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 Today: Sunny
 High 37, Low 21
 Saturday: Sunny
 High 42, Low 25
 Sunday: Light
 High 37, Low 32

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Vendors Ticketed for Health Violations

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
 Asst. Campus Editor

Police and health inspectors abruptly ended the business day of the three College Avenue vendors Wednesday for noncompliance with health regulations, including the improperly refrigerated hot dogs.

"They have regulations that they have to abide by and when they're not in conjunction—especially when they have improper refrigeration where the hot dogs are not at a constant 45 degrees—we shut them down," said Sergeant Alvin Johnson, patrol officer and former member of the District Vending Unit.

When health inspectors measured the temperatures of the coolers in which vendors Fatimah Bah, Fatimah Lee and Gibril Mansaray keep their hot dogs, the temperatures ranged from 53-54 degrees.

Lee, who has been vending at Howard for seven years, attributes the inappropriate cooler temperatures to the rising temperatures outside.

"I did not think it would be hot like this today, so the ice was

short," she said.

According to Johnson, health inspectors arrived on the scene after receiving a complaint from a student that a hot dog had made him sick. As students milled in front of the vending stands throughout the ordeal, they recalled their experiences with the food.

Many protested the food was satisfactory despite the recorded higher-than-regulation temperatures.

Frequent customer, Odiri Dafe, gave the stands positive reviews.

"Whatever temperature they refrigerate them at is absolutely fine because the hot dogs taste good, the beef patties taste good, the coco bread is good," said Dafe, a sophomore political science and classics major. "I've never gotten sick from it."

He also said the food stands were better than other campus options.

"I think its much more nutritional than a lot of things they serve at our café," Dafe said.

Some students have become

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Patrick Jackson, Staff Photographer

Three local vendors were shut down on Wednesday when it was discovered that the hot dogs that they served were sitting at the wrong temperatures. These vendors were fined.

Panel Debates Black Vote

BY MELANIE HOLMES
 Campus Editor

President and CEO of Graham Williams Group Armstrong Williams and 2004 presidential candidate Rev. Al Sharpton were among five panelists to lead a discussion on the future of the Black vote Wednesday morning in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel.

The event was hosted by Campus Progress, a new branch of the Center for American Progress designed to strengthen progressive voices on college campuses nationwide.

Dr. Keith Jennings, president and founder of the African-American Human Rights Foundation, Gregory Moore, executive director of the NAACP National Voter Fund and Alexis McGill, executive director of Citizen Change, completed the panel and offered their perspectives on the power of the Black vote in the American political system and how their organizations are attempting to strengthen the power of the Black vote.

Sharpton stated that one of his reasons for running for U.S. president was to deal with Black issues, but now feels that Black voters are at a crossroad.

"Voting is like dating," Sharpton said. "You have to turn people on in order to turn people out. We can no longer come to college campuses and tell students to vote just because it's nice when they're not getting anything from it. We must begin to demand something for our vote."

According to Jennings, three factors must be considered when dealing with the future of the Black vote: what happened in the 2000 election regarding Democratic Presidential Candidate Al Gore and President George W. Bush, "the continuing systematic flaws" in the American political system and where the Black vote is concentrated.

Due to the majority of Southern states that voted in favor of Bush in the 2004 election, Jennings suggests that even though the time period has changed, much of the South has remained the same.

"The African-American vote was a very sophisticated vote," he said. "But I think it's obvious that the Black vote is concentrated in the South. It's very clear that the history of the South is very much present."

However, Williams feels that Black voters clinging to the Democratic Party is the main problem regarding the Black vote and implied that if Blacks continue clinging to the Democratic Party, the gains made during the Civil Rights Movement could be retracted. He believes Black voters should balance themselves between the Democratic and Republican Parties.

"The over-concentration of Blacks in the Democratic

See VOTE, News A5

Parsons Teams with School of Communications



Mark King, Staff Photographer

CEO of Time Warner Richard Parsons introduced a new partnership between the John H. Johnson School of Communication and his company on Wednesday.

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
 Asst. Campus Editor

Richard Parsons, chairman and CEO of Time Warner, and School of Communications Dean Jannette Dates introduced the Time Warner Program at a taping at the WHUT studio on Wednesday.

The Time Warner Program is a partnership between Time Warner and the School of Communications that will allow students to be taught by both professors and working professionals.

According to Kira Calm Lewis, special project coordinator, the program will focus on a different subject each semester. It is set to begin in the fall of 2005 with the writing as its main focus.

"There is writing in every field of communications,"

Lewis said. "The students in each concentration will learn how writing is present in their field."

Each professor will be paired with a professional and work together to decide the outline of the class. Students reacted positively to the announcement at the taping.

"Having a professional from an actual bureau is something you could never pay for," said Krystin Ramlogan, a freshman radio, TV and film major. "The program seems to be a good opportunity for all students."

Moderated by Dates, Parsons also answered questions about the industry and Time Warner during the taping. He explained that his company monitors many dif-

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CEASC Career Fair Pleases Students

BY ADAM VICKS
 Contributing Writer

Booths with representatives from some of the country's top companies and institutions lined the halls of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer Science with at the college's annual career fair yesterday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sheryl Witherspoon, the career development coordinator in the School of Engineering, said the career fair has been around for more than 25 years. This year, she noted that half of the student body in the School of Engineering showed up to the career fair.

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Alumna Gives RTVF Students Encouragement

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
 Hilltop Staff Writer

When Dackeyia Simmons Sterling was a student at Howard University in the early 1990s, she majored in broadcast journalism and worked two jobs to help pay for school.

In her junior year, she realized that she did not want to pursue a career in journalism and decided to follow her true dream of producing made for TV movies.

It was then that she began to compile a list of contacts in the television and film industry, which now almost ten years later has turned in to two editions of an insider's guide to the entertainment industry called Entertainment Power Players: A Premier Television, Motion Picture, and Music Business Directory.

On Wednesday, Sterling shared her long road to success and tips on how to break into the entertainment industry with undergraduate and

graduate students in the John H. Johnson School of Communications.

One of the points that Sterling impressed upon the students was to make a four part action plan and follow it to the letter.

She challenged the audience to make a plan including a list of 10 people working in the industry that they admire, why they admire each person, contacts they have who know those people, and alternative plans to make it in the industry if they can not meet the people on their original list.

"To make it in the industry, you have to either know somebody or you need to be somebody...the fact that you are at Howard makes you somebody already."

Throughout the seminar, Sterling highlighted important information from her book and gave her personal contact information for students to ask

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Nicole Reed, Staff Photographer

Howard Alumna Dackeyia Simmons spoke to School of Communications undergraduate and graduate students on how to break into the entertainment industry.

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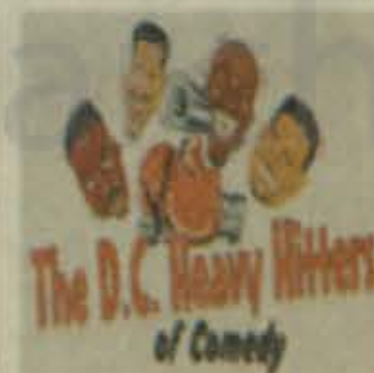
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Which team is headed to a MEAC championship...

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Need a good laugh? Comedy show headed to area...

Life & Style...B4

VOICES & VIEWS

Do you feel that President's Day is a necessary holiday?



Howard Bullard Senior Television Production

"Yes. I am grateful for President's Day. The reason being, it allows me to go hard Sunday night, and then sleep in on Monday."



Shyah Dickerson Sophomore Public Relations

"No. I do not believe President's Day is necessary. I never fully understood the significance of it. However, I do appreciate the day off."



Andre Jackson Junior Political Science

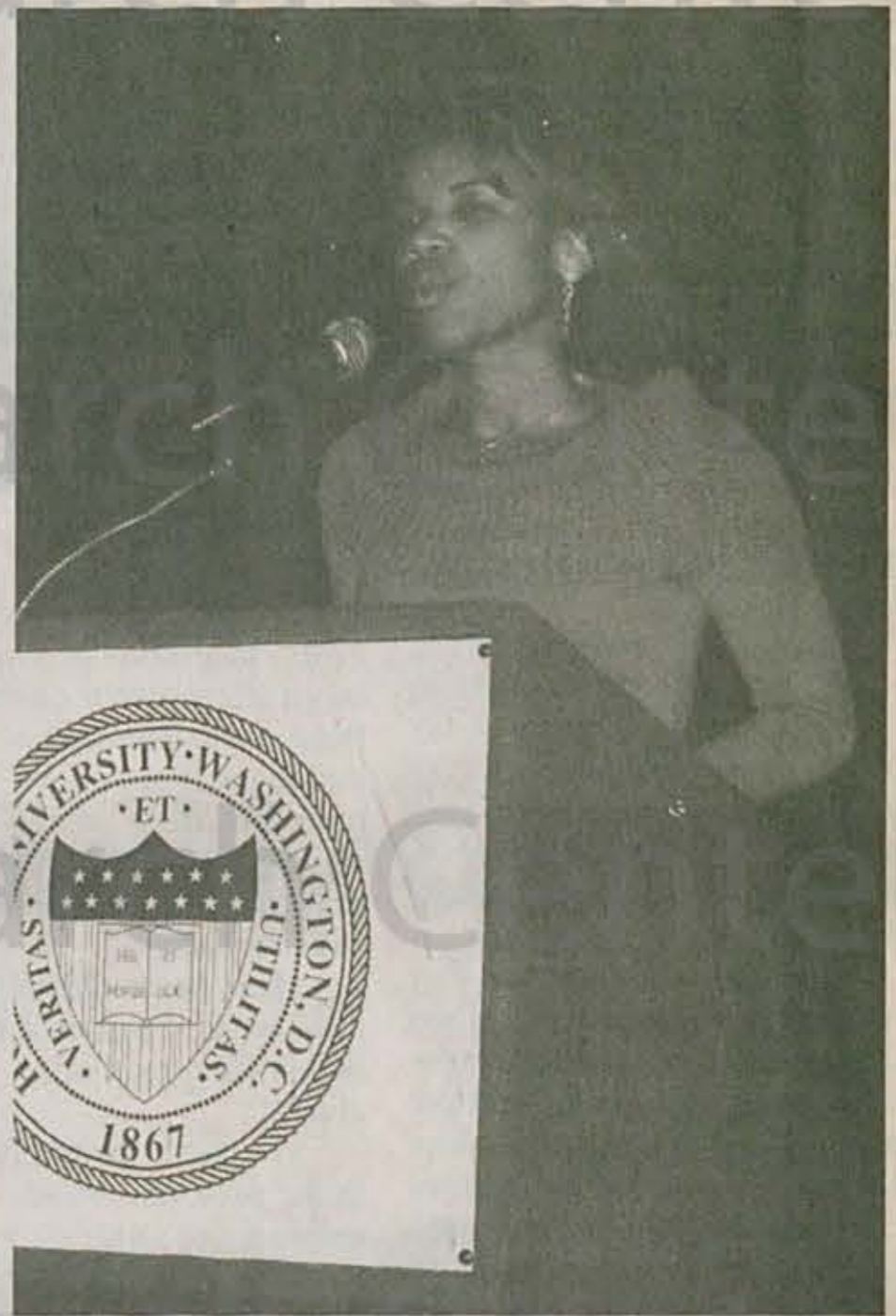
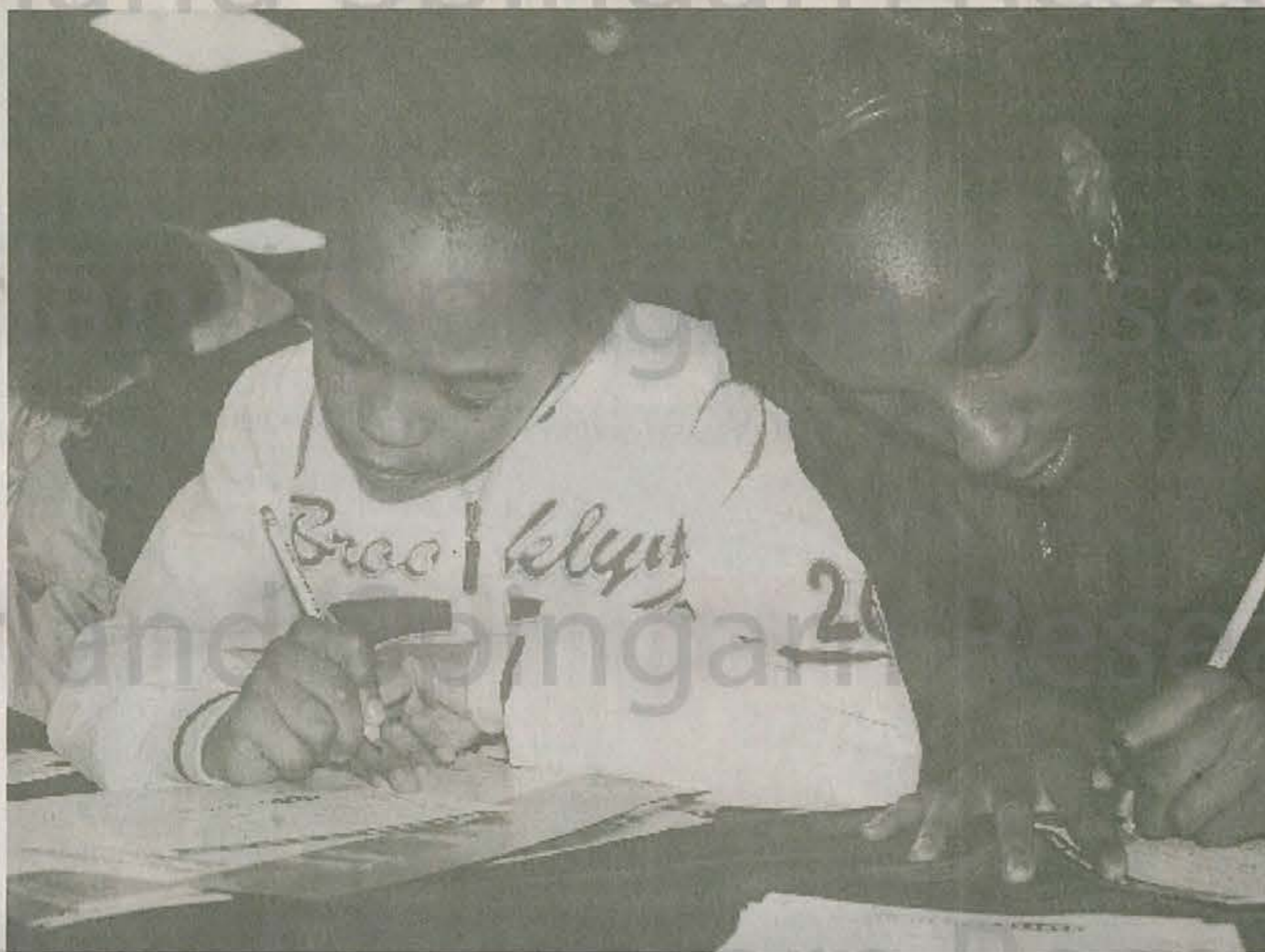
"Yea, it's necessary. Any day out of school is cool."



Japonica Gilbert Junior Advertising

"Yes, I feel that presidents have done a lot for our country they should be recognized one day and everyone in the United States should have the day off to appreciate the presidents, not just Washington, D.C."

Photos by Alvedo Alexander



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

On Wednesday, Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held its 13th Annual Woman to Woman Conference, moderated by Kemba Smith and was entitled, "Sisters Lets Talk: Actualizing Our Potential, Building Pathways to Possibility." Smith encouraged young women to 'be careful who they associate with.'

Conference Urges Women to Pursue Goals

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

The 13th Annual Woman to Woman Conference, sponsored by Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., aptly entitled "Sisters Lets Talk: Actualizing our Potential, Building Pathways to Possibility," served to inspire more than 500 metropolitan adolescent ladies to achieve their dreams.

"I hope they are able to realize that no matter what their beginning or their middle, that their end is endless, and there are no boundaries to what they can do in life," said Shawn Yancy, local Fox 5 news co-anchor.

Throughout the conference, the young women were introduced to female Howard students and established professional women.

"I believe it is notable that these distinguished black women that have come here today are the best in their fields,"

Yancy said.

Yancy delivered the opening ceremony speech in a demonstrative style. She presented the girls with a couple of tasks. Holding up a 20-dollar bill, she instructed one girl to try to take the money from her hand. When the girl simply took the bill, Yancy explained that was what needed to be done in life.

"Don't just try for what you want," she said. "Take what you want in life."

Yancy then held another 20-dollar bill up, and asked the audience who wanted the money. The hundreds of girls stood and hollered that they were the ones who wanted it the most. In the end, there were only two girls who understood the lesson and ran to the stage for the bill.

"In life, you have to go for what you want," Yancy said. "There are many who will say they want something, but there are few who go get it."

The demonstrations made an impression on the girls.

"I understand what she means about 'go for what you want,'" said Stephanie Benson, a junior at School Without Walls, in Northwest, D.C. "I just wish I had figured it out sooner."

The girls attended a luncheon that featured a full course meal, entertainment, and the survival story of Kemba Smith. She is now a motivational speaker who travels the country speaking to teens about the criminal justice system and her life-changing experience. After showing a tape of her incarceration, she began to tell of the events that led up to that moment.

Smith was an outstanding high school student, involved in school and extracurricular activities. With positive aspirations for her life, the Virginia native attended Hampton University, after graduating at the top of her high school class. It was there that her life would change forever.

As a result of low-self esteem, a new-

found freedom and a yearning to fit in, Smith began to date a high profile crack cocaine dealer. For the first few months, the life was luxurious and the best ever. Smith now remembers the shopping sprees with endless limits.

When her boyfriend's behavior turned violent, she remained in the relationship, under the impression that she was "in love." Smith explained that, although she too had seen the numerous talk shows with abused women and wondered why they would stay; she just could not leave the man who was destroying her life.

"I felt a lot of girls needed to hear [Smith's] story because it is something that can happen to anybody," said co-chair of the conference, Paris Pickett. "I know a lot of older men try to prey on young girls, especially young girls at the high schools age, and they get in situations they can't get out of."

Eventually her drug-dealer boyfriend

See WOMEN, News A8



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

Recent changes at Loco Moe's, formerly known as Jasmine's Pizza, has some Howard students curious over the menu selections.

Loco Moe's Receives Mixed Reviews

BY RAYNA LUCIER
Contributing Writer

With an "all you can eat" salad, pasta and pizza buffet and a check cashing area in construction, Loco Moe's 24-hour barbecue-to-go and catering is making its desire to be the Howard University student's restaurant of choice known.

However, the restaurant has made changes within the past three months, causing some students to abandon the restaurant entirely. Formerly called Jasmine's Pizza, the eatery was placed under new management and closed for reconstruction last semester. It reopened as a soul food restaurant but recently reverted back to serving pizza.

"It was time for the restaurant to evolve," said Loco Moe's manager Tandy Marshall. He believes that the alteration of the menu is pointing toward success, but added that a major reason for the menu change was financial.

"Not many people came in for soul food, which turned into having too much inventory for food that was not even being purchased," he said.

Marshall also stated that the restaur-

ant is trying to submit to the demands of the community by keeping up with its competitors, Subway, McDonald's and Five Guys Burgers and Fries. In order to stay in the race, Loco Moe's is now offering a more "college student oriented" menu for \$4.49.

"I want to appeal to as many people as possible at a reasonable price," said Marshall, who lowered the price original price of \$4.99 due to customer's complaints.

Though Marshall has his own formula as to what Howard University students are looking for in a menu, the Howard community has various opinions on the former Jasmine's Pizza and the new Loco Moe's.

"The food was really great, especially at those prices," said fourth-year business management major Brandon Miller of Jasmine's Pizza. "The sauce on the pizza was just right. I also liked their ice cream, you know, for those hot days."

Sophomore finance major Steven Hughes disagreed.

"Even though Jasmine's was in a very good location, I didn't feel that

See LOCO, News A8

Students Openly Discuss 'Sex Matters'

BY JABARI SMITH
Contributing Writer

This Valentine's Day, Howard students were treated to a dose of sex education when HU peers hosted "Sex Matters," a forum that addressed several issues related to sex. The forum, which was hosted by three members of HU peers, who are also peer health educators, opened with a discussion on the sexual prowess of men and women and the reasons they want sex.

"The psychological aspects of sex are different for men and women," said senior nutritional sciences major Wali Farid. "I think women have sex for totally different reasons than men. Women are looking for love, whereas men are looking for self-gratification." Senior psychology major Natalie Jean said that gender roles are transforming.

"More women are being sexually active and aggressive and having multiple partners," Jean said.

Sophomore psychology major Cherise Matthews was most interested in this topic.

"It's such a double standard," Matthews said. "Society separates males and females in regards to sexual activity and I think we should be on a level slate." The topic soon shifted from the sexual aggressiveness of men and women to the issues of infidelity and HIV/AIDS.

The discussion on infidelity led the hosts and audience members to conclude that cheating is defined as more than just sex, including holding hands, kissing and sharing your feelings and emotional thoughts with someone other than your companion.

However, the forum, reached its climax when the topic of men on the down low was brought to the floor. Audience members debated back and

forth about the epidemic that is growing at an alarming rate in the African-American community.

Jean made it evident to those in attendance that she has had no qualms about confronting men whose sexual preference she was unsure about.

"I have blatantly asked men whether or not they are gay if I feel they have tendencies I should worry about," she said. Other topics of discussion included why many students choose not to get tested for sexually transmitted diseases, in which most students agreed that most young people are negligent and do not believe they will contract a disease. Students found the dialogue to be interesting as well as informative.

"Being from the Caribbean, I'm getting a perspective on sexual culture in America," said Carley Trotman, a freshman international business major. "I don't know why people would lie about their sexual preference."

Honesty is the best policy and that concerns cheating too." Junior health management major Jacqueline Gaither enjoyed the forum and left feeling enlightened because she felt that it helped promote awareness in the Howard community.

"It was important to have this on Valentine's Day because it is important for Howard students to have open discussion about issues regarding sex, such as HIV/AIDS, abstinence and men on the DL," said Gaither, who is also a member of HU peers. Dr. Carolyn Goode, health education coordinator at the Student Health Center, hopes that more programs like "Sex Matters" will be sponsored on Howard's campus.

"Programs like this one provide students with the opportunity to directly talk to one another in a non-threatening open format," Goode said. "Students, without a doubt, learn better from other students."

College Democrats Find Direction of Party

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

The Howard chapter of the College Democrats of America hosted the first in a series of lectures that will inform students of the political process and the Democratic Party's future.

Lobbyist Jarvis Stewart was the speaker for Thursday's event. During the event, he spoke at length of his journey to become the owner of his own lobbying firm.

"Mr. Stewart is Black, he is a young male, and he is a powerful figure in D.C.," said Jeremy Simmons, a senior legal communications major and program coordinator. "His career is one that many Blacks are not conscious of, and I just wanted the students to know there are other things that can be done in the four years between elections."

With his college path pre-set, Stewart was a senior at Prairie View A&M University when former Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown was running for Chairman of the Democratic

National Committee (DNC). On a whim, Stewart wrote a three-page letter to Brown. A short time after, Stewart received a handwritten note informing him that there were no job openings, but that he would be taken as an intern.

With only \$300 he had earned at a summer job and a small assortment of "dress clothes," Stewart made the 24-hour trip to Washington where he did not know anyone. Making friends with Ernie, a worker at the Exxon on Pennsylvania Ave., he slept in his \$400 car and washed up in the station's bathroom.

"I thought that was so brave," freshman dance major and Democrat Lindsey Benton said. "It goes to show that a persistent person will do what they have to, to get where they want to be."

Ignorant of the intern process Stewart approached the secretary at the DNC with a statement he will never forget.

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Lobbyist Jarvis Stewart spoke to College of Democrat students about the direction of the Democratic party in the Carnegie Building on Thursday.

Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

President's Day Receives Minimal Recognition

BY KEIRSTEN ALSTON-MURRAIN
Contributing Writer

With President's Day just a few days away, many students are making their plans for the three-day weekend. However, most are not anticipating how they will celebrate the national holiday, but rather looking forward to having a day to themselves.

President's Day was originally created to observe George Washington's birthday. The holiday was enacted in 1796, the last year of his presidency. After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, Congress decided to make Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday as well.

In 1971, former President Richard Nixon designated the third Monday of every February to celebrate both the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln on the same day, as well as all past presidents, and is now done so on President's Day.

Some Howard students are apathetic toward the holiday.

"I don't do anything," said Elizabeth Finley, a junior biology major. "I don't even reflect on past presidents. I know what the purpose is but I don't celebrate it."

Others understand the importance of the day, but do not support all of the presidents the holiday represents.

"President's Day is a well-deserved holiday for most of our presidents," said senior biology major Adrienne Bolden. "I say most because there are a few, such as [George W.] Bush and Nixon, who aren't worthy of the holiday."

Senior international business major Shakiri Murrain does acknowledge the holiday, but feels that other days in history should be recognized as well.

"[President's Day] is a recollection of people who have made sacrifices as president," Murrain said. "But I think that days like Juneteenth and Malcolm X's birthday are equally important."

Interim chair of the history department Emory Tolbert supports the purpose of the holiday. "I think it is appropriate to have a holiday to celebrate presidents," Tolbert said. "I believe that good leadership is important to any nation."

However, most students appreciate the holiday solely because it is one day off from class and one day added for rest, relaxation and travel.

"I'm going home for President's Day," said mechanical engineering major Mikal Ankrah.

Junior business management major Swayzine Bryant said, "I was going to go out of town, but I have to work."

Graduate School Events

Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Post-Award Workshops
Founders Library, Room 116, Digital Learning Laboratory
Contact: kmcgraw@howard.edu

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Preparing Your Oral Defense and Other Presentations Using Technology
Facilitators: Chontrese Doswell, Akasha Horton
Graduate School Smart Conference Room 205
Call 806-4676 for more information

Thursday, March 3, 2005 (all day)
National Endowment for the Humanities Grants Workshop
Blackburn Center Forum
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Tuesday, April 12, 2005, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Howard University Research Symposium and Honors Day
Blackburn Center
Call 806-6800/6156; eglakpe@howard.edu

Proposals for the Deaf Women & HIV/AIDS in Africa Conference June 10-12, 2005 at Gallaudet University Kellogg Center are still being accepted. For more information, visit www.deafafrikanwomen.org

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Student Filmmaker to Showcase Work in Africa

BY SHANAE L. HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Taking 21 credits, serving as a residence assistant, working as a waitress at Bohemian Caverns, a performer with the Black Butterflies Performance Group, as well as a jazz vocalist and writer, Dominique Hurd is the essence of a true renaissance woman.

Her latest achievement, however, is having her self-produced, written and directed film showcased in the FESPACO film festival in Africa that is held once every two years.

Hurd will be traveling to Africa within the next few weeks to showcase her film in front of well-known filmmakers in the film and television industry.

"I'm serving as student ambassador for the school and this is a very big honor," Hurd said. "It's something that I still can't fathom right now."

Originally, Hurd's film was written as a five-minute film assignment for her Introduction to Media Productions class, but it wound up being longer than expected and turned into an independent project. "I decided to just help other students with their films and get my own crew and find money to make this film for another project," Hurd said.

Hurd's film was shown in the Black Vision Silver Screen Program, which takes the best films and tours them all over the world. The film was shown

to audiences at Schomburg Center in Harlem, Columbia University graduate students, and the AFI Silver Spring Theatre among others.

The film's subject covers the idea of drug and alcohol abuse and its negative affects.

"We showed it to kids at a Boys and Girls Club and they were totally attentive the whole time," Hurd said. "They hugged me and said that they were never going to do drugs. That was enough reward right there."

Although Hurd plans to have fun during her trip, it will come at an expensive price.

"I had to search all over Howard to find the \$1,600 to take this trip to Africa and if it wasn't for the great and supportive friends I have, I never would have gotten there," Hurd said.

Hurd said that repaying all the people that helped her is one of her biggest concentrations and plans to express her gratitude by using her talents to give back to the community.

As a first-generation college student, Hurd's main goal will be to focus on school after returning from the film festival. Stating that education is the key to success among her relatives, Hurd's friends also feel that her Howard experience will aid in her long-term achievements.

"Dominique is one of the most driven people that I've ever met," said junior



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Junior radio, TV and film major Dominique Hurd attributes her successful film to the support received by friends and professors at Howard University.

broadcast journalism major LaTrisha Gomer. "I know that she's going to be one of those people from Howard that are extremely successful."

Hurd attributes all her success to the university and encourages all film students to submit their work to have it made public.

"Don't just let it sit and collect dust because you never know what life-changing opportunities it could bring," Hurd said. "I don't think that I would have gotten the support I have going to a non-HBCU. I wouldn't trade my Howard experience for anything."

EMPLOYEE of the WEEK

Kenyatta Hobson



Patrick Jackson-Staff Photographer

BY SHAYNA RUDD
Contributing Writer

When you enter Meridian Hill Hall you're almost always greeted by a very energetic, warm man who seems to know you by name even if you don't know him.

His name is Kenyatta Hobson, a Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the community director at Meridian Hill Hall.

Hobson shares a long history of working with Residence Life at Howard University. He became a member of the Residence Life staff in 1997 as a student and found his home at Meridian Hill Hall in 2002.

Since his arrival, Meridian has been moving to greater heights.

"Meridian is getting better," Hobson said. "I won't take all of the credit for it. It only makes me appreciate the work of Mr. Gibbs and Dr. Coleman. They trust me and they know that I am a go-getter so they have embraced that."

Hobson said he does his best to make sure students are staying on top of their priorities and takes pride in witnessing the success of those he meets and gets to know.

"I make it my business to pull on them, because I used to be the same way," Hobson said. "The most fulfilling thing about my job is that I get to see the students that pass through here blossom into who they are supposed to be."

The respect that Hobson has for students is a mutual feeling, as many students who know him have nothing but positive comments about him.

"Mr. Hobson is a hard-working, intelligent gentleman," said Ivan Thomas, a senior broadcast journalism major. "He is definitely someone that I would keep in touch with after college. I feel that one day he is going to be very influential in society."

While Hobson said he enjoys his job at Howard, he does not plan to stay here forever. He said there is nowhere to go but up after leaving the university.

"I do see myself moving," he said. "Not only moving, but I see myself doing really good. I'm ready to take everything I learned here to my next level. I believe that is the theme of Howard, to keep moving, to give back but to always keep moving. I actually can see one of the students here at Howard hiring me to be chief of state."

Though most students seem happy to have a man such as Hobson within reach, many encourage him to explore other job opportunities and have faith that he will find success in whatever path he chooses.

Sophomore marketing major Randy Corry said, "Mr. Hobson has a great gift and I look forward to see what great things he does for the world."

FRESHMEN SPEAK:

How would you describe the opposite sex at Howard and how does your opinion of the opposite sex on campus affect your romantic life?

"They are the stereotypical male because they are obnoxious and are only looking for sex and not relationships. It doesn't affect me because I have a long distance relationship and I was already disappointed when I came here."

Alana Speed-Harris, human development

"It's better than high school because there are more females and more Black females. Your chances of a date are increased."

Raymonda Speller, print journalism

"They're great so far and they've exceeded the expectations I had for them. It doesn't affect me much; I have a girlfriend back home."

Ajene Harley, mechanical engineering

"Most of them are immature, but there are some gentlemen. They're easy to manipulate."

Manijeh Hart, psychology

"Howard girls are beautiful because they are descendants of Africa and African girls are beautiful. Also, the percent of females is higher than that of males so I give them kudos for coming to college. It doesn't affect me because I already have a beautiful girl and anything I do depends on my relationship with my African girl."

Arowolaju Adebayo, nursing

"There are a few good guys at Howard, but the jerks ruin it for the rest of them. I don't take the majority of the guys seriously."

Stephanie Short, chemistry

"Nice and I like meeting different women from different places. It doesn't affect it at all."

Cedric Loiseau, undecided

"There are a lot of different females with different personalities. There so many different girls to choose from, so it's so hard to narrow it down."

Lawrence Coley, theatre arts

"It's refreshing to see so many intelligent Black men, however the freshmen are a bit immature because they are adjusting to the Howard scene. It's so hard to find a relationship because they're not looking for one."

Sheree Johnson, psychology

"If there are any good men I haven't run into them. I wouldn't be open to a relationship because they're on a different level."

Anne Onyeneho, nursing

"They are very aggressive, but not my type. Their aggressiveness makes me not want to meet other Howard men."

Brittany Washington, political science

"They look good. I have a girl already, so it doesn't affect it."

Stuart Hylton, electrical engineering

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A Moment in Howard's History: RAs Demand Salary Increase from Residence Life Dean

BY BIANCA HOLMAN
Contributing Writer

In October of 1987, 50 Howard resident assistants (RA) submitted a higher compensation proposal to the Dean of Residence Life William Keene to request higher salaries.

At that time, RAs at Howard University received \$83 dollars per month and \$250 deducted from their housing cost per semester, equaling a total of 23 cents an hour per day.

"I cannot pay my bills on just \$83 dollars a month," said Daniel Goodwin, one of the dissatisfied RAs in Sutton Dormitory. "The least other universities do for their RAs is offer them free housing."

Another disgruntled employee added, "The university should never cheat RAs on benefits because they do so much work on a daily basis that not many people know about. RAs are practically on call 24 hours a day," said Goodwin, who was also one of the 50 RAs to draft the proposal. "I didn't get

to bed until 5 a.m. one weekend because all the RAs had to do room checks in Sutton."

Keene agreed that the RAs deserved higher pay for their services. Now no free housing, low pay and few benefits are a thing of the past. Today, RAs receive free housing and a \$1,000 stipend, and many RAs are happy with their compensation.

"I enjoy my job and I realize it comes with a lot of responsibility," said Isys Caffey, a sophomore radio television film major and resident assistant in the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle.

Caffey said the compensation given to RAs is sufficient and helps tremendously with her finances.

Resident assistants are in control of maintaining safety and order of the students in the dormitories, in addition to carrying out Residence Life policies.

"I believe that for anybody's services that are influential and pivotal, those persons should be compensated equally," said freshman finance major Austin

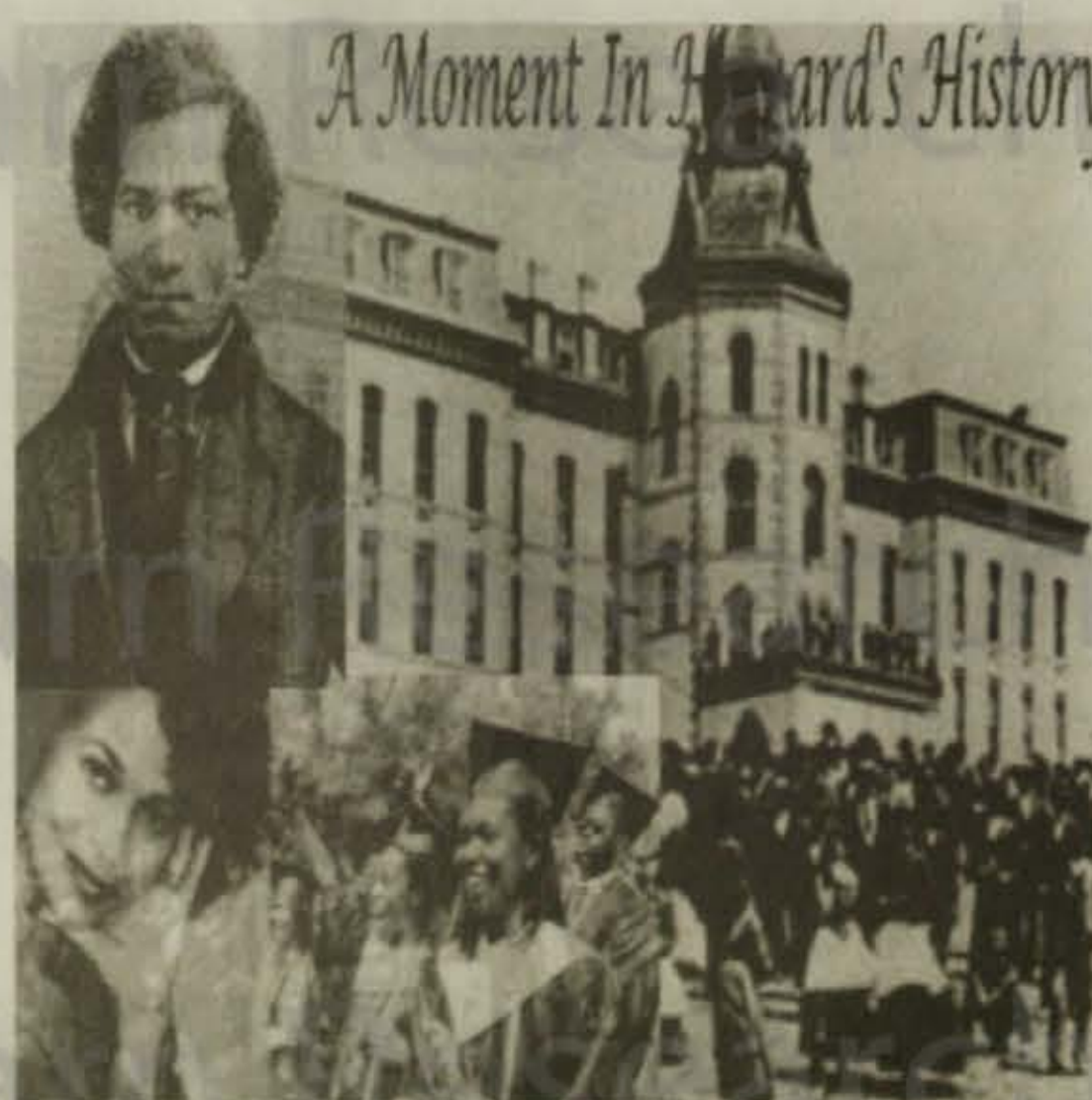
Travis. "And employees should not be taken advantaged of."

Parish McKeithan, a freshman marketing major, agrees and supports Keene's 1987 decision.

"The university should never cheat RAs on benefits because they do so much work on a daily basis that not many people know about," McKeithan said. "I can't imagine being an RA in 1987 and not receive what was deserved. I think the 1987 RAs were just for demanding more pay."

Karimah Stallworth, an RA in the Quad, also thinks her predecessors were right for demanding a more sufficient compensation and feels Residence Life is now treating the RAs fairly through increased salary.

"In any unjust situation, it is the responsibility of the people to go through proper chain of command to have their request heard and met," said Stallworth, a junior economics major. "Given the resources allocated to HBCUs, Residence Life tries to accommodate their employees within reason."



Conversely, other students feel that the 50 RAs should have known what they were getting into prior to their employment in Residence Life.

Junior marketing major

Brian Clark said, "I think no matter what the situation is, it is the duty of the potential employee to research the position they want including the benefits and salaries."

Vendors Raise Concerns

VENDOR, from Campus A1

so close to the on-the-go food providers that each vendor had their own advocates.

"He's good," said Candace Paul, a sophomore public relations major, speaking on behalf of Mansaray. "He does good work. He provides a good service here that Howard does not provide itself, cheap things so people can buy and have food. I support him in all that he does."

Shawn Maltine, a freshman political science and Spanish major, stood firm in supporting Lee, the owner of first cart to be officially shut down.

"She is a lovely person," he said as Lee sobbed in the background for consideration from inspectors. "She is making her living providing this superb service to the students."

All three of the vendors

are from Nigeria and run their vending business to provide for their families. Students offered that the vendors should be allowed to throw away the hot dogs and continue to sell the non-refrigerated items for the day. Johnson waived this option off and was certain it was not logical.

"I cannot allow her to sale those hot dogs - which she will when I leave here - to anyone," he said.

J Campbell, a graduate criminal justice major, sees the situation from both points of view.

"You don't want [the merchants] to lose money," she said. "But, at the same time, you don't want students getting sick because they couldn't comply."

To correct the ice shortage and avoid any future out-of-regulation temperatures, the officers recommended buying dry ice to keep the food

at a constant temperature. Mansaray said he would take the advice and buy the blocks on Florida Avenue.

The vendors were only shut down for the remainder of Wednesday, and, according to Johnson, no matter the number of violations, he cannot permanently shut a vendor down.

"As long as they pay their citations and return to compliance with the regulations, they can continue business as usual," he said.

The vendors have 15 days to pay their citations, or lose their vending licenses. They do not intend to fight any citations, agreeing the police officers were "just doing their jobs." Lee, whose citations add up to \$100, only wishes there was an extension

"I have a family, mortgage, license fees, and the dry ice to pay for too," he said.

Professionals Help Prepare Students for Life Careers

CEO, from Campus A1

ferent venues of communications. Parsons, who serves as the chairman of advancement on the University's Board of Trustees, said the most important job will be selecting what to report and which parts to show.

"The role of editors is going to become more and more important," he said. "I think Time Warner is in the best position of [all the other industry companies]."

Parsons also shared his thoughts on the increasing presence of the internet in today's

society, saying the internet "will be to the 21st century what the television was to the 20th century."

Calling himself "a product of a number of failures," Parsons said he has been down several different paths. He once thought he was destined to be a professional basketball player and did not think he would be in the communications field.

Parsons urged the School of Communication students, professors and administrators to "make this simply the best media department of any institute of higher learning."

While the event's attendees mingled over light refreshments at a catered reception after the taping, Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert expressed his appreciation for all that Parsons has done for Howard.

"[Parsons] mentioned that Time Warner has donated \$50 million, but he didn't mention that he had donated over \$1 million of his own to Howard," Swygert said. "It's wonderful that Mr. Parsons continues to give back."

Tips To Get Into the Industry

RTVF, from Campus A1

questions, encouraging them to use her as a resource.

"Whatever it is that's in your heart, it's going to happen if you don't quit...Keep moving and sending your articles, scripts and tapes... You guys are going to make it, we are going to do it together," Sterling said.

Throughout her lecture, Sterling also discussed the special place Howard holds in her heart and the power of Howard connections in the industry.

"Howard gave me the nurturing, love, it helped boost my confidence. Howard cultivated my gifts and those talents. I love HU and anybody associated with Howard, it is still and will always be the Mecca. I respect that, I love that, and I promote that."

After her presentation and a question and answer session, Sterling signed copies of her book and took the time to speak with each person individually.

Students in attendance were

engrossed in Sterling's story and advice for over an hour and left the seminar feeling encouraged and empowered about their future endeavors in the entertainment industry.

"It's nice to know that she came from here and she came back to us. When you see someone who has made it, you find hope in that," said second-year MFA student LaTanya Holland. "We get discouraged as students around here. We do a lot of complaining; to see someone who has gone on to do things for themselves, you know there is a chance. You know that you aren't here in vain."

Other students left inspired by Sterling's perseverance and ready to actively pursue their dreams beyond Howard.

"Quitting is not an option. We are so privileged at Howard because we can see positivity all around us but the world is different. The world has a lot of negative forces that are going to break you, and like said, life happens...but don't let quit be

in your vocabulary," said senior public relations major Andrea Brown.

The seminar, sponsored by the Department of Radio, Television and Film, was special to Professor Sonja Williams because Sterling was one of her first students when she started working at Howard.

By inviting her back, Williams hoped that students are inspired by Sterling's story and continue to work towards successful careers.

"She was pretty focused when she was here, but just like students now, she didn't have it all together. She had some kind of idea, yet she focused and kept on the path and she did it. It is hard [to make it], but not impossible. People leave here and really do get into the industry and do well," Professor Williams said.

Sterling is the first of several alumni to lecture to students in the Department of Radio, Television and Film this semester.

Students Recruited at Job Fair

FAIR, from Campus A1

"[The purpose] is to bring federal and private industry to our campus to interview students for summer and co-op experiences," Witherspoon said. "The majority of our students come because we make it convenient for them, so that helps to increase student participation."

However, Dr. L. Troy Niskey, the experiential programs coordinator in the School of Engineering, said he has seen a 10 percent drop among companies attending fairs in the past year and feels students have better options for securing a job or an internship than attending career fairs.

"What I have seen in the terms of career fairs is that we do see less companies coming," Niskey said. "But more companies are recruiting underclassmen."

Niskey is responsible for set-

ting up students in co-ops with businesses and companies

"They equip the students and effect their talents and abilities," he said. "One of the things that is necessary is matching your GPA with actual experience, especially in the technical fields."

Recruiters came representing all areas of engineering, including architecture, chemical, civil and electrical engineering, as well as systems and computer sciences which left students pleased with the career fair over all.

Gregory Wadsworth, a senior civil engineering major, was among several students who were happy with the event.

"This year's career fair was one of the best because they have a lot more companies," Wadsworth said. "Each engineering field has been represented well."

Freshman chemical engi-

neering major Mandy Mitchell said her time at the fair was well spent. "I wanted to get a little background information about companies I may be interested in for internship opportunities," she said.

Many students and faculty found it exciting that the career fair is continuing to network with Howard-educated professionals. One such person was Keyatta Orlena, who graduated from Howard with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1998.

"I got my first job through a Howard career fair," Orlena said, who is now a manager at Accenture, Inc., a tech-based consulting company that helps businesses and the government become high-performing organizations. "[Students] definitely need to come with a professional appearance and their resume needs to be clean and polished. They also need to know something about the company."

Williams, Sharpton Discuss Black Voter Empowerment

VOTE, from Campus A1

Party has caused the Black vote to lose its [power in the Democratic Party]," Williams said.

On the other hand, McGill depicted that the best way to impact the minority vote is to go out into the community and talk to the voters about their needs and concerns as citizens.

"We went barbershop by barbershop, bodega by bodega," she said. "We were able to have a real conversation about

what power is."

Campus Progress has been developed over the past six months and was officially launched on Wednesday. Keisha Senter, the campus speaks bureau coordinator for the Center for American Progress, was pleased with the turnout.

"We wanted Howard to be our kick-off event," Senter said. "We're excited about the students that did come out, but we definitely want more students to come out.

Out of the estimated 200 students in attendance, many said the event was worthwhile.

"I thought the event went really well," Freda Henry, a senior English major and HUSA vice president, said. "I enjoyed the debate, especially between Rev. Al Sharpton and Armstrong Williams. I think that it was very eye-opening to hear someone have very strong views that are different from what a lot of Howard students think."

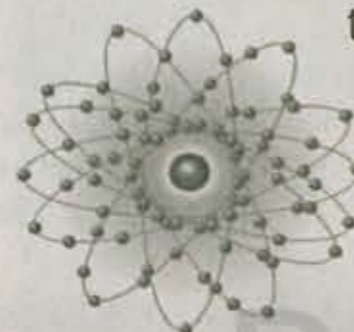
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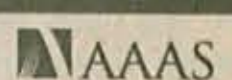
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Black Women at Severe Risk for AIDS

BY SHAENA HENRY
Contributing Writer

A new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that Black women are 20 times more likely than White women to contract AIDS. The striking disparity between White and Black women is blamed on a host of factors ranging from higher rates of unemployment in the Black community to willingness from Black women to trade sex for drugs.

Officials who worked on the study, which was based on a small group of Black women from North Carolina, said Black women are often emotionally dependent on men and have trouble demanding the use of condoms during sexual intercourse.

Officials say Black neighborhoods are more likely to suffer from joblessness, poverty and a high ratio for drug use in males and females, all of which are common factors in communities where AIDS rates are high.

Another factor is a high number of Black males move in and out of prison where the rate for contracting HIV is 10 times higher than that of the general population.

Many speculate that men come back to their neighborhoods from prison, where they may have contracted the virus from intercourse with other men, and do not tell their female sexual partners. According to the CDC, 34 percent of Black men who have sex with men admit to having sex with women. Yet, only six percent of Black women say they have had sex with a bisexual man.

Howard University assistant sociology professor Dr. Terri Adams-Fuller believes men on the "down-low" is only a minor cause of the AIDS rates among Black women. "I think it's overrated. We haven't done enough research to really understand whether or not it's truly a factor," she said. "I think the media is hyping it up. It's plausible. How big a factor is it? We can't speak on that right now."

In addition to the emotional and economical reasons given in the study, Adams-Fuller also noted a lack of AIDS awareness and education. "I don't know how well the general population has a real solid foundation of information to understand how you actually contract the disease," Adams-Fuller said.

"It doesn't take multiple sexual encounters. I don't know how aware people are of the details."

Data from the past four years shows the details are staggering and are steadily rising to epidemic levels in certain parts of the nation. State health officials in Georgia report that Blacks account for 90 percent of new AIDS cases.

Nationwide, the CDC reports more than half of new HIV/AIDS cases are from Blacks even though they only make up 13 percent of the U.S. population.

In 2003, Black women accounted for 72 percent of new AIDS diagnoses, and in 2001 it was the leading cause of death for Black women between the ages of 25 and 34.

The study does not prove that Black women are more promiscuous than other groups of women; rather the findings indicate they have more exposure to populations with higher AIDS rates.

Many Howard students say parents should be more open about discussing sex with their children and also need to better educate themselves about HIV and AIDS. "Parents don't want to discuss sex and AIDS because it is taboo, but it needs to be spoken about in detail explicitly," Richard Griffith, a pre-doctoral clinical psychology student, said. "Parents need to educate themselves and then their children."

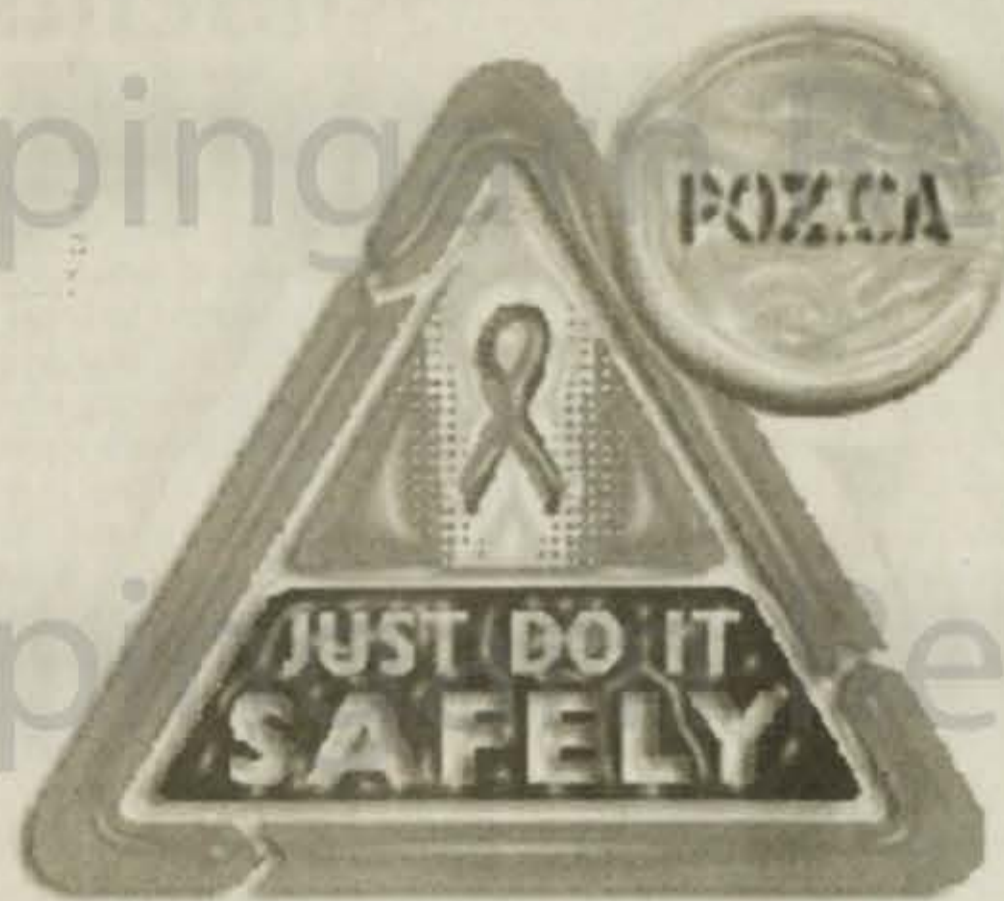
Howard women, like Aundrietta Duncan find the statistics discouraging.

"I think the statistics are expected, but they are startling," the freshman biology major said. "It's not comforting to hear."

In response to the epidemic, Feb. 7th is recognized each year as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day. Since 2001, a group of nonprofit organizations have used this day to inform African-Americans about the impact of HIV/AIDS on the Black community. The event provides educational resources on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Although education is essential, Adams-Fuller noted that responsibility is key.

"We [women] need to put ourselves first, and our health and well-being first before we try to make other people happy," she said. "I think if we did that we might be more inclined to think twice before we put ourselves at risk."



BY CARYN GRANT
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BET Continues AIDS Fight

"By Not Talking About It, What Are You Really Saying?" asks a public service announcement (PSA) aired as a part of Black Entertainment Television's (BET) Rap-It-Up Campaign. "It" refers to sexual health; and the network plans to continue urging dialogue about "it," as they announced the continuation of their partnership with the Kaiser Family Foundation for the eighth year of the award-winning campaign.

Launched in 1998, Rap-It-Up is the largest public education effort on HIV/AIDS and related issues directed specifically toward African-Americans.

It was originally designed to address the AIDS epidemic in the African-American community through educating network viewers about the virus and disease, distributing significant information to young adults about sexual health issues, and encouraging African-Americans to get tested.

With new data showing AIDS rates are on the rise in the Black community, many Howard University students say campaigns like "Rap-It-Up" have had a positive effect overall.

"The Rap-It-Up Campaign is highly effective because they show real situations and people that we can relate to," freshman marketing major Brandon Thrasher said.

In recent years, the grassroots campaign has expanded its outreach through various outlets. Aside from PSAs and BET Network Programming, the campaign includes the Rap-It-Up Road Tour (including on-site HIV testing), Rap-It-Up Teen Forums, and Cable in the Classroom (a middle and high school curriculum on HIV/AIDS), among other mediums.

The program has tested over 5,300 people nationwide for the HIV infection, reached a total of nine million viewers through its 21 full-length specials in the last seven years and hosted community teen forums in over 27 cities for more than 5,000 young adults.

"Given the devastating impact that HIV/AIDS is having on African-Americans, BET's commitment to Rap-It-Up is essential and is showing real results," said Tina Hoff, Vice President and Director of Kaiser's Entertainment Media Partnership program. "Young African-Americans who are exposed to the campaign say they are prompted by what they see to do more to protect themselves."

The results of a national survey conducted by the Kaiser Foundation in August 2004 discovered that nine out of 10 African-Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 years old recognized the Rap-It-Up Campaign.

Of those that had seen BET's special HIV-related programming, half said they had talked with a partner about safer sex. 77 percent of those who were sexually active said they were more likely to use a condom, and nearly 40 percent said they had visited a doctor or been tested for HIV.

"The network is extremely pleased with the success and accomplishments of its pro-social initiative, Rap-It-Up," said Kelli Lawson, BET Executive Vice President of Corporate Marketing and Communications.

"It is clearly evident that through our combined efforts of special HIV-related programming, community outreach and public service announcements, the network is effectively reaching viewers to educate them about HIV/AIDS."

Rap-It-Up has been recognized on many platforms for its success, including Emmy nominations for Best National Public Service Announcement in 2003 and 2004. The campaign has also received numerous awards over the years, including the 2002 and 2003 Cable Positive POP Awards for Outstanding Newsmagazine Series and a 2002 NAACP Image Award.

Despite receiving such praise and acknowledgment for its efforts, this year, Rap-It-Up is taking its campaign even further. On Feb. 7 (Black AIDS Awareness Day), BET, the Black AIDS Institute and the Kaiser Family Foundation launched the 2nd Annual Rap-It-Up/Black AIDS Short Subject Film Competition. This year's competition was kicked off by the re-airing of last year's winning films, "Walking on Sunshine" and "Tangy's Song!"

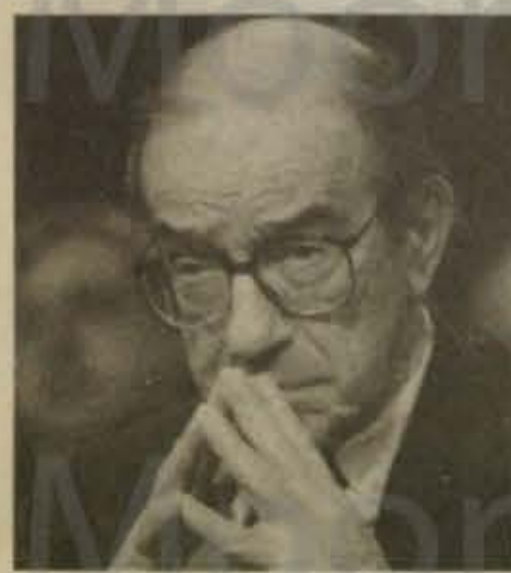
The network will also bring about the return of two of its successful HIV-related specials: "BET Open Mic," which highlights National HIV Testing Day (June 27) and the "106 & Park World AIDS Day Special," which will air in December.

New programming is expected to be shown in September, when there are plans to unveil two documentary-styled programs that will examine the influence of hip-hop and sexual messages on the nation's HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Nation & World Briefs

Kyoto Treaty Goes Into Effect

Seven years after its conception, The Kyoto global warming pact went into effect this week, various news outlets report. The pact is an agreement between 141 nations to impose limits on carbon dioxide emissions and other gases blamed for rising global temperatures. Scientists say these high temperatures are causing glaciers to melt, which is leading to rising oceans around the world. The temperatures are also disrupting the world's weather patterns. Despite being the leading producer of carbon dioxide, the United States has refused to join the pact, saying that doing so would harm the nation's economy.



Greenspan Endorses Private Accounts for Social Security

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan endorsed private accounts being a part of social security reform, despite its costs and potential to add to the soaring budget deficit, various news outlets report. Greenspan admitted the changes alone would not fix social security, but said doing nothing would be "risky" and "not sustainable." The chairman urged Congress to take action before the baby boomers begin retiring in 2008 and said it is "imperative to restore fiscal discipline" to the nation by narrowing the deficit.



British Officials Search for New Clues in Princess Diana's Death

Using the latest in high tech equipment, a team of British detectives searched the Paris tunnel where Princess Diana died eight years ago, various news outlets report. Detectives laser scanned the entire crash site, took notes and photographs. "The photographs and measurements will be used to create a 3-D computer model of the scene, using new technology which was not available in 1997," read a statement from British detectives. "The model...will enhance understanding of the factors which may have contributed to the collision." Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed were killed when the car they were riding in crashed into a pillar on Aug. 31, 1997.

Teacher Taught Chemistry Class How To Make Bombs

A high school chemistry teacher in Orlando, Fla. was arrested this week after students claimed he taught them how to build bombs, various news outlets report. The teacher, David Pieski, was arrested and charged with being in possession of a destructive device and culpable negligence. Students said Pieski used a projector to give instructions for building explosives and told them what type of detonator to use in order to avoid being injured from the blast. Pieski was released on \$1,000 bond Monday and refused to comment on his arrest.

Iran and Syria to Unite Against Threats

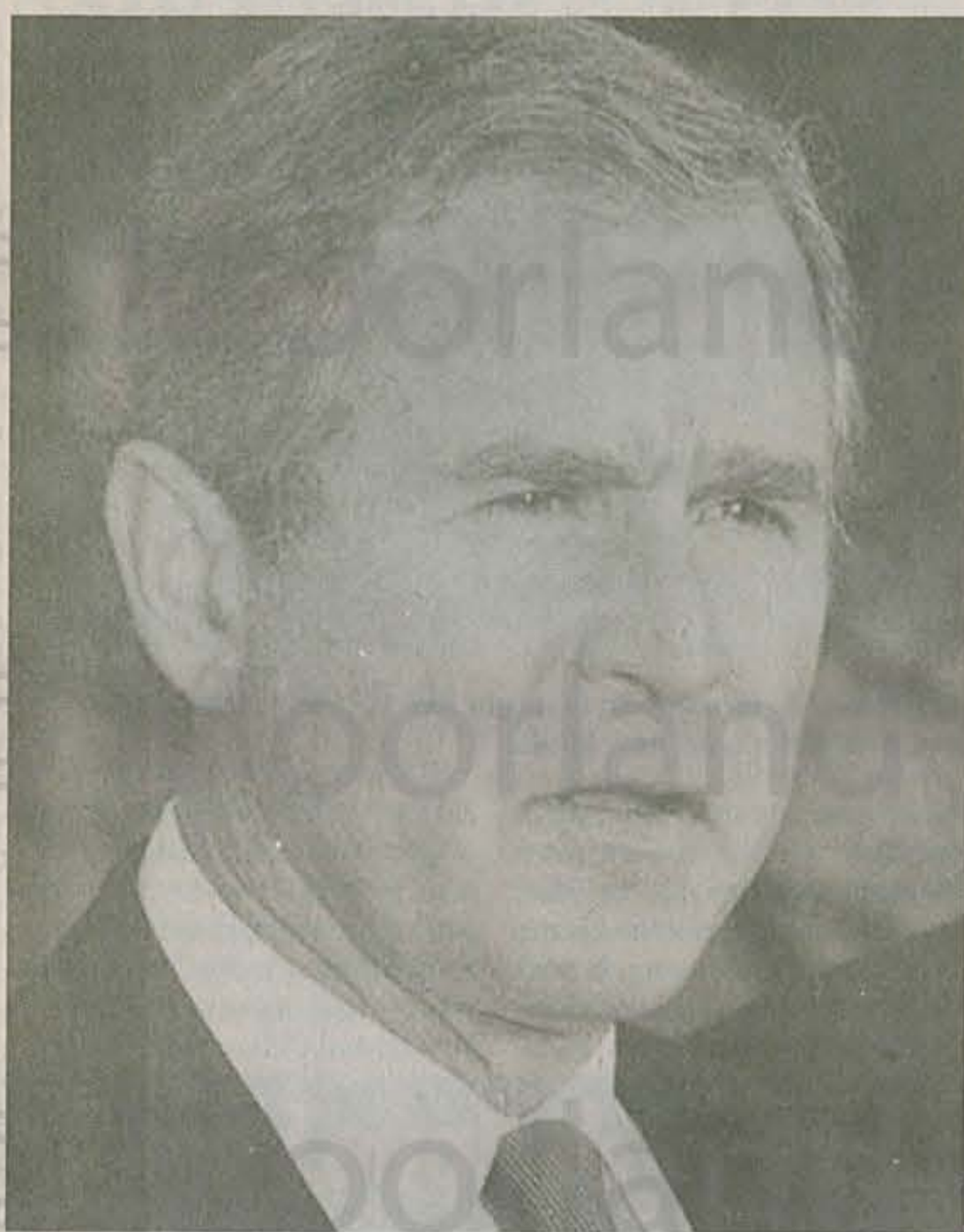
The governments of Iran and Syria have vowed to work together as both nations are increasingly under pressure from the international community, various news outlets report. "We are ready to help Syria on all grounds to confront threats," said Iranian Vice-President Mohammad Reza Aref to the BBC. Many thought the comments were directed at the United States, which is pressuring Iran to stop its suspected nuclear weapons program and has accused Syria of harboring terrorist. The White House denied the comments were directed at the United States. "Their problem is not with the United States, it's with the international community," said White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan to the BBC. "Both Syria and Iran...need to abide by the commitments they have made."

House of Representatives Gets Tough on Indecency

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a bill that would impose an unprecedented amount in fines for networks that air inappropriate material, various news outlets report. Under the new bill, the maximum fine for indecency will be raised from \$32,500 to \$500,000 for a company. For individual entertainers, the indecency fines will be raised from \$11,000 to \$500,000. The bill received bi-partisan support and lawmakers applauded the bill's tougher stance on networks. "This is a penalty that makes broadcasters sit up and take notice," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Tex., to CNN. "This legislation makes great strides in making it safe for families to come back into their living room."

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Bush Says He'll Work With New Iraqi Government



BY KEVIN HARRIS
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President Bush announced this week that his administration would work with leaders of the newly elected Iraqi government, despite fears by some that the new government will seek an alliance with Iran.

"The world saw long lines of Iraqi men and women voting in a free and fair election for the first time in their lives," Bush said in a statement Sunday. "The United States and our coalition partners can all take pride in our role in making that great day possible...and I congratulate every candidate who stood for the elections and those who will take office once the results are certified."

Scott McClellan, the White House Press Secretary, echoed Bush's statement Monday at a press conference, telling reporters the administration will work with the new government as it seeks to draft a constitution and organize elections for permanent leaders later this year.

"We look forward to working with the new government and supporting them as they move forward...on putting the leadership in place, drafting a constitution and then holding an election at the end of the year for a permanent representative government," McClellan said.

Election results show that the United Iraqi Alliance, a coalition of Shiite Iraqis, received 48 percent of the overall vote.

Though the group missed a 50 percent majority, they will still hold a majority in the 275-member National Assembly. The assembly will choose a temporary president and two vice presidents who will serve until a permanent replacement is voted into office.

The Kurdistan Alliance, a group of Kurdish Iraqis, came in second with 25 percent of the vote. The Iraqi List, a group of secular Shiites and Sunnis secured 13 percent of the vote, which only enough to place them in a distant third.

The poor showing by The Iraqi List group has many in the Bush administration concerned, many analysts speculate. The analysts base their assumptions on the fact that the group was led by current Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who was hand-picked by the Bush administration to head the interim Iraqi government after Saddam Hussein's removal.

Allawi was thought by many to be the candidate who would align Iraqi policies closely with those of the United States, which would help the U.S. to gain more leverage in dealing with other threats in the region. Most notably Iran, who has been accused of developing nuclear weapons.

The election results suggest the opposite may happen. By voting overwhelmingly for the United Iraqi Alliance, Iraqis chose representatives with a strong religious base and many ties to neighboring Iran.

For instance, many of the United Iraqi Alliance's members lived in Iran while they were in exile during Hussein's rule. Also the group's co-leader, Jalal Talabani operates from a province close to Iran's border that often received economic assistance from Iran.

Talabani is a leading contender to become Iraq's next permanent president, assuring that if he is elected his government will work closely with Iraqis in possibly opposing many U.S. policies in the region.

An Iraqi alliance with Iraqis may also have an economic impact in the U.S. because

work together to set international oil prices.

Some Iraqi leaders dismissed the speculation, telling many U.S. media outlets they are committed to democracy and will not seek to copy Iran's government or its policies. "We don't want either a Shiite government or an Islamic government," Adel Abdul Mahdi told CNN. "Now we are working for a democratic government. This is our choice." Mahdi is a leading contender to be prime minister.

The election results came days before President Bush officially requested \$82 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as pay for other international efforts.

"The majority of this request will ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect themselves and complete their mission," Bush said in a statement. "It also provides for the continued pursuit of Al-Qaeda and other terrorist elements in Afghanistan and elsewhere. I urge Congress to move quickly so our troops and diplomats have the tools they need to succeed."



Prime Minister Ayaad Allawi was chosen by the Bush Administration to lead Iraq after the capture of Saddam Hussein. Allawi came in third place in the elections.

Breakdown of President Bush's \$82 Billion Dollar Request

- \$74.9 billion for the Defense Department (Includes \$5 billion for transforming army divisions as well as \$5.7 billion for training Iraqi security forces)
- \$2.242 billion to fight drug trafficking, support democracy and help with reconstruction in Afghanistan
- \$950 million to help tsunami victims
- \$660 million to build a U.S. embassy in Baghdad
- \$400 million to reward nations that have taken risks joining the coalition fighting in Iraq
- \$242 million for Darfur, Sudan, where conflicts have left tens of thousands of people dead and more than 2 million displaced
- \$200 million in education and border security aid for the Palestinians
- \$200 million in military aid to Jordan
- \$150 million in military aid to Pakistan
- \$100 million in aid for southern Sudan
- \$60 million in aid for Ukraine

\$419.3 billion is total defense spending for fiscal year 2006

Source: CNN

BWI Might Be Renamed in Thurgood Marshall's Honor

BY AMANDA NEMBARD
Contributing Writer

Maryland Delegate Emmett C. Burns, Jr. of Baltimore County has introduced legislation to rename Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport after former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

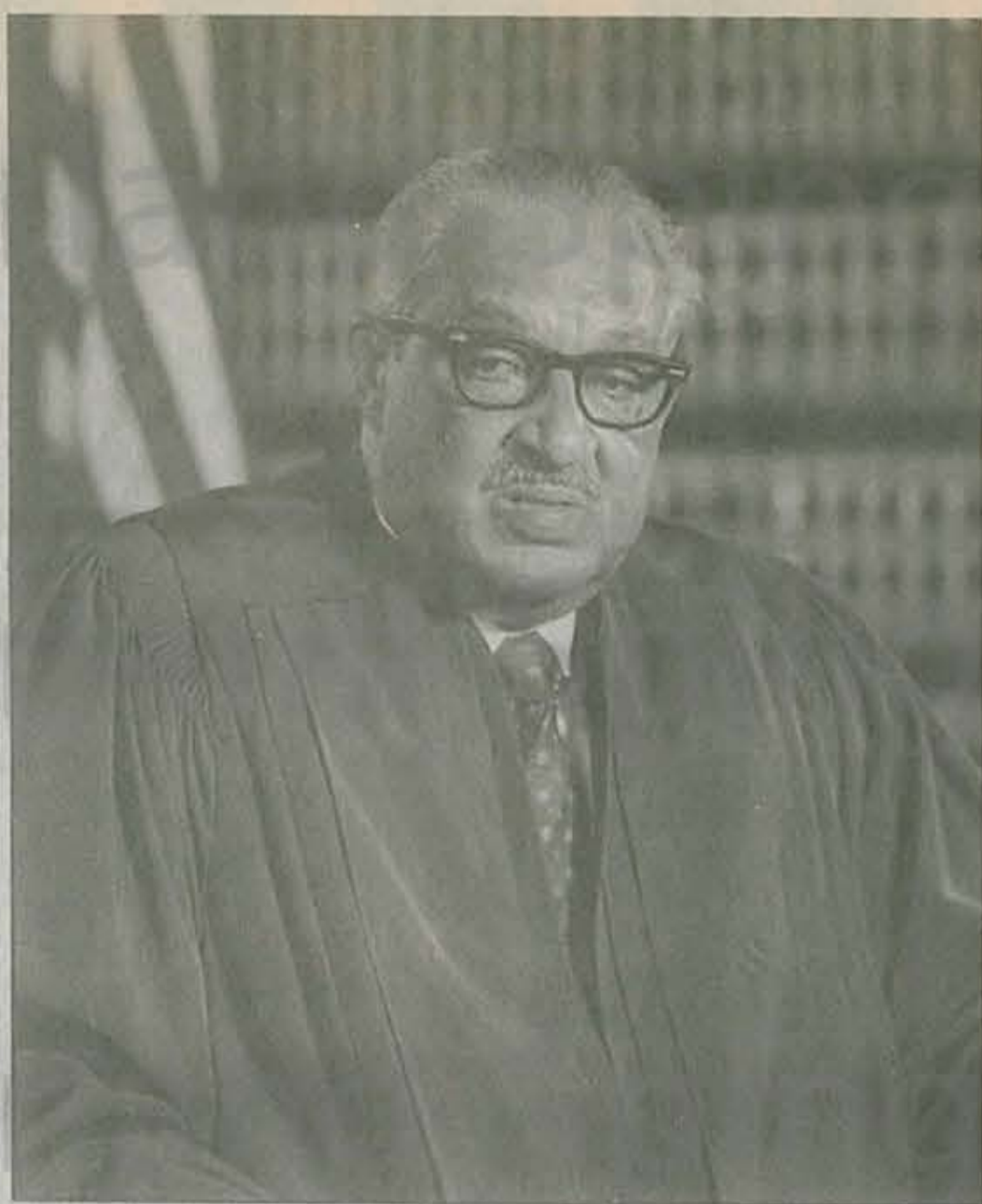
Marshall, who died in 1993, was a Baltimore native and graduate of Howard University's law school. He went on to help in the fight against segregation in the United States, including the 1954 landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, which ended segregation in public schools.

Marshall represented and won more Supreme Court cases than any other American before becoming the first African-American elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967.

Delegate Burns feels renaming BWI is a proper way to have Marshall's legacy live on. "I can think of no other person who has the statue and standing than Thurgood Marshall. He has done more to change the tenor of race relations than anyone else," Burns told *The Hilltop*.

"It was beginning with the 1930s when he represented a Black man successfully who was trying to get into the University of Maryland graduate school and because of the 1954 Supreme Court decision... additionally, he is worthy for the renaming because of being the first Black appointee to the Supreme Court. For all these reasons, he should have an airport named after him."

Burns, who is a Democrat, said he received a warm reception from other Maryland lawmakers after proposing the bill. He expects to work along side Republicans to get the legislation passed. "I've had great bipartisan support in the legislature," he said. "When in public, people I didn't even know



Thurgood Marshall was the first African-American to serve on the Supreme Court. Supporters say renaming the airport is a fitting tribute to an icon.

who knew me were thanking me for taking the step.

In addition to support in the legislature, Burns says he has the support of Marshall's family. "I also had the approval of Mrs. Marshall who was excited that the bill was being proposed," Burns said.

Many analysts are not surprised by the willingness of lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to work together on this issue. "Given that this is Black History Month, politically it might be difficult for the Republicans to vote it down because it'll be like a slap in the face for the African-American community," said Howard University Political Science professor John Davis.

The significance of BWI

being renamed after an African-American was not lost on Howard University students, who thought naming the airport after one of the university's most famous alumni would also raise the schools profile.

"If the airport were named after Marshall, it would be a great honor not only to his legacy but also to Howard University," John Kennedy, a sophomore computer information systems major, said. "It would bring recognition to the Law School from which he was a product of."

Davis said passing this bill could mark a change in society, in which the contributions of African-Americans were being adequately honored. "This is a

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Chertoff Confirmed to Head Homeland Security Dept.

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

The Senate voted 98 to zero this week in favor of confirming Michael Chertoff as the new head for the Department of Homeland Security.

Chertoff, a former judge for the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, will replace Tom Ridge who left earlier this month.

Though Chertoff's nomination was never in danger, many prominent Democrats attempted to delay the vote because they had not received documents from the Justice department related to abuse of terrorist suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Chertoff was in charge of the Justice department's criminal division when hundreds of foreigners were detained on minor charges for an average of 80 days.

Reportedly, some of the detainees were physically abused, denied lawyers and were not told what the charges were against them.

Democrats sought documents that would help them determine if Chertoff knew of these abuses, or possibly commissioned any of them while he worked for the Justice department.

"We should make the point during this nomination that we're being denied a document

that may relate to the nomination itself," Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) told CNN.

"That is simply carrying out a responsibility that this Senate has to be fully informed as to the facts that relate to a nominee. It's that simple. It's that important."

The document Levin was referring to is a secret FBI memo in which the agency sought guidance from the Justice department on suitable treatment for detainees at Guantanamo Bay as well as proper techniques on questioning terrorist suspects.

During confirmation hearings this month, Chertoff denied having any knowledge of the memo and said he did not even know who may have written it or what it discussed.

The Justice department refused to release the document because it contained "information covered by the privacy act." However, the department did inform Senators that the memo was never given to Chertoff, nor did it mention him in any way.

Levin was not pleased with the Justice department's response, and accused them of attempting to curb congressional oversight.

"To say that the privacy act denies Congress the right to government documents...it is such an extreme, such a radical, such a total unsustainable position by the Justice Department," Levin said in an interview with CNN.

Chertoff will take over the Department of Homeland Security at a time when officials warn the threat from Al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups is still imminent.

Wednesday, CIA Director Porter Goss told the Senate Intelligence Committee that terrorist groups are working to acquire weapons to be used in the United States.



Former Judge Michael Chertoff was named head of the Department of Homeland Security in an unanimous vote.

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Conference Inspire Young Girls

WOMEN, from Campus A2

was caught for his involvement in the drug world. Smith fell victim to the involvement with him, and was sentenced to 24 and a half years in a federal prison.

Her story drew a magnanimous involvement in the issue of lengthy sentences to non-violent and first time offenders. After six and a half years served, Smith was granted clemency by President Bill Clinton in 2000.

She told the girls the story, and asked them to not travel her same path. She also warned them to watch their acquaintances, because she was convicted for involvement in the drug ring, even though she had never seen the drugs or touched any of the money.

The luncheon attendants were certain Smith's speech and personal story made an impression on the girls.

"If [her speech] didn't touch everyone, it touched that one person that really needed to hear it," Pickett said.



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

The Woman to Woman Conference was chaired by Nubia Murray and included speaker Shawn Yancy of Fox 5 news. It encouraged young women to 'go for what you want in life.'

Eatery Returns to Previous Menu

LOCO, from Campus A2

their food was up to Howard University students' standards," Hughes said.

Junior electrical engineering major Khalid Abubaker feels the new Loco Moe's menu does not cater to all students and is unhappy with its limited selection of food. The older menu had a larger selection of food.

"The new menu has a lot of pork products, and I don't eat pork," Abubaker said. "All I can eat now is chicken and pasta. I miss the larger variety of the old menu."

"I miss the soul food," Mbraso said. "They had barbecue chicken, curried chicken, almost like a home-cooked meal."

Senior marketing major Bruce Douglas, on the other hand, is happy about the change back to the pizza menu.

"It's pretty good pizza, a



Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

Loco Moe's, located on Georgia Avenue, combines some old traditions with new ideas.

great alternative to other places that service the Howard community," he said. "Besides, the idea behind soul food is the soul, and the old menu lacked that, so I'm glad to see them sticking to what they know how to do."

Marshall, who is con-

cerned about students and normal customers missing the soul food, has vowed to try to return some of those entrees to the menu, but at the same time is making sure there is a substantial difference between the old and new facility.

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big thing for Howard and the fact that you have such a prominent African-American having this honor bestowed upon them to have an airport named after them," he said. "I don't know if there is any airport in the country named after an African-American."

Kennedy noted that renaming BWI after Marshall would be a fitting tribute to a civil rights icon who is often forgotten.

"It's about time we get legislation celebrating a figure who is overlooked in the Civil Rights

Movement, especially during Black History Month," said Kennedy. "Often when you think of the Movement, you think Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black Panthers and so on. Thurgood Marshall made some of the most significant contributions to the Black race and he should be acknowledged for it."

Before the bill can be passed, it must go through a series of committees in the Maryland legislature. After passing both the House and Senate, the bill will then be sent to Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. for endorsement.

Lobbyist Finds Way to Top of Politics

PARTY, from Campus A3

"Holding that hand-written note in my hand, I said, 'I'm Jarvis Stewart, and I got this note from Ron Brown. I just want to know where my office is.'"

He served as Brown's runaround guy that summer. Afterwards Stewart worked on Capital Hill and in Los Angeles. When he moved back to Washington, he had saved \$63,000. He and two other decided they would begin their own lobbying firm.

"I was so happy," Stewart said. "I felt like somebody actu-

ally believes I can do something for them in Washington."

Jan. 10th marked his firm's five-year anniversary, and he now has plenty of clients, including Wal-Mart, Toyota, Federal Express and Verizon.

Stewart said that he is proud of all he has achieved, and that he still gets a nostalgic feeling when he passes the Exxon on Pennsylvania Ave.

"If I got a call tomorrow and all my clients said they didn't want to have anything to do with my firm, it's okay because it has been a good ride," he said.

Students were impressed

by Stewart's speech. One even was inspired to return to her first career path.

"I realized I lost track of my dream," senior legal communications major, Renee Alsop said. "I want to be in advocacy and special interest lobbying. [Stewart] made me realize I want to go back to that path."

Stewart also talked about the Democratic Party. He said that the party needs to, among other changes, gain "balance."

"The DNC is interested in just the bottom half of the Black community and the Bob Johnsons, because they can write a check," he said. "There is

a huge group in the middle that we're missing and we are losing them to the Republicans."

The problem with the Democratic Party, Stewart said, is that "they say 'no, no,' but when they are asked 'Well what is your plan?' they don't have anything." He concluded the forum by adding giving the students a crucial piece of advice. He said that the education that parents enforce can only "get you to the door."

"Build your network," he said, encouraging students to make contacts while in college. "If they don't know you, they won't like you."

Senate Appoints New Security Director

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"It may be only a matter of time before Al-Qaeda or other groups attempt to use chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons. We must focus on that," Goss said.

"Their capture alone would not be enough to eliminate the terror threat to the U.S.," said FBI director Robert Mueller, who also spoke of the threat terrorist groups pose to the U.S.

"Their intent to attack us at home remains and their resolve to destroy America has never faltered," Mueller said.

"While we still assess that a mass casualty attack using relatively low tech methods will be their most likely approach, we are concerned that they are seeking weapons of mass destruction including chemical weapons or some type of biological agent such as anthrax."

Despite the remaining threat, Goss noted that Al-Qaeda has taken a serious hit in recent years due to American anti-terrorism measures.

"In the past year, aggressive measures along with key inter-



As the new homeland security director, Michael Chertoff plans to work on improving American security and continue looking for members of Al-Qaeda.

national partners have, in fact, dealt serious blows to Al-Qaeda and other terror organizations."

Even with the success that

the U.S. has had so far in battling Al-Qaeda, key Al-Qaeda leaders or all the masterminds of the Sep. 11 terrorist attacks

have not been captured. Both Osama bin Laden, the central figure in Al-Qaeda, and Ayman al-Zawahiri remain at large.

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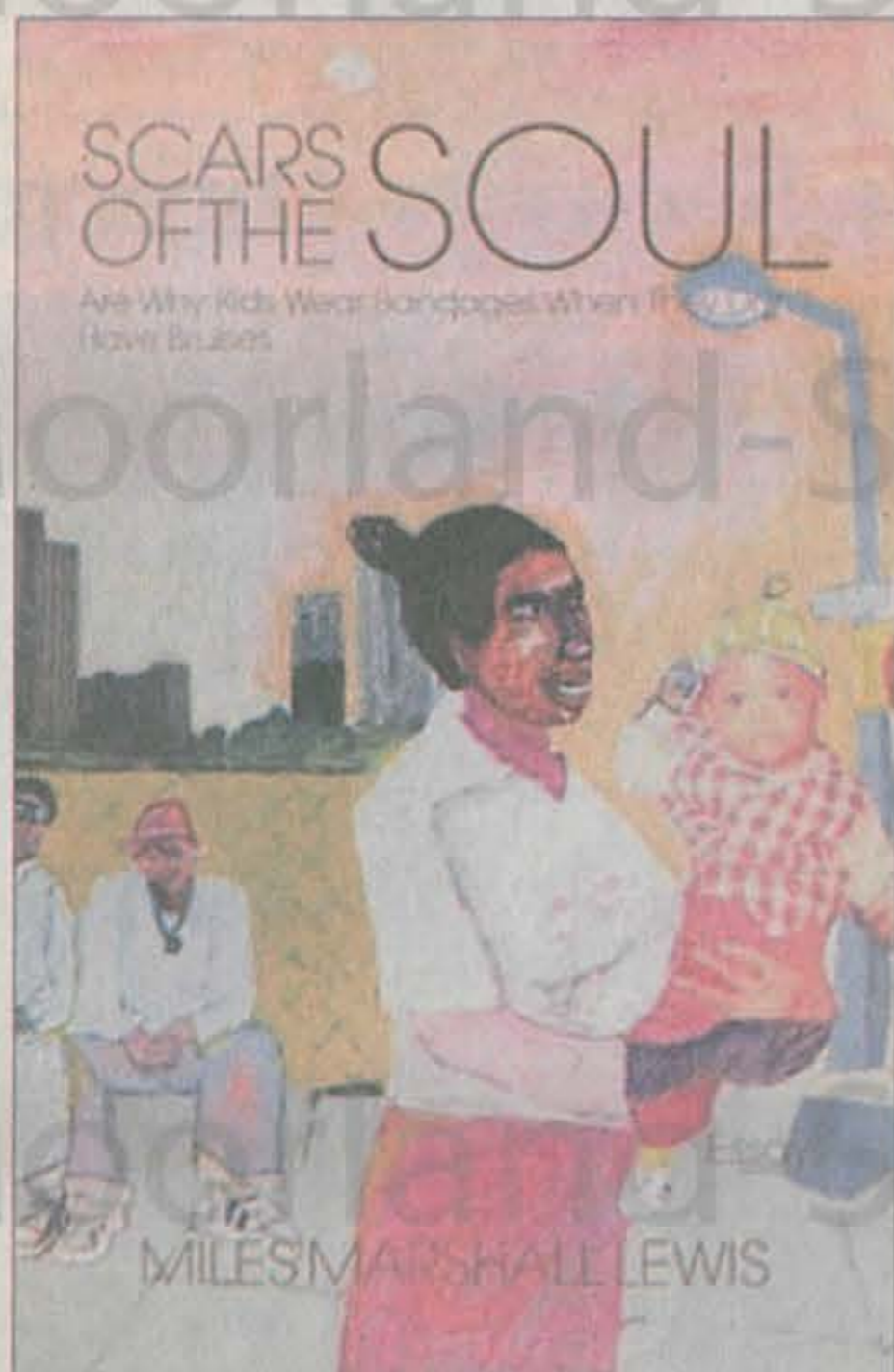
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Miles Marshall Lewis,
During the late 1990s, Mr. Lewis was the Music Editor of Vibe magazine, the Deputy Editor of XXL, and the Literary Editor of Russell Simmons's One World. His essays and criticism have appeared in The Nation, The Village Voice, Rolling Stone, Spin. He currently resides in Paris, France.

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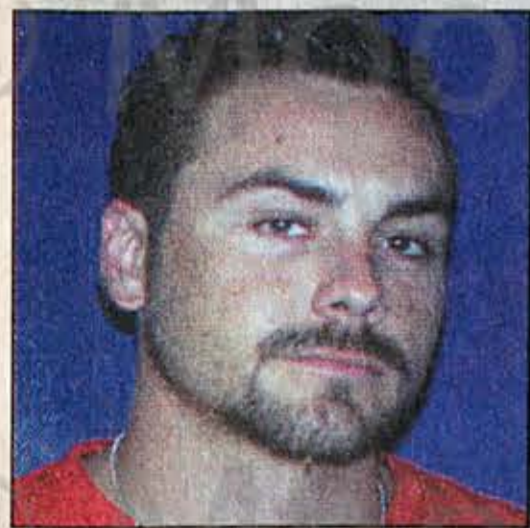
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BUZZWORTHY Fritz Puts The Blitz on Equality

BY ZACHARY KENWORTHY
Sports Editor

An Arizona businessman by the name of Reggie Fowler is due to buy the Minnesota Vikings in the very near future. The Vikings, who have been in the news lately concerning a possible trade of controversial wide receiver Randy Moss, are worth \$604 million according to Forbes Magazine. The price tag is heavy, but the implications are even heavier.

Fowler is African-American. The deal, which current owner Red McCombs is sure that the league will approve, is a historical announcement – one that fittingly comes during Black History Month.

Eighty-four years ago, Fritz Pollard was the NFL's first African-American coach. Pollard, who passed in 1986 at the age of 92, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame during Super Bowl week earlier this month. Five years into the new millennium, Fowler is making similar waves as did Pollard and is set to become the NFL's first Black owner.

Pollard was an outstanding halfback at Brown University and led them to the Rose Bowl in 1915. A sign of the times, he then served a tour of duty in WWI and four years later he turned pro, but at just 5'9 and 165 pounds, his career was not as lengthy as he had hoped. During his playing time, though, he was just one of two African-American players and was noted for his elusive running style. He led the Akron Pros to an undefeated 8-0-3 record in his first season and, eventually, the league's first championship. In fact, he was considered the most feared back of the time.

After just two years at running back for Akron, he became the league's first Black coach in the newly founded American Professional Football Association, later renamed the National Football League.

The move was unprecedented and signaled that the American Professional Football Association was ahead of its time. In fact, I would even argue that the biggest difference between the NFL and other major sports is simply black and white. Football had its first African-American coach in 1921; Major League Baseball didn't have its first African-American player until Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1945.

Robinson then followed in the footsteps of Pollard. Of course, Robinson's progression in Major League Baseball is far more storied and happened at a time when the Civil Rights Movement was finally being brought to the fore. However, there is nobody more worthy of having Pro Football Hall of Fame honors bestowed upon them than Pollard. The likes of Dan Marino and Steve Young should be flattered to enter the hallowed halls of Canton with this man.

So now, in 2005, we are witnessing an about face in the front offices of major sports. The changes are long overdue but at least they are here. In 2002 Bob Johnson became the first African-American majority owner when he bought the Charlotte Bobcats of the NBA. Now the NFL is ready to take on the mantle.

Thank you Fritz.

2005 MEAC Indoor Track & Field Championships Athletes Converge At P.G. Sports & Learning Complex

BY MIKE HOLMES
Hilltop Staff Writer

After recently returning from the Virginia Tech Challenge, which Coach Merritt called, "a big one," the Howard University men's and women's indoor track teams will prepare for the 2005 MEAC Championships this weekend.

"We are mainly focused on what we want to do at the championships," Coach Merritt said. Merritt went on to say that the team has done very well this season.

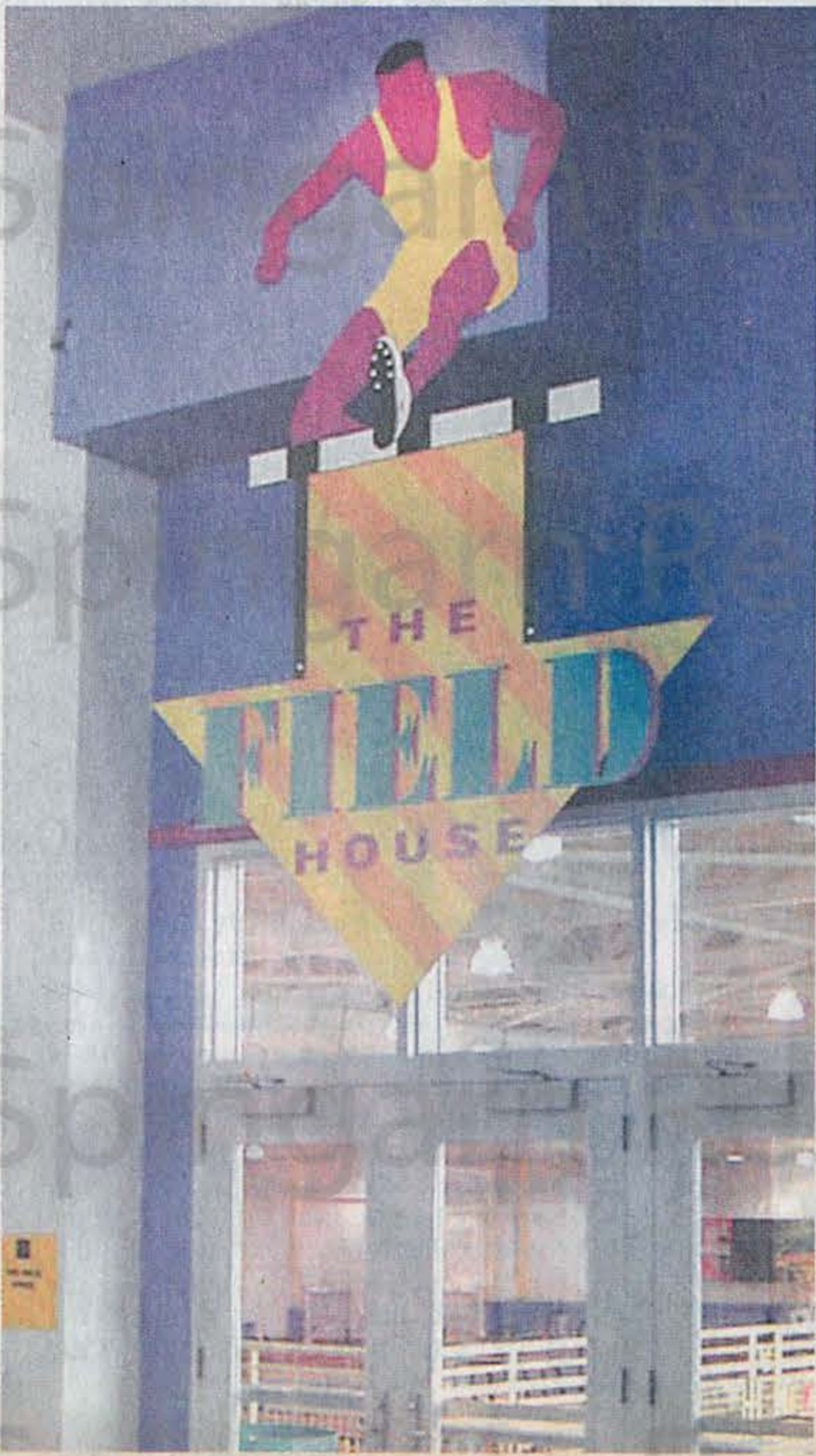
Freshmen marketing major Chris Taylor agreed, "We did good this season overall. We had high expectations to hit and I think we are gonna hit them."

Coach Merritt explained that the weekend was evidence of this, "We had a lot of students run personal bests."

Several athletes placed this past weekend. Lauren McNary finished third in the women's 400m with a time of 56.30. LaClaire Carter placed fifth in the women's long jump with a distance of 5.86 meters. Jacoby DuBose placed sixth in the men's 55m hurdles. Finally, Michael Sampson placed fifth in the men's triple jump with a distance of 14.65 meters. Additionally, the 4x8 relay team is second fastest in the East. However, that event will not be run this weekend at the MEAC Championships.

Another misfortune ahead of this weekend's championship is the recent injuries that have plagued the women's and men's teams. Both lost crucial runners. The women's are without senior Erica Day. Day will actually be out for the rest of the season due to a fractured foot. She was one of the strongest competitors in the women's 400m.

"She was our key runner,"



Coach Merritt and the Bison will be looking to win Howard's first men's and women's MEAC Indoor Track & Field Championship since 1992 and 1989 respectively.

Merritt said.

Freshmen international business major Lauren McNary, the women's other strong 400m competitor, said she doesn't feel that there is added pressure for her to perform this weekend since Day is out. "There's a little bit [pres-

sure] but not a lot," McNary said.

Kary Kenyatta, one of the top competitors on the men's team, will also not be running this weekend. Kenyatta is out with a heel injury.

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The Inside Track

The Last 5 Winners

Year	Men	Women
2004	Florida A&M	Hampton University
2003	Hampton University	Hampton University
2002	South Carolina State	Delaware State
2001	Norfolk State	Florida A&M
2000	Hampton University	Norfolk State

Who Else Will Be There

Women	School	Specialty
Kellie Wells	Hampton	60m hurdles
Yvette Lewis	Hampton	60m dash
Eva Slavikova	UMES	Mile
Tiffany Green	NCA&T	200m

Men	School	Specialty
Kenneth Walker	Morgan State	60 m dash
Kevin Hicks	Florida A&M	Mile, 800m
Dwayne Robinson	UMES	60m hurdles
Dwayne Bell	Delaware State	400m

Competition at the 2005 MEAC Indoor Track and Field Championships begins this morning with the men's and women's pole vaults at 9 a.m. The Hampton Lady Pirates are looking for the team's third consecutive MEAC Track and Field Indoor title while the men are the only team to have won more than one championship since 2000. Defending men's champs, Florida A&M, is led by Kevin Hicks who was last year's most outstanding performer at the meet. Hicks could prove to be the most dynamic athlete at the meet. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. The Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex is located on 8001 Sheriff Road, adjacent to FedEx Field.

Bison Look For First Win In Five Weeks

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
Contributing Writer

It's been over 30 days since the Howard University men's basketball team has won.

Despite having an opportunity to snatch victory from the hands of Coppin State on Monday, the Bison were unable to take advantage and let a golden opportunity slip through the floorboards because of the team's inability to maintain possession.

The Bison, who fell behind 28-9 in the early moments, used a 23-5 run, hitting 6-11 from three-point range during that stretch, including back-to-back triples by freshmen Reggie Bates, who had 15 points off the bench.

However, a strong second half surge was led by junior guards Nicholas King and Raheem Scott, who each scored 14 points.

The duo gave the Eagles a lead that grew as high as 12 points, despite a 13-5 run that pulled Howard within a 64-60 reach. An 11-6 run by Coppin State (11-12 overall, 11-3 in MEAC) gave them a 75-66 victory.

The Eagles also got strong play from freshmen guard Daniel Proctor, who finished with 22 points, 10 rebounds and had four steals.

Going 24 for 35 from the free throw line in the second half really helped the Eagles keep the Bison at bay, especially at the end as they scored their final 11 points from the line.

The Bison were able to stay in the contest partly due to the play of guards Will Gant and Darek "Skip" Mitchell, who tallied 14 and 12 points respectively and hit eight for 17 from three-point range, but were unable to overcome a 38.9



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Will Gant has been left with little help due to Cliffone Ault's absence over the last two games.

percent shooting average, 20 turnovers and the absence of leading scorer Cliffone Ault.

"Me and Will; It's just all on us to get it done right now since Cliffone is not playing right now," Mitchell said. "Both of us have to step up and put more points on the board."

Despite the loss, forward Jason Trotter expressed how the team really battled and played their first strong game despite falling behind in the early moments.

"We overcame and started playing like ourselves; we did really good things and were down by four with a minute to go to with the best team in the league" Trotter said. "I think if we keep up with the hard work, we're going to be good."

Among the things that the Bison were able to do against Coppin State was outscore

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Lady Bison Face S.C. State After Dissapointing Loss to Coppin

BY LINDSEY WALTON
Contributing Writer

In the final stretch of competition before the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tournament, the Howard Lady Bison basketball team will take on the Bulldogs of South Carolina State tomorrow.

The Lady Bison (12-10, 8-6) are coming off a disappointing road loss to No. 2 Coppin State 74-65 on Monday night. Coppin was led by 5'10" junior forward Sherrie Tucker and 5'11" senior guard Courtni Strickland, scoring 18 points each.

Tucker went two of three from beyond the arc and broke a four-game shooting slump, going seven for 10 from the field.

The 11-3 Lady Eagles should have been temporarily stifled by the loss of starting forward Talia Sutton and sophomore guard Rashida Jber, who are out with

foot injuries, but Coppin was able to shoot a season high 28 on 58 attempts (48 percent). Senior forward Donna Williams had 14 rebounds, a career high since the Feb. 26, 2001 Lady Bison defeat at the hands of Coppin.

Leading scorer for the Lady Bison, senior point guard Daisha Hicks, converted a three-point play, followed by a three-pointer by sophomore forward Melloni Benson. These plays started a 9-0 run that brought Howard within four points with only 2:17 remaining in the contest. But the run would never be enough as Coppin State used the charity stripe to finish off the Lady Bison, converting



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This season Ebony Lacey has been dominating off the bench.

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Bison Head To MEAC Championships



The 2005 MEAC Indoor Track & Field Championships are being held at the state of the art Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex. The meet will be held today and tomorrow with events starting at 9a.m.

TRACK, from Sports B1

Merritt said that it is injuries that get the team in trouble every year. "It's a coach's nightmare. The team is doing well, then all of a sudden the team is ripped through with injuries."

The pressure of being down a few members has not discouraged the team. However, "Of course being a hundred percent healthy means we would be more successful. The injuries just mean it's going take others to step up," senior economics major David Wynn said. Wynn noted that Jacoby DuBose, (60m hurdles) and the

distance medley relay team have in fact already begun to do just that.

Going into the MEAC Championships injuries will not be the only thing concerning Coach Merritt and his team. They will face some of the strongest teams in the country. As a whole, the team felt their strongest competition in the MEAC will come from Florida A&M University (FAMU).

FAMU sophomore Kevin Hicks recently qualified for the U.S. Track and Field Indoor Championships in Boston. Hicks is one of the top distance runners in the nation. The FAMU team recently netted 10 top-10 finishes at the 2005 Niswonger

Invitational in Johnson City, Tenn. Other teams competing this weekend include Hampton University, Norfolk State University and North Carolina A&T.

Coach Merritt approaches the MEAC Championships as a man, who despite some setbacks, is confident in himself and his team. "You have to remain positive. We learned not to get down because of injuries. We have to focus on being competitive regardless of the situation."

The 2005 MEAC Championships are being held this Saturday at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover, Md. Events start at 9 a.m.

HU Bison 'Desperate' For Sixth Victory

WIN, from Sports B1

them 18-16 in the paint and 38-12 off the bench. Reggie Bates, who had 15 of the bench points, has been a huge bonus, providing scoring that has been missing with the absence of Cliffone Ault.

The sophomore forward/guard has missed the last two games, a personal decision made by Coach Frankie Allen. The team's leading scorer hopes to play Saturday versus South Carolina State.

In Howard's 11 straight defeats, the Bison's leading scorer (13.8 ppg) has only averaged 7.2 on 38 percent from the floor and 20 percent from three-point range.

"I have looked at some tapes over and over recently.

I'm looking at it like I need to be more aggressive," Ault said. "I'm just letting the defense do what they feel."

The Bison now look towards their next opponent, the South Carolina State Bulldogs, who they will play on Saturday at Burr Gymnasium at 4 p.m. The last time the two teams got together in Orangeburg, S.C. Howard suffered at 77-60 on Jan. 15.

The Bulldogs (14-10 overall, 7-6 in MEAC) also lost on Monday night at Hampton 66-57, as they shot only 36 percent from the field and 59 percent from the line.

Prior to that loss to the Pirates, the Bulldogs had won five straight games. Their last two wins were largely because of guard Demeco Heath, who was named MEAC Player of the Week.

The senior guard posted double-doubles of 26 points and 13 rebounds in 77-72 overtime win versus Coppin State and 16 points and 10 boards in the teams 70-59 triumph at Norfolk State.

The Bison will also have to contend with senior guard/forward Thurman Zimmerman, who is the team leader in points at 15.7 per game and rebounds at 7.3 per contest.

The Bison feel that their game on Saturday versus South Carolina State is a must win. In order for that to happen, the team must get off to a good start, not have costly breakdowns on offense and defense and they must be able to shoot effectively from the floor.

"Were going to do whatever it takes and were going to come out with a win," said freshmen forward/center Sidney



Reggie Bates came off the bench and scored 15 points in a losing effort against Coppin on Monday.

Men's Tennis Scores As Ladies Fall Behind



The men's tennis team were backed by a strong performance from Brandon Smith and Kenneth Brown to pull out a 4-3 victory over Lehigh.

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MEN - Brandon Smith and Kenneth Brown both won in straight sets over the weekend to help the Bison defeat Lehigh. Howard won the season opener 4-3 on Saturday.

The Bison won all three matches at the top half of the draw as Smith and Brown played at the No. 1 and No. 2 position. Jibade Thomas also won at the No. 3 position for the Bison as he eked out a 6-3, 2-6, 7-5 victory. Othman Garma did the same at the No. 5 position. His straight set victory

was not without difficulty as he posted a 7-6 (8), 7-6 (8) win.

Thomas and Faron Carter won the only doubles match of the weekend.

WOMEN - The Lady Bison did not fare as well as the men at the weekend as they struggled to a 5-2 defeat at the hands of Lehigh. Howard received victories from Kristen Harris at the No. 1 position and Aja Wright at the No. 3 position. Harris defeated Alexis Jacobi 6-3, 6-1 and Wright won her match against Lindsay Long 6-1, 6-4.

Lady Bison To Face Lady Bulldogs

BISON, from Sports B1

five of six.

Despite the loss, Hicks surpassed the 1,000-point career mark tallying 18 points and adding eight rebounds for good measure. However, Hicks was charged with nine of the Bison's turnovers. Benson led Howard scoring 19 points, 11 of which came after the half.

Benson said that she does not plan on changing anything going into Saturday's game. "I'll pretty much stay the same and play hard. You just have to play hard every night."

Senior center Andrea Jones put up eight points and 12 rebounds in attempt to help the Lady Bison effort.

The Lady Bison are getting two days of rest leading up to the face off with South Carolina State, but it won't be a time of inactivity for Howard.

"I think it's a much needed rest for some of the team but we won't just be sitting around. Some players will use the time for weight-training and time to work on individual shooting so that each player can work toward their individual goals," Hicks said.

Saturday's match-up against SC State is the second meeting of the two teams the first of which took place in Orangeburg, S.C. on Jan.

15. On the shoulders of a 33-point performance by junior guard Brittany James, the Lady Bison easily crushed the Lady Bulldogs 83-66. James drained nine of 14 three-pointers in that outing as Hicks padded her already glowing stat sheet with 14 points, nine assists, six rebounds and eight steals. The first win was also the fourth victory in an early four-game winning streak by the Lady Bison.

The Lady Bulldogs will not be a roll-over for Howard, as junior guard Diana Morency and junior forward Evana Morency scored a combined 35 points in the January contest. Since the first Lady Bulldog loss both teams have won three of seven contests.

In preparing for South Carolina the Lady Bison are taking a step toward the MEAC Championship tournament in March. But Howard is not looking too far

ahead but concentrating on making team corrections.

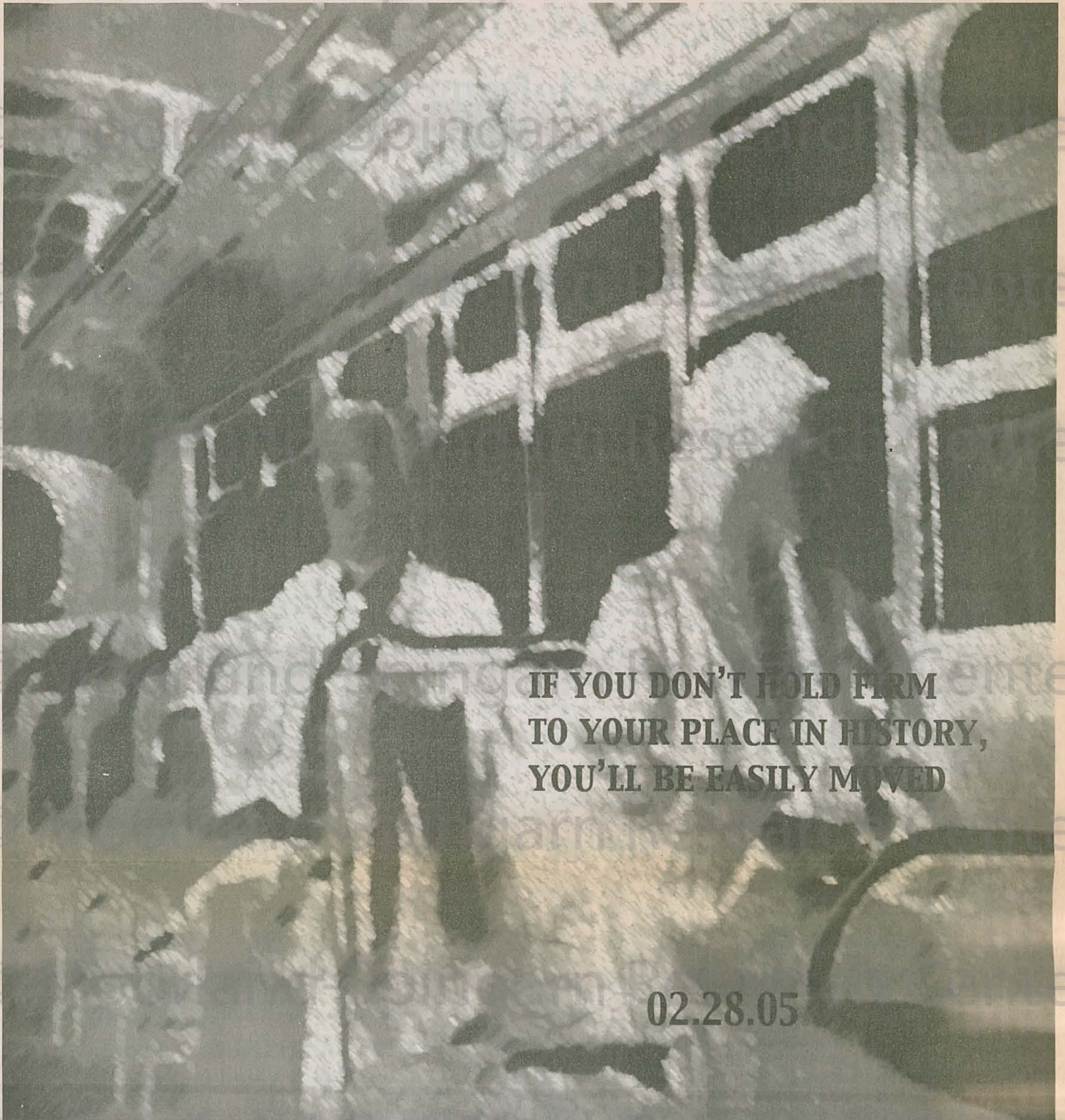
"We're working on things we'll have to execute in order to win the tournament but at the same time we're working on our weaknesses. We're analyzing tape and seeing what makes us win and what makes us lose," said emerging point guard, junior Ebony Lacey.



Last meeting, junior Brittany James dropped 33 points and went 9 of 14 from behind the arch to give the Lady Bison a 83-66 victory.

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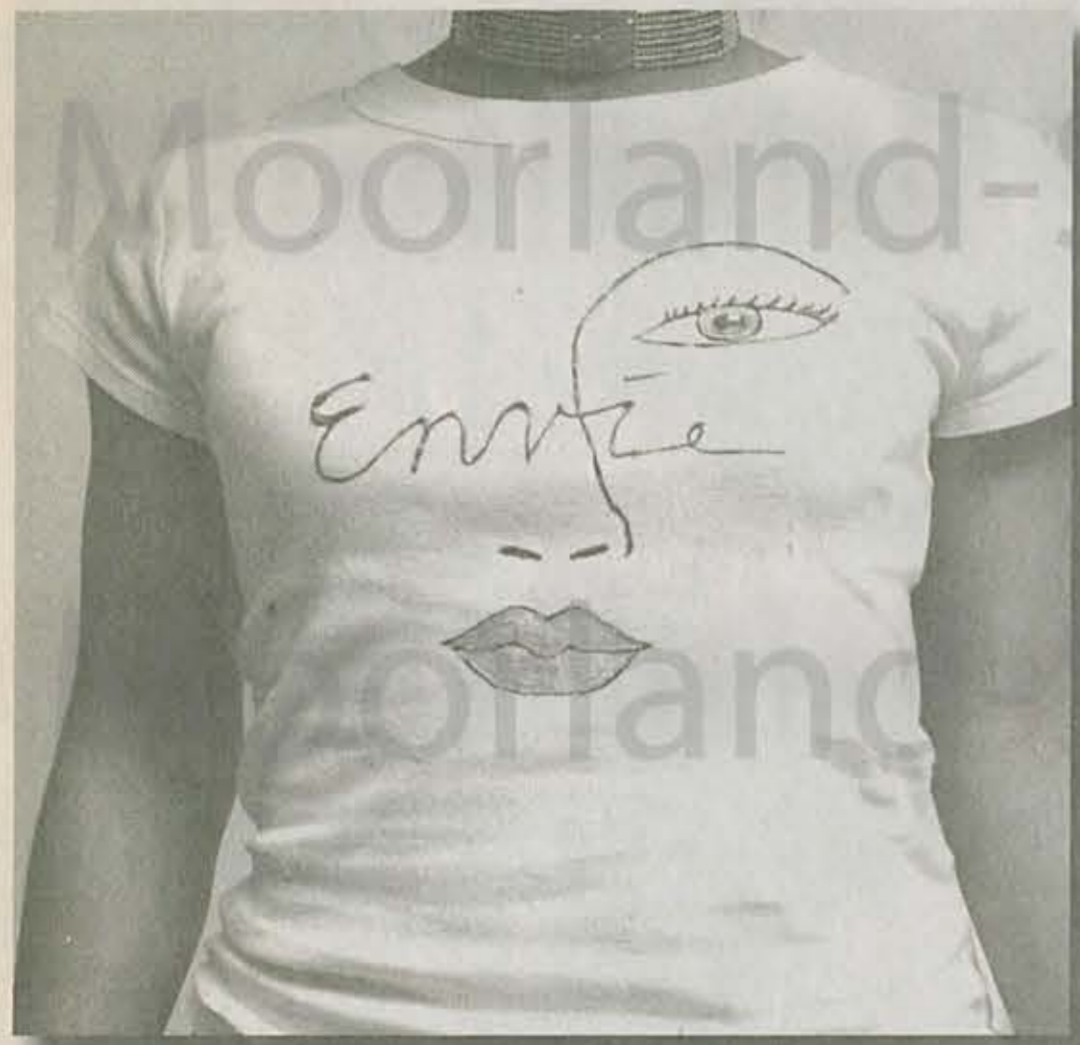
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IKON AND ENVI:



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BY ERICA WILLIAMS
Life & Style Editor

With fashion inspirations varying from Gwen Stephani to Jay-Z, Ikon and Envi clothing line is destined to add to the ever growing evolution of hip hop and skater board wear. Founded in 2004 by junior finance major and California native Justin Siplin, Ikon and Envi is sure to grab the attention of Howard students and abroad. With a cool and classic, yet trendy look, fashion lovers can only embrace this bold and confident line.

Experimenting with fashion since middle school, Siplin's love for fashion evolved as he got older.

"Being from California, I experienced a lot of the world, or cultures, fusing together and I was inspired," Siplin said. "I even noticed that my everyday wear was a fusion. I would have on some skateboard wear and something hip hop."

With ambition, inspiration and a love for "edgy" fashion in the forefront, Siplin's idea for a clothing line soon evolved.

New Clothing Line Merges HIP-HOP & SKATER Wear

Divided into two lines (Ikon for men and Envi for women), there are pieces for everyone.

The executive designer for both Ikon and Envi is senior Alyhana Childs, who was a designer for Muchuno clothing. A very innovative designer, Childs brings Siplin's ideas to light while adding her own flavor to the line.

Cara Alanne Brown, senior international business and marketing major from Oakland, Calif., who is also the marketing strategist for Ikon and Envi, said she has seen Childs come up with new clothing ideas and sketches in less than five minutes.

"She is so innovative, a great sketcher and she puts colors together greatly," she said.

With a very determined team of entrepreneurs, the creative forces behind Ikon and Envi have high hopes and detailed preparations for the future.

"We plan to begin selling in all the major fashion cities, L.A., New York, Miami, Chicago, as well as other places," Brown said. "We are also in the process of building our websites so that consumers can buy the

pieces on line."

While Ikon and Envi has not yet been launched to the public, Howard students will be able to preview the clothing line tonight at 7 p.m. in the Armour J. Blackburn Center.

The event will include a small presentation (introduction of staff) and a 15-minute fashion show followed by an after party. The fashion show will include T-shirts and some original summer & fall ready to wear pieces with various accessories to compliment each.

"The audience won't be disappointed," Brown assured. "The clothes are great and the makeup and hair will be the same. We have a personal stylist and make-up artist from Mae Cosmetics helping out with the event."

Siplin agrees that students will not only enjoy the show but the clothing line as well.

"Ikon and Envi are about image," he said "We want people who wear our clothes to become icons in their own right. This event will let the public know that we're not in fashion to make friends; we're in it to make icons."



WHBC Lacks Equipment, Student Support

BY CANDACE JONES
Contributing Writer

Entering the School of Communications through the lower level, with just minutes to spare before class, students can find themselves grooving to some of the hottest tracks in hip-hop and R&B. These tunes are courtesy of Howard University's own WHBC 830 AM, the student run radio station located in the basement of the School of Communications.

Although WHBC keeps the latest tunes in rotation and even has occasional celebrity appearances, the station is not getting the attention it wants and feels it deserves from Howard University students.

"Even though our frequency is only campus-wide, we still want people in that area to gain an appreciation for what we do," said senior radio production major and head on-air personality Nile Ivey who heavily expressed his interest in attracting more students to the station.

WHBC was featured at the organizational fair in the beginning of the fall semester of this school year. As one of the more popular booths at the fair, many students were just hearing of and seeing the faces of WHBC for the first time, many of them beyond freshman status.

"We need the school to give us money for antennas," said senior radio production major Niles "Rockko" Goodwin who has been the music director for the station since his freshman year. "The television channel we have is an advantage, but it's not a big enough outlet for our listeners. If we had the antennas that we need, people could listen to us in their cars, on their stereos at home, at work, wherever."

WHBC has a full staff of personalities, a program director, news reporters and all the other people that make a radio station successful, however the problems they encounter keep their number of listeners on the low end.

Junior broadcast journalism major Maureen Taylor who is a news reporter with the station feels similarly and offered an explanation to the problems they experience. "I think that everyone who works at the station works really hard to make this something that our family here at Howard can be proud of, but some people don't even know that we exist," Taylor added, "Lack of technology makes it harder for students too access the station. We can only be accessed through television and if you are on in the area of frequency."

Both Goodwin and Taylor are referring to Howard University channel 51, which is

only accessible through a cable connection through the Howard network and does not always have good reception.

"Promotion for the station isn't really that great either, we do a lot of stuff that people don't even know about," said Ivey. "We talk about social issues, politics, and issues that affect us as students." WHBC goes beyond the simple task of spinning records, but are striving to make their mark as youth leaders as well.

He also discussed that the station has bigger plans for the remainder of the year. Plans are under weigh to do events in the Punch Out and to have more artists come through to the station. "This year alone, we've had John Legend, Lyfe, Tweet, and others who have come to support us," Ivey said. He also mentioned that they are working to have Atlanta rapper T.I. and R&B singers Fantasia and Amerie to make appearances at the station as soon as this week. Other guests in the past have included Hip-Hop veterans TLC, Yo-Yo, and Naughty by Nature.

"We're doing our best here at WHBC," said Ivey. "But without proper support and promotion, we'll go unheard."

To find out more about WHBC, please contact the staff at WHBC_830am@yahoo.com.



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Despite lack of equipment and technology, students are finding a way to keep the station running, but it's not an easy task.

Black History Profile of The Arts: Mahalia Jackson

BY SHANAE L. HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Entertainers such as Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston have in the past been crowned by popular culture as the best entertainers of their time. Holding reigns such as "King of Pop" and "Queen of R&B" legends like this will go down in history. But what about those that have already went down in history and paved the way for entertainers like these?

What many don't know is that popular music such as R&B and rock 'n' roll came from the influences of the church. Yes, that's right, the music tearing up the charts these days came from gospel music. So who exactly is the "Queen of Gospel?" It's none other than legendary spiritual singer Mahalia Jackson.

Mahalia Jackson was born in a poor section of New Orleans on October 26, 1911 to John A. Jackson, a barber and preacher, and Charity Clark who died at age 25 when Jackson was four years old. A year later Jackson's father sent her to live with her aunt, who didn't allow secular music in her house. Jackson's love for music even at a very young age started her into singing hymns and old gospel tunes around

the house. She began her singing career at Plymouth Rock Baptist Church in New Orleans. This is where Jackson's booming voice got its strict Baptist style, which blended with her powerful and free gospel sound. As a teenager, such famous singers as Bessie Smith, Ida Cox and Ma Rainey influenced her. From these singers, Jackson began to develop her own style of soulful expression. At age 16, Jackson moved to Chicago where she found plenty of work as a soloist at churches and funerals. It was here that her unique contralto voice caught the attention of many visiting small churches from coast to coast. Larger, more formal churches frowned upon her energetic renditions of well known traditional songs.

After performing with the Prince Johnson singers, she began recording for Decca Records in 1937. After five years of touring with Thomas A. Dorsey, Jackson's popularity and success got her a contract with Apollo Records, although she later switched to Columbia where she gained broad recognition as a spiritual singer.

Through the 1950s, Jackson's voice was heard on radio, television and concert halls around the world. She had

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Comedy Show: Laugh...It's Funny

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Comedy lovers of all ages will have the opportunity to see four major comedians perform this weekend with The D.C. Heavy Hitters of Comedy at Lincoln Theater.

The show will feature four comedians, Chris Thomas, Marc Patrick, Tony Woods and Todd Rexx, who each bring a different style of comedy to the table.

While each comedian featured in the show has appeared on comedy shows and specials on major networks including Def Comedy Jam and Comedy Central, one of the most well known comics of the group is Chris Thomas.

Before Big Tigga and Mad Linx, Thomas was the host of BET's Rap City, allowing the worlds of hip-hop and comedy to merge seamlessly.

"When I started hip hop was real hip hop. Back then, it was original music, no sampling. There was a variety to Rap City. We used to do skits and have guests like Public Enemy and Queen Latifah and other entertainers and athletes," Thomas said.

Since his stint as host of Rap City, Thomas, who can do over 200 impressions, has made a name for himself touring with major rap artists, appearing in an HBO special with Whoopi Goldberg, and as the host of the first Kings of Comedy Tour.

Marc Patrick, the host for the evening, is known for being one of the most energetic out of the group. A native Californian, Marc Patrick has appeared on BET's Comic View and on the USO World Tour of Comedy, making audiences laugh with his familiar style of comedy.

"My biggest influences are Bill Cosby and Sinbad because they were able to make people laugh without using profanity... my comedy is based on life experiences. Everything I talk about is based on something that has happened to me or someone close to me."



A self-proclaimed underground favorite, Tony Woods, is known by those in the industry to always deliver a solid performance. With an impulsive sense of humor that has been featured on Comedy Central and Def Comedy Jam, Woods is predicting that the combination of talent featured in the show will leave audiences satisfied and rolling with laughter.

"Whatever mood I'm in is what they are going to get...but they should expect to have a good time. Some funny [stuff] from everyone on the show," Woods said.

While each comedian may have a different style of comedy, they are connected by their appreciation for the nation's capital; a city each has called home at one point in their career.

"...Washington is only the nation's capital but a lot of comedians come out of here. D.C. has its own brand of comedy," said Thomas. "There is a cultural difference and diversity in D.C. like no where else. Black people came here and found their niche and are very supportive of each other. Almost any comedy show can come here and do well."

Howard Law alumni Lorn Hinsch, president and CEO of Hinsch and Associates, an agency specializing in contracting entertainers for shows at a variety of venues, organized the show.

Hinsch took special care in handpicking the four performers to find the right blend of comedy for the show.

"I had this concept for over a year, and it took me over a year to put together the right bunch of guys so that the show would have a range of styles and variation of comedic talent. Each comedian has a unique style that makes them a genius in their own right," Hinsch said. "They each can appeal to different types of audiences, from young to old and not remain stuck in one genre of comedy. These four comedians offer an eclectic view of their world and guarantee to make the show a huge success."

For those who miss out on the Heavy hitters, a live DVD of the show is being made

The D.C. Heavy Hitters of Comedy will be doing two shows at the Lincoln Theater on U Street on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8 and 10:30pm. More information is available online at www.dcheavyhitters.com



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Recipe of the Week: Chocolate Banana Bread

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup margarine, softened
- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 6 bananas, mashed
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.

In a large bowl, cream together margarine, sugar and eggs. Stir in bananas and vanilla. Sift in flour, baking soda and cocoa; mix well. Blend in sour cream and chocolate chips. Pour batter into prepared pans.

Bake in preheated oven for 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into center of a loaf comes out clean.

-www.allrecipe.com



Jury Selection Postponed Due to Jackson's Illness

Singer Michael Jackson was hospitalized with the flu Tuesday morning, forcing a delay in jury selection for his trial on charges of child molestation.

Jackson was taken to Marian Medical Center, the main hospital in Santa Maria, Calif. He was treated in the emergency room and then admitted to the hospital, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville said Jackson is likely to be sick for three to

four days and noted that jury selection can't proceed without Jackson present. Since Monday is a holiday, the judge decided to delay proceedings until next Tuesday.

Bush Nominates Acting FDA Chief to Lead Agency

On Monday, the acting chief of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Lester Crawford, was nominated to fill the permanent commissioner post that has been vacant for nearly a year.

President Bush's nomination of the 66-year-old food safety specialist comes as both houses of Congress begin investigating the agency's drug safety record, according to the Bloomberg news service. The probes follow the September withdrawal of the painkiller Vioxx due to studies that linked the drug to an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. And earlier last year, the agency was criticized for being slow to react to research that linked several adult antidepressants to an increased risk of suicide among older chil-

dren and teenagers.

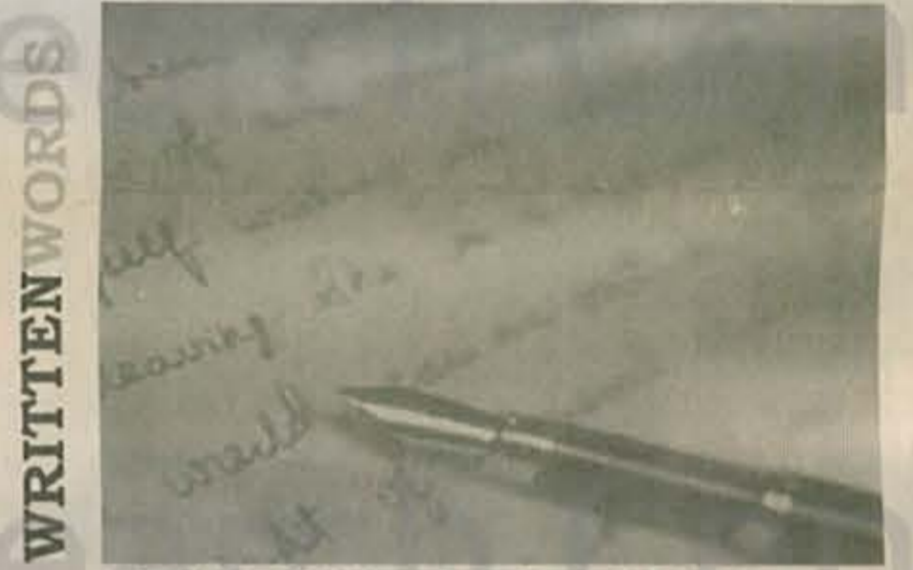
Survey States Homeless Shelters Forced to Turn People Away

Shelters and soup kitchens are turning away many needy people in the United States because the facilities don't have enough beds, food or money to meet the growing demand, according to a survey released Tuesday by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

The survey found that requests for emergency food assistance rose by 28 percent in 2004, while requests for emergency shelter jumped 27 percent. About 25 percent of emergency food providers said a lack of resources forced them to turn away people, and 75 percent of emergency shelter providers cited the same reason, the Associated Press reported.

The survey included 900 agencies in both rural and urban areas of 32 states.

Compiled by Erica Williams
Courtesy of www.healthday.com



WRITTEN WORDS

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

If there was ever a time to dare, to make a difference, to embark on something worth doing, IT IS NOW.

Not for any grand cause, necessarily... but for something that tugs at your heart, something that's your inspiration, something that's your dream.

You owe it to yourself to make your days here count. HAVE FUN. DIG DEEP. STRETCH. DREAM BIG.

Know, though, that things worth doing seldom come easy. There will be good days. And there will be bad days. There will be times when you want to turn around, pack it up, and call it quits.

Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself,

that you are not afraid to learn by trying.

PERSIST.

Because with an idea, determination, and the right tools, you can do great things.

Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart, guide you.

TRUST.

Believe in the incredible power of the human mind. Of doing something that makes a difference.

Of working hard. Of laughing and hoping.

Of lazy afternoons. Of lasting friends. Of all the things that will cross your path this year.

The start of something new brings the hope of something great, **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.**

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Mahalia Jackson: An Angelic Voice to Remember

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audiences that packed houses in Europe and strongly supported her suggested all-gospel performances at the Newport Jazz Festival in 1957. With other accomplishments including, hosting her own radio show on CBS, a performance on the Ed Sullivan Show as well as at the inaugural ball for President John F. Kennedy, Jackson catapulted gospel into America's mainstream music.

Jackson actively took part in the Civil Right Movement as well, singing an old slave spiritual after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the March on Washington in 1963.

With recordings including "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," "Amazing Grace," "Come on Children, Let's Sing" and "His Eye is on the Sparrow," many have called Jackson the greatest gospel singer of all time.

David Ritz wrote in his liner notes for "Mahalia Jackson: 16 Most Requested Songs" that "[Jackson's] voice is a heartfelt express of all that is most human about us: our fears, our faith, our hope for salvation. Hope is the hallmark of Mahalia Jackson and the gospel tradition she embodies."



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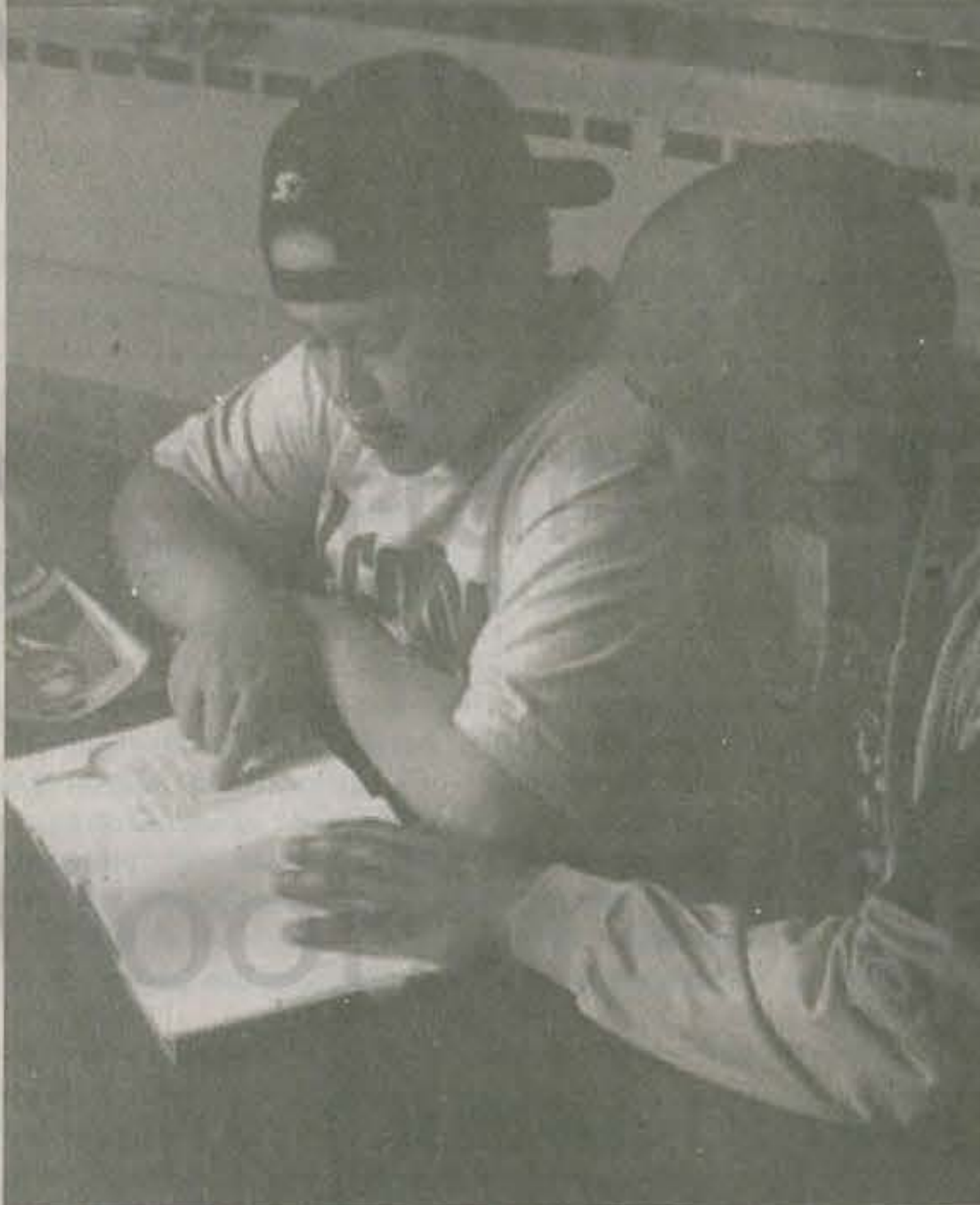
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Robo-Army...Deploying Soon

After 30 years of trial and error, robot soldiers are no longer a figment of our imaginations as the Pentagon has announced it is ready to introduce robot soldiers into combat this spring.

According to Pentagon, "They don't get hungry. They're not afraid. They don't forget their orders. They don't care if the guy next to them has been shot."

It's obvious that these robot soldiers will essentially be a lot better than human soldiers and with the announcement, we can't wait to see more human soldiers come home safely.

We feel as though we should support anything that will make the military more efficient and keep our troops safe. Surprisingly, robot soldiers are already being used in Iraq to find bombs.

The Pentagon says the bomb-disposal robots are now capable of firing 1,000 rounds per minute.

Of course, with any good

news, there is always a bit of bad news. First, as with any new technology, there is a cost; the \$127 billion project is the largest contract in U.S. history.

Additionally, the project is expected to raise the Department of Defense's budget another 20 percent by 2010 and the annual cost of buying

Furthermore, robots and video games that glorify war and violence heavily influence our generation and we are concerned that some people may actually join the military with the hopes of having a chance to operate one of these killing machines.

It is imperative that we understand the seriousness of war and the danger of technology. Movies like *I, Robot* only confirm those fears of living in a world where robots seemingly make life easier, but turn on their human creators.

Thirty years ago, robot soldiers were considered a figment of our imagination. Now that they are real, we hope that everything will go as smoothly as possible because artificial intelligence is sometimes a scary thing.

Although we do not support the war, we support the troops and hope this new technology will do what it intends; keep our troops safe and out of harm's way.

new weapons is expected to rise 52 percent. The high price tag means money must be taken from other budgets. Our hope is that it doesn't come from social services or education; both are areas that need improvement and have already suffered from increasing military costs. We can only hope that extra money is put to good use and not spent in vain.

claimed that he intends to stop the war on terror and he has sent hundreds of thousands of troops to Iraq to fight that war.

We don't understand why the military would want to stop anyone willing to go to Iraq because they are bad for soldier morale. There are more pressing issues that should concern military officials and these recent numbers are an indication of a bad policy.

We understand that anyone who risks their livelihood and life to go to Iraq is an honorable person regardless of their sexual orientation. We are disgusted that we live in a country that praises itself on providing freedom and a high quality life for its citizens yet, they will not allow certain citizens to defend the country because of outdated beliefs and fears.

Furthermore, we are disgusted that in a time of war, the military would disregard its discriminatory policy and not acknowledge its reasoning or the soldiers affected by the policy.

Our View:

Robots in the military are a good idea, but we must make sure we use the technology wisely.

'Don't Ask' Me to Enlist and 'Don't Tell' Me to Fight

According to some recent numbers released by the Department of Defense, the amount of soldiers released from service under the "don't ask don't tell act" has been cut almost in half since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In 2004, only 653 military personnel were discharged; this is the lowest since the policy was implemented in 1997. Pentagon officials say they do not know the reason for the decline.

We find it very ironic that supposedly, no one knows why the number of discharged personnel has dropped. However, at the Hilltop, we think we know the exact reason. During a time of war, it just isn't smart to discharge soldiers simply because of sexual orientation. Obviously, the military is in need of more soldiers in Iraq; last year there were rumors of reinstating the draft to bring more soldiers into Iraq.

In 1997, when the "don't ask, don't tell policy" was put into effect, soldiers who

revealed their sexual orientation were immediately given an honorable discharge from military service.

However, now that the Armed Forces needs more soldiers, revealing one's sexual orientation does not always mean immediate dismissal. We find this interesting considering that when the policy was first introduced, military officials claimed gays in the military were bad for soldier morale.

Honestly, none of us can say we really believed that particular reasoning but we do agree that being thousands of miles away from home and facing the threat of death everyday is bad for soldier morale. For almost four years, President Bush has

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Paying the Price for Constitutional Freedom Speech

Ward L. Churchill, a tenured professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, may be fired after he made comments in a recent speech in which he said the United States deserved the 9/11 attacks and compared the victims to Nazis.

Admittedly, anyone would be offended by his comments. However, at The Hilltop, we firmly believe in freedom of speech. This is especially true since we are here to voice the opinions and provide a news outlet to the students and faculty of Howard University.

We believe Prof. Churchill had the right to make the comments he made and upon further investigation, we found that his comments were taken out of context.

We find that simply because of the sensitivity of the issues,

a lot of people were offended and went on a "witch hunt" after hearing through word of mouth what Churchill had said. Although we can agree that some of the things he said were indeed harsh, the only reason he was targeted was because his

mostly when the nation is at peace and doesn't feel threatened. As citizens of this nation, we should have the right to speak any opinion, even if it is an opposing opinion about our leader and how he decides to run this government.

After all, isn't that what we are fighting for in Iraq? Overall, we think the speech opened a lot of people's minds because some people easily fall for propaganda and believe anything they are told as long as they feel safe.

We are disappointed that the citizens of this nation would be so close-minded as to ostracize and condemn one of their own for simply having an opinion that was well thought out and valid.

We are hoping that University of Colorado officials can understand this and praise the professor rather than fire him.

Our View:

We're not saying what Churchill said was right, but he does have the right to say it; at least that what the constitution grants us.

delivery was wrong.

Basically, we believe Churchill said a lot of things that we would have said, however, we would have chosen to say it in a different way.

We can't understand why freedom of speech is convenient only in certain situations-

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A Heart-Felt Farewell

ROMAN J.M. CALLLUS

On Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 I sat in fellowship amidst thousands of mourners at the Riverside Baptist Church in Harlem, as we honored the life and legacy of the late Ossie Davis. Afterwards, the group of Howard students that I traveled with and I went to Sylvia's to eat and reflect on the service. It was humbling being in the presence of such great men and women: Ruby Dee, Dick Gregory, Harry Belafonte, Maya Angelou, Sonia Sanchez and others. We discussed their contribution to the freedom struggle of African people; the legacy of Ossie and the impact it had on so many people. In his eulogy of Davis, Harry Belafonte expressed that he and Ossie recently reflected on "not only what we have done but how much time is left to do what we felt we had to."

I looked at their courage and leadership, and I was

laden with a looming sense of despair. As these greats, these seasoned champions of liberation approach the end of their lives, who will take their place?

Where are our warriors? Where are our heroes? Our parents and grandparents had their lion's share. Why do those of our generation with a public stage remain innocuous while our children trod the path of destruction and fall under the seduction of instant gratification (Devin Brown)? Why are they silent in their gaze of appallingly inadequate schools? Where are we? Why do we deify the misdirected rapper for his treasonous degradation of our women? Why do we tolerate intolerable treatment? Who will rouse us from this pacified state?

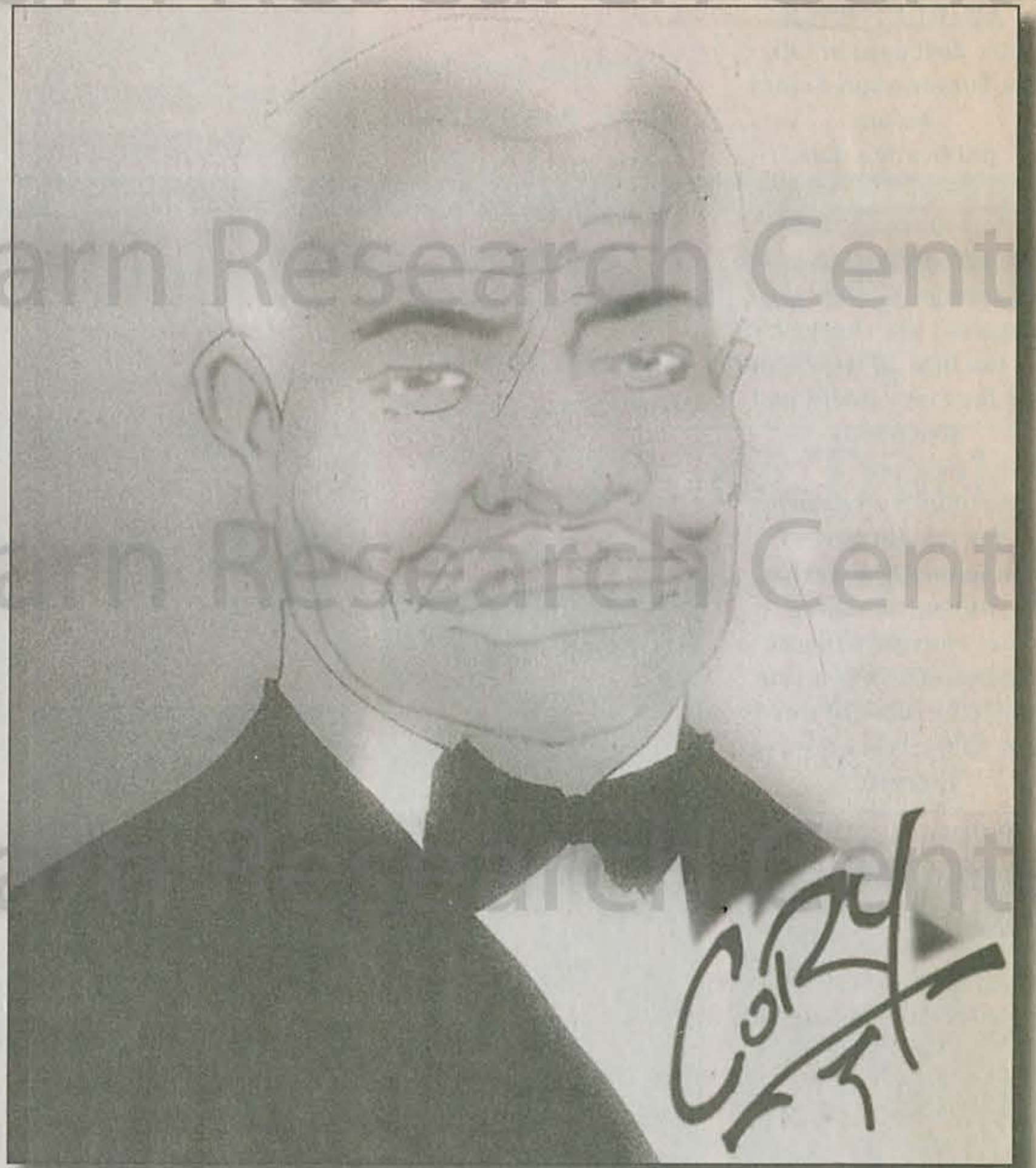
The onus of responsibility falls on us. It must be shared by those with and without a public platform. Our precedes-

sors knew this. Ossie did not disassociate with the general community when he gained celebrity. Rather, he used his celebrity to bring the issues of the community into public view. We cannot all be complacent. There must be men and women of strength and courage among us. Surely, such character cannot die with Ossie and his contemporaries.

"Who will take their place?" we asked. We sat, for a moment in silence, staring at one another, waiting for an answer. Waiting...waiting. Stop waiting. Why not us?

"...there is a generation who is not yet spoiled, not yet deguttled, not yet de-bold, not yet emasculated, who when they come to the light of this truth will rise up and redeem him and us and all of the rest of the world."

---Ossie Davis in his eulogy of Malcolm X



Get Out Da Club and Into D.C.

JANA HOMES

"So, what we gon' do this weekend?" says the one Howard University student to the other.

"Same thing we do every night: Try to take over the club."

This conversation, and those similar to it, can be heard in every dormitory and building, by students across gender, classification and even racial lines. But it's rather disappointing that some students feel that partying is the only option for non-class activities.

The truth is, we have the distinct pleasure of residing in the nation's capital. If you cannot find anything else to do in Washington, D.C., of all places, then you couldn't find a blazer or a button up on Howard's campus.

In a city divided into more sub-cities than can be named, there are things from the ends of the spectrum, and everywhere in between. Please, people, try

going to a museum. Heaven forbid you should come back from college with a bit more culture than when you left.

With a selection of Smithsonians, just about everyone should be able to find something of interest. And there are other attractions like The Spy Museum, where you can replay your Bond fantasies, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, which I'm sure has a painting or two and The Science Museum, where we got necklaces with our DNA on them.

Even if the museum is too advanced for you, you could at least go to a dance class at one of the many studios in the District, including the belly dancing lessons at Dupont Circle or swing dancing at The Joy of Motion. And at the very least, folks, try out a new movie theater or club.

Metro stops outside of Pentagon City and Gallery Place-Chinatown, while they may be a bit further and cost you an extra \$0.60 on your fare

card, have a lot to offer. For instance, Silver Spring Station, on the red line, has two movie theaters, one of which specializes in films of the beaten path, including many international features from African and Caribbean nations. And just on the other side of the stop, there's a reggae club, for those who simply must shake something.

Some new spots don't even have to be on the metro. U Street, which has long been a haven for African-Americans, is regaining its prominence. Just around the corner, there's a wealth of small cafes, jazz joints and restaurants, some of which appreciate student patronage and offer discounts, as do many establishments in D.C.

So, next time the question of what to do with your time arises, try something new and different, and get in some out of the ordinary experiences. But, by all means, don't not go to the club. I don't want it to be empty when I get there.

U Street... How Refreshing

MALCOLM STUBBLEFIELD

Finally, a refreshing perspective about the U street corridor. I spend a considerable amount of time shopping and visiting shops on U Street. It is becoming the place that my father used to talk about when I was a child; that period when U street represented the DC jazz scene. During that period in the late 40's and 50's black people

patronized the area: it was our place in the Nation's capitol. Today we have an opportunity to recapture our past (to some extent), but only if black folk in this city wake-up and smell the roses.

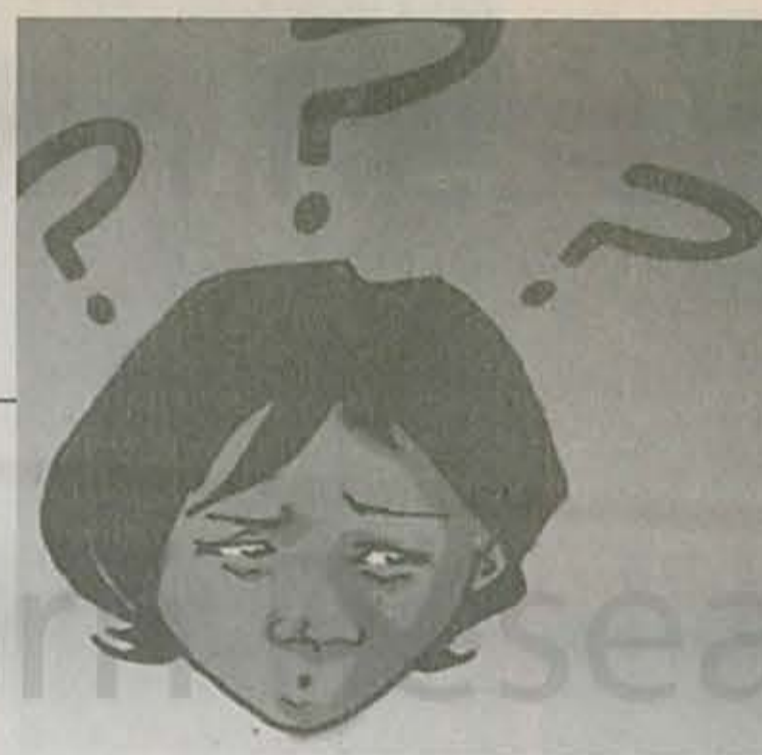
More of the restaurants are represented by ethnic people but not black folk who have a history in DC or in the USA for that matter. Those people

(black folk) seem to miss the economic opportunities that surround them and settle for being customers instead of business owners. The sad side to this story is that we will continue to miss the economic challenges of ownership and acquiesce to people from other countries that now make DC their home.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK
 "I saw you cheating!"
 (with accent)

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So the daily is only a week and a half away, and you guys are more than ready. Tuesday and Friday staffs have both improved so much since the beginning of the year. I can't tell you how much I am enjoying this semester and working with you guys. It has been a real joy

Shout Outs...
Christina-I see you trying to come up! Four stories in one issue? You took criticism and proved me wrong.
Lauren-What would we do without you? You come through in the clutch.
Poet, Arion-As always, just such a fabulous job. I could almost cry.
Kristin-Thank you for the dedication. I really wish we had longer together.
Professor Lamb- Have I ever told you that you were the world's greatest adviser? Thank you for always listening.
Weldon-What can I say? You are my love. Thank you for making me feel like a queen on Valentine's Day.
To all the staff-You guys have been great, but the worst is yet to come, but we will be all right because we are family. Be encouraged and remember, I will shave my head on 3-4-05. It's the jump off!

Show Time in Blackburn Talent Show Auditions Wednesday 7:00-8:30 Feb. 23, 2005 Human Ecology Bld/Aud Proceeds to African Tsunami Relief More Info hucommunityoutr each@yahoo.com

*****Sensation Award*****
Bisonettes...
What are we supposed to do with all these trophies!!!

V-I-Z-I-O-N
U guys are the BEST! I am privileged to be around such talented, fun-loving, dedicated people. The ain't ready for us!
~Fawn

JoVon, thanks for looking out for me last Friday at the Hospital I really appreciated it. Rachel and Frajovon, I am grateful for your help as well. It will never be forgotten. Peace, Jimmy Prude (J-03-A)

*****Wonder Award*****
Crystal B.
Thanks for holding down so many different things!!!

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WEEKLY BREAD
When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines.
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