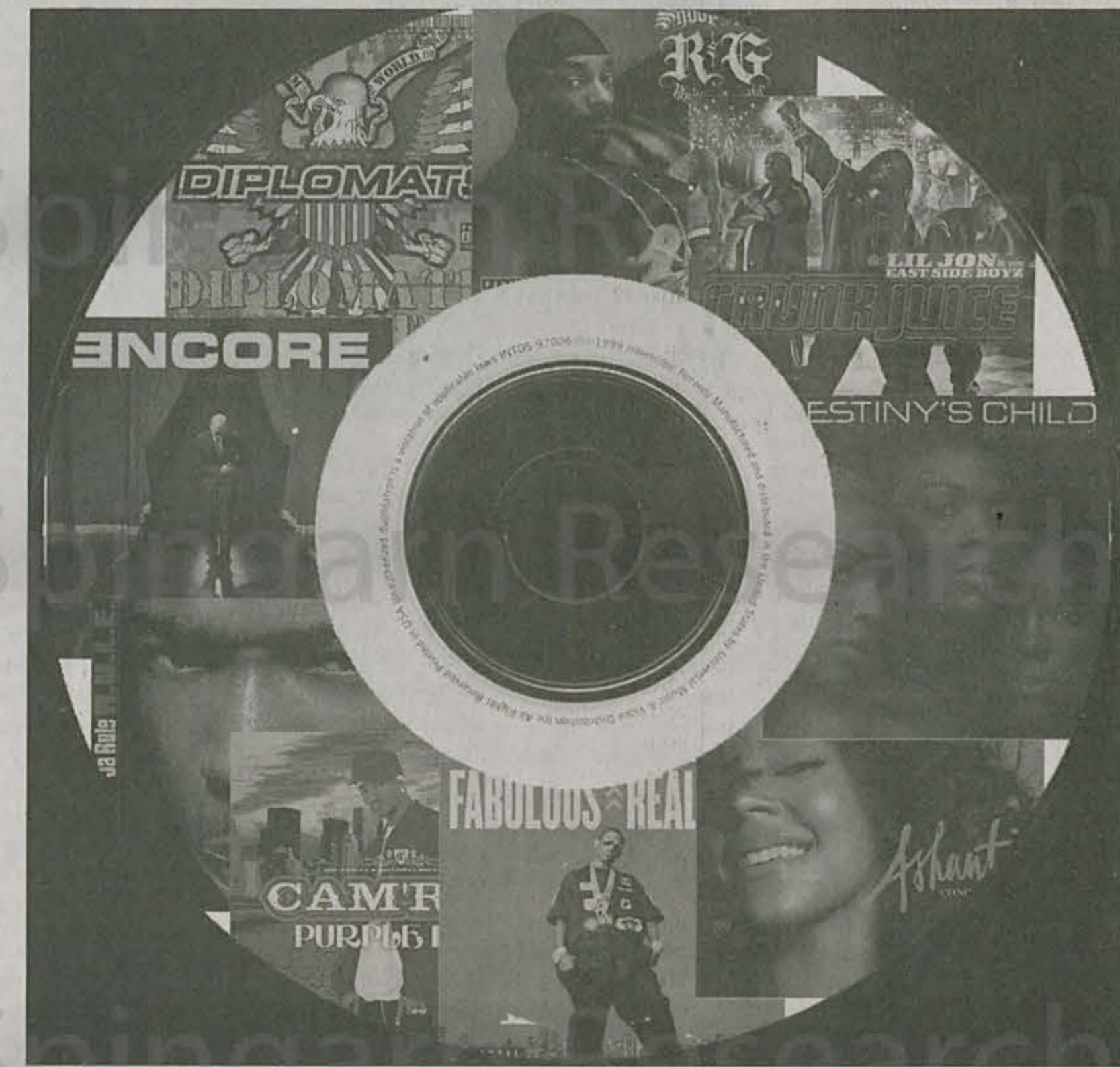


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sophomore mechanical engineering major said.

After performing on Slum Village's hit single, "Selfish," and alongside Kanye West and Talib Kweli, neo-soul fans are excited about John Legend's debut album, *Get Lifted*.

"I think he's a good mix of neo-soul and mainstream R&B," Smith said. "We've seen what he is capable of doing as Kanye's sidekick, but now I want to know if he will be able to hold the fort on his own."

One artist looking to return to hip-hop heavyweight status is Ja Rule, who has experienced a decline in popularity after

his notorious battle with rapper 50 Cent. With his upcoming album, *R.U.L.E.*, which features the highly successful single "Wonderful," featuring Ashanti and R. Kelly, and the street anthem "New York," featuring Fat Joe and Jadakiss, the likelihood of his musical resurrection is in question.

"If he stays away from that pop sound and stops 'girling,' I think his record sales are going to be higher than they were for his last album," Kiawu said.

"I don't expect Ja to do well anymore," Richardson said. "I think his time has come and passed."

"His credibility has pretty much been shattered," Kimble added.

The buzz created by the Neptunes-produced single, "Drop It Like It's Hot," projects Snoop Dogg's forthcoming album, *R&G (Rhythm & Gangsta): The Masterpiece*, to be one of his biggest in years.

"It's going to be crazy, collaborating with Pharrell," Kiawu said.

### Newly Released and Upcoming Album Dates

- Fabulous – *Real Talk* Nov. 9 (In Stores Now)
- Ja rule – *R.U.L.E.* – Nov. 9 (In Stores Now)
- Eminem – *Encore* – Nov. 12
- Destiny's child – *Destiny Fulfilled* – Nov. 15
- Chingy – *Powerballin'* – Nov. 16
- Lil' Jon – *Crunk Juice* – Nov. 16
- Snoop – *R&G (Rhythm & Gangsta): The Masterpiece* – Nov. 16
- Diplomats – *Diplomatic Immunity II* – Nov. 23
- Ruben Studdard – *I Need An Angel* – Nov. 23
- Nas – *Street's Disciple* – Nov. 30
- T.I. – *Urban Legend* – Nov. 30
- Ashanti – *Concrete Rose* – Dec. 7
- Ludacris – *Red Light District* – Dec. 7
- Mario – *Turning Point* – Dec. 7
- Xzibit – *Weapons of Mass Destruction* – Dec. 14
- Cam'ron – *Purple Haze* – Dec. 21
- John Legend – *Get Lifted* – Dec. 28

## 'Fade to Black' is a Jay-Z Fan's Dream

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For all those who thought *The Black Album* was Jay-Z's final curtain call but prayed to Hova that it wasn't, Paramount Classics and @radical.media present "Fade To Black," a behind the scenes look at the renowned rapper's final solo album and performance. The film features portions of Jay-Z's historic concert at Madison Square Garden, which made him the first hip-hop artist to sell out the venue, and footage of *Black Album* recording sessions.

At the outset we enjoy an aerial perspective of New York City as the camera hovers over sky scrappers and bustling streets. Jay-Z narrates the shot, telling viewers that he never expected to come so far – going from Marcy Projects in Brooklyn to headlining at Madison Square Garden. He then leads us into what is approximately ninety minutes of his creative process and its' fruits as seen by the legions of fans who attended the concert last fall.

It begins at a recording session with Jay-Z and his engineer Young Guru. The two are running through different beats in search of one that suits Jay. He explains in his narration of the scene that on his final album an artist must make certain that every song is a clear statement. Therefore, a myriad of "good" beats are skipped until what

turns out to be Jay-Z's stree single, "What More Can I Say" begins to play.

He's immediately taken by the song's intro, a sample from the movie "Gladiator" in which a voice asks, "Are you not entertained?" As the actual beat begins to play, Jay-Z starts what we later find is his rather unique way of writing; in fact, "Fade To Black" proves the rumor that his very intricately patterned rhymes are not written at all.

Conversations about the superstar's career are also included in the film. In one particular talk with a young rapper who expresses frustration about feeling obligated to write a certain way in order to get heard Jay responds by looking directly into the camera and saying "Look what y'all did to rappers. They afraid to be they self."

Portions of the Madison Square Garden concert break up the studio scenes. Jay opens with "What More Can I Say" taking command of the roaring crowd with an invigorated version of his signature swagger.

"Fade To Black" is a sure treat for die-hard Jay-Z fans. Those who wonder about the process of creating songs that invoke instant bouncing and singing along whenever they're played are given a glimpse into it. This film is a virtual concert as well as an intimate look at what inspires Jay's well-known lyrics. "Fade To Black" essentially takes viewers from the recording studio to the stage.

## Health of College Students Threatened By Strees

BY TRACEY JORDAN  
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Stress tends to be a common aspect of college life as students are pressured daily into surviving academically and most of all independently. College is, in fact, one of the most stressful experiences for some students, and some take the risk of paying for an education just to graduate and enter into the corporate world where they are promised only more hard work. During

the course of striving to achieve academic excellence, juggling jobs, and extracurricular activities, it is almost guaranteed that every college student will be faced with the harmful condition of stress at least once during their college experience.

"Every aspect of school is stressful," said junior, broadcast journalism major Patrice Johnson. Johnson argues that the problem with college is that you can't just get by on good grades anymore. "You have to constantly network, be involved

in extra curricular activities and sometimes maintain a job, all while at the same time staying academically focused," Johnson said.

Although Johnson tends to manage her stress successfully by relaxing whenever her body needs it, there are other methods of reducing stress in which students turn to when they can't find time in their schedules to sit down and relax. Junior biology major Christina Riviera says that she usually relieves stress by calling home and talking to her mother. "Sometimes it's the littlest words of encouragement that can really help you to keep going," Riviera said.

With the dangers of stress varying from person to person depending on the severity of the condition, there are signs of stress that are commonly ignored, especially by young people, because of the form in which they appear.

"People usually get physical symptoms and don't realize that the cause may be stress as opposed to pathogens," said Denyce S. Calloway, associate professor in the Department of Human Performance and Leisure Studies. According to Calloway, it has been documented that there is a relationship between stress and heart disease, migraines, headaches, muscle spasms and insomnia. Due to the seriousness of the condition, Calloway recommends that students manage their academic and social life realistically and also be sure to balance their schedules so that

they don't have too many intense courses in one semester.

Although college students are often accused of not having good time management, some students argue that the key to stress in college is pressure. "Being in college you hold a huge responsibility because so many people expect so much from you. Your family is watching you at all times," said senior Hannah Vincent, a double major in psychology and administration of justice.

With the high Howard expenses, it can be stressful to those students whose families' are actually paying for school. As a result, they feel that they always have to monitor their success to make their family proud.

Nile Ivey, a senior radio production major argues that some people overstress themselves by taking their stress to a level that it doesn't need to be taken to. From Ivey's point of view, stress is an everyday part of life but you need to know how to deal with adversity. "I just basically listen to music to calm me down when I'm stressed and I talk to my family," Ivey said.

Martial Arts professor Sumorry G. Alpha says that stress is in fact an essential part of life. He recommends exercise as a stress reliever and points out that stress is as much psychological as it is physical. "If you focus both your mind and energy you can accomplish anything," Alpha said.



Classes, work and other factors can cause students stress. Finding ways to relax and taking the time to do so can help relieve students from stress.

# 'Beautylicious:' Reading Good Advice

BY SHARA D. TAYLOR  
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Sparkling with charm and brimming over with tips on everything from how to hand a run-in with your arch-nemesis when looking less than perfect to how to become a favored party guest, "Beautylicious: The Black Girl's Guide to the Fabulous Life" is a charming book that truly delivers. Written by former associate beauty editor for Essence Magazine, Jenyne Raines, this fun and fabulous read covers almost everything in a fabulous girl's life. Want to brush up on etiquette basics? Read the section entitled 'Manners Make the Babe'.

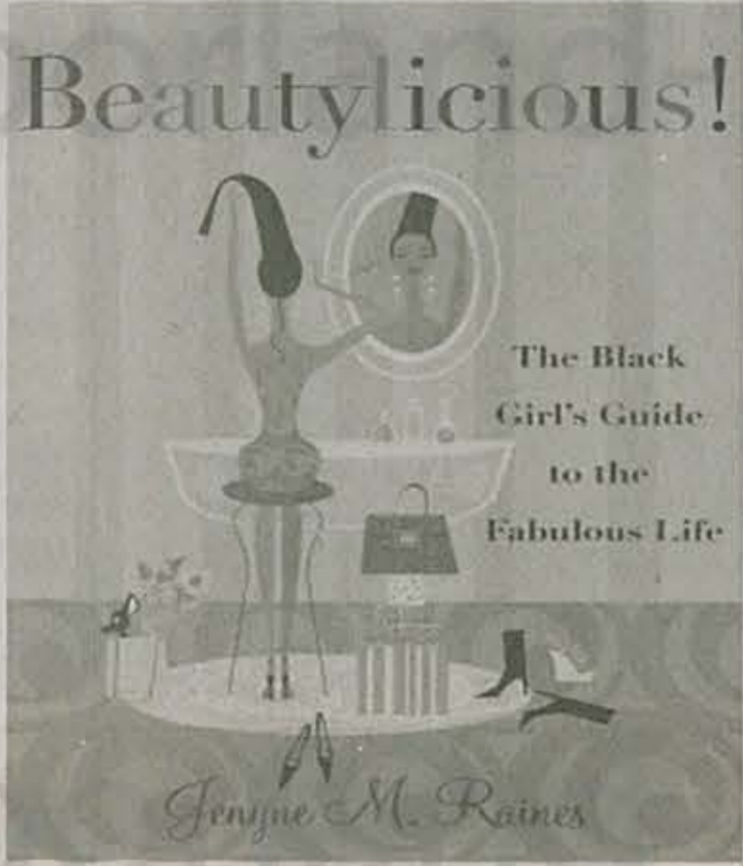
The book, which is geared toward young Black women between the ages of 18 to 30, is divided into 10 chapters that cover just about any topic in the fly girl's life-style. Chapter one, "Queen Me" is dedicated to uplifting the self-esteem and refining the social graces of the doubting diva. Through quotes from such diverse sources as Oscar Wilde, Josephine Baker and famed etiquette coach Maxine Powell, Raines encourages her readers to build up a 'hype report' for when they're feeling low and gives an overview of such basic etiquette rules as 'a lady is polite when entering or leaving a room' with a modern-day translation like 'acknowledge your fellow man's presence on the planet with a smile and a hello, especially in close quarters'.

Chapters two through six cover the issues of beauty and health. Raines places a great deal of emphasis not just looking good, but actually being healthy in chapter two, 'Fit and Fine.' Raines extols the virtue of enlisting the help of professionals if you want to become glamorous, citing such celebrities as Jada Pinkett-Smith and Jennifer Lopez, who, although beautiful, did not emerge as the flawless creatures they appear to be in magazines and on TV.

Raines lists and explains the

importance of the experts she thinks everyone should have on their speed dial, including internists, gynecologists and personal trainers. She even praises the benefits of seeking psychological help, encouraging her readers to defy stereotypes that dictate that Black women do not need to seek the help of mental professionals.

Raines gives the secrets for scoring the hottest designer bags, shoes, and clothes in the chapter entitled 'Super Fly', praising thrift stores, outlet shops and department stores in small towns as hubs of hidden couture. She promotes Black fashion designers like Epperson, Tracy Reese and Catch a Fire and implores her readers to become intimately familiar with their



favorite store's return, exchange and repair policies so as not to get left out in the cold when trying to get their "bargain" Fendi bag repaired.

The final chapters cover the beautylicious babe's social life. With tips on how to make a great "Charlotte's Gabarita" (three ounces good quality gold tequila, two teaspoons of confectioners sugar and equal squeezes of lemon and lime) for a girl's night in, how to find out what quality thread count is best for you, how to get over a breakup with Mr. Right Now and what to say at your next dinner party. Ms. Raines ensures that her readers will be the life of the party.

With lots of inspiration, tips and reminders that it isn't how one starts the race, it's how she ends it, readers will find "Beautylicious" a fun, fast and absolutely fabulous read.

## FASHION *idol* OF THE WEEK



Free

She's the beautiful, energetic force on BET's No. 1 Rated show, "106 & Park." She's beautiful, talented and loves what she does. Born and raised in Roxbury, MA, Free is also a Rapper set to soon release her debut album.

When tuning in to "106 & Park," viewers are able to not only see the most recent music videos, but also the latest and most unique fashions from Co-Host, Free.

She switches up hairstyles just as much as she does clothes. Always wearing something unique and trendy, Free is definitely a fashion idol to many viewers.

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# Health Scope: Thyroid

By Nailah Bynoe-Seabron  
Contributing Writer

Thyroid cancer is one of the most uncommon and curable cancers and affects a small portion of the world yearly. Unlike many other cancers such as breast, lung and colon, thyroid cancer is easier to treat and in some cases surgery is not even needed. The cancer can occur at any age, but it is more common after age 30.

Chief Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, 80, was recently diagnosed with the cancer and underwent surgery. Due to his illness, he was forced to be absent from the Supreme Court.

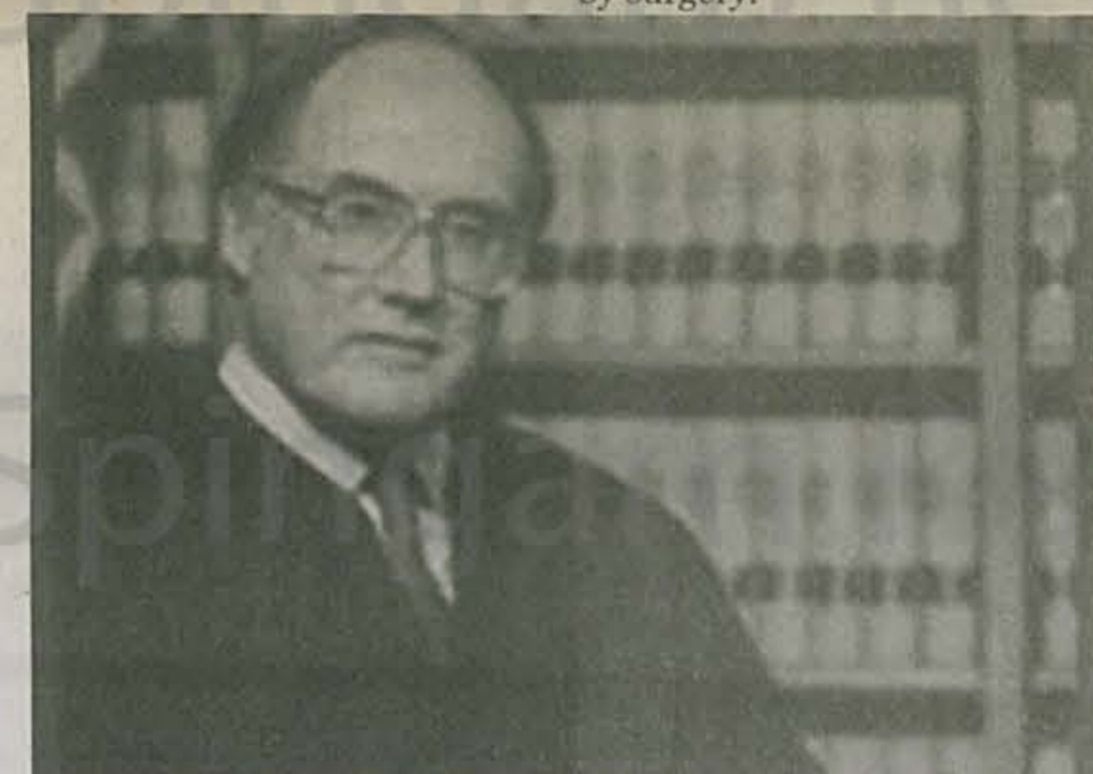
Rehnquist has served as the chief justice since his appointment by President Nixon in 1972. Since his diagnosis and surgery on anaplastic thyroid cancer, Rehnquist has remained at home receiving radiation therapy and chemotherapy.

Dr. Luis Heffess, medical oncologist and internist at Providence Hospital said, "In many cases of cancerous patients that I have seen, there records show that they have had some type of medical radiation treatment or were exposed to nuclear radiation at some point in their life, those are the only two causes."

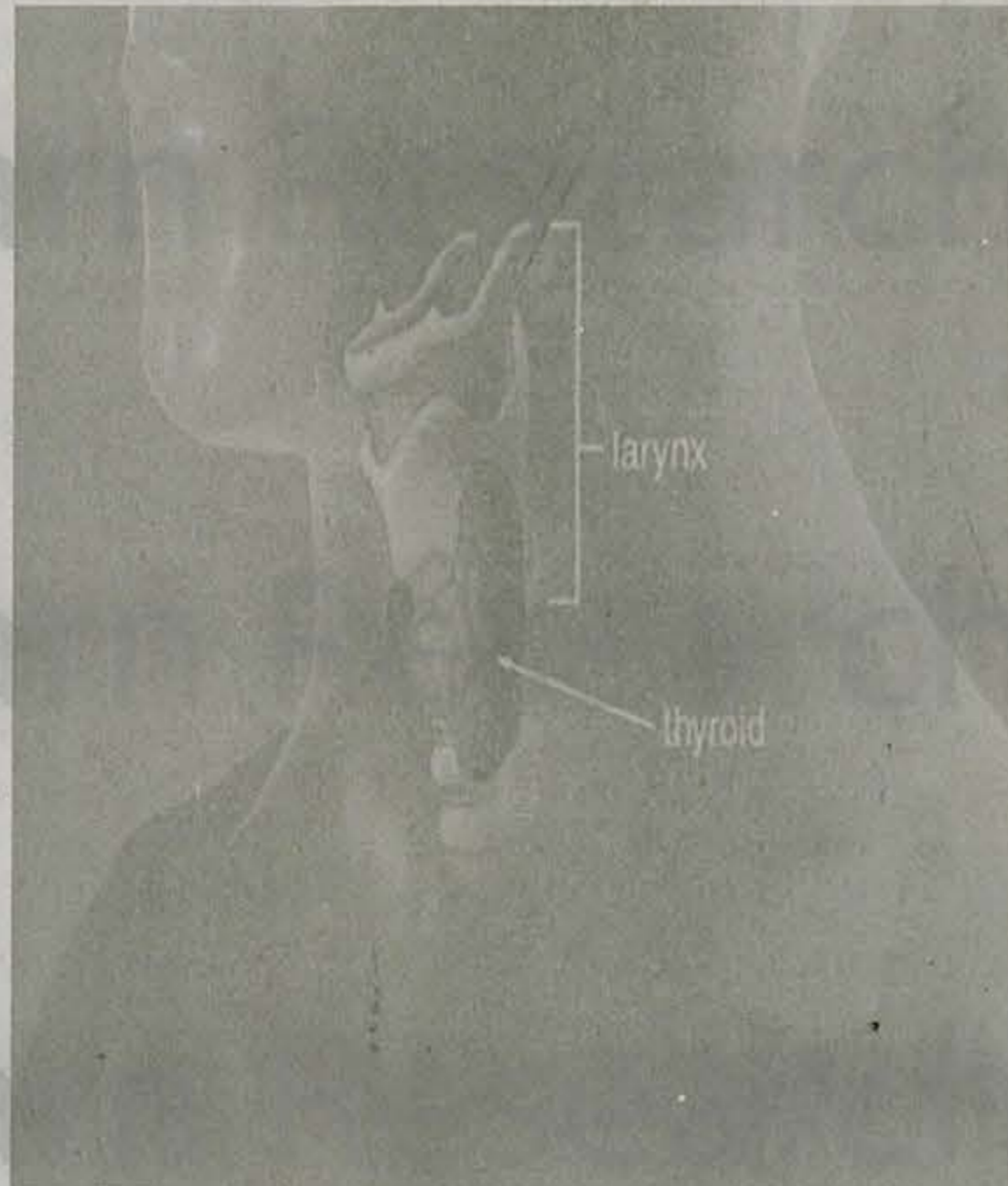
Symptoms of the disease include hoarseness, neck pain, enlarged lymph nodes and trouble swallowing. Many people can feel a lump in their neck or notice that their lymph nodes are slightly larger and consult a doctor about the problem.

During a doctor's visit an ultra-sound is performed, which allows the doctor to see the exact location of the nodule (the lump) and conclude whether the nodule is solid or cystic. The cancer can be treated by radioactive iodine therapy.

The four types of thyroid



Chief Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist



cancer, papillary, follicular, medullary and anaplastic, are all cured either with therapy, removal of the tumor or complete removal of the thyroid. "You can live without the thyroid gland, there are thyroprolin hormone pills that can take that perform the same functions of the gland itself," said Heffess.

Papillary and follicular cancer are the least aggressive of the cancers. Papillary cancer makes up about 70 percent of all cancers and is more likely to occur in younger adults and women according to Dr. Heffess. The radioactive therapy gives the thyroid cells iodine to absorb and cure the cancer. The follicular cancer is a more aggressive form of the cancer. It can be cured with the radioactive therapy but it can also be treated by surgery.

Medullary and anaplastic cancer are significantly less common. If not detected early, the cancer may spread to other glands in the body. Medullary cancer is usually common among patients who have genetic history of thyroid cancer. Anaplastic cancer is the most aggressive of all of the thyroid cancers, spreading extremely fast; it usually requires removal of the thyroid and chemotherapy.

The thyroid is a gland that is part of the endocrine system. The endocrine system regulates mood, growth and development, tissue function, metabolism, sexual function and the reproduction process in the body.

The thyroid is located under the Adam's apple in the front part of the neck. It has two lobes, the right lobe and the left lobe, which surround the trachea. The thyroid regulates the body's energy with a natural metabolism hormone called thyrothropin.

Dr. Heffess says, "Most people do not get regular thyroid examinations to check for tumor growths. Breast and abdomen examinations are more common, but it is very important to get the thyroid checked out regularly. You can even feel your neck for growths at home on your own."

Medical doctors and researchers say that there is no way to prevent the cancer. If a patient has been exposed to any type of radiation they should get a thyroid examination.

# Health Briefs

BY CHARLAÉ WASHINGTON  
Hilltop Staff Writer

## Flu Medicine Sales Could Be Indicative of Outbreak

Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, shared that sales of over-the-counter flu medications could help show the U.S. government when local flu outbreaks are occurring at a news conference Sunday, explaining that a sudden increase in sales "might be a hint that flu is emerging."

"It's a clue," the Associated Press quotes Gerberding as saying. "And we don't know if it's going to be a useful clue or not," she pointed out during the American Public Health Association's annual meeting. "We're just learning this year."

The U.S. is short on its needed supply of flu vaccines because of contamination problems at a Chiron Corp. plant in Britain, where 48 million doses were prevented from being shipped to America.

## U.S. Health Report Brings Mixed Results

The 15th annual U.S. health report, "America's Health: State Health Rankings", sponsored by the American Public Health Association, indicated that the U.S. has become 17 percent healthier since 1990, but advancement has leveled off since the year 2000, especially in the areas of obesity and infant mortality, USA Today reported Monday.

According to the report, obesity has risen 97 percent in the past 15 years. Nearly 23 percent of the U.S. population has a body mass index that shows they are 30 or more pounds over a healthy weight. Statistics from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prove that more than 75 infants die each day across the U.S. On average, seven of every 1,000 American babies die before age one, making the country 29th in the world for infant mortality.

States ranked healthiest this year were Minnesota, New Hampshire, Vermont, Hawaii, and Utah. The least healthy states were Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

## E. coli Outbreak Spikes in North Carolina

The number of confirmed E. coli infections in North Carolina has increased to 31, up from the usual number of five a month. Lab results are pending for about 72 others who have symptoms of an E. coli infection. According to the Raleigh News & Observer, most are related to petting zoos at October's North Carolina State Fair. The bacterium is common among livestock and may be passed to people via contaminated meat or through direct contact with the animals.

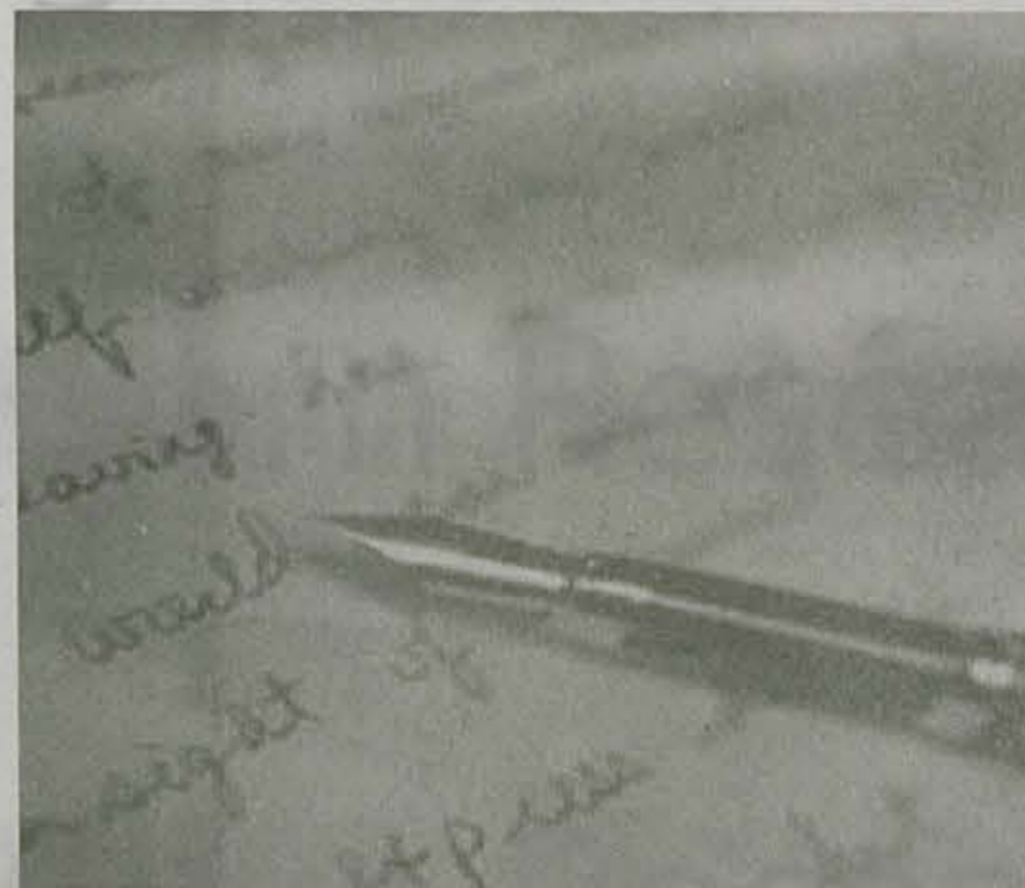
E. coli infection causes symptoms such as diarrhea, stomach cramping, loss of appetite, abdominal pain and fever. Serious infections can be life threatening, especially among the elderly, young children and people with weakened immune systems.

## Cold Spray Users Claim Loss of Smell

Nine people have sued the Quigley Corp, claiming that the company's Cold-Eeze nasal spray product has caused them to permanently lose their sense of smell, reported the Associated Press.

The product, first put on the market in 2003, contains zinc gluconate, which the plaintiffs' suit alleges is poisonous to the olfactory epithelium, a membrane inside the nose.

WRITTEN WORDS



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My heart is singing for you  
My eyes are watching you  
and cannot get enough of you  
You could kiss me, hold me  
and make your love come true  
but no matter what you do  
I'll never let you go

Don't let my heart remain silent  
Turn my heart to speak to you  
If there are stronger words to express  
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BY RAVI SATHASIVAM/SRI LANKA





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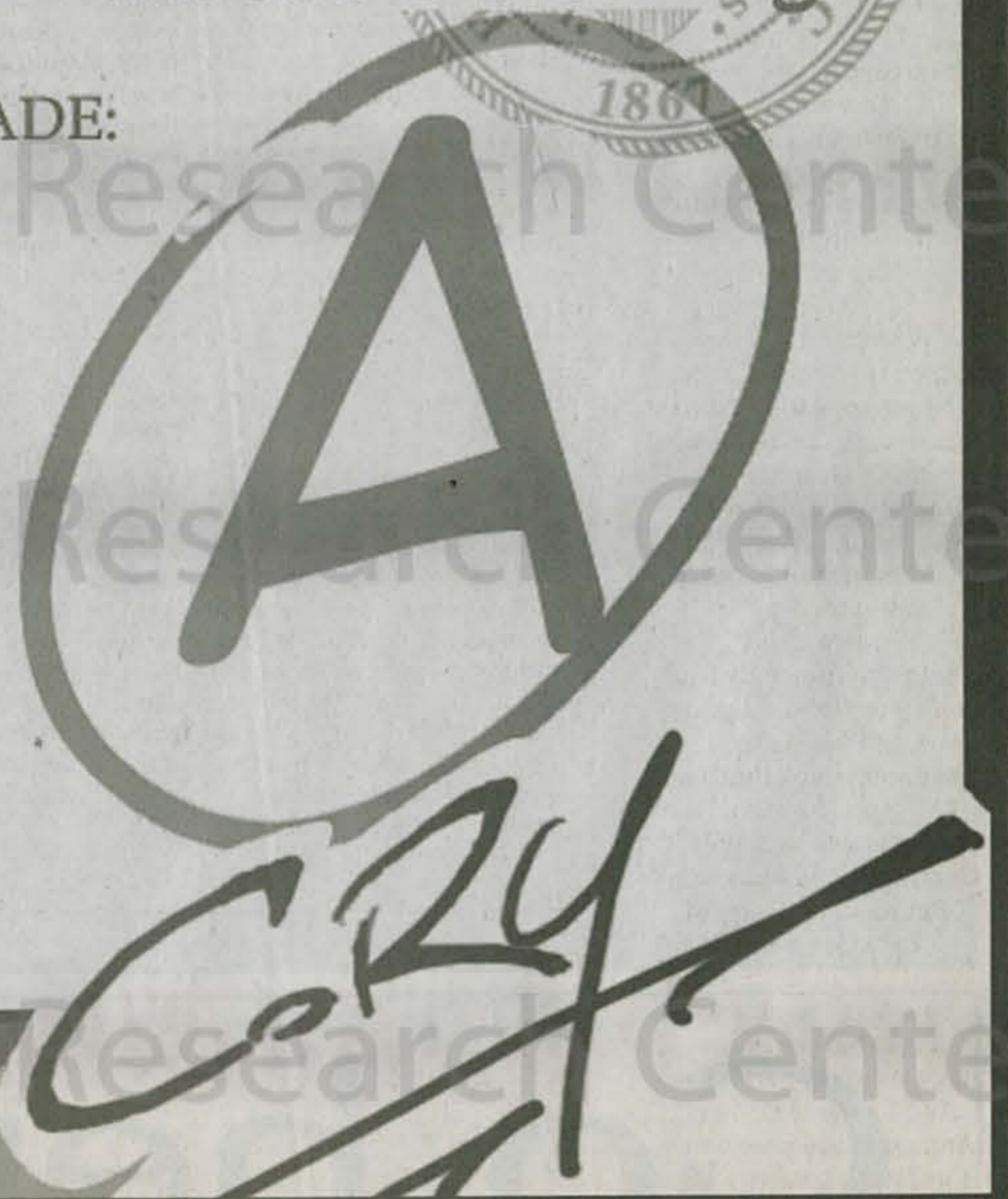
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GRADUATE TRUSTEE  
MID-TERM REPORT

NAME: Miesha S Darrough

GRADE:



Graduate Trustee Miesha Darrough Is Thorough

Sometimes, we at The Hilltop make decisions we later kick ourselves for. Last year's Hilltop Editorial Board chose not to endorse Miesha S. Darrough for the Graduate Trustee position because her platform didn't quite convince us that she was the best candidate. We felt so strongly and passionately at the moment that we were blind to the surprises she'd have in store for us. We are only knee-deep into the semester, and Darrough has proven how thorough and dedicated she is to the graduate students.

Between juggling her own classes in Howard's Law School and trying to maintain a life, Darrough has been bouncing between the graduate schools, listening to the students. She has even skipped her own classes just to make appearances and hold herself accountable for her platform, C.A.R.E. It is more than evident that she takes this job very seriously, thus earning her unanimous A's.

Darrough's platform, C.A.R.E., stands for Communication, Accountability, Reliability and Enthusiasm. Her main focus as Graduate Trustee has been to represent the graduate student voice and try to accommodate their needs.

The First aspect of Darrough's platform is Communication, which is the most important step to making a difference. She has already met with five out of eight schools more than once and has been to all of the Graduate Student Association meetings this year. Her obstacles have been getting more involved in the Business, Pharmacy and Social Work Schools because of their class schedules lack of activities. She's been contacting the schools and has visited the campuses, but representatives have been slow to respond.

Her calendar is already marked with dates for the Trustee Forums and the respective publishing dates to inform the graduate community about what was discussed. The Hilltop published her update recently to keep graduate students abreast of the happenings. She is keeping her promises to keep the information coming. The November 12 Trustee Forum was rescheduled for January 28, 2005, to ensure that President Swygert would be able to attend. His schedule has been busy, as usual, and she didn't want to "disappoint the graduate students," who express frustration with his unavailability. The second forum will be held in April.

Aside from opening communication between the students and the rest of the Trustee Board,

Darrough wants to make the social scene more vibrant for the graduate students. Many students express feeling lonely or isolated from Howard University and she is planning to have mixers and events including everyone. Just because it's graduate school doesn't mean the social scene should come to a halt.

Darrough has taken the concept of accountability to a new level. Not only is she focusing on academic programs, but she is also increasing alumni support, access and following up. She has been working with the Alumni Affairs Executive Committee to rally alumni support. Regional alumni receptions have been done with Dr. Virgin Ecton to increase membership and bring alumni back for Homecoming. Darrough understands the power of the dollar and she has been working with HUSA to raise money.

We all know that getting in touch with the right people at Howard can be a grueling task. Instead of just telling people where to find her, Darrough has been handing out business cards with all of her information. "I want every student to be able to reach me whenever they need me," she said. More importantly, she has been visible through attending programs and events, and sending follow up calls and e-mails to the students. We had to scribble quickly to get all of her accomplishments on paper.

Darrough shows her reliability through, "talking to students about their concerns and responding to their questions." She recognizes that listening isn't enough and wants to deliver in a timely manner. She has been trying to spread her personal enthusiasm to the student body and encourage involvement.

Once we reviewed Miesha Darrough's campaign proposals it was clear that she is following it closely. The graduate students have expressed their appreciation for her visibility and sincerity. HUSA President, Conrad Woody and Vice President Freda Henry also had good things to say about Darrough. She is showing all the skeptics and the student body that supports her that she really does care. We expect nothing but quality from her in the months ahead.

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# Puppet

**MAIYA NORTON**  
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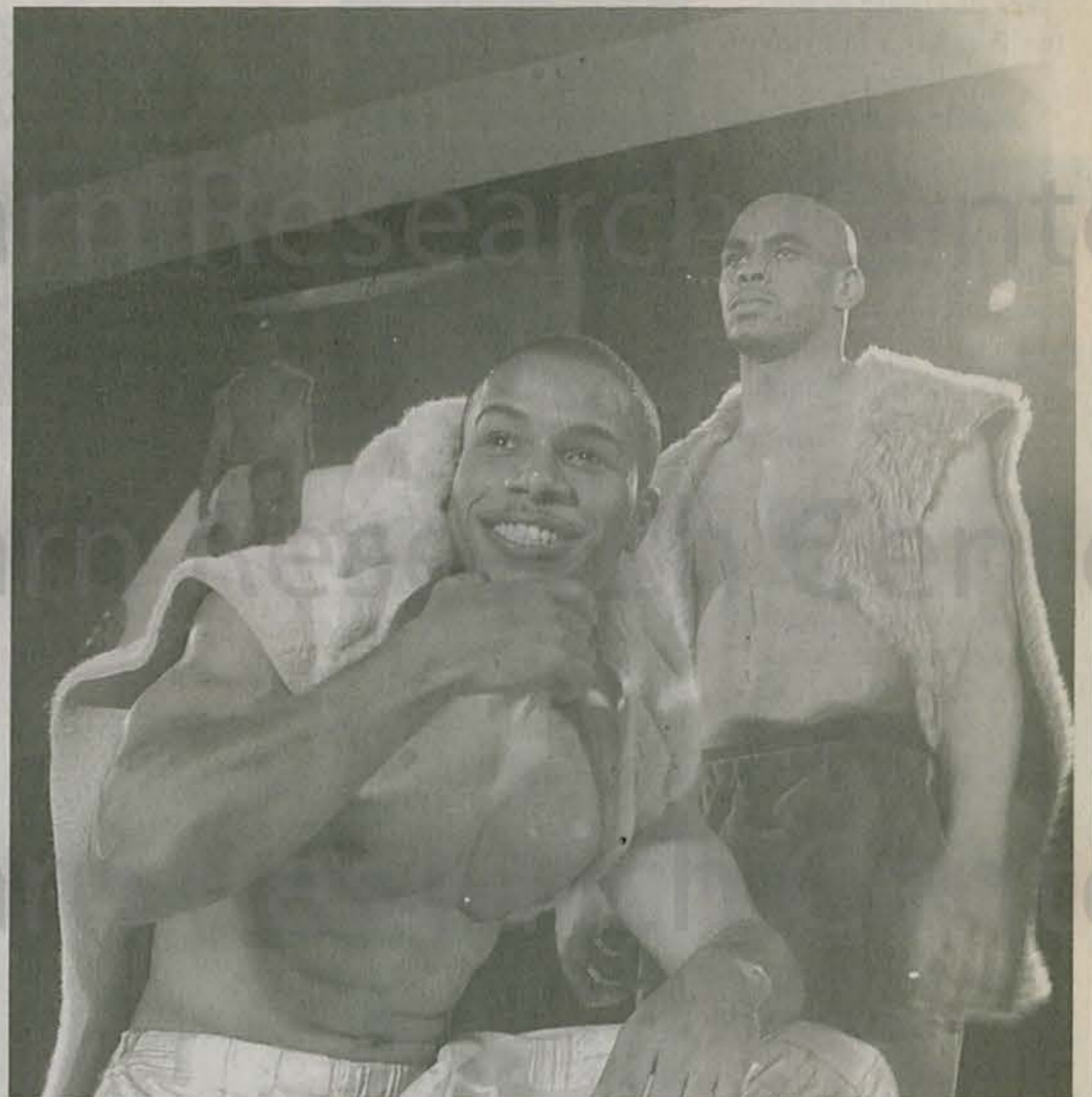
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To waste my time with  
loving you  
Find a way to drag me  
through  
Enough hell  
Tears  
Anger and sorrow  
Embarrassment here today  
Never gone tomorrow  
Ultimate reminders of what  
I did wrong  
Every place and every  
single song  
Was written for us  
Paved the way for  
memories  
That were ruined by trust  
Don't worry about honesty  
Cus I will deny it  
I love something that's not  
good for me  
And you always supply it  
Unreliable and unfocused  
But its nothing knew  
I always noticed  
Wasn't blind to the clues  
You were the director  
I ignored your cues  
So I played my part wrong  
And I got bad reviews  
And now I sing the blues  
Cus I'm the one to loose  
Embarrassed at my  
vulnerability  
Poisoning myself with  
dreams  
Warped vision of your  
capability  
Though you're exactly what  
you seem  
Wonderful person  
Who's not in love with me  
Fleeting ephemeral spirit  
Who wants to be set free  
I wait patiently for nothing  
Not acknowledging my  
suffering  
Smothering and covering  
When you don't need me  
around  
I build you up high in my  
head  
And then you let me down  
Keep being who you are  
The magnet that pulls me  
in  
And I will play the game  
I know I'll never win.

# Homecoming Fashion Show Marred by Theft

**MICHAEL WALLACE**

A tradition at Howard has been the Homecoming Fashion Show. The 2004 show was characteristically dazzling, with many exciting and creative fashions, some produced by very talented young designers. One such designer, known in the art and fashion world as ZOMA, who is a graduate of another HBCU, graciously shared her talents and a number of her unique personal design pieces with the Howard community that evening. Her creations are marked by distinctive artistic renderings directly on the garments. This young woman worked tirelessly along with the planners and models to produce such an enjoyable and memorable event for everyone in attendance. Unfortunately though, for her, the evening was even more memorable, in a negative sense. One of her most prized creations was stolen from backstage during or right after

the show. The olive green coat with the distinctive artwork on the back, and was worn with a matching beret, was evidently too alluring for the thief to resist. As alum and a staff member of the University, I am embarrassed that this has occurred and apologize to this artist who so deserves our community's respect and support. We must not let this happen again. As an institution that has sought and will continue to educate and prepare leaders for the world, we have no place for this type of behavior and lack of moral substance. After all, one can achieve much academically and still not have a most important personal element, that of character. So, if you see someone wearing this garment, you will know something about his or her values and lack of character. If you know them and care about them, it may not be too late to rescue them from a precarious path.



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

While these designed pieces were not stolen from the fashion show, others were allegedly stolen from backstage.

# I Wish I Could Renovate my School

**GWENDOLYN HARPER**

My dislikes about Howard exceed the aspects of Howard I like. First of all, I must say the professors at Howard are the best. If it weren't for the professors, I would have left this "great" institution long time ago. I hate the fact that this place is not handicap accessible and it is not equipped (so they say) with enough parking for the students, especially the commuter students. The classrooms are always dirty and you always get mixed messages from so-called "high officials" when trying to conduct business relating to your financial aid and classes. The academic advisory women should be fired. If you are under-staffed and over-worked, don't take it out on the students. There should be more campus shuttles, as well as more shuttles going to more places on and off campus, especially to campus parking lots and off campus parking. The shuttles are over crowded during rush hours, mainly that's all the time. The library needs

renovation and the media room is like a closet. You cannot see the television for media classes because the room is not designed for a classroom setting of large capacity. If they know there's going to be 30 students crammed in a small room, they should get a bigger room. Also the "new" punch-out service is an extremely long wait. There needs to be more efficient managing in that area. I waiting 30 minutes for a burger and fry and was charged \$7.00. Where's the discount? I waited. Finally, the bathrooms on campus need major renovating as well. I am aware that the students are the ones who normally damage that area. Besides that, the campus is pretty and security is okay. But money should go into more important areas such as programming and the computer labs, library, etc. Oh! Also there are not enough working computers and printers on this campus to accommodate the student population. Yes I am very upset at this. President Swygert needs to rethink and analyze the school's needs and wants more attentively.

# Fear Won the Election, Not Bush

**BRYAN I. WHITE**

Recently, I shot a quick email to my mentor back home in Florida, expressing my dread and utter shock that George W. Bush was re-elected. She fired back and my email triggered a heated dialogue between us.

My mentor is a Republican and unfortunately, she voted for Bush in this past election. I am still dumbfounded and outraged that America chose to re-elect Bush. I don't understand. Can someone please help me out?

This man somehow won the 2000 presidential election against Al Gore and then wreaks havoc in the Oval Office. The economy has been shot to a tremendous deficit (in the trillions, I believe). War has been waged against a nation overseas that could no way possibly man up the strength to come and bother the United States. Afghanistan was attacked and bombed due to Sept. 11 but bin Laden has yet to be captured. The Afghans are now mad as I don't know what. By the way, his latest video is selling in video stores near you...

Saddam has been captured. Great. Bravo. We, the American people, have "liberated" the country of a cruel tyrant. Now, I would love to know the answer to this question: Mr. President, where are those deadly and awesome "weapons of mass destruction" that you love to talk about in the public eye while wearing a stern face? You promised us weapons, but there were none.

And when are the poor soldiers over in Iraq ever going to get relieved of their extended duties and be able to play kick ball with their kid or take to the beach with their family and friends? When are they ever going to get out of the trenches, Mr. President? You have no answers, only gibberish.

Mr. President, have you noticed the body count in Iraq? Soldiers are dying daily in a war that has yet to be justified in my eyes. You once had me bamboozled and hoodwinked into thinking that this war was righteous and that we as the grand old U.S.A were acting as good global Samaritans by raiding a country in a time zone with an 8-hour difference from ours. Now, I feel

betrayed. I feel like I got ripped off. I've been had by the Bush Administration. So that is why I voted the way I voted.

I wanted to make sure that Bush would be packing his bags and heading back to the Lone Star State come 2005. "Mr. President, you don't have to go home but you must leave the White House," I imagined a guard saying.

Now, the guard will have to wait until 2008 to declare the above statement.

I still don't understand. Why is Bush still in office? After all the stunts he has pulled in office and not sticking to his word, why would Americans vote this man back into office?

Can Bush supporters not see that George Bush is sinking this nation like the Titanic? The water is bubbling onto the deck. The tides are rough all around... and instead of Kerry, Bush is still manning the ship.

Fear won the election, not Bush. The thing that Franklin D. Roosevelt said is all that we have to fear. Why wasn't Fear placed on the ballot in the Republican Party?

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Nov. 15-18th

Monday-15  
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Basement Blackburn Center  
11am-3pm

Wednesday-17  
Allied Health Information Session  
Blackburn Center Reading Lounge  
11am-4pm

Thursday-18  
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Trustee Reception  
The Trustee Reception scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2004 has been rescheduled. The board's committee meeting scheduled for November 12, 2004 precludes board members attendance at the reception on Friday, November 12, 2004. However, the Trustee Reception will take place on Friday, January 28, 2005. Thank you,  
Miesha

**NCNW Meeting Monday November 15th Douglas Hall Room 114 7:45 p.m.**

**Hey 3rd Floor Residents in the East Towers aka "Best Floor"**

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"A Woman's Worth: A Memorial Experience" Tuesday, November 16 Blackburn Center Auditorium 7:00pm

Female Film: A Lesson in Self Defense Wednesday, November 17 Blackburn Center-East Ballroom 7:00 pm

Dollars and Sense: A Focus On Financial Management, Credit & Debt Thursday, November 18 Douglas Hall-Room 114 7:00 pm

Black on Black Night: A Poetry Cipher & Open Mic Night Friday, November 19 Blackburn Center-West Ballroom 7:00pm

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**NCNW Meeting**  
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"the LORD is my strength; HE makes my feet like the deer, He enables me to go on the heights."

Habak 3:19

If you were a winner in the Peach Date 2004 Blind Date Game, listen up!!!!

Come let the Georgia Club howl you over when we present...

**The "Hit or Miss" Blind Date Bowling Night**  
feat. the GA Club's own DJ Ridiculous

When: Saturday, Nov. 13  
Time: 6-10 pm  
Where: Blackburn Recreation Center

FREE for all active members and Peach Date Participants. Refreshments will be served.

For more info, please visit online at [www.hngeorgiaclub.org](http://www.hngeorgiaclub.org) or e-mail us at [hu\\_gaclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hu_gaclub@yahoo.com)

**SO COLD OUT... SO COLD OUT HERE! IT'S GETTING COLD OUT HERE, SO DONATE ALL YOUR CLOTHES!**

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*A man reaps what he sows... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*  
- Galatians 6:7 & 2 Corinthians 9:6

**TIFFANI-TOPICS**  
**ARE PEOPLE WEARING COWBOY BOOTS TO CLASS?**

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DISRESPECTED BY A LOCAL WHILE ON YOUR WAY TO CAMPUS?**

**WHY DOES TUITION CONTINUE TO INCREASE, ARE WE GETTING BETTER FACILITIES?**

**DOES THE TOWERS STILL HAVE RATS?**

**DID YOU SEE "RAY" ?**

**ARE YOU INVESTING IN BLACK BUSINESSES?**

**AS I SAID BEFORE, THESE ARE JUST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. IF YOU FEEL THE NEED TO RESPOND, YOU HAVE DEFINITELY TAKEN THESE TOPICS TOO FAR**

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Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004  
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Founders Library Browsing Room

**SIGMA WEEK**  
NOV. 14-20th, 2004  
Sunday  
Call to Chapel  
Cramton Auditorium  
11:00 AM  
Tuesday  
Black Entrepreneurship  
Blackburn Center Rm. 148  
7:30 PM  
Wednesday  
Blacks in Religion  
Blackburn Center Rm. 148  
7:30 PM  
Thursday  
Meet the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma  
Blackburn Gallery Lounge  
7:14 PM  
Friday  
Chill With The Brothers  
TBA  
Saturday  
Homeless Walk  
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