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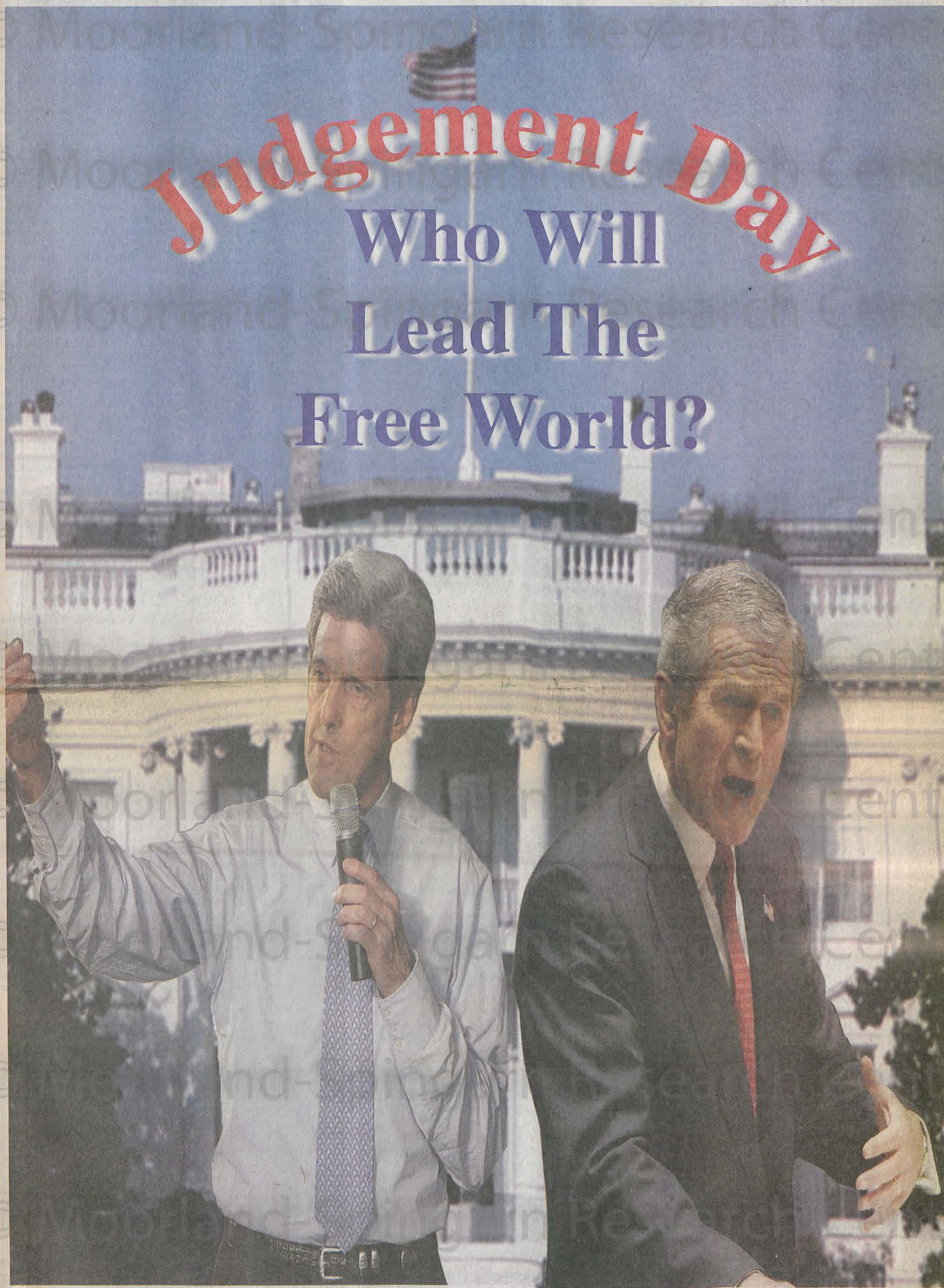
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HOMECOMING 2004: PHENOMENON

'Too Hot for TV' Show Displays Diversity

BY CHARREAH JACKSON
Asst. Campus Editor

Homecoming's annual fashion show illustrated this year's "Too Hot for TV" theme, as a drag queen graced the stage tossing his wig into the crowd, exotic reptiles and birds accessorized models, and students witnessed their daily classmates transform into couture models.

Held Thursday evening in Cramton Auditorium as in past years, the high demand event created the need for two shows. Dividing the diversified fashion show into scenes like "Sex and the City" and "Spring Bling," the event was entertaining, as well as empowering in the "Revolution Will not be Televised" portion. With culturally conscious clothing and accompanying signs of "Buck Fush" and "Any Means Necessary," students were reminded of their political responsibilities to vote today.

"That was just beautiful. I could never get enough," said Gynthia Azolin, a sophomore liberal studies major, following the end of the first show. "If I knew this type of show would happen, I would come back every time. The show was very creative and whoever was the head, has really inspired."

The 'head' Azolin speaks of is Danielle "Danie Rae" Perkins, who served as fashion show coordinator, but was unavailable for comment at press time.

"What the audience sees is nothing like the process in putting it together," said fashion show assistant Lauren Johnson. "Danie Rae has been planning

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Photos by Maya Gilliam, Tia Goodson, and Marlene Hawthorne

Yardfest Disappoints Students

BY LATRISHA GOMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Despite the rain and muddy grass, thousands of people gathered on the Yard to attend Yardfest on Friday. The free annual concert is held on the Friday before the homecoming game and is one of the most anticipated events of the year.

In 2000, Jay-Z and Ludacris performed. In 2001, it was DMX and Foxy Brown. In 2002, LL Cool J made an appearance. In 2003, the Diplomats, Nelly and the St. Lunatics performed their biggest hits.

Sophomore biology major Larry Mark, has been coming to Yardfest since his junior year in high school. He said that he was disappointed by this year's event.

"There was no real headliner performing this year. They could have at least represented D.C. by having a go-go artist perform," he said.

This year Trick Daddy, Mr. Cheeks and Xzibit headlined the show.

Sophomore marketing major Michele Taylor was disappointed by this year's Yardfest and said that the event was not as good as last year.

"The event is dead this year. The weather, the atmosphere, the acts. It's not becoming of a Howard University homecoming. I'm not excited about homecoming at all now," she said.

Yardfest coordinator Ravi Windom, said the artists who perform at Yardfest do not get paid and that the concert is a promotional event for the

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Hamilton Takes Crowd To Church

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

When the crowd lined up outside Cramton Auditorium bought their tickets for this year's R&B concert, there was no way they could be prepared for the re-embodiment of Mary J. Blige and old school talents like, Stevie Wonder and Al Green that they were about to witness.

This year's R&B concert held on Friday evening, featured performances by Keyshia Cole, John Legend, and the headliner Anthony Hamilton in a concert full of live music with an interactive audience.

Despite the artists' relative newness on the scene, they have generated a large following of Howard students.

The delayed start of the show gave the audience time to find seats, which were on a first come, first serve basis, and to scan the crowd to find familiar faces such as Camille McDonald, former Howard student and contestant on season two of "America's Next Top Model."

"I never really got an opportunity to take full advantage of

all of the Homecoming activities when I was a student... I'm so happy now that I have the opportunity to come back now and be one of the performers and sit in Cramton Auditorium and listen to Anthony Hamilton, he's absolutely phenomenal... It feels good to come back," McDonald said.

When the lights dimmed 45 minutes after the scheduled start of the concert, the hosts for the evening Tony Richards and comedian Greg Wilbourne, radio personalities on WHUR's Real D.C./ Morning Show, were greeted by the uproar of an audience anxious to get the evening started.

"Anytime you get a chance to be apart of Homecoming for Howard, you take advantage of that...It's really exciting to be here," Wilbourne said.

The first act, Keyshia Cole, a new artist on Interscope Records, performed her current single, "I Changed My Mind" and followed with her next single "I Should Have Cheated."

After a quick set change and being introduced John Legend sauntered on stage like a modern day Stevie Wonder and commanded the audience's

attention for the next 45 minutes with his wide vocal range and piano playing skills.

While the majority of the songs he performed were from his upcoming album Get Lifted, Legend also gave the crowd what he called, "a history lesson" for those who could not place his voice by playing excerpts from songs he has appeared on, including Jay Z's "Encore," and Kanye West's "Never Let Me Down." He also shocked some fans by revealing that he was the background voice on Alicia Keys' hit song "You Don't Know My Name."

"John Legend was tight... His music is really good and he is a fantastic singer and I play the piano and I know that he can play the piano really well," said freshman music and communications major Jeremiah Wright Hanes who was visiting from Hampton University.

When Hamilton graced the stage shortly before 9 p.m., the audience was full of energy and ready for his performance.

Dressed in a tweed blazer, jeans and a bright yellow t-shirt warning the audience to

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BY JOI GILLIAM
Asst. Metro Editor

On Saturday, hundreds of students, alumni and Greeks flocked to the DC Armory for the final and most anticipated installment of this year's homecoming performances. In the end, the crowd felt a little déjà vu and a little tired as they sat through a little over four hours of performances and watched winning performances from last year's winners, Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, Kappa Chi Chapter.

"It feels good to be a part of a legacy, I'm very excited," said Tiffany Shackelford, a member of the winning sorority step team. The Deltas continued their legacy, as this is their fourth straight win at the homecoming step show.

In a very dramatic performance, members of Delta Sigma Theta had a Samurai-themed routine complete with a red Samurai belt over a black one piece. They kept the crowd's attention with their own imitation of Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" and various steps per-

Deltas Claim Stepping Title for Fourth Year

formed by other fraternities. The performance ended with a challenge to the other performers as they asked, "Who's next?" to which the crowd wildly cheered.

"The Deltas were great, they always come hard and it was very entertaining," said junior political science major Sabrena Pringle.

Many were disappointed in the decision for the winning fraternity.

Junior psychology major Jennifer Jenkins believes the performance by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated was a lot more noteworthy than the performance by the winners.

"Anyone who can step with real machetes and not cut their brother should definitely win over someone stepping with just canes, so I think the Iotas should have won," Jenkins said.

Eric Perkins, one of the performers with the Iotas said, "I don't agree with the decision. The crowd told us who should have won."

The crowd was excited about the Iota performance from beginning to end as they did moves in military fatigues and black tank tops. Their performance included a member

of the step team dressed as the Bison mascot stepping alongside the others as well as their own version of steps done by other sororities.

The Kappas won over the Iotas and second place winners Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. The Kappas performance was similar to last year's as they performed in white suits and stepped with their signature red and white canes.

Other complaints with Saturday's performance included the show's length and theme. "Time wise and theme wise I think they could have come a lot better," said Shemecca Williams, a graduate student studying English.

Apparently, time was not an issue as the show started almost 45 minutes late and ended almost four hours later.

Greek Pan-Hellenic organizations were not the only performers. The show also included an opening performance by Alpha Nu Omega that got the crowd excited about the other step teams.

VOICES & VIEWS

Who will you be voting for in today's Presidential election?



Dionne Dacoste
Biology
Sophomore

"I cannot vote. I'm an international student and unfortunately we have not political rights nor can we voice any political opinions."



Dominic Cooper
Business Management
Freshman

"I'm voting for myself."



Sasha Sloan
Musical Theatre
Sophomore

"Mr. Kerry, due to the fact that when something is wrong we need to find another approach."



J.Q.
Acting
Sophomore

"Kerry, because he's the lesser of two evils."


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SHARA'S SOAPBOX:



So..This Is It

BY SHARA D. TAYLOR
Campus/Online Editor

I have finally arrived. I have finally done my duty as a citizen of these United States of America. I voted. This is the first time that I have been eligible to participate in a presidential election. This is the first time that I have made my voice heard through this wonderful democratic process of voting.

When I was younger, (for some reason unknown to me) I had convinced myself that this moment would be accompanied by fireworks and a feeling of unequivocal satisfaction. Not the case.

As I examined the candidates' platforms and attempted to understand what role their policies would play in my life two or three years down the road, I reached the conclusion that neither Bush nor Kerry impressed me.

I admit that I probably could have done a little more research on each man (although I don't think it would have swayed my decision). I probably could have even scheduled a period of time each day to study their platforms and their voting records.

I cannot tell you who to vote for or even how to choose your candidate. I figure it's too late for that anyway since many of us chose the absentee ballot route and a good number of us are international students. I will say this, though. No matter whose names you place a mark next to during the election, you must hold them accountable.

Do not let them hide behind the media or a political ploy and fool you into thinking they are doing their job, when in actuality, they are finding ways to avoid everything they have promised to do.

I have seen too many times when a supposed "leader" has made an obviously illogical, irresponsible, or uninformed decision and not one person challenged them on it. Too many people believe that they when they receive a big title or a prestigious position they are exempt from scrutiny and reprimand. Too many others don't understand they have power as well.

Do all leaders (even the good ones) make bad decisions at some point their careers? I would venture to say yes. Do most of us have to face unwanted consequences as we realize that we have gotten into a sticky situation (knowingly or otherwise) because we chose to follow those in command? Again, I say yes.

However, I don't believe that most of us put a strong stand against those who hold the power. Generally, we just float along with their agenda because it's the safe thing to do. Instead of questioning their decisions, we sit and allow them to dictate our paths (in extreme cases, our lives).

Often times the problems do not lie solely in the decisions that the leaders have made. The problems lie in our silence. Speak up. Say something. Do something.

It is possible that your opinion will be shut out before you even begin talking, or worse, you could be fired and blacklisted. Is it worth to speak your mind on occasions and have peace of mind? You decide.

Senior marketing major and Memphis, Tenn. native Shara D. Taylor can be reached at sharaoncampus@hotmail.com for now. Depending on which candidate earns 270 electoral votes, she may be on the next plane out of this country.

Homecoming Parade Shines Through Overcast

BY AYESHA RASCOE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Gray skies and cool weather did not stop cheering crowds from watching Howard's annual Homecoming parade.

With rapper/actor, LL Cool J, as grand marshal and the R&B group, New Edition, attending the parade, a special excitement seemed to bubble through the spectators. The crowd spilled onto the street taking pictures and trying to shake hands with LL Cool J, as he led the opening of the parade. New Edition followed the rap star waving to the crowd from a black pick-up truck.

"This year I'm excited to see LL," said Sierra Johnson, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major as she waited for the parade to begin. Johnson

speculated that the organizers enlisted such star power to help increase parade attendance. This is her second time attending the parade.

"I think that's why they put [LL Cool J] in there, because of the [lack of] turnout last year," Johnson said.

In addition to celebrities, a medium sized crowd turned out to see local bands, University organizations, community groups marched in this Homecoming event. Joy E. Moreland, assistant coordinator of the parade, was pleased the acts who signed up to participate in the event.

"We're able to get celebrities to march in our parade," Moreland said.

She also said that this year there was more involvement from University groups. "The Howard clubs and organiza-

tions are more willing to participate," she said.

Studly Auguste, a member of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, said that this was the first year in a long time that her organization had marched in the parade.

"This year we seized the opportunity because it was made available to us," Auguste said. Another member of the sorority, Adrienne Lee, was looking forward to being in the event.

"I haven't been to [the Homecoming] parade in all my years here," said Lee, a senior speech pathology major. "I'm looking forward to it." Lee said that being in the parade reminded her of when she was a member of her high school band.

Many community organizations were also in the parade.



Despite overcast skies, Mr. and Miss Howard showed up to participate in the parade.

Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Decision 2004

Students Help Get the Vote Out Nation Wide

BY AYESHA RASCOE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Today, some Howard students will be doing more than just exercising their right to vote. They will also be heading out into communities around the nation educating citizens on their voting rights and encouraging them to go to the polls.

The Howard University Student Association (HUSA) is involved with two voter mobilization events on this Election Day. One program that HUSA is co-sponsoring with the Howard chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is "Roll Out to the Polls."

Roll Out to the Polls is a campus event lasting from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. today, designed to push local citizens to vote.

Between 7:30 and 9 a.m., students will begin leaving from all of Howard's dorms in groups and will walk to their designated polling place. On the way, each group will stop in a designated neighborhood and knock on doors encouraging people to vote. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., vehicles will be leaving from Cramton Auditorium, the Tubman Quadrangle and Meridian Hill Hall to transport students to the polls. After 3 p.m., students will once again



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

Today, HUSA will sponsor a voter mobilization drive to educate citizens about their voting rights.

walk on foot and encourage local citizens to vote.

"It's basically mobilization from [the] student body to the D.C. community and to the Howard community," said Kristen Howard, director of programs for the Howard chapter of the NAACP. Howard wants as many students as possible to get involved with this event. She said students can sign up this morning in the HUSA office if they would like to get involved.

"It's such an opportunity to have an education,"

Howard said. "Everyone does not have that. I encourage anyone to educate those who haven't had that opportunity."

The other event that is in conjunction with Civic Connection Coalition is "Election Protection." Election Protection, a national program sponsored by People for the American Way, is sending college students to communities in Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio to help get the vote out.

All together, 205 stu-

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Black Youth Go to Local Communities

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE
Contributing Writer

With the Nov. 2 Election Day upon us, many organizations have lobbied to convince minority youth, especially, to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

Community leaders, hip-hop artists, entertainers and college students across the nation have attempted to increase voter registration. Now many are turning their attention to different strategies so people are not just registered, but also actually educated on the issues and getting to the polls.

Since registration is often considered not enough, the Black Youth Vote organization emphasizes the importance of education after registration.

An extension of the national organization, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Black Youth Vote was started in September with the purpose to encourage African-Americans between the ages of 18-35 to vote and to be aware of their civic duties. On Saturday, October 23 the new organization hosted the Voter Mobilization Drive-Each One, Teach One.

"Our goal today is to give information on the local polling precincts, issues with both parties and to give information on voting rights," said Joshua Gray, a senior broadcast journalism major and coordinator

of the Black Youth Vote.

Volunteers went door to door on the streets of the Howard community including, Euclid, Harvard and U Streets. Using detailed maps, workers broke up into groups and covered the neighborhoods of Shaw, LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale and Petworth.

"Today is Make-A-Difference Day nationally. It is a day of service and a perfect day to get out and make a difference in the 2004 election," said Janet Griffin-Graves, Ph.D., director of the Center for the Advancement of Service Learning. "We needed to get out here and do this today because we don't want anyone to be turned away or discouraged at the polls, especially the first time voters."

Andrena Sawyer, a freshman sociology major, shared what motivated her to get up and go out on the streets on Saturday morning and said, "I feel like it's an obligation, especially in the kind of community that we're in which is urban and majority Black. If we don't tell them, who will?"

Junior psychology major Michelle Boyd, who is also part of the organization, said, "I know a lot of people registered, but the whole point is to actually get out and vote. This is our community and it is our civic duty to do so."

Members of the School of Communications Student

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AKAs Raise Over \$16,000 for Africare Fundraiser

BY ROBIN A. DAVIS
Metro Editor

Several African countries may soon be reaping the benefits of work done on Howard University's campus. The Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated hosted their annual Africare fundraiser, raising \$16,000 and counting.

Africare is the oldest and largest African-American organization doing development work in Africa. Since its inception in 1970, over \$450 million has been allocated to various countries in Africa, and that number is partially due to Alpha Kappa Alpha. Last year, the sorority raised nearly \$23,000 for Africare, and the expectation is that this year's amount will surpass that.

Steronica Dunston, development officer for Africare, is appreciative of all the work the

sorority has done. "Africare is very appreciative of the students that want to take time to learn about situations outside of their borders," she said.

The commitment involved was not only a financial and time commitment, but a commitment of sacrifice as well. The weekend that the donations are accepted is also the weekend of the Malena R. Calvin-Rance 48-Hour Stop Hunger Fast.

"We decided to partake in a fast to be able to relate to the health and hunger needs of the less fortunate, thereby encouraging us to work harder to identify solutions. Our commitment lies in supporting organizations that address such needs," said Pamela Chew, graduate adviser to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Chapter. This is the sorority's 17th year hosting the fundraiser and the hunger fast.

Each year, the funds are

allocated to a different need in Africa. Last year's donations were used for Africare's HIV/AIDS Service Corps in Burkina Faso. Africare has two principal areas, Food Security and Agriculture, and Health and HIV/AIDS. "Each day there will be over 7,500 people a day that die of HIV/AIDS," Dunston said. The other areas of concentration for Africare include Water Resource Development, Environmental Management, Basic Education and Emergency Humanitarian Aid. Annually, 6.5 million people in Africa are beneficiaries of Africare.

Several students participated in the fundraiser, including one student who raised more than \$1,000.

Shamia Cottrell, a junior legal communications major, is glad to have offered help to Africare. "I thought the program was very unique. It's not just donating money, it's educat-



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The Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has raised over \$16,000 for Africare.

ing. It seeks to reach beyond," Cottrell said.

Although the Hunger Fast takes place in October, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Chapter accepts donations for Africare

throughout the year. Africare is located in Washington, D.C., and accepts volunteers and interns. For more information on Africare, go to www.africare.org.

Homeownership Initiative Promotes Financial Education

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Hilltop Staff Writer

While spirits ran high on the Yard as Hip-Hop and rap performers blasting through massive speakers was the scene of the traditional Yardfest, a serene setting of delicate white linens and backed by soft jazz was the scene of Russell Simmons's launch of his homeownership initiative, "Get Your House In Order," in the Blackburn Center Ballroom.

The initiative is a partnership between UniRush Financial Services, BET.com, Black Enterprise, Chevy Chase Bank, and MyFICO.com designed to further minorities' knowledge of homeownership with a goal of increasing the number of minority homeowners by 1.6 million.

"Less than half of all African Americans nationally own their own homes," Simmons, CEO

of Rush Communications said. "Worse, the rate of homeownership among low to moderate income working families with children is declining, even though the overall U.S. homeownership rate has risen."

According to recent surveys and research conducted by Fannie Mae, the biggest discrepancy in owning homes in the minority communities has been found to be lack of information. Fannie Mae revealed, among other findings that, "only 23 percent of African Americans and 18 percent of Spanish-language dominant Hispanics (Spanish Hispanics) surveyed claim an above average understanding of the home-buying process compared to a third of American; 65 percent of English-language dominant Hispanics (English Hispanics), 60 percent of Africans and only 27 percent of Spanish Hispanics know that



Russell Simmons has helped to launch a homeownership initiative that promotes financial literacy.

a mortgage does not require a 30-year commitment; and 64 percent of English Hispanics, 57 percent of African-Americans and only 22 percent of Spanish Hispanics know that it's not necessary to have a perfect credit rating to qualify for a mortgage,

compared to 73 percent of all respondents."

Through a series of events in major cities and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the "Get Your House In Order" initiative will provide free credit reports and advice, access to

financial tools and ownerships information. The hopes are that these events will decrease the lack of information.

"Black people need to be educated on credit, how to establish good credit, how to keep good credit, how to avoid bad credit, etc. What they need to understand is that we need to take the initiative to learn this information because no one is going to just hand it to us," said freshman accounting major Lesley Barned.

Earl G. Graves, Jr., president and CEO of Black Enterprise, presented what he believes to be a bigger problem for the minorities of America.

"People talk about the digital divide and the information, but the biggest divide is the wealth divide," he said during the launch.

Graves read off figures that stated that the average wealth

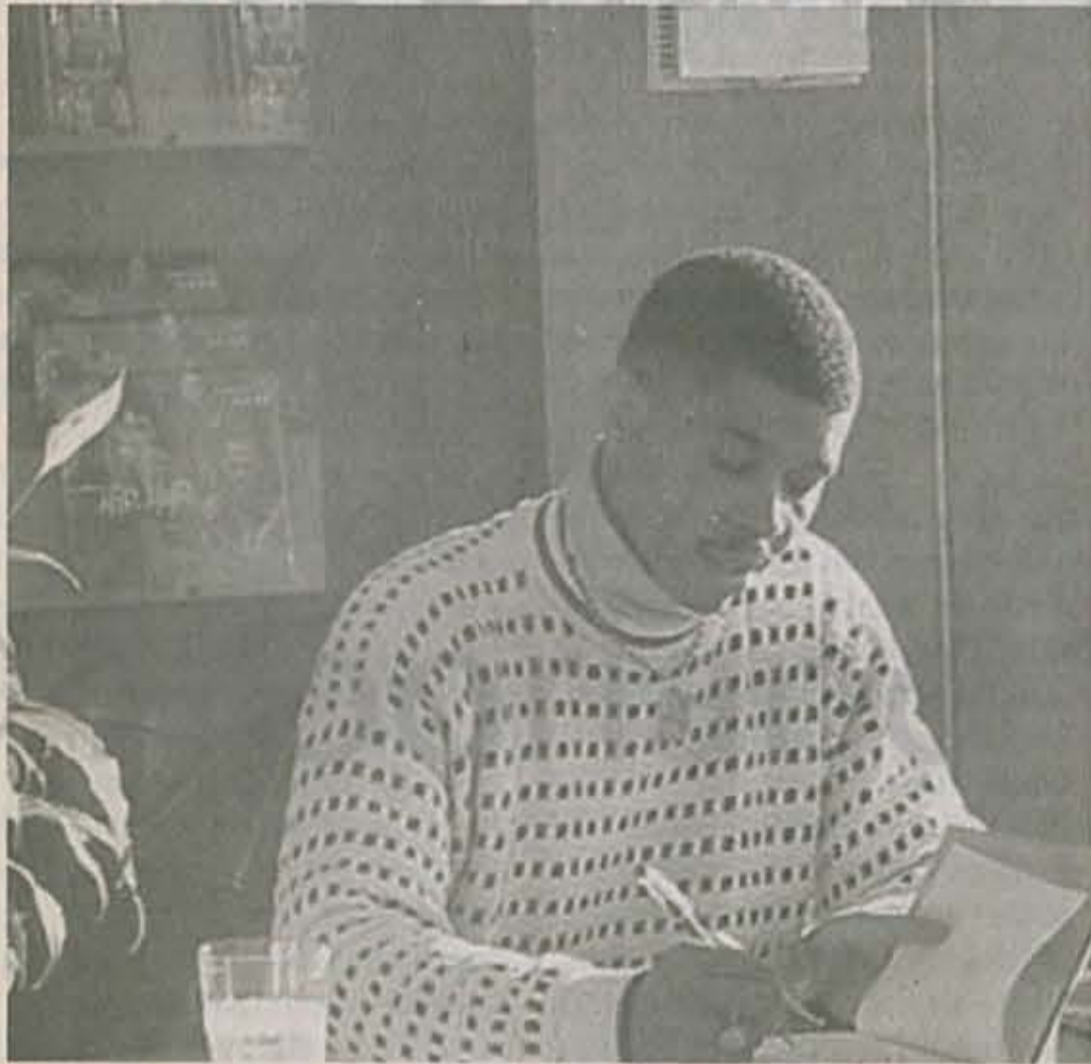
of the average white household is \$37,000, while the average wealth of the Black household is \$5,000. Some Howard students are aware of the wealth gap, and blame it on employment opportunities.

"It is disappointing that the African American population is not able to own their own homes, but it is also due to the fact that African Americans are not getting as great of jobs as others and they aren't getting paid as high of wages," Barned, said.

Simmons and the initiative's partners decided to stage the launch at Howard because each believes there is a future with young people.

"This is a magical place where young people learn, grow, and lead our country," Jeffery R. Hayward, senior vice president of American Communities Fund at Fannie Mae, said.

Howard Alumni Writers Return to Campus to Receive Honors



BY ADAM WYNN
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, writers such as Omar Tyree, Yanick Lamb, Angela Allen and many more gathered at the Howard University Bookstore to be honored for their accomplishments in the publishing industry at the "1st Annual Howard University Author Reunion." These honorees signed books and spoke on encouraging young black people to read more and write more.

Many of the honored writers were Howard alumni and were ecstatic about returning to their alma mater to be honored in front of their peers after years of hard work. Lamb, writer of "Born to Win," said that she is particularly excited to be honored at Howard because she is getting a great response from the Howard community.

Angela Allen, a former

Hilltopwriterandauthorof "Dark Thirst" said, "I am so excited to be returning to my alma mater as a published author, it's like icing on the cake." Allen's book "Dark Thirst" is the first ever anthology of black vampire stories by African American authors such as Omar Tyree, Donna Hill and Monica Jackson.

"I think reading is the building block for all other skills and reading opens the door to other worlds," Allen said.

C. Kelly Robinson, a writer and Howard alum, said that reading gives people insight into the problems that they and others may face.

"I think people should read actively to challenge themselves and to keep themselves open to new ideas and experiences," Robinson said.

Many of these authors are finding new and innovative ways to reach black males who do not read as much. Tyree said

that women relate to his content, subject and language, while males are more into rap and film. He plans to influence disenfranchised male readers through film and music to promote reading. He now has his own company, Hot Lava Entertainment, which is working toward this goal.

Students at the Mecca were excited after hearing that these writers were going to appear at the Bookstore.

"I think it's brilliant. As young people coming up I think we need mentorship and with them coming, it demonstrates that are dreams can become a reality," said senior film major Brandon Edward.

Other students on Howard's campus do not feel the same. Some students feel as if these writers do not have sustenance to their material.

"I think that it's good that their coming to advocate more African-American reading but

the material is not nourishing," said junior administration justice major Amber Mixson.

"The 1st Annual Howard University Authors Reunion" is a spin-off of another event that occurred last year at the Bookstore in which eight authors signed books. The objective of the event is to educate and inspire students who want to know how to get into the industry.

"This event gives Howard students the opportunity to find out how to become competitive participants in a highly competitive industry," said Howard Bookstore marketing manager Monique Mozee.

Mozee said that she has personally been inspired to read more by writers such as Tyree and Stephanie Stokes and cannot wait to see them in person.

Alumni authors returned to campus on Saturday to be honored for their accomplishments in the publishing industry.

The Howard Plaza Tower of Terror



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

While Halloween was overshadowed by the thrill of the weekend's Homecoming celebrations, students from around the D.C. area enjoyed a night of terror in the Howard Plaza West Towers.

Know Your University: Andrew Carnegie Building

BY NICOLE REED
Contributing Writer

At a corner of the Yard between Rankin Memorial Chapel and Frederick Douglass Memorial Hall stands another building that is a mystery to many Howard students. This building is more than just the backdrop of the main quadrangle. It has a rich history at Howard University.

The Andrew Carnegie Building was designed by architect Henry D. Whitfield and erected in 1910. The building, standing two stories tall is located on Sixth Street N.W. On April 25, 1910, Andrew Carnegie, an American philanthropist and industrialist who founded the iron and steel industry in the United States, dedicated the building.

The lasting words Carnegie spoke at the dedication ceremony, "I never upon any occasion of my life fully realized how much more blessed it is to give

than to receive," are now eternalized on a plaque on the main level of the building.

Since its construction, the building has had many purposes including containing the office of the president and trustee meeting rooms, housing the School of Religion from 1939 to the 1960s, and serving as the Little Chapel until the 1960s. It also housed classrooms and offices for a short time period.

However, the Carnegie Building was dedicated by Carnegie as a library and was the University's main library until 1937 when Founder's Library was opened.

Currently, the Carnegie Building houses the offices of the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, the offices of the dean and former dean of the Chapel, the office of the Achievement Scholars Program, and offices for graduate studies. The rich history of this building is commemorated in photos hanging along its halls.



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Named after philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Building has decorated the Howard campus since 1910.

HBCU BRIEFS



Gay Alliance for Hampton

Hampton University senior April Maxwell seeks to form Gay/Straight Alliance for students on campus who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. She said that Hampton has a large population of gay students on campus, but there is not an organization that encourages them to express themselves.

Maxwell, who has been openly gay since the four years she has been at Hampton, would like to bridge the gap that exists between heterosexual and homosexual students at Hampton. Currently, Hampton is one of a few schools that does not have a homosexual-focused organization on its campus.



Enrollment of Non-Black Declines

Despite a desegregation order to increase non-black enrollment, Tennessee State has witnessed a decline in the number non-black students who enrolled. The enrollment of "minority" students at TSU has decreased to 1,924. Last year the number stood at 1,985 students.

Under the federal court issued Geier consent decree, all public higher education schools in the state of Tennessee have been instructed to increase their white student population to 50 percent by 2006. If TSU follows the terms of the decree, the state has agreed to donate \$1 million to the school's endowment fund each year for the next 10 years.



Dillard Still Searching For President

The Dillard University board of trustees has refreshed its search for a new university president. After Dillard extended an offer to their candidate of choice, the person declined the position. Because of this decision, the board has extended the opportunity for interested persons to apply or re-apply for the job. The board opted to begin the process from the beginning to ensure that they choose the best candidate for the position.

Students and faculty question why the university would not offer it to the next candidate. The trustees have said that they voted to extend an offer to the first candidate.

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Metro System Plans to Extend to Downtown Silver Spring

BY VERONICA JORDAN
Contributing Writer

The Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) is hoping to connect Bethesda with New Carrollton via Silver Spring. The transit way will be known as the purple line.

If the proposal goes into effect, the line will extend 4.4 miles from Bethesda to Silver Spring, and then 10 miles from Silver Spring to New Carrollton.

The MTA is not only looking to improve the Metro rail system, but they are also looking to include bus rapid transit, routes other than the Georgetown Branch right-of-way; portions of existing roads. Several reports such as "Purpose and Needs," "Scoping Report," and "Alternative Retained for Detailed Study" (ARDS) are being released in 2004 concerning these major decisions. (ARDS) is the most

important step in determining what routes will be studied and whether they will be bus or rail.

According to Metro officials, an estimated 160,000 to 200,000 riders would ride the Purple Line everyday, which is equivalent to two to three traffic lanes at the least. Those who desire to use this new line should expect a faster ride to their destination.

Gov. Glendening explains why he agrees with the proposal to have the purple line built.

"This purple line will provide transit to people who need it most. Without this purple line, [Bethesda] could become another Georgetown," he said.

Its proposed travel time from Langley Park to Bethesda will drop to about 15 minutes, far faster than is possible today by car or by bus. This estimate is measured by the "transit competitive trips," in which one can reasonably compare



The D.C. metro rail system plans to open up new stops in Downtown Silver Spring to ease the burden on travelers.

automobile transportation with public transportation.

"This new purple line will help eliminate some of the traffic and some of the accidents in the metro area. I think that this will greatly increase

the amount of ridership for the Metro and lower the amount of cars out on the street," said Shalawn Pinkney, from Cheltenham, Md.

"Because of the gas price increase, I feel that the purple

line will attract those who have cars to ride the Metro and save more money," said Christina Walters, a sophomore education major.

Some residents of the Maryland, D.C. and Virginia area are excited about the new proposal. Because they are tired of taking long trips to and from D.C. for various reasons.

The purple line is another way for those who do not have metro access to get around.

At first, Woodbridge, Va. resident Octavia Wright did not agree with the construction of a Bi-County transitway. However, her decisions changed and she explains why she feels the purple line is important for her community.

"There is no Metro in Woodbridge, but if there were, I would ride it to work sometimes...because the bus takes me all around D.C. before I get to work. Since traffic is definitely getting worse in our

area, I would vote a 'yes' for the purple line," she said.

Candice Jordan, an alumna of Howard and resident of Greenbelt, Md., has enough with being exhausted throughout her week and the last thing that she wants to worry about is traveling home after waiting 15 minutes for a train to arrive at the metro station rail.

"I would support this new line because I would want my traveling time to be easier and less congested. I feel that this line needs to particularly be in places like Upper Marlboro and further parts of Virginia," she said.

If anyone would like to vote online and get more information about the decision for a Bi-County Transitway, go to the poll at www.thepurpleline.org. Making your decision for or against this proposal will make a complete difference in the Maryland, D.C., and Virginian communities. Vote now!

Mocha Lounge Is Student Alternative to Starbucks

BY BREEA CHARLES
Contributing Writer

Have you ever wished you could order a fish special with your mocha latte, or a slice of some homemade sock-it-to-me cake with your doppio espresso? Well if you have, The Mocha Lounge will meet your desires. The Mocha Lounge is owned by Carlton Robinson, and has been serving this community for two years. Robinson commented, "we are extremely accessible to the community and we offer a clean upscale atmosphere". The Mocha Lounge is an espresso bar and café, located at 944 Florida Avenue, which is conveniently behind the Towers. The Mocha Lounge is divided into two separate parts which are a bar and lounge area and a café.

If the name of this establishment has not enticed you the atmosphere certainly well. The picture one may paint of the Mocha Lounge café part is quite different than its reality. Jacqueline Gainthier, junior Physician Assistant major commented, "The Mocha Lounge is everything I did not expect." At most coffee shops the strong yet inviting aroma of espresso



The Mocha Lounge is located behind the West Towers.

so greets you at the door, the melodic sounds of blues feels one that will be calming and will see MOCHA, News A7

Mayor Assists the Homeless

BY VERONICA JORDAN
Contributing Writer

Mayor Anthony Williams is looking forward to assisting the homeless with shelter this year during hypothermia season, which begins on November 1, 2004 and ends on March 31, 2005. Williams's idea of a Winter Plan is supposed to coordinate private non-profit organizations and local government agencies, which supply emergency transportation to shelters for the homeless throughout the winter.

Hypothermia becomes life threatening when a person's body temperature falls below 95 degrees. That is why aiding the homeless with emergency shelter is an important service to do.

"A Winter Plan is very essential for those in need of shelter this year because it is extremely cold already," says concerned Tracy Edwards, a junior majoring in Finance.

According to a DC news release, Mayor Williams's says that his solid plan will protect the lives of homeless men, women, and families. "We are going to make sure that everyone stays safe."

Because of the increase of homelessness compared to last year, there is already \$1.6 million to operate emergency shelters as well as a supply of 1,703 beds for 2004-2005 winter months. However, there



D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams plans to leave no one in the cold this winter.

is limited availability of space capacity and the city officials and advocates for the homeless disagreed about where to place additional emergency shelter beds.

Some residents agree with officials that there still will not be enough room for every last homeless person to be accommodated during hypothermia season. Linda Carson of Landover, MD, angrily says, "Why are they trying to do something that may not even work. If some homeless people are guaranteed shelter, then every last homeless person should have shelter also."

David Young of Anacostia, DC says, "I am not too sure

that this plan will succeed totally, but, I do believe it will work—only to an extent.

On the other hand, with essential items in handy for sufficient accommodations for the homeless there are organizations that are willing to help like the Department of Mental Health, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Health, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Office of Veteran Affairs, and the Office of Aging will assist the homeless with housing until the winter months are over.

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College Networking in D.C.

BY ASHLEY MCWILLIAMS
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Washington, D.C. is home to 12 different colleges. Each college has its own unique profile that encompasses a focus toward academic advancement, the betterment of the community, and self-improvement. Students at these universities have access to nationally-ranked professors and dynamic cutting-edge research that cannot be found elsewhere. At the same time, collegians can enjoy the active nightlife or cultural activities that happen on or around campus. However, a striking question remains. Do DC students network with students located at other campuses in the city? For those who do, they say that this savvy technique allows them to meet other college students who may have connections or knowledge about career opportunities in their locale or elsewhere.

Stephanie Hart, a first-year Public Health Master's student at George Washington University, said the value in networking is meeting people with diverse interests.

"One person does not have all the resources, so [networking] is an efficient method of information exchange. If you are new to the community, it is important to have friends in different areas. It also gives you a sample of the [interests] of the community," said Hart.

Keren Campbell, a freshman psychology major at George Washington University, said people have to rely on others to advance themselves.

"You can't do it all by yourself. You need older people to tell you where you need to go," said Campbell.

Robin Kindred, a junior biology major at Howard, compared networking to science.

"It's a way to get a job, but [Networking] is conducting a set of experiments in which you analyze the experiences of other people to estimate your experience. For instance, if you want to move to Chicago and you talk to someone who lived there, you can get a perspective without going through the experience yourself," said Kindred.

There are various networking techniques. A traditional avenue is to attend professional meetings. These gatherings attract the brightest minds in a certain discipline to discuss advancements in the field and distribute contact information, a plus for college students seeking employment, internships, and professional alliances (with experts and students alike).

Kindred formed her network by attending biology conventions. Since meeting these individuals, she has worked with them extensively.

"I have done research with professors and students from University of Maryland-College Park, where I met them at professional meetings [...]," said Kindred.

Throughout the year, she frequented five conventions. Her first meeting occurred on April 28-30, 2004 when the Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts Academic Linkage (RASC-AL) Program hosted their Advanced Design Competition in Cocoa Beach, Florida. This conference focused on technologies engineered for the advancement of human space exploration. Thereafter, Kindred was also present at the Washington/Baltimore/Hampton Roads Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (WBHR-LSAMP) Regional Research Symposium at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) in July 2004. Here, she conversed with other student researchers who had completed a research project within science, mathematics, technology, and engineering subject area. Later, she attended the WBHR-LSAMP Annual Board of Governors Meeting held at Howard on September 27, 2004. Recently, she ventured to Austin, Texas to the American Physiological Society Intersociety Meeting on the Integrative Biology of Exercise on October 6-9, 2004.

Howard students can also network through the Consortium of the Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, a non-profit association of area colleges that allows students to complete a portion of their studies at one of these host institutions. Ms. Wanda Jones, coordinator of the Consortia and Domestic Exchange Programs for Howard, discussed the benefits of the Consortium to students.

"For students who need to take an elective course that Howard does not offer, they can do the Consortium and get an opportunity to visit another campus and meet other people in their major. It is also a vehicle for personal enhancement and a way to experience other cul-

tures," said Ms. Jones.

Ms. Jones said the three most popular institutions that Howard students visit in the Consortia Program are George Washington University, University of the District Columbia, and University of Maryland-College Park.

In addition, computer gurus have made networking much easier with the creation of websites, such as <http://www.thefacebook.com>. This directory allows students across campuses to converse about majors, career pursuits, and other topics. Mike Rodgers, a junior International Business major at Howard, is a member of The FaceBook and said he has met many DC college students via this connection.

"It's a site where you can find people who have your major. You list your professional information and interests. I have talked to students at George Washington, Georgetown, American University, University of Virginia, and University of Maryland-College Park, and Howard about what books to buy and internships. It's a good way for inter-networking and intra-networking. Every Howard student should join it," said Rodgers.

DC college students also network through student organizations. These clubs at the various schools continually collaborate with each other on different projects each year. As a result, students get to know each other and establish relationships with others at a different campus.

Paul Kendrick, the GWU chapter president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples (NAACP) recalled where his group just completed an inter-campus project.

"We recently worked on a political forum with the Howard and Trinity NAACP chapters. It

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Students often find ways to network with other local students at the School of Communications Job Fair.

Shop Continues Good Service

MOCHA, from Metro A6

allow you to sit down, relax, and even consider studying.

This trendy and sheik establishment is unlike many coffee shops. The smell of soul food greets its costumers. The peach ceramic tile and wall paper brighten the atmosphere, along with the employees who greet costumers with a smile. A plasma flat screen television is mounted to the wall for its costumers entertainment. High wooden tables and chairs, and big comfortable couches are located throughout the small café.

Theresa Sawyer, is the general manager at The Mocha Lounge and she strongly encourages Howard students to come and enjoy the lounge. Sawyer said, "last year the students would come to the lounge but this

year not many Howard students come." Sawyer added that most of costumers are construction workers and people who work in the area. Sophomore Criminal Justice major, Courdney Franklin commented, "I have not seen or heard of the Mocha Lounge." Unfortunately Ellis Simpson sophomore Chemical Engineer major added, "I don't know much about the Mocha Lounge, I wouldn't know, my friends don't go there."

The second part of The Mocha Lounge is the bar and lounge area. Robinson commented, "the bar area is quaint and versatile place for everyone to enjoy with the option to just lounge." The bar and lounge area is open to anyone who would love to host a special event. This area is very intimate and will accommodate up to twenty to thirty people. The atmosphere is dimly

lit, comfortable, and neo soul, r&b, and jazz is the music that will move your soul. This area attracts some of the most grown and sexy. Robinson added, "we target events to your genre, the atmosphere is loungey and assessable for entertainment." Events such as spoken word psychiers, listening parties, and birthday parties are hosted here. Every Tuesday from 6-8 pm, The Mocha Lounge hosts Cocoa Tuesday which is a happy hour and after party.

Senior Dance major, Lynet D. Rochelle attended a listening party, which was hosted at the Mocha Lounge. Rochelle commented, "the nice setting made the atmosphere extremely comfortable and mellow." The Mocha Lounge is the best place if you just want to relax after a long stressful week, without having to party hard.

Fashion Show 'Too Hot for TV'

FASHION, from Campus A2

for the show since the summer, hand picking the designers and other projects. Howard's Homecoming is such a prestigious event and it's great to be a part of it."

The presence of special guests, such as The Inc. recording artist Lloyd, wowed some audience members, as girls cheered loudly as the young singer walked the runway, and later sang a "If you sexy, and you know it" chant. However, for others, visiting stars were not necessary or effective.

"Why was Lloyd there? I did not see a purpose for his inclusion," said Dwight Ramsey, a sophomore international business major. "I thought the show was good, exciting and entertaining, but last year's was still better."

With practice for the show beginning over a month and a half before the show, models for the show played an important part. For models like junior biology major Raymond Tucker, watching others in previous shows sparked their interest.

"When I came last year, I enjoyed the show and didn't realize until the end that they were students. From there I decided to give it a try," Tucker said. "We are more than models, we are Homecoming volunteers."

As students watched snakes coil the neck of students during the "Survivor" scene or the synchronized moves of dancers in "Direct Effect," many were unaware of the stresses unfolding behind the scenes.

Designers from around the country, including Miami and Los Angeles, came to Howard prepared to showcase their work in the work. Though designers Chris Clayton and Raymond McNeill expressed their unhappiness with show logistics, such as no food and drink for designers and models and no seats for designers to watch the show,



Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

This year's fashion show included exotic animals and drag queens.

many designers interviewed by WHUT-TV's Natalie Wilson expressed happiness over the show's outcome.

"I wanted to get involved to show students what I do," said sophomore Anton Gladden, one of the few student designers featured in the show. "Being a designer is kind of hectic. The show came out alright, but it could have been better."

Attendees of the 10:30 p.m. show saw "America's Next Top Model" contestant and Howard student Camille McDonald walk the catwalk. During the first show, audience members received an eye-full as an unident-

fied man walked the runway after designers and models took their final bows, removing a fur coat to reveal his bare chest and begin dancing suggestively on the catwalk, while taking off his pants.

As former Howard University Student Association vice-president and current College of Arts and Sciences president Faith L. Walls received a loud applause as a full-figure model, students took advantage of the opportunity to witness their classmates on the catwalk, and were reminded of possible reasons of Howard's status as a top fashion institution.

Connecting With D.C. College Counterparts

NETWORK, from Campus A6

was a contentious and informative debate with young African Americans representing the Democrats, Republicans and Green Party. I think having co-sponsored with the other schools was a major reason we were able to attract over a hundred people, which is a great turnout for this type of events," said Kendrick.

Likewise, Hart also has contacts outside of George Washington as the secretary of a cross-campus Christian organization.

"In the Intervarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship, we sponsor service projects and fellowship activities inviting Georgetown, University of Maryland, and George Mason students to join us. I think that it is good to hear other people talk about what they want to do with their degree [...]," said Hart.

Kirsten Forest, a television production and promotions sophomore major, said her involvement in the Christian group Bison Victory has brought her into contact with students in the DC area.

"I participated in a promotions campaign for Bison Victory that advertised about Bible Study

to GWU and other DC schools," said Forest.

Mentoring is another way DC college students communicate. Using this route, amateurs can get insight from an experienced person about career or personal goals.

Campbell said she gets advice from other Howard psychology majors.

"I talk to upperclassmen who tell me what to look forward to and the career opportunities in my major," said Campbell.

Lastly, students informally establish ties by simply visiting the different universities.

Aiftair Barton "Star", a junior English major, said he has met GWU students by simply being on their campus and through association with others.

"I met some students through a friend. We help each other out with different projects [...]," said Barton.

With all the different ways to network, some students say that cross-campus networking has not been on their to-do list.

Andrea Moore, a senior GWU exercise science major, said as a commuter student that she has not found had an opportunity to make those connections.

"I have [...] never been to

those schools," Moore said.

Ansu Conteh, a junior computer science student at the University of the District of Columbia, said he has not networked with other DC college students for various reasons.

"I have not had the opportunity to meet with other students, but I have not also made the effort. [The latter] is not a good reason," said Conteh.

Ikechukwu Ouyewuanyi, a freshman psychology major, said that he has not found the time to network, but that will change soon.

"In the fall, I'm so busy on campus with soccer and school in the fall. Besides, I think that there are enough people on campus to network and make it. As a psychology major, you can get work with the counseling center. But, I'm looking into doing an internship this spring with the Mental Health Institute at GWU," said Ouyewuanyi.

While networking is still developing, it is a growing trend across campuses. This activity is bridging the lines of communication between the different universities. In turn, DC college students benefit from the shared knowledge and mutual interactions.

Students Have Mixed Feelings

YARDFEST, from Campus A2

artist.

"Other schools don't have a Yardfest. We're getting a whole line-up of artists to perform at Howard for free. I started in the planning process with a budget of zero [dollars]. The artists who come to perform at Howard come to show love or came because they're in the area," she said.

This was freshman business management major Jessica Walter's first homecoming. She said that she was expecting more out of Yardfest.

"I've heard so much about how good Yardfest has been in the past that I'm a little disappointed about this year. The pep rally was a little long and I was expecting bigger artists to come to the concert," she said.

This year, Yardfest started with a pep rally featuring the Howard University Showtime Marching Band, cheerleaders and football players.

Windom said that the pep rally was something that she incorporated into this year's Yardfest to bring back Homecoming spirit to the event.

She explained that she got the idea from a football player who expressed that the team never gets a chance to get involved in the Homecoming festivities.

Trick Daddy was the first act to perform right after the pep rally ended. He performed some of his biggest hits. There was a point in the show where Trick Daddy chanted "Kill that baby,



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Trick Daddy, Mr. Cheeks and Xzibit made appearances at Yardfest this year.

that baby ain't mine." The crowd booed the statement until he began to perform his latest single "Let's Go." A number of students felt that the rapper should not have been so unrestricted.

"There were alumni here with their kids. This isn't the type of atmosphere to use the type of language that he did in his act," said sophomore finance major Lisa Cardwell.

BET's 106 & Park host AJ came out to encourage students to vote. Howard University Student Association political Affairs Director Chequan Lewis and former HUSA president Daniel Blakemore spoke to the crowd about why it is important to get out to the polls today.

There were acts such as Raheem DeVaughn, Guerilla Black, I-20 from the group DTP and Dirt Bag.

Dirt Bag made a controver-

sial move when one of the members of his entourage threw a microphone into the audience after getting angry when the crowd began to boo their performance.

Kevin White came from Bowie State University to attend Yardfest. He said that Dirt Bag was acting too sensitive to the crowd's boos.

"They already got paid. I don't know why they decided to throw the microphone into the crowd. It was a silly move," White said.

While some students felt that Yardfest this year was not as good as in the past, sophomore accounting major Eddie Brown said that he enjoyed the event.

"It's my first homecoming and although I don't think it was all that it was hyped up to be, I'm happy that I came. It was a good day," he said.

Hamilton Gives Audience A Taste of Where He Comes From

HAMILTON, from Campus A2

"Beware of the educated black woman," Hamilton performed songs from his current album, including, "Lucile," "Charlene," and "Float." A live band and three back-up singers accompanied him.

Before leaving the stage, Hamilton took the audience to church with his personal testimony, addressing social ills affecting the African-American community and encouraging the audience to go church as an introduction to his first single "Coming Where I'm From."

"I've grown as a man and my spirit has changed. I have been shifted over to really take advantage of this opportunity and platform I have to speak about some things that can change lives," Hamilton said after the concert.

Hamilton's performance was well received by the whole audi-



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

Anthony Hamilton gave the Cramton audience a show they will talk about for weeks to come.

ence and left some like graduate student, Christina Payne in an emotional state.

"It's incredible when a person is given talents and they utilize them for the right reasons

and not doing it just to get attention...I just thought [the concert] was passionate, soulful, and it was what was needed... It was just incredible," Payne said.

Mayor Williams' Winter Plan Hopes to Reduce Hypothermia

MAYOR, from Metro A6

These government agencies, as well as the DC Department of Human Services (DHS), the lead District government agency providing emergency shelter for the homeless during the winter, will play major roles in bringing the homeless people into emergency shelters and providing services. Sherrie Hines, a freshman education major says, "I feel that these accommodations are appropriate and are very well needed for the right reasons.

Excited about the idea, Hines exclaims, "I am extremely glad

that Mayor Williams is thinking about those who are less fortunate because the homeless really do need help with shelter."

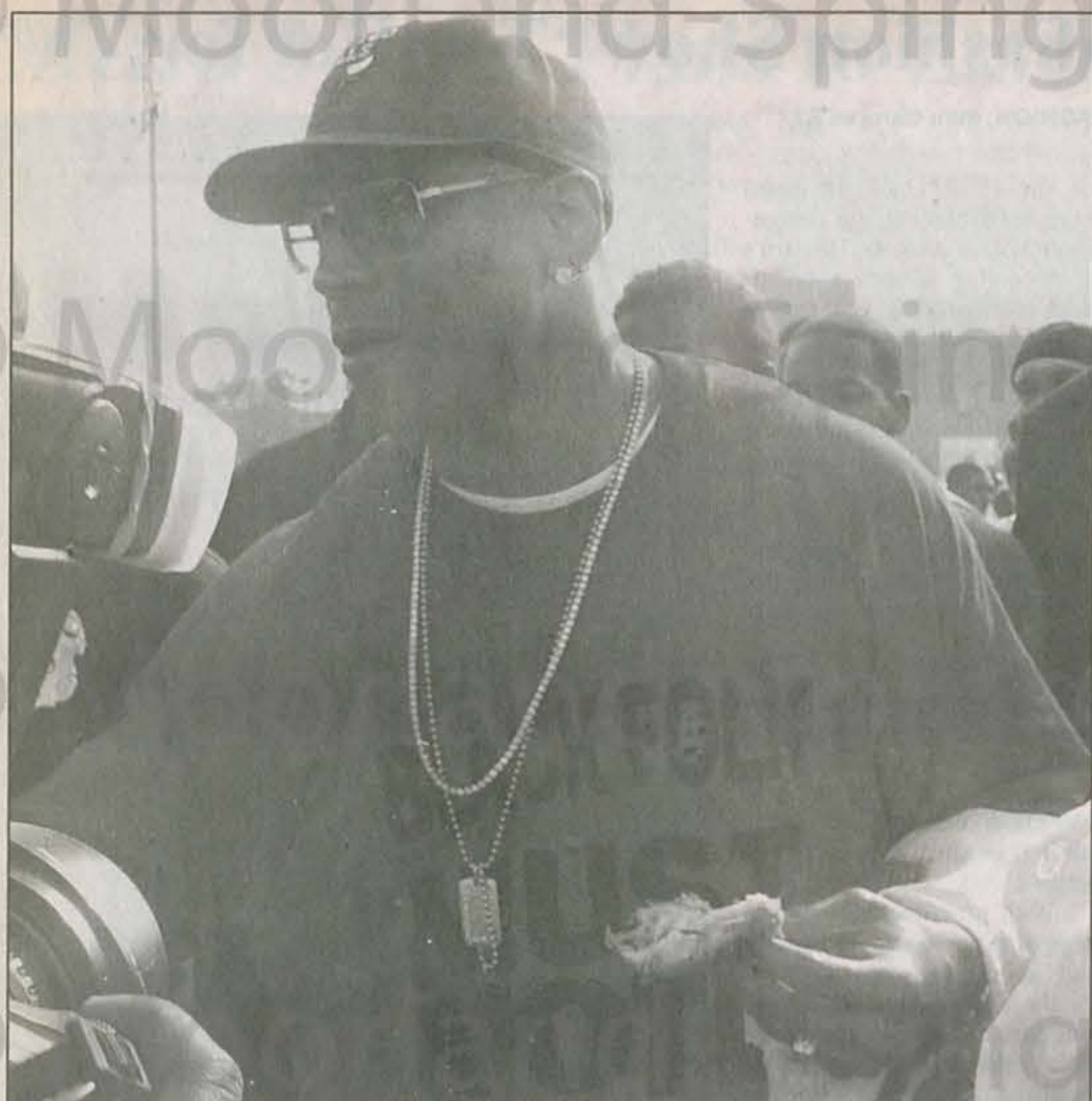
The United Planning Organization manages the Hypothermia Hotline (1-800-535-7252). (UPO) This year, UPO will unite with the Department of Parks and recreation to provide transportation from the homeless who are outdoors and transport them to aiding shelters.

The homeless will also be able to look forward to space capacity as an accommodation when they enter these shelters.

The DC Housing Authority,

department of Parks and Recreation, and the Office of Property and Management are making plans to secure the needs of space in addition to making sure that social services are still met to those who need assistance.

On November 1, 2004, DHS will promote its Hypothermia Watch Partner Campaign. This campaign encourages local residents and business owners and faith-based leaders to call the Hypothermia Hotline and report the location of homeless people who are outdoors in cold weather. Why don't you join them?



Maya Gilliam - Senior Photo Editor

LL Cool J and R&B group New Edition lead the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning.

LL Grand Marshalls HU Parade

PARADE, from Campus A4

One such organization was Old Cars Unlimited, a local antique car club. As he shined up the 1968 Mustang that he would drive in the parade, club member Kelvin Blackwell, explained why his group participated in the parade.

"The antique car club always wants to support Howard, because Howard has always supported us," Blackwell said. According to Blackwell the University actually allows the club to hold its meeting on campus.

Out of all events held for Howard's Homecoming, Moreland said that the parade is the most family oriented. She said that at the parade, parents do not have to worry about any obscene activities. Many attendees brought small children along

to the event.

"I brought my grandkids out here to see it," said Stephanie Trice, a Washington, D.C. resident whose son attended Howard. Trice said as a native Washingtonian, that she enjoyed watching all the local bands perform.

Children as young as three years old were allowed the opportunity to participate in the parade. The Little Twirl Factory, a performing group associated with the Boys and Girls Club from Alexandria, Va. had children from age three to 16 marching in the event. Fourteen-year-old Ashley Burke was happy to be performing with The Little Twirl Factory.

"It's kind of fun because it's all over the radio, and LL and New Edition will be here," Burke said. Burke was a little nervous because all of the parade's performance groups were judged in

a Battle of the Bands.

Overall the spectators seemed to enjoy the parade.

"I've just enjoyed everything, especially the bands," said Carlene Meheux, a freshman marketing major. This was Meheux's first Homecoming parade and she said she really liked the atmosphere. "Everyone is happy and getting along."

HU Students Mobilize Voters

ROLL, from Campus A4

dents are scheduled to monitor and protect polls today, as well as distribute information on voter rights.

"We'll be doing literature drops in disenfranchised communities so people know their rights, and when people know their rights, they have a higher propensity to use them," said Chequan Lewis, director of political affairs for HUSA.

By dispensing literature and talking to people, Lewis, who is also field organizer for People for the American Way, said he wants the program to counteract what he feels will be a movement to unjustly disenfranchise people in partisan battle grounds like Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"Conservative people have mobilized 3,800 volunteers [for Ohio] and really, I'm will-

ing to bet that they are going to launch a campaign of mis-education," Lewis said.

According to Lewis, conservatives want to confuse people who they feel may not vote for their candidate.

However, students with Election Protection will be working clear up the common misconceptions people have about voting. They will inform citizens that felons can vote in Ohio, as well as some other states, children can be taken to the polls and people have the right to ask for a provisional ballot. Lewis feels that this program is necessary to ensure all people are treated fairly.

"Election Protection is like Geico for voters, everyone needs some type of insurance," Lewis said.

Students like Sheree King, agree with Lewis that this program is a vital tool for voters. King, a junior political science

major who is participating in Election Protection, felt it was imperative that she get involved.

"I think it's important that we, as Black students, be concerned about what goes on around us," King said. "Because our [university] motto is 'Leadership for America and the Global Community,' I think we should be concerned with what goes on in America, especially what goes on in the political spectrum."

Kathryn Hurley, a sophomore English and economics double major, is not involved with Election Protection, but she does feel that programs like it are essential.

"A lot of Black people want to vote, but they do not know their rights," Hurley said. "We got all these people to register, so now it's time to get them to the polls."

Organization Educates Citizens of Rights

YOUTH, from Campus A4

Council also came out and supported the Black Youth Vote effort.

"I wanted to motivate people to do what they already know that they should do," said Josephine Stedman, a sophomore telecommunications major and the Council's grievance director. "I'm from D.C. and knocking on people's doors is something that usually doesn't happen around here, so I was eager to see what

the response would be."

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics has a list of voters' rights which includes that voters have the right to bring voter information materials into the voting booth, take as much time as needed and are eligible to receive assistance in voting from anyone selected including a poll worker. The rules also state a voter may receive a new ballot if a mistake is made prior to the vote's casting and voters can still vote if they are in line when the precinct closes.

Gray believes that Howard students going into neighborhoods and educating people on voting may have effects beyond just getting them to the polls.

"It bridges the gap between students and the community. They would see that 'wow' Howard students do care," he said.

For further information or to find the location of a local voting precinct, contact the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics at www.dcoee.org.

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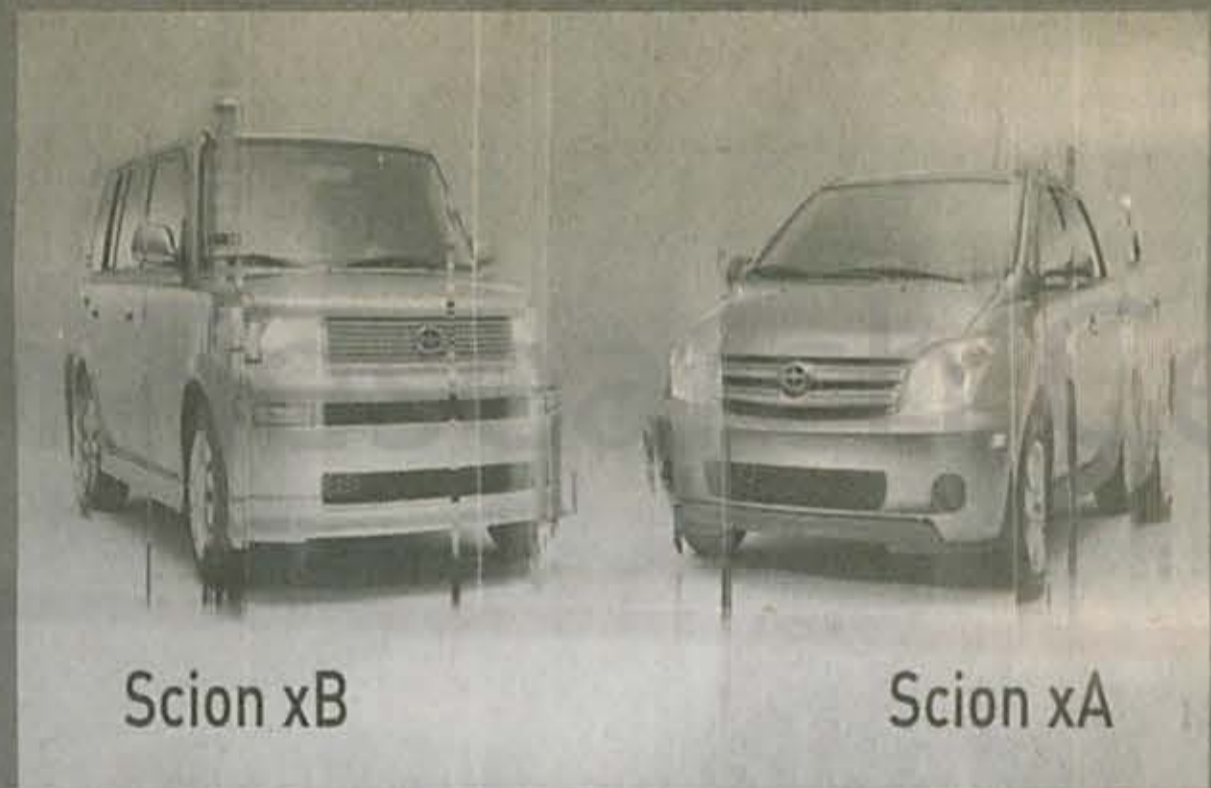


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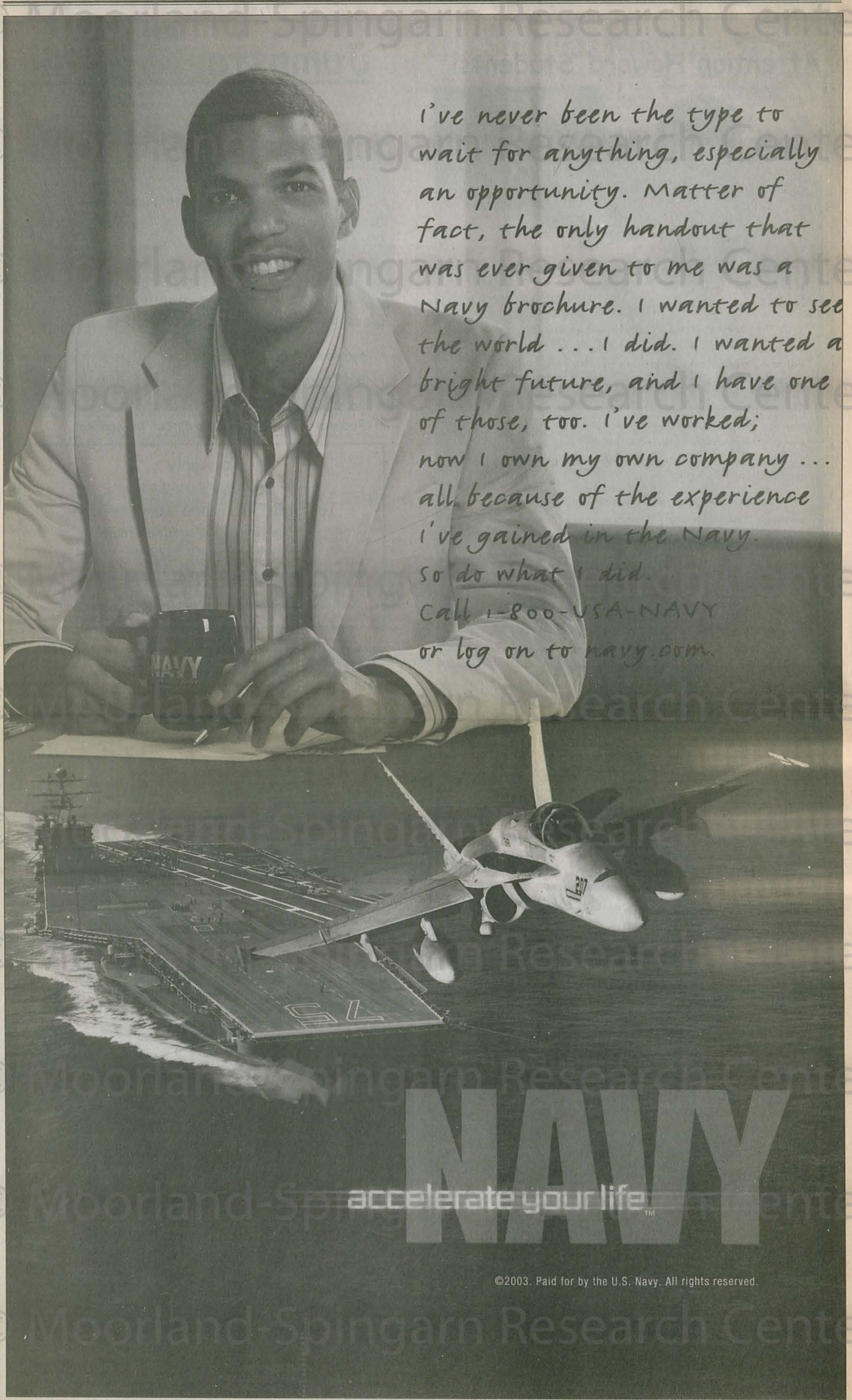
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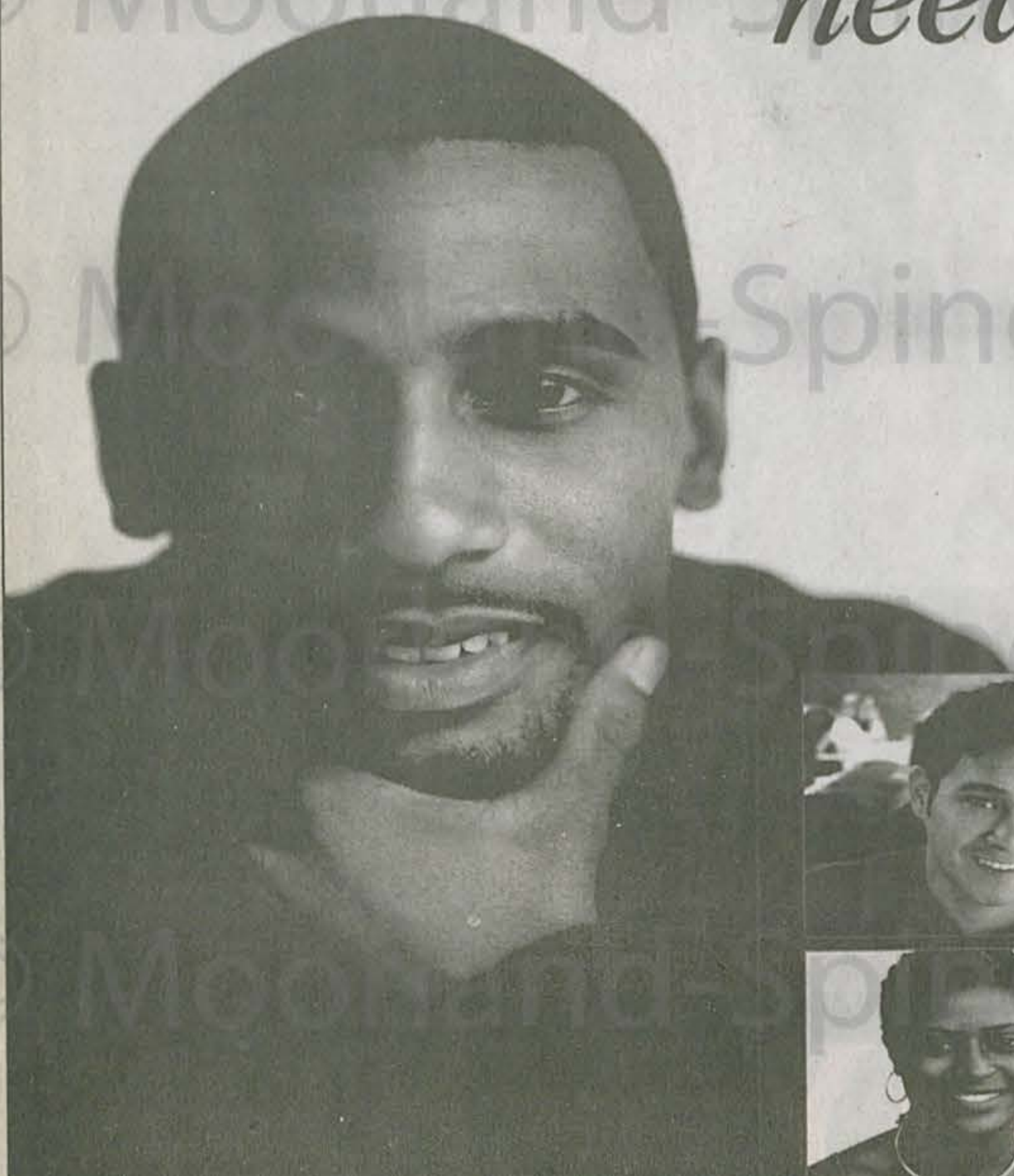
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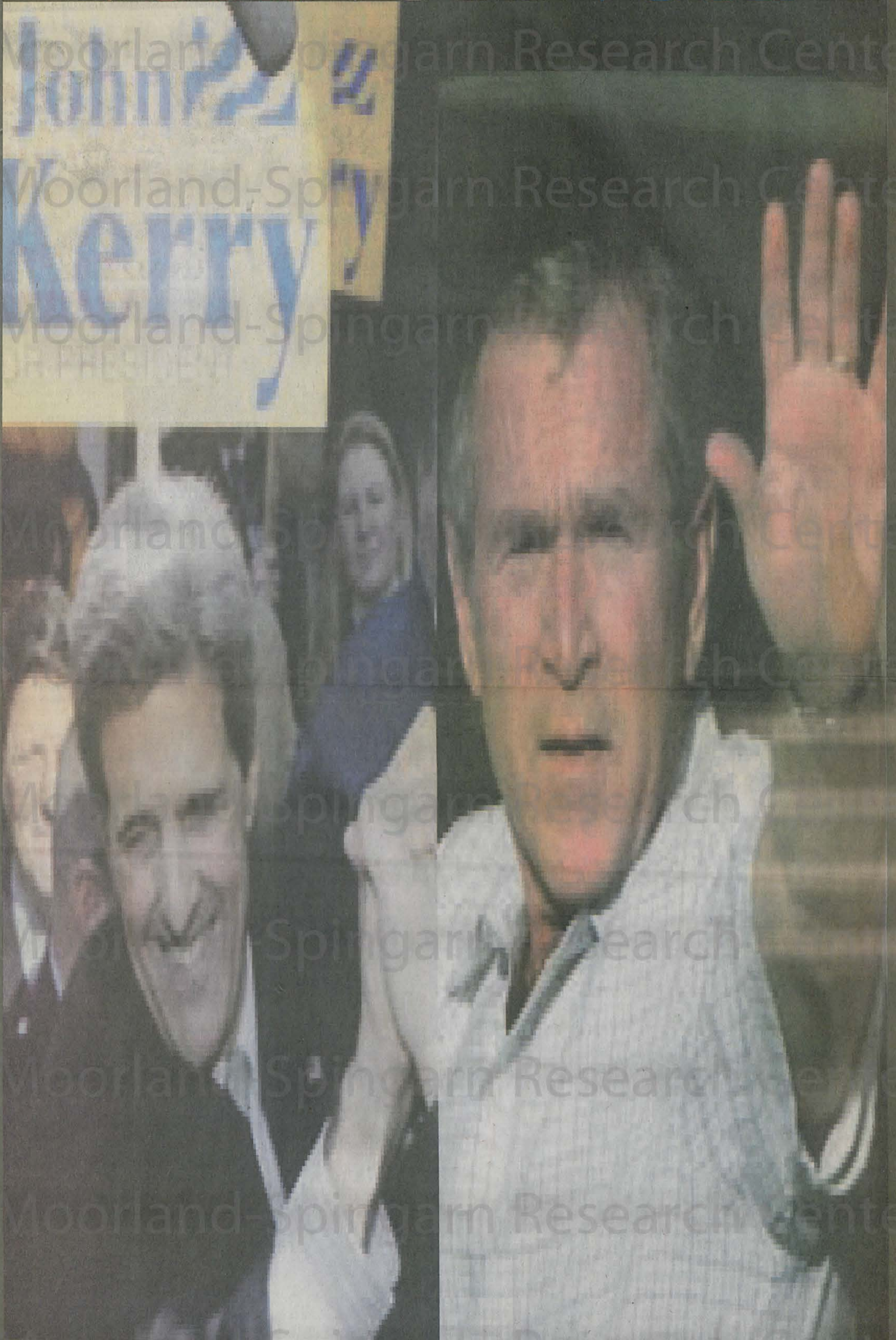
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Lifelines:



No Politics As Usual

BY KEITH LAING
Life & Style Editor

I try to keep it strictly non-partisan on this side of the page, so loyal *Lifelines* readers will probably be surprised to know that I'm a closet political junkie. I should have admitted it a long time ago, since it's vogue now and all, but nonetheless, like Diana Ross, I'm coming out.

I have always been particularly fascinated with presidential elections. Ever since I watched the 1992 debates with my parents, I've been hooked. I have followed every election since, and have even gone out of my way to watch old convention speeches and debates (gotta love C-Span!).

But it's been even worse this time. After all, this is the first presidential election in which I will actually get to vote (I voted for the first time in 2002), so I have watched this one with an even keener eye than those before. Needless to say, I have tremendously enjoyed the campaign.

And now that the end is near, I don't know what to do with myself. Nothing will come close to whetting my appetite for the strategy and jockeying of a presidential election. Sure, there's the midterm elections, but it's just not the same.

I mean, the possibility of a new President is absolutely thrilling (hey, I'll go back to being non-partisan next week), but I'm going to miss the nightly updates and barbs being thrown back and forth between the camps. I'm also going to miss playing armchair campaign manager with fellow political heads, and I'm definitely going to miss the spoofs of the candidates on shows like "Real Time with Bill Maher."

This sadness first hit me when I sent off my absentee ballot a few weeks ago, but I brushed it aside as the campaign picked up intensity as it neared its conclusion. I felt sad again when I realized that the next time I write a column, we'll have a new President, and barring a repeat of the debacle last election, we will have returned to our regularly scheduled programming and gone on with our lives. Unless, of course, Mr. Bush is re-elected, in which case, I'm moving to Canada. I'm very serious about saving the non-partisanship for next week.

But I digress. From the beginning, this election was fascinating. We started out with nine individuals vying for the right to send Bush and Cheney back to Crawford, TX and an undisclosed location, respectively. We witnessed the meteoric rise and fall of Howard Dean and saw Bill Clinton return from the Democratic Party's doghouse to a hero's welcome. Speaking of Bubba, we saw John Kerry do his best "Comeback Kid" impersonation and storm from the back of the pack to claim the nomination. The unpredictability of it all kept me glued to my TV.

Politics, enjoy these last hours of coverage, because, for another four years, we won't see anything like it again.

Senior print journalism Keith Laing has been frowning and sighing all day. His last homecoming has come and gone, and in a matter of hours, John Kerry and George Bush are going to stop yelling at each other and play nice. If you have a reason why he should smile, please send it to lifeline0405@hotmail.com.



STUDENTS PROUDLY ACCESSORIZIZE THEIR OUTFITS WITH CAMPAIGN BUTTONS

BY CIARA FAMBLE
Contributing Writer

In the past, popular causes for college students to rally behind have ranged from animal rights to affirmative action. This year, however, the focus has shifted to making the voices of the youth heard by voting.

In an effort to raise voter awareness, many students have been seen on and around campus wearing the popular "Vote or Die" t-shirts by the Citizen Change Foundation. However, some students want to endorse a particular candidate and, since Citizen Change is non-partisan, they choose to show their allegiance by sporting campaign buttons. These buttons are sometimes cute and sometimes serious, but they always make a strong statement.

With slogans like "It Ain't Over Till Your Brother Counts the Votes," "Annoy the Media: Re-Elect President Bush," and "Buck Fush," it's no secret that students wearing these buttons have strong feelings about the impending election and want to make their voices heard.

It's clear that students aren't just wearing the buttons as a fashion statement. Some specifically have their party

affiliations in mind when they wear their buttons and they hope to persuade others to join them.

"I'm a Democrat," said Jessica Caldwell, a visiting student from St. Louis, Missouri. "I have buttons on my jacket, my purse and my book bag, and I wear them because I hope wearing them will help get votes for Kerry. I even give buttons away because maybe it will persuade someone to vote for [Kerry]."

Tanika Brew, another out of state visitor, agreed. "I wear mine because I support Kerry. If people that support Bush wear their buttons, why shouldn't I?"

They are not alone in their convictions. Kalena Smith, a recent Howard graduate, said she wears hers because, "I like being a walking advertisement for the person who will best represent me."



Students have been sporting buttons displaying their favorite candidates or issues all semester. After all the votes are counted, they'll just be a reminder of a bruising campaign.

Alejo Alexander-Staff Photographer

Sophomore accounting major Shante Johnson said that she wears her buttons for an even more serious purpose.

"I wear my buttons because I support Kerry and I want him in office, but even more than that, I wear them to encourage black females to vote," she said. "I want to let them know it is alright to make our voices heard."

Freshman music education major Todd Price said he shared her sense of urgency about African-American voter turnout.

"I just want to inspire African-Americans to vote," he said. "It just surprises me how many of us don't vote. We need to realize that our votes do count a lot."

But what happens on November 3rd when the votes are tallied, the president-elect is named, and the glitter of the Vote or Die campaign is gone, at least for the next four years?

"My buttons usually end up in a box in my room," Smith said. "I don't think I can really do anything with them except that. Perhaps my children can have them, and that way they can have a little piece of history."

Price will also put his away, but said they will re-emerge in 2008.

"That is why I wear non-partisan buttons," he said. "I vote for whoever I think will do the best job, regardless of party."

Political Junkies Sad at End of 2004 Campaign

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

As President Bush and Senator Kerry finish their close race to the White House, the country sits on edge, anticipating the election of a new leader. Presidential elections have historically been some of the most captivating occurrences in political science.

Walking around campus, anyone can see the t-shirts and buttons urging our community to cease all apathy and vote. It seems that the Black community has taken a stand against the injustice endured during the 2000 election and worked to strengthen the number of Black voters. P. Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaign has prompted a revolution among the youth of America who are marching as its soldiers as well as fighting for a voice in government.

The end is here-almost-and many students, like sophomore political science major Sonja Cajuste, have begun to reflect on the memorable moments of the election. Cajuste said that she probably would not remember anything about this election except frustration.

"The only important thing that I will remember is Black people showing the urgency to vote," she said. "P. Diddy and his shirts, and students like myself reaching out to Black neighborhoods to educate others show how our community have really taken it to heart."

A native of Florida, Cajuste is able to look back on the controversial 2000 election and compare it to this year's. Although she is excited about the increase of political awareness in the Black community, she is still disappointed with the election.

"I'm disappointed that we don't have a better Democratic candidate," Cajuste said. "Kerry could have done a better job. He is living off of his military credibility and attacking what Bush is doing. Stop hating on Bush; tell us what you are going to do."

For many HU students who have relatives overseas and access to constant news coverage the war in Iraq has become a pressing issue. Sophomore political science major Omari Williams interned with the Democratic National Committee and believes that the defining issue of this election is the war.

"The war in Iraq is the center of most of the issues," Williams said. "Each candidate's view of the war is a crucial part of their campaign and will heavily impact their votes."

Voting has become an important priority for many, and P. Diddy's objective to get 20 million registered voters between the ages of 18 and 35 proves the power of pop culture. The motivation is highly visible



Students have been paying close attention to the drama of the 2004 Presidential election, often turning to news sources like CNN. Now that the campaign has drawn to a close, many will miss the daily coverage of the process.

Maya Gilliam-Senior Photo Editor

as actors, singers and CEOs promote the right to vote, and young people everywhere jump on the political bandwagon.

Taron Johnson, a senior political science major, agreed with Cajuste about the significance of P. Diddy's "Vote or Die Campaign."

"Diddy has been able to motivate more 18 year olds to vote, than when 18 year olds first received to right to vote," he said.

He also expressed his excitement about the increased

participation of the Black community.

"I'm excited to see that voter registration for African-Americans is up 200 percent. It's amazing to see people have fervor for politics."

Many feel that this is a great triumph for a community that is usually considered to be one of the least politically conscious groups in America.

Johnson, who voted in the 2000 election, commented on the public opinion of President Bush.

"Don't get me wrong, four years ago Black people didn't like Bush, but now it seems like so many more, and of different races. I have never seen a man so hated, and I don't genuinely believe in my heart that people can articulate why they don't like him," Johnson said.

For the final days of the race the candidates have been more or less neck and neck but the time has come to find out who will cross finish line first.

Howard Students Don't Want to Make P. Diddy's Band

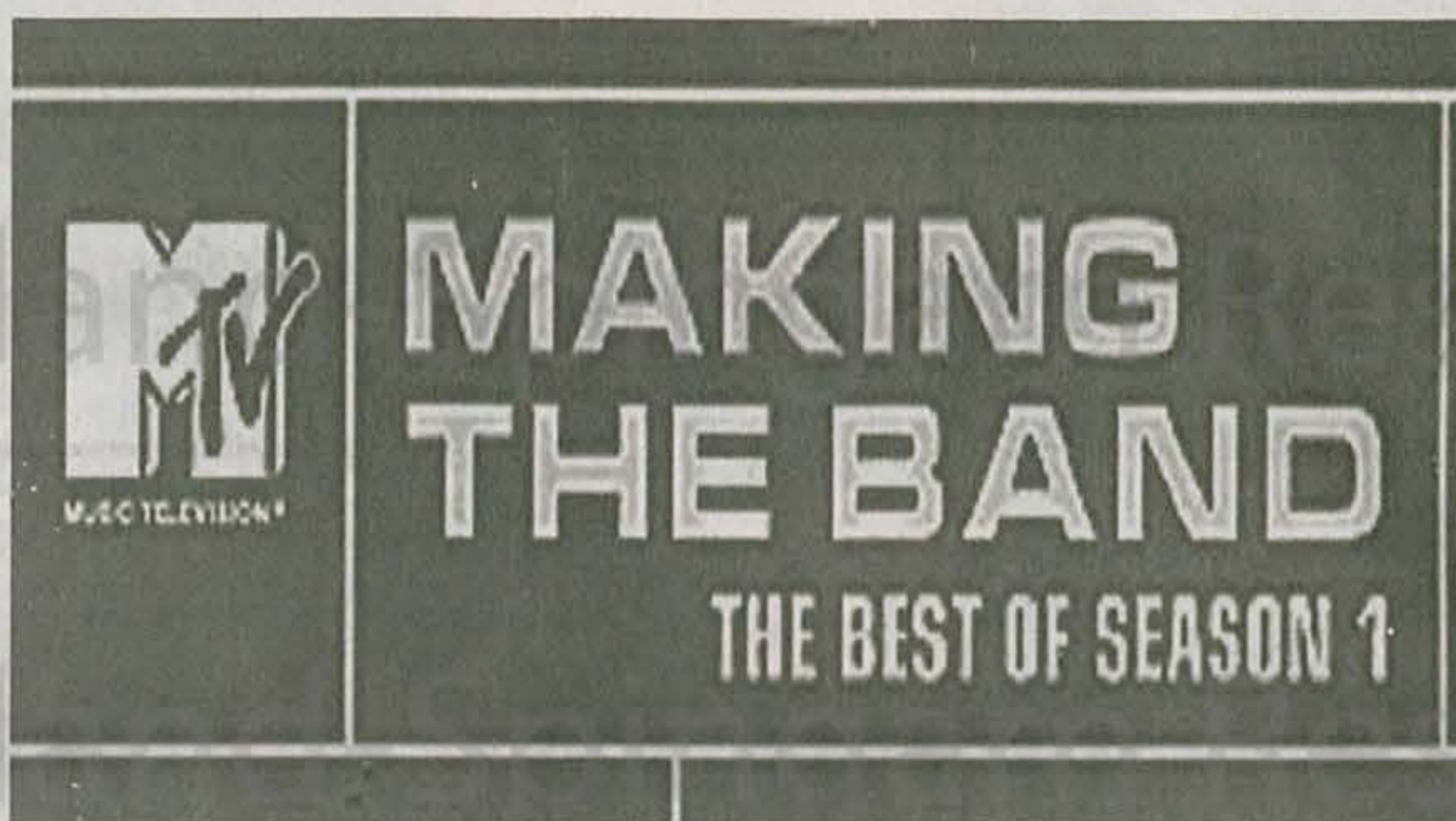
BY WHITNEY TEAL
Contributing Writer

MTV Networks and Bad Boy Records are at it again. Brushing off the debacle that was the career of Bad Boy's rap group "Da Band," P. Diddy is attempting to assemble yet another group in front of MTV viewers.

This time, however, he is abandoning the idea of a rap "super group" with a reggae/Dirty South/New York/Philly/R & B sound and re-focusing his efforts on the fickle world of pop. According to www.mtv.com, he is creating "an all-female pop band."

Apparently ignoring the tepid career of Diddy's last pop girl group "Dream," many young hopefuls have already auditioned for the show/group at the open-calls in Los Angeles, New York and Miami in October.

However, there weren't many Howard students among the crowd among the hundreds, possibly thousands, of applicants that lined up to 'make the band.' Christina Harris, a sophomore music education major and vocalist, said that she would not audition, not because of the



While the first "Making of the Band" was popular, most students said that they would not participate in anymore Diddy shows.

concept of the show, but because of the concept behind the group. "There's going to be so much estrogen, it's just ridiculous," she said.

Other music students, however, cited different reasons for not wanting to audition for the show. Many simply do not want to enter the world of pop.

"My heart is for gospel," said Tonicia Mullins, a senior music business major and vocalist.

Danielle Withers, a junior music education major with a concentration in vocal performance, agreed. He said that her ultimate goals include becoming a contemporary gospel artist as well as working in television,

film and Broadway. She also did not plan to audition for the band.

Although many students of Howard's music department are not participating in the chaos that is sure to ensue from this season's band, some students like sophomore vocal perfor-

mance major Keila White, said they will tune in to the show, which is set to air later this fall. White, like many of her music department peers, does not believe that the group is the best avenue for her to pursue her career, but she does recognize the merit in shows like "Making the Band" and "American Idol."

"It has its ups and downs," she said. "It gives people the opportunity to follow their dreams."

Other students agreed with White. "It's an available way for a performer to come into the industry... it boils down to opportunity and experience," Mullins said.

Withers, however, disagrees with the theory, citing an unfair advantage given to reality show participants.

"It's kind of unfair because a lot of talented artists spent years and years trying to get themselves in the music arena, and worked their way up."

Whether reality-show artists are given any advantage is questionable, considering the unsuccessful careers of O-Town, Da Band, and Eden's Crush.

The impending season of "Making the Band" and similar shows like "American Idol" are met with mixed feelings from students, even those that plan to watch the new seasons.

"I think the whole concept is alright, but reality TV is played out now," said David Verin, a senior music history major.

Many music students simply do not agree with the commercial aspects of reality television shows.

"'American Idol,' I don't really agree with," Harris said. "Half of those people could have a record deal [but they are] too fat or ugly."

White agreed saying, "It's so Hollywood."

Verin, however, sees reality television as just that, the reality. "It's exposing people to what goes on behind the scenes," he said.

Whether or not students agree with the format, concept or politics behind reality television shows for "fame seekers," there is no question that "Making the Band III" and "American Idol" will rank among the most watched shows next season.



Jay-Z and R. Kelly Return to Handle Unfinished Business with Re-Released Album

BY JOHN KENNEDY
Contributing Writer

Expected to sell an exceptional amount of records, Jay-Z and R. Kelly's 2002 joint album *The Best of Both Worlds* could not live up to its own hype after Def Jam and Jive Records ceased promotion due to the R. Kelly controversy. Two years later, Jay-Z and R. Kelly reunite to fulfill their debut's potential on the appropriately titled *Unfinished Business*.

The album leads off with "The Return," where Jay-Z and R. Kelly rhyme using their best Slick Rick impersonations. They are only outdone when Rick himself joins in on the song's remix, officially reintroducing the rap and R&B duo. The album continues with the lead single "Big Chips," on which it becomes obvious how much hip-hop has missed Jay-Z's presence. His rap skills may have rubbed off on R. Kelly, who noticeably improved since their last album.

Unfinished Business has very few guest appearances. Memphis Bleek makes an impressive cameo as he and Jay-Z alternate rhymes on "We Got 'Em Goin'." It is equally as



R. Kelly and Jay-Z have teamed up once again for some *Unfinished Business*, which leaves much to be desired.

refreshing to hear Jay-Z rhyme alongside the recently reacquainted Foxy Brown on the lively "Stop," as he addresses rivals who dread his return to music: "Ya'll nervous, I ain't back yet/ I'm on extended vaca[ti]on, I ain't unpack yet/ Stop worrying."

The album reaches its pinnacle on "Don't Let Me Die," where R. Kelly seemingly liberates his soul after whispering a short prayer in the song's intro. His heartfelt vocals and emotional lyrics along with Jay-Z's melodic rhyme flow easily make it the album's most memorable

track. Despite its strong points, *Unfinished Business* has a number of flaws. For the most part, it is a remix album of *The Best of Both Worlds*, using identical song concepts with slightly altered choruses, rhymes, and beats. While some of the revisited songs are improved, such as the Twista-assisted "Mo' Money" ("Get This Money" remix), others merely sound like outdated and watered-down versions of their predecessors, such as "She's Coming Home With Me" ("Somebody's Girl" remix).

Conceptually, Jay-Z and R. Kelly kept *Unfinished Business* very simple. Neither the matured Jay-Z or R. Kelly are found on the album, as they rhyme and sing about money or women on almost every song. The beat selection also sounds monotonous, as Trackmasters produce a majority of the beats, which feature similar instruments on many of the album's songs.

Another disappointment is the length of the album. *Unfinished Business* barely spans 45 minutes, leaving the listener feeling cheated once the 11 songs (including one remix) have elapsed.

The brilliance of *The Best of Both Worlds* is that it was the first collaborative album of R&B and rap's top artists, offering an unprecedented collective project.

Unfinished Business seemingly piggybacks on its precursor, resulting in a stale and unoriginal sounding record. Although R. Kelly's soulful vocals and Jay-Z's clever lyricism are both present on *Unfinished Business*, a lack of freshness makes two of music's best sound average. **Grade: C**

Jon B. Returns to Prove He's Gotten Stronger Everyday

BY ERIC REID
Contributing Writer

Jon B.'s latest offering *Stronger Everyday* comes three years after his last album *Pleasures U Like*.

His opening track, "What In The World," produced by Just Blaze and featuring Dirt McGirt a.k.a. Ol' Dirty Bastard, is a nice mellow club crooner accented with piano keys. The downside and turn-off to the track is McGirt's lyrics and yodeling at the end. The track is more suited for an appearance by Fabolous or Nas. The remix, also produced by Just Blaze and featuring Beenie Man and Farena, is an instant upgrade. However, it seems that the sped-up reggae-influenced beat overwhelms Jon B.'s voice.

This album holds hidden treasures once you leave the opening track. With guest appearances by Babyface, Tank,

Scarface, Tupac and Beenie Man anchoring the album, *Stronger Everyday* hosts an all-star cast.

Jon B.'s voice has deepened and is apparent by the backup singers on "Lately." The album goes up and down in the voice levels with some tracks more high pitched; others mellow and baritone.

"One More Dance," which was written and produced by Jon B. himself, gives off an R. Kelly "Step In The Name Of Love" feeling. Full of life, the beat drives you to dance and enjoy life for what it is.

"Patience," which was also written and produced by the artist himself, is reminiscent of Usher's "U Remind Me," until late in the track, Jon B. breaks down and speaks to listeners.

Stronger Everyday slows from its club pace with "Part 2" featuring Tupac, which eludes an Havana, San Juan ambience

where listeners can envision Tupac with a Cuban cigar in a Bentley surrounded by sexy females.

The album's title track is a collaboration with Tank, on which the pair discuss love, from past to present.

"What I Like About You" featuring Babyface displays Jon B.'s lyrics and is arguably the best track on the album. This song can make any woman smile.

Jon B.'s *Stronger Everyday* is an all-purpose album. It's easy to clean up to, relax, get in the mood or entertain those listening to it. Despite its mostly upbeat lyrics and vibrant beats, there are faults to find with this release. "What In The World" seems out of place in the album's layout. Dirt McGirt's yodeling in the opening track can be distracting and ruins an otherwise good song.

At any rate, for R&B fans

this is a worthy album to have in the arsenal. Versatile in several types of situations from romance to deceit and love, Jon B. gives his fans just enough entrée to be satisfied. **Grade: B-**



Jon B. is widely known for his hit single, "They Don't Know."

Ashlee Simpson's Performance Malfunction

BY NATHALIE PIERRE
Contributing Writer

Ashlee Simpson was a damsel in distress during a recent episode of "Saturday Night Live" when her drummer accidentally played the incorrect song, flustering her — and a confused audience — into an improvised Farmer Joe hop-skip routine.

Her father/manager Joe Simpson reported that the tapes were only used because Ashlee was suffering from a severe bout of acid reflux disease that caused her vocal cords to swell.

"Acid reflux disease can permanently damage vocal cords and a performer's career," stated Valerie Eichelberger, instructor of the voice and music business seminar in the Division of Fine Arts.

The media immediately latched onto the story, comparing it to the infamous Milli Vanilli debacle of the early 90s where Rab Pilatus and Fab Morvan won the Grammy for 'Best New Artist' only to have it revoked because they had not sung the vocals on the prize-winning album. Their lip-synching came to light after a performance on the Arsenio Hall show when their façade was unraveled by their former manager, who went public on the charade, in retaliation on the duo who had threatened to use their own vocals on an upcoming album.

However, some students said that those comparisons are far-fetched.

"I think the media is going too far," said Chantel Lowe, a sophomore TV production major. "After seeing her perform on 'Good Morning America' without any backup it is clear that she can sing. With Jessica [Simpson] being a TV/pop star and Ashlee's rising status, one can assume talent is inherited in the Simpson family."

Simpson appeared on the "Today Show" with Katie Couric and attempted to refute

any accusations of wrongdoing.

"I never lip sync," she said. "What the audience heard on SNL was a backing track."

Backing tracks are typically used to prevent the audience from hearing the occasional wheeze and breathlessness that are common during live performances.

Simpson attempted to alleviate the negative portrayal of her by stating, "I am not anorexic. My boob didn't pop out. I am not on drugs. I had a bad performance and I got sick."

Tiffany Taylor, a sophomore music business major with a minor in voice, said she agreed with Simpson's statement.

"All professional entertainers lip sync," she said. "Britney Spears and Janet Jackson will go through entire shows without singing once."

Despite being an aspiring vocalist who has been featured in a movie musical, Taylor does not use artificial tapes to back up her singing, but said that she sympathizes with Simpson.

"It was an unfortunate incident that could have happened to any artist," Taylor said.

Todd Price, a freshman music education major whose primary instrument is voice, was less understanding.

"Talent is no longer a requirement for success in the music industry," he said. "In the industry, a sensational voice is secondary to a pretty face and an appealing frame."

There was also a general consensus amongst Taylor and Price that there is, in fact, a major difference between a vocalist and an entertainer. Most of the performing artists are trained to be entertainers, rather than vocalists and this lack of training can be a negative. Vocalists must consciously protect their investment by partaking in preventive measures that will prevent the embarrassment and possible credibility-loss faced by Simpson.



Ashlee Simpson is the younger sister of pop superstar Jessica Simpson.

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Blitzburgh "That City"

BY ASHLEY ROSS
Sports Editor

I know a place/I'll take you there/Ain't nobody cryin'/I'll take you there, these lyrics from the 1970s hit by the Staple Singers could not say it any better because I indeed come from this place. And upon my arrival at Howard University four years ago, I was extremely disappointed to find that many of my peers knew nothing about geography and the place I fondly refer to as "That City".

Whether they skipped the subject all together or paid no attention at all, (Lord only knows) but through various conversations I discovered that many were under the misconception that Philadelphia is the only metropolitan area in Pennsylvania.

So for those of you who don't know, let me tell you of a place where the grass is a little greener. Where Sundays are holy days for more than one reason. Only four and a half hours from Philadelphia, in southwestern Pennsylvania, this place called Blitzburgh a.k.a Pittsburgh is a beautiful city populated by football-obsessed individuals of all shades. And this past Sunday against the undefeated New England Patriots, the Steelers put Pittsburgh on the map yet again with a convincing 34-20 win.

Although the Steelers offense has done a complete 180 winning five straight under the guidance of QB rookie sensation Ben Roethlisberger, the Steelers defense also came up big this past Sunday. Taking advantage of the Patriots RB Corey Dillon and CB Ty Law's injuries, the Steelers were able to hold the Patriots to only five rushing yards compared to the Steelers 221. With only one sack so far this season, LB Joey Porter led the Steelers defense with three Brady sacks and CB Deshaea Townsend added an interception for a 39-yard TD.

On the offensive end, Roethlisberger, who was also named the AFC player of the week, was 18-24 for 196 passing yards, while Brady finished with 243 passing yards, two interceptions, and four sacks for a loss of 28 yards. Running back Duce Staley also led the Steelers offense with 125 rushing yards making this his fourth 100-yard game of the season.

But the icing on the cake came when veteran Jerome Bettis, crawled out from his sideline obscurity to contribute 65 yards on 15 carries. Scoring 24 of their points off Patriots turnovers, the Steelers demolished the Patriots 21-game win streak and shattered their perfect season dreams.

Next Sunday, Pittsburgh will take on that other city known as Philadelphia. With a 6-1 record, the best start since 1978, the Steelers are on a win streak of their own. But what makes "That City" so special is that win, lose, or draw, we stand by our Steelers with our gold and black terrible towels raised high. And it is this unconditional love for the Steelers that will always bind those of us from "That City."

Bison Rumble Over Spartans in Homecoming Win

BY JOHN SCHRIFEN
Contributing Writer

Amidst the likes of LL Cool J, New Edition, and A.J. from 106 and Park, all eyes were on Jay Colbert's larger than life game, leading the Bison to a 35-17 victory over Norfolk State on Saturday's homecoming at Greene Stadium.

Colbert, a five foot eight inch, 200-pound senior running back, rushed for a career high 197 yards and four touchdowns, which eclipsed his previous high of 182 yards he had in 2002.

"I'm trying to stay humble but it feels good," said Colbert about his performance on the day. "I missed the whole last year, so it feels real good right now."

The Spartan's defense came into the game with the second worst defense in all of division

1-AA, allowing 282 yards per game on the ground. But in the beginning of the first quarter, the Spartan's defense was able to confuse the Bison with defensive schemes they had not seen on film.

On the Bison's first seven carries of the game, they totaled negative 19 yards. Colbert then came alive. On a carry where it seemed like he was stopped, Colbert then found a hole and scampered 72 yards for the touchdown.

"Knowing that [Norfolk State] liked to pack the box and bring the safeties down, if you get past the first level, man you are looking at six points."

After the Spartans (1-6, 1-4) responded with a 3-yard touchdown by Daryl Jones, Colbert went back to work. He exploded for another big touchdown run, this time from 42 yards out,



The Bison trampled over the Norfolk State Spartans in front of a sold out Homecoming crowd at Greene Stadium Saturday. The Bison defeated the Spartans 35-17.

to put the Bison up 14-7 at the half.

All afternoon special teams played a big role as both coaches played the game of field position. Towards the end of the third quarter the Bison (5-3, 2-2) were stopped on a third and four leaving it up to punter Noam Dror to get rid of it deep in their own territory. Dror then uncorked a 59-yard punt which pinned the Spartans inside their own 20.

The Bison's defense then came up big forcing a three and out. On the next play, Carl Alleyene was able to block the punt, and Fred Turner fell on the ball in the end zone for the touchdown.

Offensively for the Bison, besides the Colbert show, they could not get much going on offense. Senior quarterback Antoine Hartfield got his first start of the year after the regular starter, Marcos Moreno threw four interceptions last week in a losing effort against North Carolina A&T.

"We just wanted to give

Hartfield an opportunity to go in and see what he could do," said Head Coach Ray Petty. He admitted that it had something to do with the poor play of Moreno last week but added, "Moreno does a good job of managing the offense."

That was something that Hartfield had trouble with all day. When a running play was called he had no problems because Colbert and the offensive line took over. But when he was called upon to throw the ball he looked hesitant and at times lost. He ended up getting sacked five times, not because his offensive line did not protect him, but when the pocket broke down he did not have the presence to throw the ball away. He completed two of eight passes for 12 yards when he was replaced by Moreno in the fourth quarter.

"We were going to go back to Moreno sometime during the course of the game," Petty said. "It wasn't wholesale Hartfield all the way. We were going to be sure that Moreno got some snaps during the course of the

game." After the Spartans wide receiver Howard Gilmore made an amazing touchdown catch between two defenders, the game was up for grabs at 21-17. Colbert then answered by breaking free for another touchdown run of 44 yards to open up the game. He later added another touchdown run from three yards out to slam the door shut on any hope of the Spartans ruining Howard's homecoming game.

"I was just focused today," Colbert said. "I wasn't really worried about the crowd." But he was worried about getting enough tickets for his family and friends. And with Greene Stadium over capacity with 12,804 fans in attendance, many who had tickets were not lucky enough to get inside and see the Colbert show.

The Bison will be back in action next week as they take on South Carolina State at Bulldog Stadium in Orangeburg, S.C. at 1:30 p.m.



Bison fans were satisfied with the efforts on the football team Saturday as they stormed past the Spartans to victory.

Redskins Vote Kerry

BY ASHLEY ROSS
Sports Editor

Forget the stars, tarot cards, and fortunetellers, just ask the Redskins who is going to win this year's presidential election. Since the election of FDR in 1936, the final home game of the Washington Redskins, then known as the Boston Braves, has foretold the outcome of each presidential election. For decades now the results of each election have paralleled their win/loss record so much that when the 'Skins win, the incumbent stays, and when they lose, there is a new face in the White House.

It all began two days before Roosevelt's election in 1936 when the 'Skins beat the Chicago Cardinals 13-10. It then continued in 1940 when the 'Skins defeated the then named Pittsburgh Pirates 37-10, allowing Roosevelt to stay in office.

Next was Cleveland on Nov. 5, 1944. The Redskins won again 14-10 and Roosevelt reigned again two days later. And according to this brief recap posted on www.sports.yahoo.com, the pattern has been as follows:

1948: Redskins defeated Boston Yanks 59-21 on Oct. 31. Incumbent Harry Truman (who assumed office after Roosevelt's death) defeated Dewey on Nov. 2.

1952: Redskins lost to Pittsburgh Steelers 24-23 on Nov. 2. Dwight Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson on Nov. 4, returning the

Republicans to the White House for the first time in 20 years.

1956: Redskins defeated Cleveland Browns 20-9 on Oct. 21. Eisenhower won re-election over Stevenson on Nov. 6.

1960: Redskins lost to Cleveland Browns 31-10 on Oct. 30. John Kennedy defeated Vice-President Richard Nixon on Nov. 8.

1964: Redskins defeated Chicago Bears 27-20 on Oct. 25. Lyndon Johnson (who assumed office after Kennedy's death) defeated Barry Goldwater on Nov. 3.

1968: Redskins lost to New York Giants 13-10 on Oct. 27. Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey on Nov. 5.

1972: Redskins defeated Dallas Cowboys 24-20 on Oct. 22. Nixon won re-election over George McGovern on Nov. 7.

1976: Redskins lost to Dallas Cowboys 20-7 on Oct. 31. Jimmy Carter defeated Gerald Ford (who assumed office after Nixon's resignation) on Nov. 2.

1980: Redskins lost to Minnesota Vikings 39-14 on Nov. 2. Ronald Reagan unseated Carter on Nov. 4.

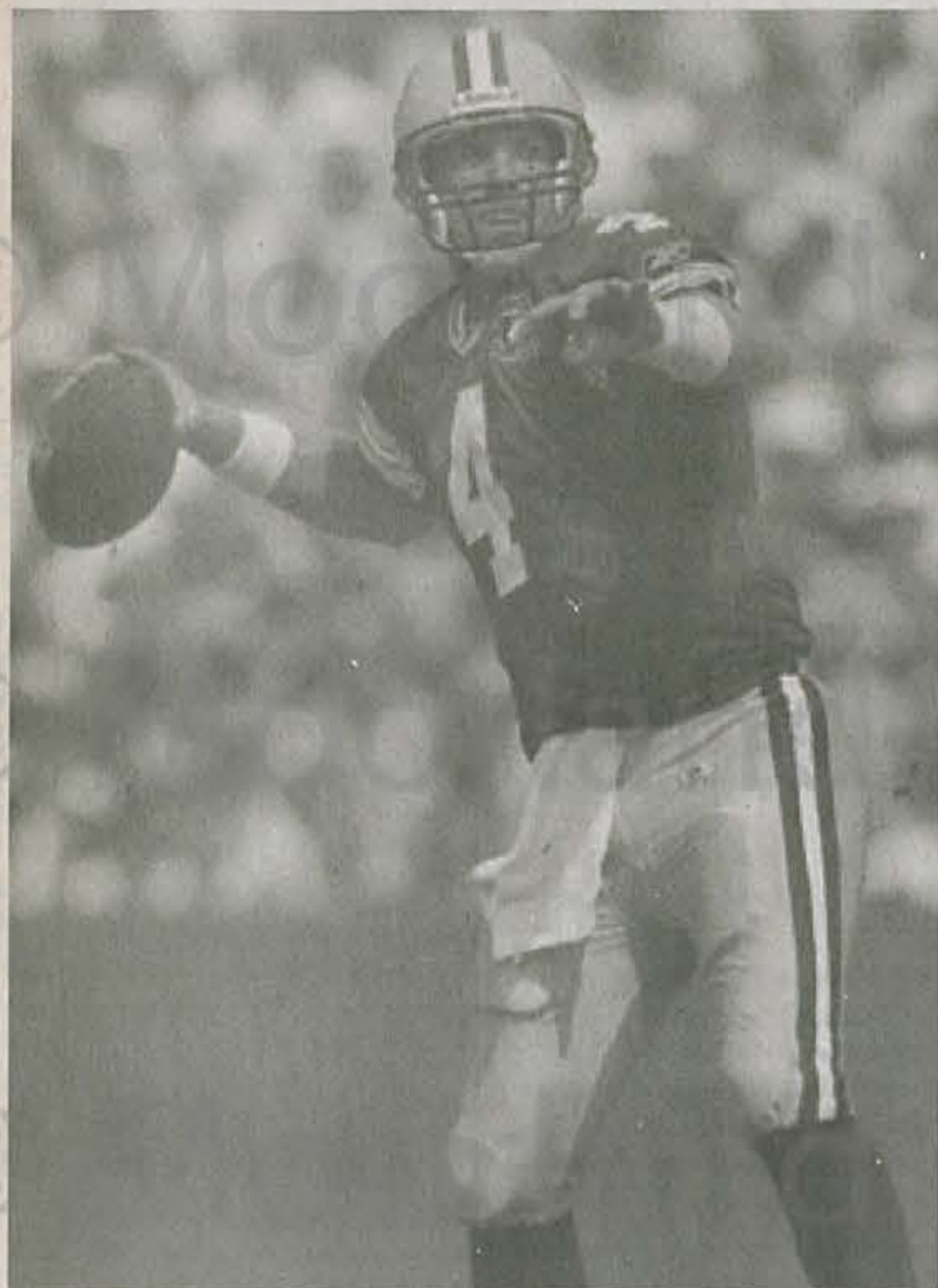
1984: Redskins defeated Atlanta Falcons 27-14 on Nov. 5. Reagan won re-election over Walter Mondale on Nov. 6.

1988: Redskins defeated See LEGEND, Sports B5



The Pittsburgh Steelers picked up their sixth win of the season this past Sunday, simultaneously ending the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots' 21-game win streak, their first loss since September 28, 2003 to the Washington Redskins.

One Battle After Another For a Courageous Brett Favre



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Brett Favre led the Packers to a 41-7 win against the Oakland Raiders last season, one day after the death of his father.

BY AUSTIN WALTON
Contributing Writer

At the age of 35, he is already considered one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. His hall of fame-type resume speaks for itself, 14 years of experience in the NFL as quarterback of the Green Bay Packers, one Super Bowl ring, over 48,000 yards passing, 364 touchdowns passing, and has never missed a

game because of injury.

Some die-hard football fans would consider trading all they have for an opportunity to be in the same shoes as him. While some NFL quarterbacks would love to be mentioned in the same breath. But what they all need to understand is that although his accomplishments on the football field are considered legendary, his accomplishments off the field are even greater. These past 11 months for Brett Favre

have been the hardest any one person can endure. He has lost love ones to natural and tragic deaths, and his wife recently has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Favre is faced with his biggest challenge yet, how to can he stay strong and passionate about football, after dealing with such a sad story?

On Dec. 22, 2003, Irvin Favre died from a heart attack the Sunday morning before his son Brett took the football field to play against the Oakland Raiders. Brett was very close to his father who taught him everything about life and football. The elder Favre was Brett's high school football coach at North Central High School in Mississippi. Although Brett was the head football coach's son, it had its benefits and drawbacks.

"My father was harder on me than other kids. But they all to wait until the next day to get more coaching," Favre told the media after the Raiders game.

Irvin was Brett's mentor through out life and his death could not speak greater measures on how it affected Brett. They had your typical classic American father-son relationship; being friend, coach, and mentor. They spoke about football almost everyday up to the day Irvin passed away. While living in Mississippi, they would break plays apart, Irvin would share his advice to Brett, and Brett would listen. They did this in front of TV, during church, during dinner, or any time they were together.

"It's hard to believe that the little boy we raised did all of this," Irvin said about Brett's successful career in the NFL.

Oct. 6, 2004, Casey Tynes, the brother in law of Brett died after suffering head injuries dur-

ing a motor vehicle accident. He was riding an all-terrain vehicle without a helmet and the vehicle flipped over. Casey, the brother of Brett's wife, was transported to Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, and died 20 minutes later.

Most recently however, Deanna Favre, Brett's wife, was diagnosed with breast cancer on October 14. Deanna found a lump on her breast during a self-exam and got it checked out right away. The doctor told her it was good they detected the cancer early, and he expects there to

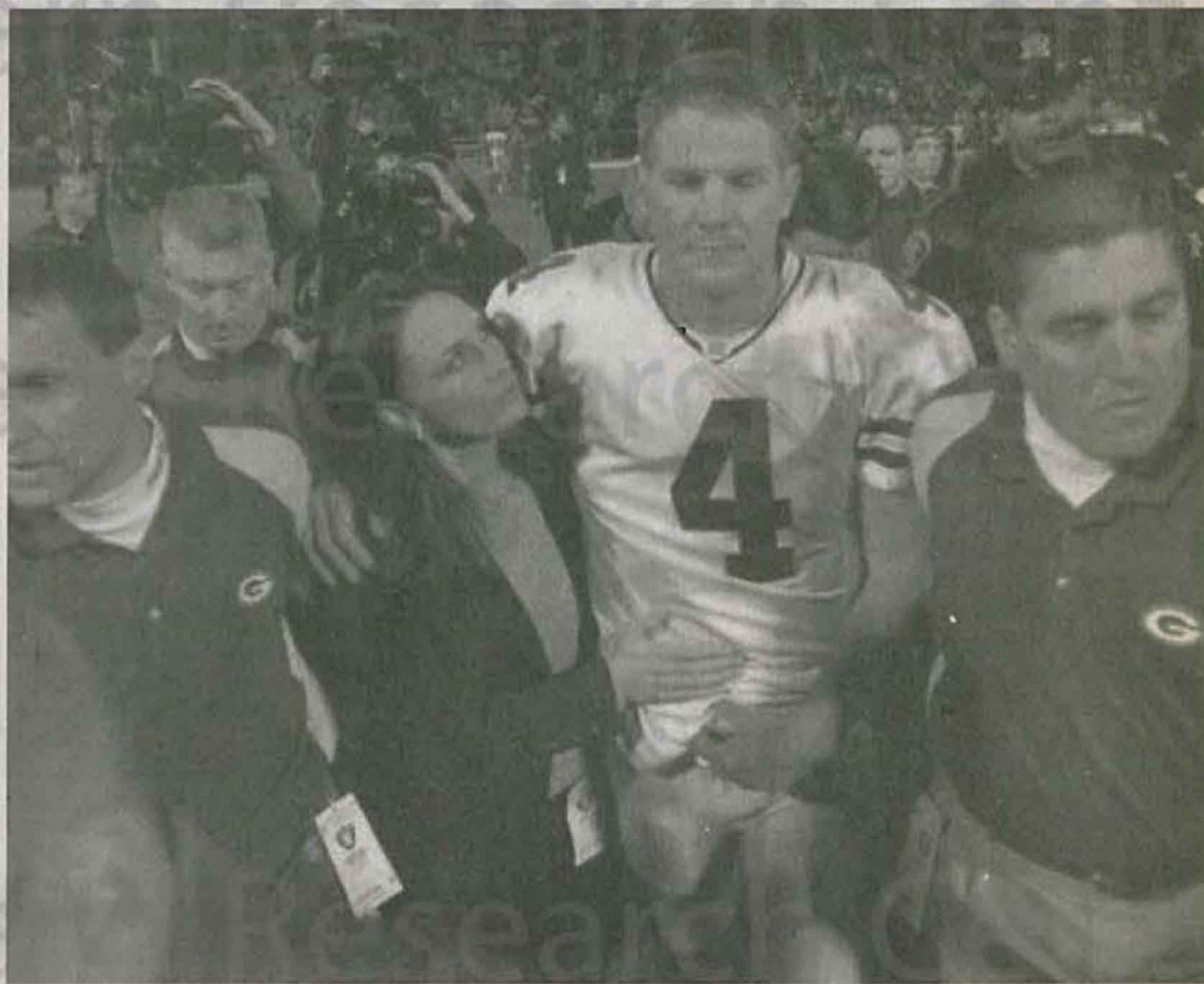
be a full recovery. But Deanna will need months of chemotherapy and radiation.

Brett does not consider himself a superman. "Sometimes life is difficult and at some point we all have to go through...and have gone through...some difficult situations, and I'm not the only person who's had to deal with them and rise to the occasion," Favre said. "So, I don't consider myself out of the ordinary."

Some of us can't understand how he can play football and deal with all of the other distractions still occurring in life. "I enjoy

playing the game," the Packers quarterback said. "It's a way to take my mind off of, at least for a brief moment, some of the things in my personal life."

This past Sunday the Packers defeated the Redskins 28-14. Despite playing with a sore hand, Favre was able to surpass John Elway's record and climb his was to the No. 2 position on the all-time completions list with 4,133.



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Brett Favre's wife Deanna Favre was diagnosed with breast cancer on October 14. The doctor expects her to make a full recovery, but says she will need months of chemotherapy.

West Scores Winning Goal in Win Over Bucknell

BY ED HILL
Special to The Hilltop

Washington, D.C., October 25—Dayna West scored the game-winning goal in the 72nd minute to lead Howard to a 2-1 win over Bucknell in a non-conference women's game at Greene Stadium.

A senior defender from Union, N.J., West scored unassisted when the ball ricocheted off the right goal and caromed in the corner of the net. It was the first goal of the season for West.

Bucknell (7-7-1) struck first when junior forward Suzanne Arata (LaPlata, Md.) scored following an assist from sophomore forward Jennifer Margolis (Englishtown, N.J.) in the 25th minute and took a 1-0 lead at

halftime.

The Bison (5-8-0) tied the game at 1-1 on a Michelle Williston (junior forward, Windsor, Conn.) goal in the 56th minute. Bucknell had chances to tie, but junior goalkeeper Lindsay Walton (Upper St. Clair, PA) recorded six saves that staved off their attempts and secured the victory.

It was only fitting that West provide the game-winning score on Seniors Night. West along with teammates Raneika Bean, Kamilah Bywaters and Sakira Cook were all honored during a halftime ceremony.

Howard closes out the 2004 home season on Tuesday, November 2 against Mount Saint Mary's at 4 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

Box Scores

Howard 2, Bucknell 1

Bucknell (7-7-1)	1
0	1
Howard (5-8-0)	2
0	2

GOALS: B: Arata, 25th minute; HU: Williston, 56th minute and West, 72nd minute.
ASSISTS: B: Margolis
SHOTS: B: 15; HU: 9
SHOTS ON GOAL: B: 7; HU: 3
SAVES: B: 1; HU: 6

Hartwick Defeats Howard, 5-1

BY ED HILL
Special to The Hilltop

Washington, D.C.—Edwin Ruiz scored one goal and assisted on four others to help 18th ranked Hartwick College defeat Howard, 5-1 in an Atlantic Soccer Conference (ASC) game at Greene Stadium.

A 5-8 senior forward/midfielder from Miami, Fla., Ruiz set up Phil Flannery on a header in the 23rd minute.

Ruiz then connected with Adam Mitchinson for the Hawks' second goal on a corner kick from the right side at the 27th minute.

Hartwick closed out the first half a little over a minute later when Ruiz teamed up with Tyler Hemming on a free kick

from the right side that resulted into a header.

The Hawks added their fourth goal four minutes into the second half when Ruiz took the ball up the left sideline and found Chris Jackson in front of the goal.

And then for good measure, Ruiz scored off a free kick from 25 yards out in the 64th minute.

The Bison's lone goal came on a penalty kick by Jerome Hyde in the final minute of the game.

Howard closes out the 2004 home season next Saturday against Philadelphia University in an ASC match at 2 p.m. It will be Senior Day.

Box Scores

Hartwick 5, Howard 1

Hartwick (11-2-3, 3-0)	3
2	5
Howard (3-8-3, 2-2)	1
0	1

GOALS: HARTWICK: Flannery, Mitchenson, Hemming, Jackson and Ruiz; HU: Hyde
ASSISTS: HARTWICK: Ruiz, 4
SHOTS: HARTWICK: 8; HU: 9
SAVES: HARTWICK: 0; HU: 2

Woodward Leads Howard to Road Win

BY ED HILL
Special to The Hilltop

Newark, N.J., Oct. 23, 2004—Brian Woodward scored two goals to left Howard University to a 2-1 win over New Jersey Institute of Technology in a Atlantic Soccer Conference (ASC) game on Saturday.

Woodward's goal, which came in the 66th minute and broke a 1-1 tie, was set up after a shot by teammate Jason Gross was saved, but was rebounded and knocked in from five yards out by Woodward.

Woodward got the Bison (3-7-2 overall, 2-1 in the ASC) on the board first when scored on an assist from Michael Okoh in the 18th minute.

The Highlanders (0-12) had an opportunity to tie the score late, but Howard goalkeeper Jason Williams came up with a big save to snuff out NJIT's attempt.

Box Scores

Howard 2, NJIT, 1

Howard (3-7-2, 2-1 in the ASC)	1	1	2
NJIT (0-12)	0	1	1

GOALS: HU: Woodward, 2 in 18th and 66th minutes; NJIT: Herrera, 57th minute.

ASSISTS: HU: Gross and Okoh; NJIT: None

SHOTS: HU: 13; NJIT: 11
SAVES: HU: 1; NJIT: 2



File Photo

Brian Woodward

Urban Legend Claims Kerry To Be Today's Victor

LEGEND, from Sports B4

New Orleans Saints 27-24 on Nov. 6. Vice president George Bush defeated Michael Dukakis on Nov. 8.

1992: Redskins lost to New York Giants 24-7 on Nov. 1. Bill Clinton unseated Bush on Nov. 3.

1996: Redskins defeated Indianapolis Colts 31-16 on Oct. 27. Clinton won re-election over Bob Dole on Nov. 5.

And during a Monday night

game in 2000, the Redskins lost to the Tennessee Titans 27-21. Coincidentally days later, democratic presidential candidate and Vice-President Al Gore then lost the controversial election to the Republican candidate, Gov. George W. Bush.

Redskins Head Coach Joe Gibbs told the Associated Press last week, "It's kind of amazing, you wouldn't think something like that would line up that many times."

So have the Redskins already predicted this year's election? No one knows for sure but according to Reuters, Sen. John Kerry told reporters

on his campaign plane, "I think it's a good tradition to follow. I think the country should stay with tradition, don't you?" And in a written statement issued after the Packers vs. Redskins game, Kerry said, "The Packers have done their part, this Tuesday I'll do mine."

Some other sports urban legends or parallels include the medal placement of the USA men's basketball team at the Summer Olympics. When the men do not return home with the gold, the incumbent Republican president lost the election.

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Bizzology:**Post-Poll Protection**BY VENUS B. TAYLOR
Business & Technology Editor

Today is the day that will determine the winner of one of the closest presidential races in American history. Though the aftermath (hopefully) won't parallel that of the 2000 election debacle, almost 50 percent of U.S. citizens will be unhappy with the president who takes office. No matter who prevails as the leader of this great nation after the polls close, all Americans have a right and responsibility to protect their own best interests.

Each contender for the White House possesses his own pros and cons. This is why it is up to us, the people of the United States, to provide a firm platform on which the president-elect should stand. To tell him what we want to see this country do and to tell him what we want this country to cease.

I come before you today, not as an advocate for any particular candidate or party, but as a business-minded young woman who is concerned about the bleak state of her nation's slowing economy. Whoever wins the election holds the key that unlocks the door to the solution, but we have the responsibility to hold him accountable for how and when he uses that key.

I'm sorry. I'll stop speaking in riddles. Here's the long and short of the matter.

President George W. Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry will both have their own personal interests in mind when they enter the Oval Office in January. Here's a perspective that, though slightly ridiculous, demonstrates my point: Bush will probably be most concerned with raising the price of oil, and Kerry will probably be most concerned with lowering the price of tomatoes. Both men are great businessmen and politicians. Personally, I admire that; however, the White House is not a place to conduct business deals and transactions. Save that for Wall Street.

Now don't get me wrong, I'll be the first to recognize the strong correlation between business and politics, but it is only beneficial to the people when that correlation contributes to the greater good, not to the pockets of a few wealthy individuals.

If we don't remain active in the political process after the polls close, then we will be stuck with a president who doesn't represent our interests because he doesn't hear them. Remember, only the squeaky door gets oiled.

Venus Taylor is currently protecting her interests as an American citizen by planning a rally and movement for the United States government to fund the living expenses for recent college graduates for one to two years while they get their feet wet and find themselves. If you would like to join in the cause, e-mail her at Bizzology05@yahoo.com.

Swing States Wary of Electronic VotingBY MONIQUE WOODS
Contributing Writer

Will Florida have a repeat of the 2000 general elections? Or will Ohio and Pennsylvania have their chance in the spotlight of controversy? Campaigns for both Kerry and Bush know the most important votes that will be cast in this election are in the states of Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The three swing states have already drawn media attention and are especially being watched by both campaign parties to guarantee that every vote is counted.

Freshman accounting major Latrice Jones, believes in her state of Ohio.

"I have confidence that my vote will be counted in this election," Jones said. "Just because the state is undecided as [to] who they want as President does not mean election officials do not know how to accurately count votes."

For the first time in history nearly one third of the votes cast in this election will be done on new technological advanced paperless voting machines. The new touch screen systems developed in an effort to rid counties from using the anti-



Residents of swing states like Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania are wary of the new electronic voting methods.

quated punch card system. After the 2000 elections, Florida law required that majority of the counties upgrade voting systems to meet new technological standards. Instead of having hanging chads, both parties anticipate problems with the new touch screen voting systems, which leaves no paper trail.

Donna Bryant, supervisor of Elections for Osceola County in Florida also had to upgrade the voting system in Osceola County. After examining all possibilities the county purchased a Diebold optical scanning system.

"The county task force

reviewed all of the voting machines and decided that they liked the optical scanning system best because unlike touch screens, the voter circles in the candidate of his or her choice and then slides the ballot into the machine which leaves a paper trail," Bryant said.

The Republican and Democratic parties both have attorneys on stand-by ready to take action just in case any election tabulation problems are suspected. The campaigns have set aside money in case a recount does occur in any of the swing states.

With both parties looking at Florida as a crucial decid-

ing state, Bryant has already anticipated the chances of a recount.

"We will have to process each ballot manually back through the machines only for the race that needs to be recounted," Bryant said. "If there seems to be an over or under vote, a canvassing board will then look at each ballot and decide the intent of the voter."

Freshman broadcast journalism major Malton Edwards believes there will not be a recount in this election.

"People are being more careful with their votes because of what happened in the 2000 election," Edwards said.

To ensure a fair system, she has already seen an increase in the amount of absentee ballots requested compared to previous years.

Voter turnout for this election is expected to exceed previous elections because of the new voting drives aimed at getting youth and minorities out to the polls. Celebrities even got involved to encourage fans to vote on Nov. 2 such as P. Diddy's Vote or Die Campaign and MTV networks 20 Million Loud Campaign.

Delta Airlines Eases Bankruptcy FearsBY SHENNETH DOVE-MORSE
Contributing Writer

Many students have started making plans to travel home for the holidays, especially those who live long distances from Howard University. When making travel plans, keep in mind that one major airline is having financial difficulties. Delta Airlines, the third largest airline in the country could file for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection soon.

According to an article in The Washington Post, the filing could be delayed if the airline is able to obtain \$1 billion in pay and benefit cuts it has sought from pilots, the carrier's only unionized workgroup. As of late, it appears that the airline will come to an accord with pilots, but even if the pilots agree with the concessions, a Chapter 11 filing is still an option on the table.

Some students at Howard such as senior advertising, public relations, and economics major Adele Rose has patronized Delta in the past.

"I don't actually fly that often, but I have flown with Delta to Atlanta before and found the service very good," Rose said. But Rose concedes that she doesn't really have an opinion on the airline's financial troubles.

Delta spokesman Anthony Black declined to comment to The Washington Post on a Chapter 11 filing. Black did say the airline is working with its pilots and debt holders in an effort to reduce costs and avoid Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"Given Delta's financial situation, there is no question that we are in a race against time, but we are doing every thing possible to do what we can outside of bankruptcy," stated Delta spokeswoman Patsy Mulcahy to The Washington Post.

If Delta is forced to claim bankruptcy, this would mean that the three major U.S. airlines would be operating under Chapter 11 protection at the same time. That hasn't

happened among the top 10 domestic airlines since 1992, when Continental, Trans World Airlines and America West were all operating under Chapter 11.

Some students like senior English major Vanessa Henderson believe competition is to blame for Delta's problems.

"The older airlines are being beat out by the newer, cheaper airlines," Henderson said. "I haven't heard of Delta having many initiatives for cheaper rates for customers so I can see why they are having financial difficulties."

According to The Washington Post, the major airline carriers are facing further difficulties in the traditionally weak travel seasons of the fourth and first quarters. Record high fuel prices also are weighing on the industry, as fuel is an airline's second-biggest cost after labor. Delta lost \$646 million in the third quarter or \$5.16 per share, compared with

\$164 million in the same period a year ago. It has accumulated more than \$6 billion in losses since 2001.

According to an article in USA Today, factors that have led to Delta's financial woes include the four hurricanes that hit the U.S. earlier this fall. The hurricanes had disastrous effects on Delta's southeastern operations and resulted in a revenue loss of about \$50 million. The rising costs of fuel has also worsened Delta's situation and led to a 63.1 percent price hike since September of last year.

Sophomore theatre major Kisa Willis is surprised to hear about Delta's financial problems and noticed that their prices were in the same range of other airlines when pricing tickets for a trip home.

"I hope that they straighten out their financial problems because if they don't that could potentially mean people will be out of their jobs and I would hate for that to happen," said junior marketing major Naliah Parsons.

**Investment of the Week: Tax Shelters**BY JORDAN SMITH
Contributing Writer

Going away to school can be a defining experience for many college students. This continuous course of life educates young scholars in the realm of academia and social life, but also in the domain of money and financial stability. For many students, the ability to manage their personal finances is delayed until after graduation and getting that first 'real' job. But by that point, for many students, it is too late. The sooner an individual commences his or her education in understanding his or her own personal finances, the greater chance he or she has in receiving a larger return.

An extremely misunderstood aspect of personal finance for many people permeates with their lack of knowledge concerning tax strategies. Some of the most popular tax strategies include maximizing deductions, income shifting and tax sheltering. The savings people make from employing these methods are quite rewarding, financially.

Maximizing deductions entails retrieving a list of all

possible deductions one may take out and going through each one to see if you qualify. This process, although meticulous, can add up to big savings. One strategy that people can employ to alleviate paying high taxes is income shifting. Income shifting is a tax-reducing technique in which a taxpayer diverts a portion of income to relatives in lower tax brackets. The only

major drawback to utilizing this technique is the after affects of a child whose parents perform this and is now trying to obtain financial aid in college.

Tax shelters are types of investments that provide non-cash tax write-offs in the form of depreciation, amortization, or depletion. The most common tax sheltering investments come in the form of real estate

and security purchases in natural resources.

So how is this relevant to a college student? Well, typically most people begin paying income taxes in college and sheltering income can be a beneficial way for a student to keep some of their money for school as opposed to giving it to the government.

An additional incentive to take into consideration when tax sheltering is, if managed correctly the investment can be a good retirement vehicle. The only drawback to tax sheltering is that a fairly substantial sum of money is generally needed that will be illiquid or difficult to access.

Effective tax strategies can be quite beneficial to those who seek the knowledge to understand them. The most important aspect to tax strategies is to search for the loopholes because the amount of money that can be saved from taxes can truly be significant. For more information on tax strategies and taxation, visit www.irs.gov.

**State of Economy To Decide Election**BY WHITNEY TEAL
Contributing Writer

With today's presidential election shaping up to be one of the closest races in history, the national issues that appear on the ballot are on everyone's mind. The nation's finances are no exception, with the dips and curves of America's economy being some of the biggest issues to pop up on the campaign trail and around Howard's campus.

Just days before the Nov. 2 election, the Conference Board, a business organization that produces various economic barometers released "The Index of Leading Economic Indicators", a measurement of "future economic activity" according to USA Today.

The index showed a "slowing in economic growth" demonstrated by low numbers for the month of September. These results piggyback on low indicator numbers for the months of August, July and June. Although this marks the fourth month that indicators have been down for America's economy, the Conference Board asserts that the waning numbers are not sufficiently low or prolonged to imply a negative economic trend.

Regardless of affirmations by the Board to the contrary, Howard students like freshman political science major and registered voter Jasmine Brown see indicator results as unpleasant omens, and as reflections on the current president.

"I definitely won't be voting for Bush after this," Brown said. "If he hasn't been doing well in his four years as president, he won't do well in the next four years, and I'll be coming out of college and needing a job."

Other Howard students agree with Brown. "These results are proof that we still need to be concerned about the economy," said freshman international business major and registered voter Ameerah Harris. "I don't want to vote for a president that can't secure the economy."

Some economic experts agree with students that they should be mindful of these results.

"[The September decline is] a clear signal that the economy is losing momentum heading into 2005," said Ken Goldstein, an economist for the Conference Board, according to USA Today.

Similarly, Ian Shepherdson, an economist for High Frequency Economics, told USA Today, "The index has fallen at a 0.3 percent annualized pace over the past six months, the worst performance since [the] period immediately before the war in Iraq."

Predictions among the experts were mixed. Shepherdson summarized, "Overall, weak and worse to come." While Goldstein also predicted that the economy will grow at a decelerated pace during the last quarter of 2004 and the first quarter of 2005, despite a 4 percent growth in the third quarter of this year.

However, chief economist for Banc One Investment Advisors Anthony Chan said, "It's encouraging." He also added that the indicators forecast a better economy in the future. Chan is confident that after the elections and the ultimate decline of energy costs, "consumer confidence" will increase. Also he expects "jobless claims and consumer goods orders to start to reverse course and put the leading indicators back in positive territory."

But regardless of expert opinions, students on Howard's campus are concerned about the future of the economy. "I worry about what is to come for our economy," said freshman accounting major Latrice Jones. "If either Bush or Kerry gets into office, I will still be concerned.

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"May the Blessings of Ramadan be upon you"

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The Muslim Students Association
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Fasting has been prescribed for you as it was
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restraint. Qur'an 2:183

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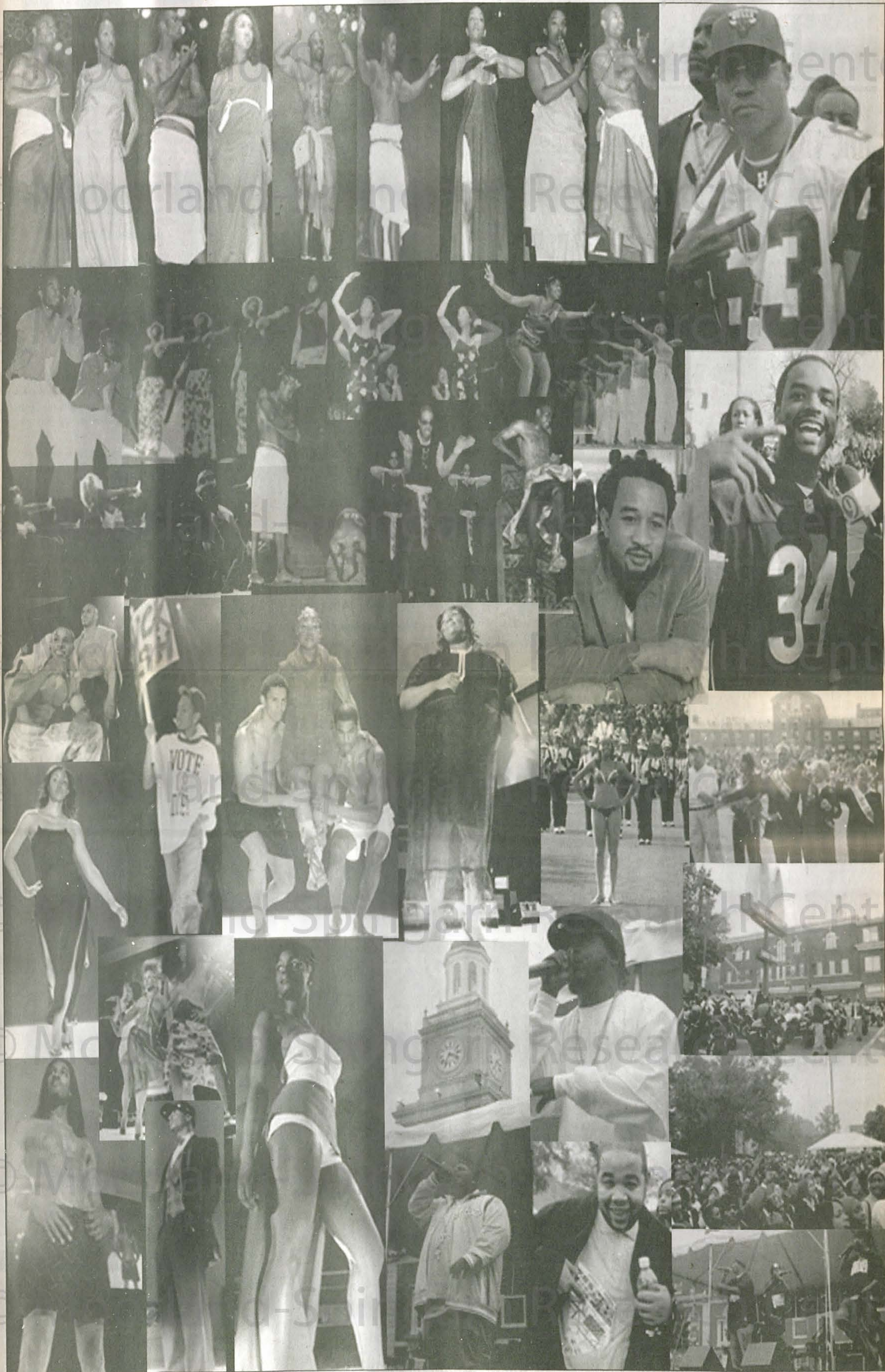
Wednesday, November 3, 2004

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7:00 pm

Come voice your concerns
to the
Chairs of the Departments!

Homecoming 2004: An Episodic Occurrence



All photos by Maya Gilliam

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, Vote for

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ANC1B01, in *Slowe and Carver-*

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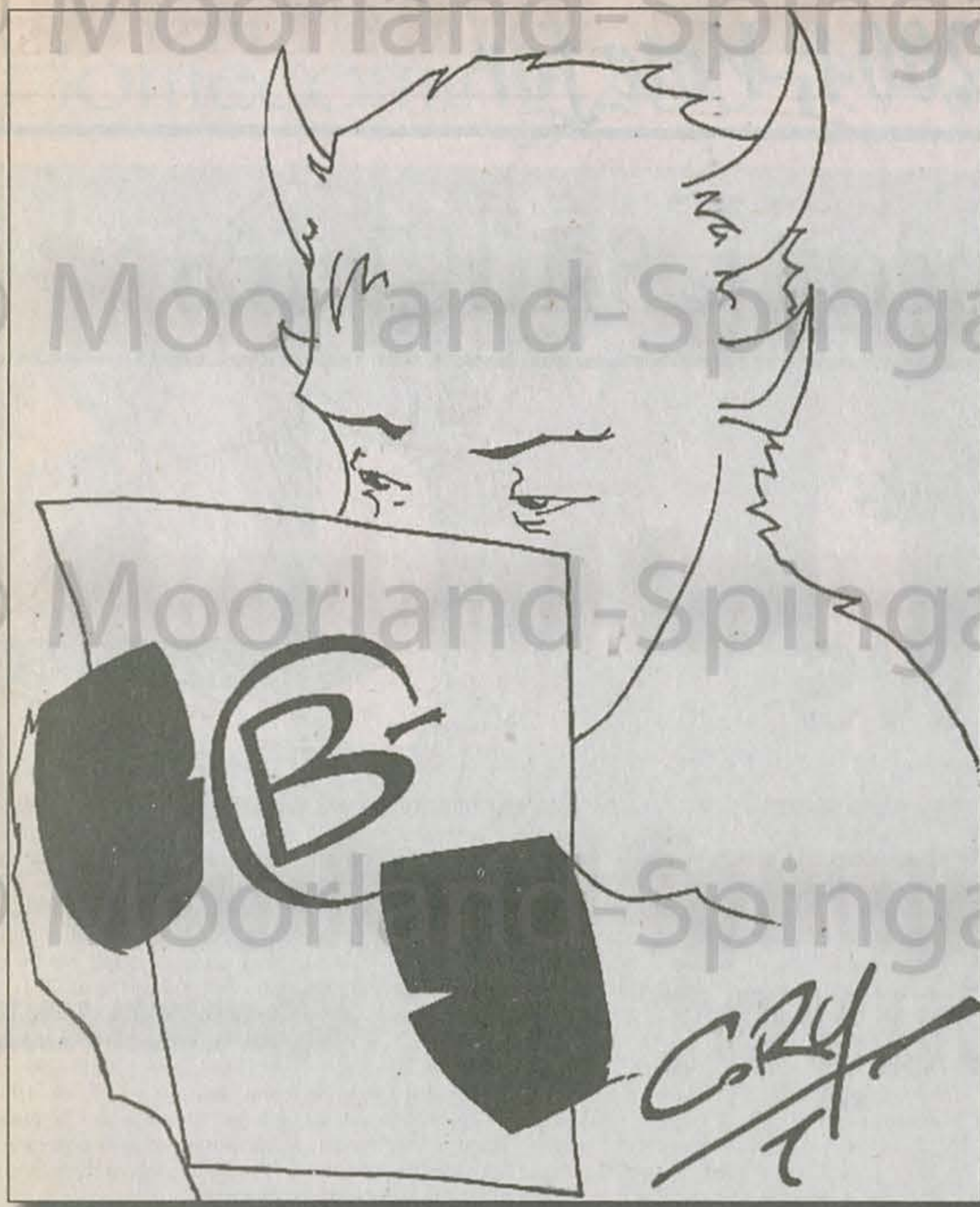
Jeff Smith ←

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The Hilltop got together to grade Homecoming this year to see if it was really "Something Like a Phenomenon." After examining the events and averaging the grades this is the verdict. Extra Credit was given where credit was due...

Pageant: With the theme "When We Think Of Home, We Think of A Place...Howard University," the pageant kicked off the week of Homecoming events pretty well. The event started on time, which was definitely appreciated, but the judge's introductions were too long. The microphones were also very low which made it hard to hear. The opening dance number with all of the contestants was enjoyable. We were a little put off by having a "filmed host" instead of a real one, especially when it came time for the question series.

This year the contestants didn't pull the questions out of a hat like they usually do, the previously recorded "host" read their questions off of the big screen. This made us wonder if the contestants were matched up with their questions; the whole ordeal seemed a little fishy. Speaking of the question-answer sections- the questions were really bad. Not all of questions were on the same level--some were easier than the others. The talents this year were really diverse which was refreshing. Overall, having recognizable contestants and watching them compete was what made the pageant fun.

Coronation Ball: Decorated with flashing green lights, yellow brick roads and sparkling star balloons, the Coronation Ball, appropriately-themed "Welcome to Emerald City," was a great continuation of the pageant. Everyone was really involved; the mix of music had everyone packed on the dance floor. Those who weren't dancing mingled at the tables while enjoying the food. We thought it was a little weird that they announced the dorms pageant winner in between the schools' winners and Mr. & Miss Howard. Despite that small blunder, the Ball was done well.

Gospel Concert: The Gospel Concert was extremely disappointing. Maybe it's because the headliner, Lisa McClendon, is barely an opening act. Unlike last year's headliner's The Clark Sisters, McClendon is not that popular in the gospel industry. We were proud of

our Bison who represented: the Howard Gospel Choir, Alpha Omega Steppers for Christ and the Bisonettes, who all did really well. Additionally, God's Image, the male group, did well. But there was no diversity in the acts. There is neo, hip-hop and go-go Gospel music, but none of that was reflected in the concert.

Comedy Show: Although the Comedy Show got off to a slow start with an opener that the crowd wasn't feeling, it picked up very well. The night's host Damon Williams was hilarious and so was the rest of the show! We were happy that this year the comedy show was actually that—a comedy show! Not a talent show like in previous years. The show was a little raw, maybe not so great for older alumni, but extremely funny nonetheless.

Fashion Show: This year's fashion show was truly phenomenal! Themed "Too Hot for TV," the show incorporated different TV shows into scenes. Our personal favorites were "Survivor," "Star Trek," and "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised." Incorporating animals, drag queens, and political symbols, the fashion show had the crowd at the edge of their seats. The animals, spaceship theme, choreography and revolution were great. Singer Lloyd appeared mid-show to everyone's surprise. In both shows, we loved the bright lights, models in the hottest fashions, the playlist that, for once, had songs that weren't all hip-hop and R&B, and the way that they had models of all sizes. The 7:00 p.m. show attendees were especially entertained by the hype dance troupe Direct Effect that dowed the audience with their dance routine. The 7:00pm show also had the pleasure of seeing a guest at the end of the show that was truly too hot for TV!

Yardfest: We understand that the weather messed up a large part of Yardfest, but other aspects of the event really dissatisfied us. The rumors and buzz had us antsy with anticipation for who was going to show up to the Yard and when we actually saw who "graced" the stage, we were very disappointed. Usually the unknown artists go first to build up anticipation for that one guest that gets everyone excited, but this year they had the artist that were "known" go early. Trick Daddy and Guerilla Black went first at 3:30 p.m. Then the concert was a jumbled mix of performances by Mr.

Cheeks, Dirtbag, Hollowpoint, and Lloyd (not in that order). We thought that they were building up for a better and more legit artist, but then Xzibit appeared last, which really made us scratch our heads. When is the last time that we heard a single from Xzibit? Or did he come to "Pimp our Rides?" We don't know, but the concert was horrible. Additionally, there were no games on the Yard or freebies. And maybe it was just us, but the vendors seemed to get a little more expensive. Yardfest is supposed to be the event that gets us all excited for the Homecoming weekend. Instead it was a bust.

R&B Concert: The smooth sounds of the R&B concert were a relaxing treat for anyone who was able to attend. Anthony Hamilton came armed with a full band and background singers that sung their hearts out. He truly connected with the crowd and even walked into the crowd a couple of times. With only a piano, his mic and his voice, John Legend put on a wonderful performance as well. New comer to the industry Keyshia Cole had all the ladies in the crowd snapping their fingers in agreement as she belted her second single "I Should've Cheated."

Reggae Concert: The D.C Tunnel was packed with people ready to groove to the island beats of the Reggae Concert. It was very well organized with two shuttles transporting the crowd to the event and organized lines getting everyone inside in quick fashion. The DJs got the crowd especially excited and everyone partied as they waited for the headline artist to make his appearance. When Bunji Garlin took the stage, the crowd went wild! The crowd finished his song for him and even got angry when he had to leave. The energy level reached extreme levels at the reggae concert with the crowd making the even more fun.

Parade: An event that is designed to garner school spirit and pride, the parade was hard to get into because it started really late and was extremely long. Local bands, high school bands and dancers made up the show. We also enjoyed the way that student organizations were represented in the parade. Our biggest complaint of the parade is that the Battle of the Bands, hosted by LL Cool J in the valley, was going on at the same time

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Homecoming Report Card

REPORT, from E&P B10

as the game. So if you went to that, you would miss the game, for reasons listed below. There should've been a better scheduling of events so that people could see everything.

The Game: Hundreds of people flocked to Greene Stadium to watch the Bison game on Norfolk State. The game could've been a great event, except for there was absolutely no order to the lines! Students couldn't get in the line that was supposed to be for them. This line, towards the back of the stadium, was held while people in the front of line were allowed to go in and take all the seats. The "reserved" section for Swygert and friends was huge, which left many people out of their seats. The kicker came when they stopped letting people into the stadium, which left many alumni who had traveled from across the country to see the event with a seat on the Yard to enjoy the game on the Jumbotron. People were furious as they lined up in front of Cramton to get their money back. So if you didn't get into the game, you may have had a horrible experience. But for those who somehow made it into Greene and got a seat, the game was fun. The band kept the crowd engaged with their show also got everyone excited. The Yard was packed as people who didn't make it into the game watched it on the Jumbotrons. One thing we did miss was our mascot! Where were the Bison? At least our team won 35-17, so even though not all of us got to see our guys go to victory: Go Bison!

Step Show: This year's location of the Step Show was way better than in previous years. There was actually enough room for everyone to see, especially with the big screens. While Greeks did step their shoes off, the worst thing about the step show was that is

was really, really long. It seemed even longer with the same three commercials that played over and over again. There were also a lot of long pauses in the show as the DJ played snippets of songs and then shut the song off as everyone started to get hype. Also, the lights shut off at times when they weren't supposed to.

The Overall Mood: This year the hype around Homecoming was more than lacking. Usually we see and hear the advertisements for Homecoming way in advance, but this year it felt like the committee waited a long time to get us excited for our beloved week. We don't understand why they waited a long time to really advertise for Homecoming, considering the fact that the tickets went on sale in August. While some events were good, lines at events were ridiculous and frustrating, which could've been avoided if they had more staff instead of just one person manning the line. One thing we did appreciate was the fact that Homecoming was later because midterms were out of the way and we could really leave school behind for a moment. But overall, Homecoming this year just didn't live up to the "Homecoming hype." The year, the parties overshadowed the events as people seemed more worried about their outfits and how to make it to the club without having to pay \$100 than they did attending events that are usually fun. It just seemed like Homecoming lost some of its luster this year. There wasn't even anyone on Georgia Avenue like there usually is! A phenomenon it wasn't, this year, Howard Homecoming was just...all right.

Homecoming Yardfest Was a Curse-fest

AKIKI KIZZA

Homecoming week has come and gone. Depending on your preferences, you either enjoyed the entire week or you might have been disgusted by some events.

Well, I should say that maybe I'm not qualified to comment on Friday's Yardfest because I don't understand the hip-hop culture, but honestly speaking, the verbal diarrhea that occurred on stage was unthinkable. No wonder WHUT-32 doesn't do live broadcasts of such events because the FCC would have made a profit through indecency fees.

It was unfortunate that the performers decided to use curse words to spread their messages. In the beginning, I tolerated the first artist because I thought it was hip to listen to such garbage. The crowd screamed their lungs out and everyone enjoyed the show.

However, as different performers came to the stage, I couldn't stand the constant four-letter verbal attack. All over sudden it was mother-f---!!! this and f--- that and b--- etc. I felt sad when one rapper said that all b--- should shout out and almost all the ladies in the audience shouted with glee.

This was my first live hip-



hop show and I realized that I couldn't skip a song simply because it had curse words. Since this was a public show, I thought precautions should have been in place to discourage the unfortunate verbal assault. You might say that I had a choice of leaving if I was offended by it, but I couldn't because I simply didn't believe what I heard.

A friend of mine realized that I was concerned about the show but he told me not

to worry because according to him, that was hip-hop culture and it was okay for the artists to call them such obscenities or even to say, "You n--- better f--- vote on Tuesday."

Well, I guess that is one aspect of hip-hop culture I didn't agree with. I kept on imagining what my poor mother would have felt if she came all the way from Uganda on Friday and heard what was said on stage. I'm sure that her perceptions (negative) of the young

African-American generation would be solidified by that sick verbal barrage.

Even though good things happened during the show, such as a good MC job by the student from the School of Communications, the bad language overshadowed them. It's obvious that not all Howard students use that kind of language but it was sick to realize that some of them enjoy using it and it appeals to them in various ways.

The Vibe at Howard Not In Herre

GERARD ROBINSON

L. Michael Flanagan's article "The Vibe at Howard: Hot in Herre," which appeared in the October 21, 2004 edition of Sports Illustrated (SI), is very interesting. As a Howard graduate who has attended a number of homecoming activities at the Mecca dating back to 1987, I can attest to the euphoria. Parties, concerts, fashion shows, and beauty and brain pageants are part of the festivities. So are fundraising efforts to support the academic integrity of the university. But since this aspect of Howard's homecoming was not the topic

of discussion in this article, I'll save that discussion for another commentary. What I cannot leave unchallenged, however, is the article's semiotics (i.e., the communication of messages through symbols and signs).

For example, the exaggerated association of Howard's homecoming to a multicolored-version of Woodstock is one thing. And the picture of a young Black man holding his private parts (or something close to it) is another. Surely this is not the type of image or message some Howard alumni want marketed to the American public. Now trust me. Homecoming at Howard surely

has its diverse modes of theatrical expression. And there is a place for it. But there is also a place for tasteful coverage of Howard's homecoming. And the picture in the SI article is not one of them. Given the fact that those living inside and outside the black community are persistently molesting the Black male image, additional food for fodder is unwarranted. Particularly when the venue is Howard University.

My Alma Mater has, since the 1860s, educated Black men to live above the stereotypes perpetuated in (though accepted as true decades before the production of) The Birth

of A Nation or its present-day adaptations articulated in music videos. With that said, I do understand the some-what, light-hearted "keeping it real" theme underlining Flanagan's article. Because I am sure, at some level, Flanagan simply wants to promote Howard as America's true homecoming university - a title some Howard alumni cherish. But surely the vibe at Howard's homecoming is bigger than debauchery, bling-bling and booty. So the next time SI covers Howard's homecoming, I hope it more carefully chooses how to articulate to its readership the meaning and message of our event.

Technology "Bits, Bytes and Word"

GARY HUNTER

I work for ISAS in the iLAB, in the ResNet area. You can frequently hear me saying "Why do you treat your computer so bad?" or "Be good to your computer and it will be good to you." I have previously consulted, and from the number of repeat questions I receive working in the iLAB, and from the scary practices I have observed in the HU community, it seems like a good time to provide a few "nybbles" (tech talk for small amounts of information).

BIT

If you own a windows based machine and down in the lower corner of your screen (usually near the time) you see a small globe with the Windows Logo icon on the top left hand corner of it (some say it looks like a book) with a balloon above it saying something along the lines of "Updates are ready for your computer. Click here to download these updates," or you see a message that says, "Updates are ready for your computer. Click here to install these updates" it is VERY ADVISABLE to click there and install the updates! On computers with XP service Pack 2 the message is given by a shield with an exclamation mark "!"

BYTE

Today's byte is a "Suggested Purchase" which is the "USB Flash Drive" also called... keychain drive, USB drive, pen drive, thumb drive, jump drive, keychain drive, flash drive, disk-on-key, and fob among other names. This drive is what I like

to call computer people jewelry (I can be found rocking them in a few flavors from time to time myself). For the conventional public this is a floppy disk / CD-R/RW replacement for carrying data around with them. They come in a variety of sizes... 16MB - 12 floppy disks, 32MB - 23 floppy disks, 64MB - 46 floppy disks, 128MB- 92 floppy disks, 256MB - 183 floppy disks, 512MB - 366 floppy disks, all the way up to 4GB ~ 2900 floppy disks (6 CDs or about 1 DVD of stuff)!

Combine its size, which is usually about the same as an average adult's thumb (hence the term thumb drive), along with the amount of information that it can hold, and add to that the convenience of use, a USB Flash Drive is almost a must own for anyone who needs to store lots of documents, pictures, large presentations, spreadsheets, music, etc. Flash Drives can be plugged directly into a computer running MAC OS 9x - X, Windows versions ME, 2000, XP Home, XP Professional, 2003, and Longhorn, and some versions of UNIX, and LINUX with no additional setup. For machines running Windows 9x, Mac OS 8.x, and other versions of UNIX and LINUX there are drivers you can download and install for support.

As students, I know price is an issue to a lot of you; So, I have searched all of the general technology stores in the area (Best Buy, CompUSA, Radio Shack, Circuit City, Staples, and Office Depot) and CompUSA

came out on top with USB Flash Drives starting at \$12.99 plus tax for 16-32MB sizes. Almost every store has a USB Flash Drive from the \$20-\$50 range (32MB - 256MB) that will do for most general use. If you want to put out a little more money you can get a USB Flash Drive with a few extras like; camera, mp3 player, fingerprint reader, or built-in software. These extra features usually require some software to be installed for their use. Even with one of these devices ALWAYS keep a backup copy of your data on your computer; everything man makes is subject to failure!

WORD

SMILE! In your interpersonal it is one of the most powerful things you own. Most of the time, you will get better service if you approach someone with a good attitude and smile the whole time. Next registration give it a try; when you walk in a room full of upset people with angry faces, smile, be happy and polite the whole time, and I will almost guarantee you will receive than the frowners. When was the last time you were in a rush to help someone who was nasty towards you? Smile! The internet even has a "smiley face" subculture; there are products you can buy with 10,000 different smiley faces in them.

These are just a few suggestions on better computing; take them as you like.

As the expression goes... "That's my Word" ;)

Dear Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Beta Chapter,

This is V. Renee Alsop, the 2004 Homecoming Treasurer. Speaking on my own behalf, I would formally like to apologize to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Beta Chapter for the mistakes that were made when presenting you all your 2004 Homecoming Greek Step Show award on Saturday, October 30th.

By no means was this intentional, I respect the history of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and hope that there are no hard feelings as a result of my actions. Many of you I know and respect, and hope that you see my mistakes as truly mistakes and not as disrespectful. I have learned so much from this incident and repeatedly wish and hope you understand that I also was affected by my presentation. No words can express my sincerity, my actions were not meant to be malicious or harmful.

Your hard work was shown and I do not want to take that day away from you all. I hope that my sincere apology does not go unnoticed and the hard work of both the Homecoming Steering Committee and your Chapter will not be outweighed by my mistake. Thank you for your participation and I truly hope that we can move forward from this incident.

Again, my sincere apology goes out to not only the members that were present but also to all members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated who may have been offended by my mistake.

Sincerely,

V. Renee Alsop

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2004 Homecoming Treasurer

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SHAUNDA GRISBY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ms. Howard 98, instead of criticizing the current Pageant Coordinator, next time- offer assistance BEFORE the pageant- and for the record- I enjoyed the Coronation Ball- thanks Shake Them Haters Off- Shake Them Haters Off.....
this has been a word from our sponsors

It's time for another Georgia Club Meeting
When: Wednesday, November 3
Where: Blackburn Hilltop Lounge
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Words from the EIC...
I have a large section, so I have a lot to say. Again it is 11:00pm and I am making photo captions because section editors for Tuesday staff did not do their work, I am highly disappointed. We all had homecoming, but that's no excuse. When I come back next week, I expect 100 times better.
Alvedo-Happy Birthday
Robin-Stick with The Hilltop. I know it is hard sometimes, but it will pay off
Stacey Gates-Thanks for the help with the photo captions. My eyes were hurting to

badly.
Arion-For once we didn't fight. Am I seeing a trend?
Erica-Glad to see you in the office on a Monday.
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Keith-Your slipping. What happened?
Rhasheema-Get better. I can't do this without you. You are my backbone.
Weldon-I miss you baby. Come back soon.
Even though I am gone this week don't think I don't know what's going on!!!!