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## TUESDAY NOTEBOOK

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April 8

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS

April 28

FORMAL CLASSES END

### WEATHER

TODAY

Sunny  
High: 68  
Low: 52

### WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy  
High: 79  
Low: 58

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## North Carolina Defeats Illinois

BY ASHLEY ROSS  
Sports Editor

The March to the Arch came to an end last night with the North Carolina Tar Heels defeating the Illinois Fighting Illini, 75-70. The victory was the perfect birthday present for game MVP Sean May who finished the game with an incredible double-double with 26 points and 10 rebounds. It was also the perfect ending to an unbelievable season under veteran Coach Roy Williams whose phenomenal career was only lacking a national championship.

The game was filled with excitement from the start with the Tar Heels making an early 9-0 run. However the Fighting Illini, who have persistently lived up to their name throughout the tournament, were quick to change the momentum of the game with a 7-0 run of their own.

Then just after the 15-minute mark, senior guard Luther Head, who had missed his first two shots from behind the arc, gave the Illini their first lead of the game.

The Tar Heels did not hesitate to return the favor with a three-pointer of their own from freshman Marvin Williams. For the next several possessions, both teams exchanged baskets with the Tar Heels just barely maintaining the lead.

However with Tar Heels point guard Raymond Felton and Illini center James Augustine both struggling with early fouls, both teams had to adjust defensively. Despite their foul trouble, the Tar Heels continued to pound the ball inside while the Illini, a predominately outside shooting team, struggled outside the paint.



March Madness came to an end, Monday night, with the North Carolina Tar Heels defeat of 75-70 over the Illinois Fighting Illini, in St. Louis.

At the start of the second half the Fighting Illini down 27-40, had to fight to get back in the game. Point guard Dee Brown along with shooting guards Luther Head and Deron Williams took command of the Illini offense in the second half. Hitting a combined seven three-pointers, the Illini guards managed to tie the game with 2:32 left.

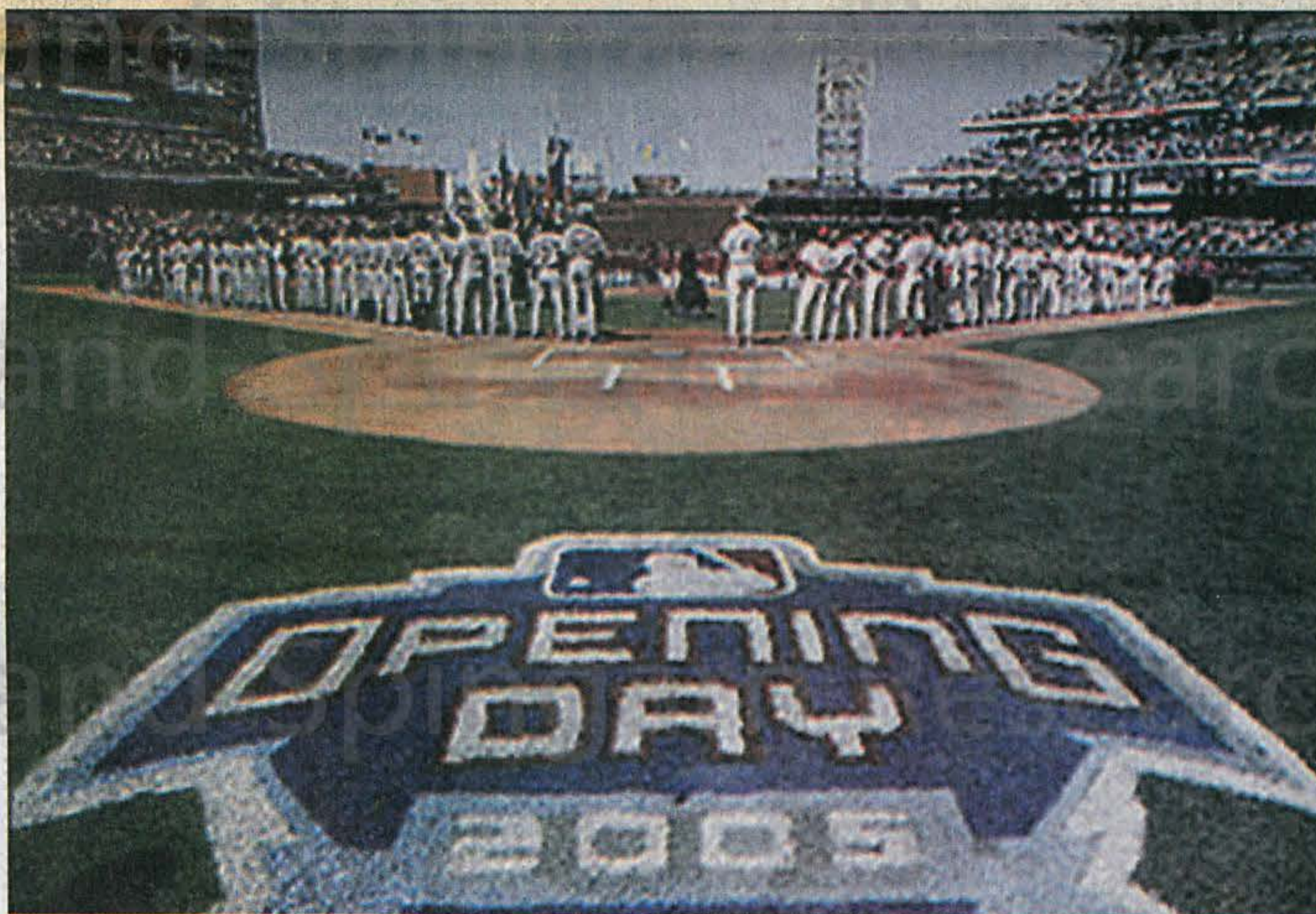
However the Tar Heels defense did not allow a single point thereafter as Felton's free throws sealed North Carolina's vic-

tory down the line.

Post game Sean May told the *Associated Press*, "A lot of people said we were just talented, but not a team," May said. "But when times got tough, we banded together and came through. We showed we're not just talented. We're a team."

Head Coach Roy Williams added, "I'm just so happy for myself, my family," Williams said. "These seniors ... what they've been through for four years. They took me for a heck of a ride."

## Washington Nationals Opening Day



The Philadelphia Phillies welcomed the Washington Nationals into the MLB with an 8-4 loss amidst a sellout crowd.

## Dorm Fires Nationwide Raise Concerns About Safety

BY BRIDGETTE GINYARD  
Contributing Writer

The small-scale fire in Slowe Hall on Sunday alerted some students and residence life to the importance of fire safety practices.

According to Claude Williams of the Howard University Department of Environmental Health and Safety, safety evaluations are necessary for preventing unwanted accidents.

"A fire safety program must have the proper inspections. Having an outdated system could lead to future issues," Williams said.

Nationally, small and large-scale dormitory fires are not uncommon, and occur at an alarming rate.

The dormitory fires on March 16 at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss. may have

signaled the need for fire safety improvements at colleges around the country, including Howard University.

A fire at E.L. Rust Hall ignited in the room of a student who left incense burning as she dozed off. The alarm system failed to alert students, and resident assistants had to evacuate the students. At least 14 rooms were significantly damaged, but all 200 residents exited the dorm safely.

Williams attributes fires like these to students who fail to observe safety standards. "Changing these behaviors may be difficult because students are used to living at home, where they can do as they please," Williams said. "Nine times out of 10, we have false alarms on account of the activities of the residents."

See SAFETY, News A5



While Howard University dorms come equipped with fire alarms, smoke detectors and evacuation plans, some students believe this is not enough.

## Museum Highlights Black Fashion

BY MICHAEL LAWSON  
Contributing Writer

The African-American Civil War Memorial is not the only monument at the U St./Cardozo Metro Station. A stone's throw from the station and a block from the Howard Plaza Towers in a modest row house on Vermont Avenue is the Black Fashion Museum.

The current exhibit, which runs until May 31 is entitled "Une Americaine a Paris: 25 Years in the French Capital". The exhibit celebrates the contributions of Carol Mongo, the first African-American to be appointed director of the Parsons School of Design (Paris).

Also on display are design pieces by the late Patrick Kelly. Kelly, who died at the height of his career, was the first American to become a member of the Chambre Syndicale du Prêt-à-Porter, the governing body of the prestigious French ready-to-wear industry. The Kelly pieces are on loan from the private collection of Travis Winkey.

The museum was founded by Lois Alexander-Lane in 1979 in Harlem, NY originally and its total collection boasts almost 4,000 artifacts, most of which are not on display.

"We have approximately 4,000 items... archives, shoes, hats, furs," Joyce Bailey, Howard alumna and executive director, said.

While the current exhibition space is modest, Bailey envisions a much larger location.

"I would like to see rooms representing the various periods so when you step into a room you can feel like you're stepping back in time," Bailey said.

Lane started the museum because she could find little information on the contributions of Black designers while doing research for her master's thesis.

"No one thought there was enough material to have a museum," Alexander-Lane said.

Following her mother's diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in 1995, Bailey took over the museum from her mother and moved it to Washington. An extension of the New York museum was already located in the present location.

Visitors to the museum will learn about Ann Lowe, a Black woman who designed exclusive-

See FASHION, News A5

# Financial Aid Office Makes Progress in Customer Service

BY AMBER ENGLISH  
Contributing Writer

Last August, the Howard University Student Association and a group of students demanded an improvement in customer service from the Office of Financial Aid. Now, nearly seven months later, HUSA Vice-President Freda Henry praises the administration for the progress made.

"We commend the administration for complying with our requests," Henry said. HUSA initially made the recommendations in the summer. The recommendations grew out of an extensive evaluation of the customer service provided in the administration building. HUSA proposed that employees

wear name badges, standardize the greeting protocol and post important financial aid information on a publicity board.

Henry said that as of January all offices that were requested to wear nametags were doing so. In addition to wearing name tags, several of the administration websites have been updated with contact information.

But for many students, these improvements are not enough to change their negative reactions at the thought of visiting the Office of Financial Aid. Sophomore African-American studies and sociology major Justin Knight hopes to stay as far away from the Financial Aid office as possible.

"It always took forever and they were very short with me,"

Knight said of his previous experiences in financial aid.

Henry said that the greeting and closing protocol is the one area of recommendations that is still progressing.

The Office of Financial Aid was unable to be reached for comment at the time of publication.

Robbie Grinage, a freshman, believes the attitude is the big

See SERVICE, News A5

While several changes have been made in the procedures in the Financial Aid Office, some students still complain that they face long lines and rude workers.

Nicole Reed- Staff Photographer



## Minorities Missing in Coverage Of Missing Children Stories

BY SUDANA IRBY  
Contributing Writer

About 358,000 children go missing each year; however only a select few are given media coverage. Howard University journalism professors have various opinions about whether it is a racial issue or not.

Professor Peggy Lewis, who is a former news anchor for an ABC affiliate, said that there were many debates over which missing children stories to air.

"The goal of journalism is that a story is a story. It shouldn't be about race no matter if they are black, white, or brown," Lewis said.

Professor Yanick Rice Lamb shared the same views as Lewis. As a former journalist for the New York Times, Atlanta Constitution and Toledo Blade she noticed that White children seemed to get more focus and also that there are many cases of missing children that no one ever hears about.

Lamb said that there are four key elements to coverage of a missing child story. The first element is how much noise a family makes about their child being missing, the second element is what missing children stories journalists decide to cover, the third element is the types of resources that law enforcement puts into finding the missing children and the fourth element is how much community effort is put into finding missing children. The more the community participates, the more the attention the story draws.

On Feb. 24, 2005 nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford disappeared from her home in Homosassa, Florida. On March 19, 2005 her body was found. She had been abducted and killed by 46-year-old convicted sex offender John E. Couey, who was a member of the com-



foxnews.com

Jessica Lunsford, nine years-old, went missing in mid-February, and received wide media coverage. Some argue that minorities receive less coverage in missing children stories than their white counterparts. Jessica's body was discovered near a mobile home where Couey had lived around the time of the abduction. Medical examiners said Jessica was sexually assaulted and died of suffocation.

Lunsford's case followed Professor Lamb's ideas. The family had Amber Alerts out on Jessica and the community played a key role in trying to get information out on the search for her.

According to Fox News, "The volunteers' effort was one of many ways Jessica's commu-

See MISSING, News A5

## For Student Executive, Selling Products Is Business as Usual

BY RHONDA HECKSTALL  
Contributing Writer

Despite his busy class schedule and the numerous activities taking place on campus, John Cameron, a freshman business management student from Queens, N.Y. is the chief executive officer of a portion of a prosperous business, E-Commerce Productive Enterprise.

E-Commerce Productive Enterprise is a marketing company that is basically a virtual mall. The company was founded 35 years ago by two wealthy families who partnered with Microsoft and IBM to start a website. E-Commerce Productive Enterprise is all about convenience. It distributes merchandise via the Internet to customers who may not want to shop in a store. The merchandise includes anything from some of life's basic necessities to iPods and cell phones.

Cameron became involved with the company just last year. He works closely with his business partner, Jimmy Kimbrough. As the CEO of the business, he works with over 1,200 companies, of which many are Fortune 500 companies. The business operates under Brett Worldwide. Second to Microsoft, Brett Worldwide produces the most

millionaires.

Cameron explained that his company acts similarly to a major department store.

"It is kind of like Macy's," Cameron said. "Macy's do not make the merchandise in their store, they just sell it."

Some college students cannot see beyond writing papers, taking exams and reading to the future, but Cameron has big plans for his future. His long-term goal is to one day be the CEO of a music record label. To get a sense of the music industry, he spends time in the studio making beats and working with pro tools. While in the studio he once worked with Storm P, the star of the movie "Cookout," and an upcoming artist, Consequence.

Cameron is diverse young man. Not only does he help manage a company, he is also talented artistically. He has played the piano for over 10 years and mostly enjoys playing classical and ragtime music. He also enjoys playing chess, basketball and hanging out with his friends.

His three younger siblings are the source of his motivation.

"I want to be able to help my family and send my siblings through college. I do not want



Mark King- Staff Photographer

John Cameron is CEO of a portion of E-Commerce Productive Enterprise, an Internet website that sells electronics to customers.

them to have to rely on financial aid," Cameron said. Keeping his siblings in mind has kept him focused. It has allowed him to face and conquer rejection.

As he works toward accomplishing his goals, Cameron has this advice for any young aspiring business owners, "The key to being successful is to be persistent. You must be prepared for hard work and sacrifice," Cameron said. "Do what you want, no matter what your family and friends may think, and if you hear no 100 times, act like it's your first."

## SOPHOMORE SPEAK:

### What would make your life at Howard more comfortable?

"Well, for starters, since I stay in Slowe Hall, an extra shuttle would make my trip back and forth from main campus a bit easier and allow me to arrive on time to my classes. Also, consistent escort service performance would prevent me waiting for an hour for a ride back to my dorm."

Allison McDaniel, psychology

"More parking. I can never find any parking on campus."

Melloni Benson, human development

"More housing for students. A large amount of my friends didn't get housing on campus because of the lack of space and the housing process."

Anthony Hendricks, public relations and speech communications

"Twenty-four hour visitation would make life more comfortable on campus. We are adults and shouldn't be told what hours we can and can't visit friends."

John Kennedy, public relations

"More information concerning programs going on campus and information regarding policies and administrative decisions."

Ashley Edgeworth, music business

"Better awareness programs during freshman years on scholarships and who to see when difficulties arise in certain areas such as registration."

Olamide Jejede, pre-pharmacy

"Repair of some of the buildings. There are many buildings that have peeling paint, missing ceiling tiles and noisy air conditioners. Also, in many of the science labs the pipes and the equipment are older than we are, rendering them most of the time useless."

Modupeola Dovi, biology

"I feel that if the student body was assured that we have the support of the administration, things would be much more comfortable."

Demetrius Green, history

"More student activities and when speakers or events are held, better publicity."

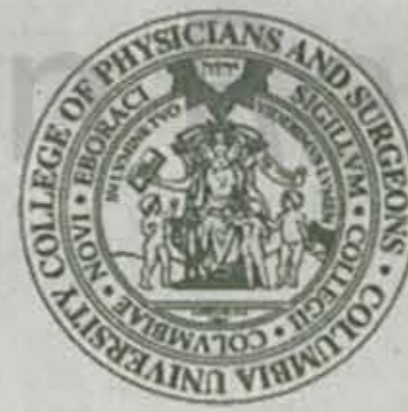
DeVaughn Ward, legal communications

"We can start by having more timely shuttles and drivers who actually care if we get to our destination on time."

Timothy Lewis, international business

Compiled by Danielle Boveland, Contributing Writer

## CAMPUS BRIEFS



**Columbia University Launches New Program**

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism will launch a new one-year Master of Arts program this fall. The program will focus on issues in the areas of art, culture journalism, business and economic journalism, political journalism or science and medical journalism.

This new program evolved from a two-year review that was conducted by Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger. The new M.A. program is optional for second year graduates of the M.S. program and non-graduates that exemplify superior journalistic skills. The class for the first year of the M.A. program will graduate in May 2006 and will consist of 25 students.



**Temple Business School Gets Top Ranking**

In the April 2005 issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine, Temple University's Fox School of Business and Management entrepreneurship program was ranked in the top 30 in the nation. Temple's entrepreneurship program was ranked in the comprehensive category, a category for colleges that have the widest resources accessible.

*Entrepreneur* magazine ranked Temple's program in the same tier as Harvard, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Cornell and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The program rose from the top 50 to top 30 in 2005 and was placed higher than the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and others in the area.



**Spelman Held Women's Jazz Festival**

Spelman College hosted "Kenyetta: A Festival of Women in Jazz" March 30 through April 2. The festival honored women in jazz music and up and coming talents along with accomplished musicians such as Valerie Capers, Kathleen Bertrand and Tia Fuller.

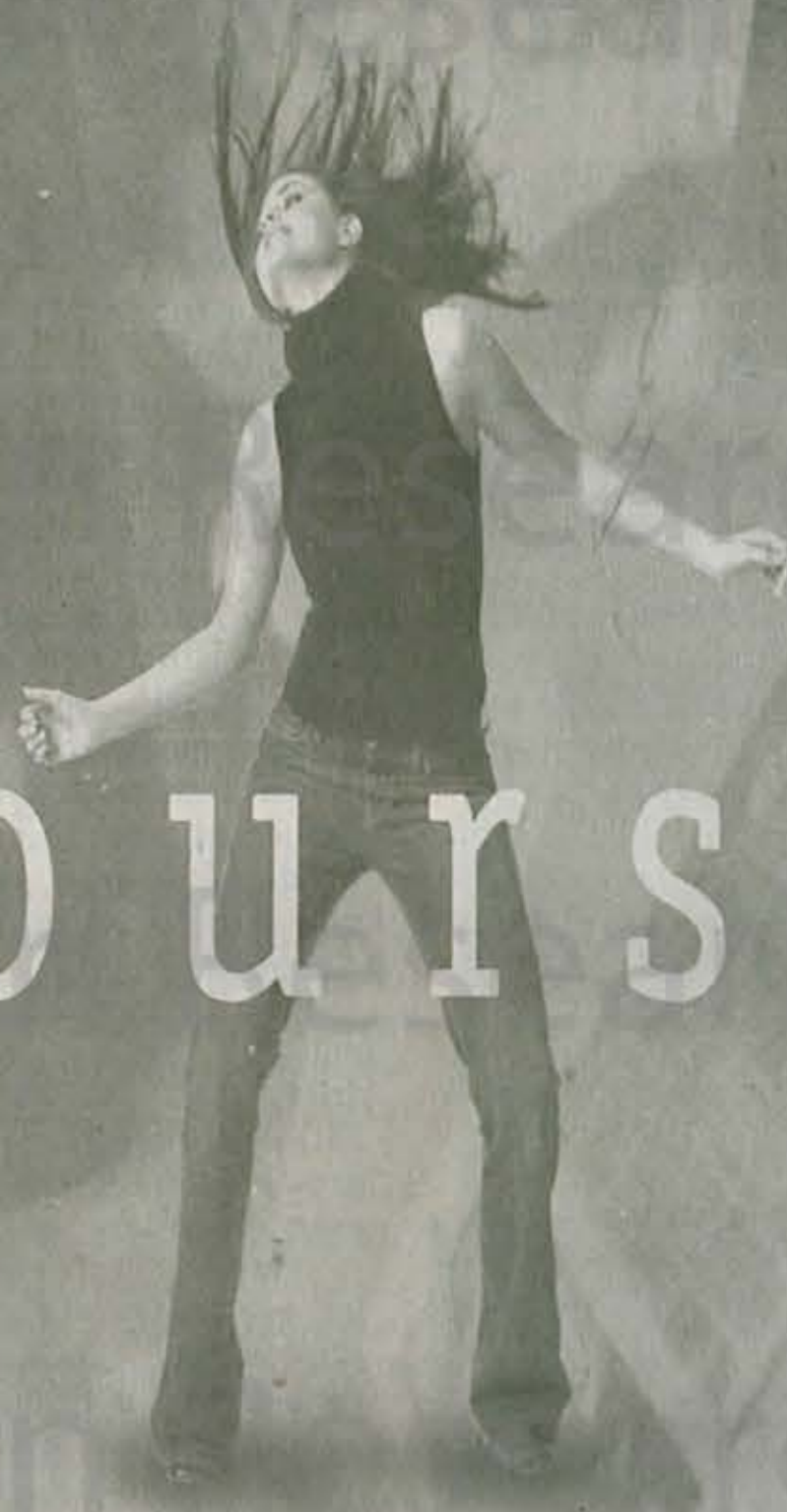
The Spelman Jazz Ensemble also performed at the festival and a special tribute to jazz musician Mary Lou Williams was also incorporated into the festival. Various departments at Spelman partnered with Spelman's Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement to sponsor the festival.

Sources: [www.temple.edu](http://www.temple.edu), [www.columbia.edu](http://www.columbia.edu), [www.spelman.edu](http://www.spelman.edu)

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# Students Plan to Enjoy the District this Summer

BY WHITNEY BUGGS  
Contributing Writer

While many Howard students will be traveling home in a few weeks, others may have to remain in the District for summer classes, internships or work.

However, the nation's capital offers a variety of activities to occupy students during those long and beautiful summer days.

Within the heart of Washington lies a schedule of events that are perfect for summer nights and calm days.

If you are a student that enjoys a good movie, then "Movie Under the Stars" is a great way to view classic films

for free. The National Mall will host movie screenings for five Mondays throughout the summer. It will be transformed into an enormous outdoor theater that will show "The Postman Always Rings Twice," "Mutiny on the Bounty," "Jailhouse Rock," "All the President's Men" and "Mr. Smith."

Freshman Mphatso Matend described the movie experience as "a nice family outing. I was with my family and the mood was very calm."

He enjoyed the cinematography of the movie as well, "They played a black and white film that made the experience nice."

Moviegoers should arrive as early as 5 p.m., bring blan-

kets and bug spray to get the most out of the show.

Students can enjoy the full experience of Washington, while paddle boating past the Jefferson Memorial, straight into the Tidal Basin.

Many students who will be in the D.C. area during the summer have "no idea that these activities are going on" Shirley Griffin, a junior nursing major, said.

Sophomore film major Darnell Thompson said "a lot of students want to do things outside of Howard, but don't know how to get information on shows and events."

For all of Howard's art students, the Hirshorn Museum, African Art Museum and Sackler & Freer Galleries will present interactive workshops every Thursday.

One of the "most popular events to take place in Washington, D.C., during the summer, is Friday's 'Jazz in the Garden'" according to Smithsonian's Creative Representative, Nathaniel Welsh.

The National Gallery of Art's Sculpture Garden will present live jazz by top Washington performers. Whether outdoors at the Grand Fountain or inside the Pavilion Café, shows will continue rain or shine. The jazz

event will begin every Friday night from 5 - 8 p.m.

Not only does Washington serve as the seat of our federal government, it also abounds with cultural, artistic and historical experiences for the young and old. The vast array of live performances at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Warner Theatre or the many other theaters in and around the Washington area, attract a diverse group of people.

If you would rather spend your summer days on bike trails, tennis courts or nature paths, Washington provides a unique insight into the creative outlets that make summer months interesting.

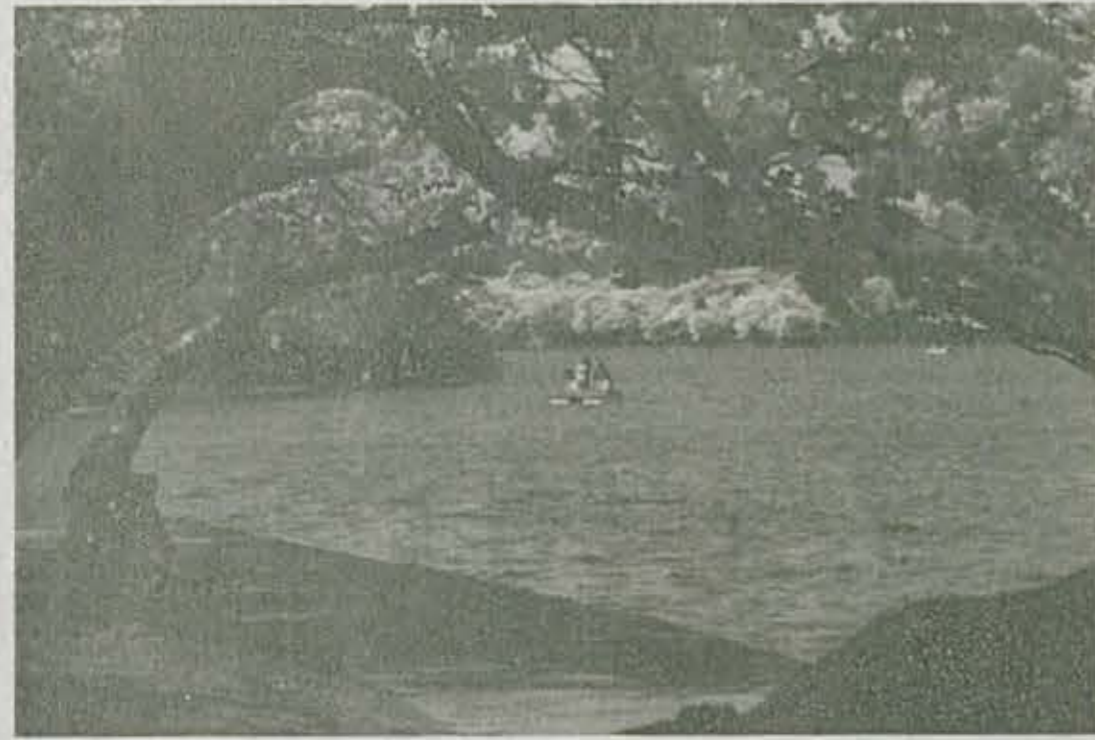
With so much to see and do, freshman marketing major Aisha Coleman "will take advantage of any free shows if I have to stay at Howard during the summer."

She added, "I think students need to go to other events that are not on campus. It's good to explore D.C. during the year and the summer time."

For additional information regarding show schedules, call 202-479-2426 or 877-262-5866.



Staying in the nation's capital for the summer is an opportunity to explore the world outside of Georgia Ave.



## MetroBus Stems Tide Between Metrorail Expansions

BY DANIELLE DAWKINS  
Contributing Writer

Expansion of the red line from Glenmont to Olney may be put on the back burner, but a busway along Georgia Ave.

might be the alternative for now.

Senator Leonard Teitelbaum (D-Montgomery county) supports both proposals, including the one he introduced. The resolution that

passed the Senate Finance Committee is for an expansion from Glenmont to Olney on the red line was proposed by the Senator and includes a stop at Leisure World where the Senator lives.

If approved, Maryland's Governor Robert Ehrlich, will be asked to push for Metro to study the expansion. The fiscal and policy note says, "The resolution also urges the governor to direct the secretary to explore securing federal funds for the expansion of the Metro red line."

The resolution also says that, "Traffic congestion in the Greater Washington region, and in Montgomery County, is severe and has dramatically worsened in recent years; and residents of the Greater Washington region have moved farther from Washington, D.C., including Olney, Maryland." This is the main concern of Teitelbaum.

But, Jack Catalan, spokesman for the Department of Transportation questioned the way that Teitelbaum went about pursuing his objective. He told *The Washington Post* that counties determine pressing transportation issues locally and to tell the department through a letter.

Legislative Aid Virginia Ramsey explained that, "Metro doesn't belong to the state of Maryland, Metro belongs to the region." Hence why a resolution was created and not a bill because that would not be the way the system works.

Ramsey also said that it

would cost considerably less to construct a busway than an addition to the Metro.

According to the resolution, "The construction of a dedicated bus lane in the median divider on Route 97 to provide express bus service between the Glenmont Metro station and Olney in Montgomery County, and also improve public transportation in the outer suburbs, would significantly reduce traffic congestion by providing a convenient and reliable transit alternative for thousands of suburban commuters using the Capital Beltway."

Finding that the priority of the county has been to have a busway along the same route proposed, Teitelbaum has included the busway in his resolution for the study. A busway is a route specifically for buses on highways.

The busway for Georgia Ave/97 Route has been on Montgomery County's priority list sent to the state since 1999. According to David Weaver, a spokesman for Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan, the operation needs state funding to take off.

Junior advertising major Wesley McKutchin, a Montgomery County resident, thought that an expansion to the red line from Glenmont to Olney would not be good because there are "not nearly as many people out there."

He also mentioned that areas that should be accessible by Metro should be

Gaithersburg and Germantown, due to the population growth.

"It is a popular area at Leisure World, but there is no need for a Metro stop because it is not as populated as the Germantown area,"

McKutchin said.

Senator Brian E. Frosh and Sharon M. Grosfeld are also sponsors of this resolution. The resolution has yet to go to the House in Maryland's General Assembly.



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## Local Black Fashion Museum

FASHION, from Campus A1

ly for the elite families of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Lowe designed the dress worn by Jacqueline Bouvier during her marriage to Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Visitors also learn about Elizabeth Keckley, who designed dresses in the White House for Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of President Abraham Lincoln.

"I became interested in the museum because of the research side of it," said Bailey, who previously taught sciences at McKinley High School for 17 years. "I'm still teaching... I just have a wider audience," Bailey said.

"I think it's important to recognize the contributions of African Americans to all areas of life, including fashion," Brittany Coleman, a freshman legal communication major, said. Coleman has been a fan and follower of the museum since seventh grade. "Black fashion designers are just as important to Black history as are other people who have made contributions," Coleman said.

Bailey said the recognition



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Most people would overlook this small rowhouse, but the Black Fashion Museum has been here for years, and offers many interesting and informative facts about Black fashion through the years.

of Blacks in the fashion industry is essential to opening up the industry to even more African-American talent.

"If you don't expose a people to their history and they don't know it, how can they build on it?"

The Black Fashion Museum

is located at 2007 Vermont Ave NW. The museum is open by appointment only from 11-4 everyday except Sundays and Thursdays. Appointments can be made by calling (202) 667-0744.

## Mixed Responses to Changes In Administration Building

SERVICE, from Campus A2

gest problem with service in the Office of Financial Aid.

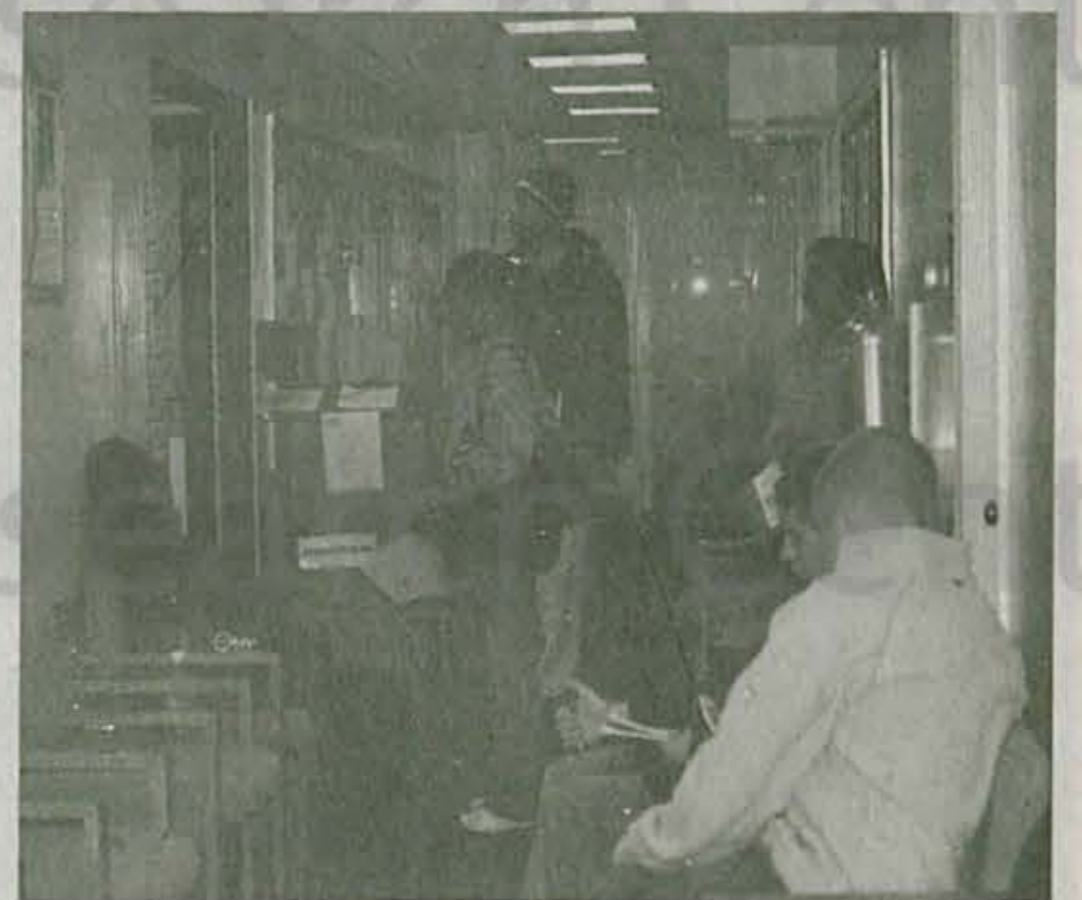
"The employees need to leave their personal feelings or problems at home as opposed to allowing their frustrations to come out on students who don't know the system," Grinage said. "It's their job to help, but they don't."

Mercii Thomas, a sophomore psychology major, believes there needs to be more employees to accommodate the long lines, frustrated students and parents who may not understand the processes in financial aid.

K'shaani Smith has been one of the frustrated students. The sophomore legal communications major said that even recently she could not get her questions answered.

"They don't really tell you what to do, I walked into the office and nobody really told me what to do, some people were just standing around," Smith said. "When I would ask them a question and the answer didn't make sense to me, I would ask a follow-up question only to get a condescending answer"

Not all students have found such stress in their visits to the Office of Financial Aid. Sophomore print journalism major LaShondra Booker is looking forward to her next visit to the office after hearing others' experiences in the office.



Nicole Reed - Staff Photographer

HUSA Vice President, Freda Henry, commends the administration for changes they made in customer service in response to student concerns.

"I had a good experience where they not only helped me, but gave me a contact in case I had any further questions," Booker said. "That experience dispelled the negative thoughts I had."

Booker also had a method to avoid a troublesome experience.

"I try to kill any rude treatment with kindness," Booker said. "They were taken aback and usually change the way they treat me."

Booker is not the only student who has had pleasant experiences in the Office of Financial Aid. Sheka Arrington, a freshman psychology major, has noticed improvements

in customer service over the course of the year. Arrington said that her first experience with financial aid was long and tedious, but her second experience was better.

"They were more expeditious and I had less run around to different offices," said Arrington about her visit shortly before winter vacation.

Though this school year is coming to a close, this will not mark the end of improvements in the Administration building. Henry said that they will work closely with the Innovation administration so they can continue the customer service evaluations.

## Students Question Fire, Safety Procedures in Dorms

SAFETY, from Campus A1

As of now, there is no federal law requiring dorms and residences housing college students to have sprinkler systems or smoke detectors, and many schools are rushing to install updated systems and revise evacuation plans.

Williams and others in the department are working to update installed alarms and sprinkler systems.

"We try to keep up with current fire practices nationwide, through two annual safety evaluations and fire marshal inspections," Williams said.

Dormitory fires across the country have prompted many senators and lawmakers to take action to prevent another occurrence. The College Fire Prevention Act (HR 128), introduced by Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio and Congressman Curt Weldon (PA), provides \$100 million over five years, to educate and

promote fire safety practices at college campuses around the nation.

In addition, organizations like the Center for Campus Fire Safety are national advocates for safety awareness.

"Education is one of the most important ways to prevent fires. Students need to understand the rationale behind dormitory rules," Ed Comeau, director of Center for Campus Fire Safety, said. "The greatest teaching examples are other fires that have occurred, such as the one at Rust College."

Students at Howard University seem to believe that safety awareness and training are not adequate in dormitories.

"A lot of people think that the fire alarms are a joke. I stay in my room when they go off," Felicia Henderson, a freshman business management major and Tubman Quadrangle resident, said. "I think that there needs to be more urgency to the issue,

especially in the staff."

Tiana Wilcox, a freshman broadcast journalism major, thinks that there is not enough preparation for emergency situations.

"It doesn't seem like we have enough evacuation plans," she said. "There aren't many accessible, quick exits. We need to improve a lot of things about safety awareness on campus."

To Williams, implementing fire safety education programs and regulations are not the responsibility of the department, but it is the duty of dormitory staff.

"The Resident Assistants should try to do a better job in monitoring and preventing these things from happening," he said.

As for the Howard University Department of Environmental Health and Safety, plans are being made to post all evacuation plans and information onto the Howard University Website within the next six months.

## Professors Debate Why Minorities Aren't Present in News Reports

MISSING, from Campus A2

nity came together after her disappearance. Within days, fliers bearing her smiling face were posted across the county and businesses' marquee spelled out words of support and hope.

Professor John Decker works for Reuters Television and he doesn't believe that the media is biased.

Decker said that what makes news, news is whether a story is compelling or unusual. He said that journalists don't always have the option of choosing which stories to cover.

"There's programs devoted to those cases, but it's unfortunate that there's not enough time during the day to do stories on missing children," Decker said. "I don't think there is any conscious focus by any news media on whether it's Black or White. It's about whether it's compelling."

Decker and Lamb agreed that journalists often have the tendency focus on people whom they could relate to personally.

"Sometimes journalists end up covering things that they can relate to. There are unconscious preferences," said Lamb.

Lewis believes that there

are not enough minorities in the newsrooms and in management. During her career as an anchor she felt that since there wasn't anyone to be a representative for minorities she would take it upon herself to speak in their behalf.

"I took pride in being a voice for the voiceless. I fought stories by the mainstream media."

Lewis said that if more minorities get positions as journalists and management there will be more coverage on minority children.

"We can't be part of the discussion if we are not there" Lewis said.

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## Two HU Balls, One Problem

Students are trying to figure out where to make an appearance. This week we have the highly anticipated Cotton Club and shortly after we will have the Bison Ball. Most of us are on a tight budget and we have to make a choice. No one wants to drop nearly 50 dollars going to both, so we feel split. It wouldn't be so hard on us if they weren't in the same month. If you are ballsy enough to go to both, that means two dresses or suits and double the costs. We know you are all going to make a decision soon, we thought we would take a look at the differences between the two.

**The Bison Ball-** The Bison Ball is a Howard tradition. It honors the accomplishments and achievements of people and organizations. The setup of the ball is designed for group unity since people sit in tables with people they've been working hard with all year. It's a nice way for seniors to bow out and

it's a nice time for people to bring their efforts to a closure. The dress code calls for suits and semi-formal dresses. The setup is classy and calm when students are eating their dinner and the fun begins once the lights go out. If you are looking for something more formal and traditional, this is the way to go.

### Our View: Howard Students are split between the Cotton Club and Bison Ball.

If you are very involved on campus you will want to be there. It's also a great time to bring a date and spend the evening with someone special. Be ready to pose for pictures, cheer for your classmates and reflect on the school year.

**The Cotton Club-** This is the first Cotton Club so no one knows just what to expect.

Curiosity is swarming around what the night's events will hold. This is an event to go to in a big group and party, but dates would work too. It will be more of a party than a dinner since only light refreshments will be served. However, students can eat before they go and hit the bar throughout the night. Special guest Amerie will be in attendance and the music will range from a jazz band to hip-hop DJs. This is an event for sexy cocktail dresses and nice button ups for men. Because there is no senior boat ride this year, this event might be a nice substitute.

Be ready to dance, sweat your hair out and put your glass in the air.

**The Countdown Begins...** You have to make your run to Cramton this week if you are going to the Cotton Club. Either way you go, enjoy yourself be safe and live it up. Don't forget to be grown and sexy.

## Taking Back What's Yours: The Cotton Club

MAYA GILLIAM, EVENT CHAIR

The purpose of this event runs much deeper than just a throw back party. As you can see on the flyer it states "Let's Take it Back." We are taking it back in two ways. Taking it back to the classic roaring 20s with a Harlem Renaissance theme, and most importantly taking the Cotton Club back.

The original Cotton Club was owned by Owney Madden, a white man. Blacks were not even allowed to enter the segregated vicinity unless they were entertainers.

Everyone should approach this event as if we, the decedents of our African-American ancestors, are taking back what is ours. Black performers were the backbone behind the success of the Cotton Club.

People like Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Lena Horn, Miles Davis and many more got their start in this very place. So when you come to the Cotton Club: "A Night on the Red Carpet" Friday, April 8, bring

your cuff links, your top hat, your cane, your zoot suit, your gators, your flapper dresses and your respect for our ancestors who paved the way for Black music and culture.

Bring your knowledge of the meaning behind this event. Bring an open mind as we blend the rich history of past generations with the ever-growing future of our generation.

We plan to rock to the soulful sounds of a jazz band, along with Tenna Torres singing selections from the legendary Bille Holiday, as well as a hip-hop DJ on the 1's and 2's to bring it back to the modern generation.

Not only are we targeting Howard students we have contacted the black student unions at George Mason University, Georgetown University and American University just to name a few.

Students at these schools need to be exposed to events like this so that we can start a contagious motivation to all Black youth to embrace ownership. Whites have stolen so many things from Rock & Roll to whole continents.

We, as the youth, have an

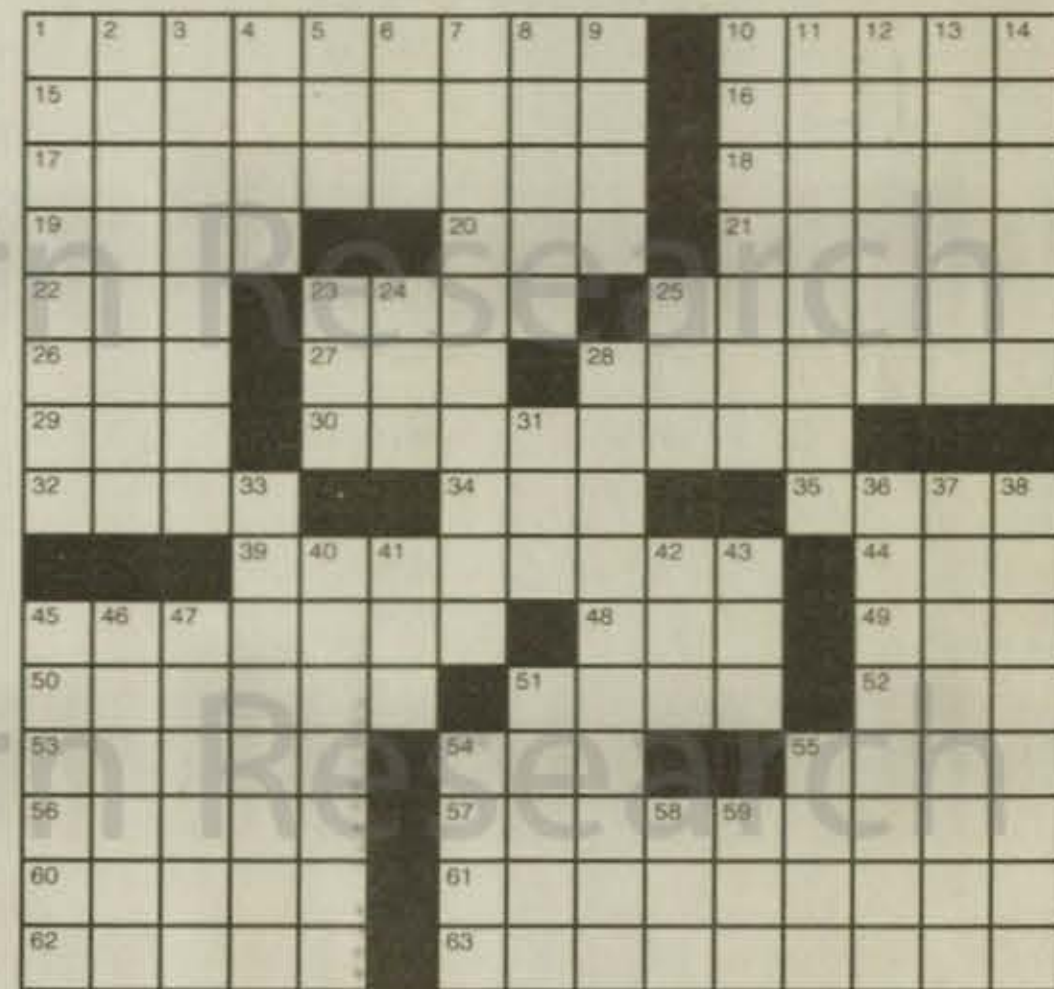
obligation to change and make progress as a Black race. The opportunity is in our hands. Now all we have to do is execute.

Members of the John H. Johnson School of Communications Student Council and the Talented Tenth feel it is our duty to provide the University with a fresh and innovative event for all of the students to enjoy. Also, look out for the appearance of our special invited guest, Amerie!

The Cotton Club, "A Night on the Red Carpet" is an innovative and contemporary, yet classic jazz extravaganza. This event will bridge the gap between urban hip-hop and classic old school jazz. The Cotton Club will be held at the extravagant Galleria in Lafayette Center located at 1155 21 St. NW, between L & M Streets in Dupont Circle. Free shuttles will begin leaving Cramton at 8:30 p.m.

So as you stroll down the red carpet with a trumpet player serenading you as you walk, just make sure you come correct; in more ways than one.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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# All's Fair in Love & College

## Study Says Monogamy May Be 'In Those Genes'

BY TIFFANY WILLIAMS  
Contributing Writer

It starts with a simple smile that seeps on to your face and rises up into a half crescent moon causing your eyes to brighten up like sparkling stars when they glance your way. In that moment in the back of your mind you start to play Jodeci old school jam "Come and Talk to Me," hoping they hear your vibe from across the Yard and when they pass you by they say hello.

Could it be love or just another sexual fling?  
Only time will tell.

Many students feel that it is impossible to have a monogamous relationship at Howard when promiscuous games of sex are the favorite for many people to play.

But, if a new study done at Emory University in Atlanta is correct, whether or not the object of your affection is serially monogamous or perpetually promiscuous is determined by his or her genetic make-up.

Bana Baka, a junior child custody law student, believes that a person's genes play a minimal factor in determining what type of lover a person will be.

"I think a person carries some genetic traits that are identical with their families makeup," Baka said.

The new study is based on research done on two mousy creatures of the same species called a vole, one known for switching or dropping partners every time it gets bored and another for sticking to one mate and making babies.

The researchers at Emory University took a single gene from the monogamous vole and infected the promiscuous vole with that gene. What they got was a more committed vole to its mate.

Many students and professors found it hard to imagine that a single gene could make

a male or female turn from Casanova into a husband or wife.

Sheldon Williams, a senior business management major, said, "If making a individual more committed or faithful was as easy as gene swapping, every time a women came to discover their man is a 'dog' or a men came to find out his woman was a 'jezebel' they would sign them up to get fixed and never work on what the real issues are with their relationship."

Leaping from one sexual partner to the next is often the result of the influence of family, friends and the media, not solely genetics.

"Genetics is just a rationalizing defense mechanism people have come up with to avoid the truth about promis-

cuous behavior," Dr. Alfonso Campbell, a psychology professor explained.

"I think what has happened is that the line is starting to blur between what is dating, what is sex and what being faithful is," he said.

Campbell is not alone in feeling that genetics is a poor excuse for promiscuity. Several students, like junior advertising major Stephany Welch, said they too did not believe the hype.

"The students on Howard's campus are totally aware of the things they do and what they value as being promiscuous and monogamous," Campbell said. "The people who are promiscuous or sex craved just don't see the need to be tide down, that's all."

## Research Shows Sex Satisfies as Much as Money

BY BRIANNA COOK  
Contributing Writer

A house with a picket fence and a dog. A nice car and a well paying, prestigious job. That's the "American Dream" in a nutshell and it's all that it takes to satisfy United States citizens according to legend.

According to James Truslow Adams in his book, "The Epic of America," the American Dream is "that dream of a land in which life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement."

Each person seeks happiness, whether their happiness stems from money, cars, family, education, a mansion on the hill or sex. But who knew that sex could provide happiness for

longer than an hour?

The latest news is that if you increase your sexual activity from once a month to once a week, your happiness will be equal to someone who receives a \$50,000 annual pay raise.

"Money, Sex, and Happiness: An Empirical Study" is a recent study by David Blanchflower and Andrew Oswald. Compare two people, for instance, with the same job qualifications and characteristics and one of them was happily married. The person who is single would have to make an extra \$100,000 a year in order to be as happy as the married one. It seems that the most happiness stems from the idea of having just one partner.

Freshman architecture major Keenan Arnold said that he disagrees with the study.

"The more sex you have doesn't determine your level of happiness," he said. "I don't even think sex and happiness can be completely related. I know if I had more money I'd be a much happier person than if I had more sex."

Jonathan Nichols, freshman architecture major, said that he agreed with Arnold.

"I think that study is untrue," he said. "I'd rather have more money than sex. Plus it's a known fact you have less sex when you're married anyway."

For her part, freshman international business major Cecilia Besley said that each has their pros and cons.

"Both are temporary pleasures, but money can stabilize your future more than sex," Besley said. "Even if you do indulge in sexual activity, money is necessary if you believe in protection. Money is essential."

The perspective changes after graduating from college and entering the "real world," for some.

"I think that in the long run, money is probably more important than sex," Tunji Ajayi, a former Howard student, said. "[But] money doesn't necessarily provide you with more happiness. If my partner were my soul mate then sex with them would prevail over any money."

The debate is ongoing and the definitive answer to the study is unclear. There are basic values that contribute to your happiness as well, but most everyone would love to be just a little richer; however, as rapper Notorious B.I.G. once said, "more money means more problems," which many would agree with. Others would contend that instead of working overtime and overexerting yourself, why not take off early and go home to your mate?

It is clear that people view sex and money in different ways, and each aspect means more to some than others.



Relationships will always be a hot topic on college campuses. Two new studies say that monogamy may be a genetic trait and sex may be equally as important as money with regard to overall happiness in relationships of today.

Nicole Reed, Staff Photographer

## Viagra's Target Audience Continues to Change

BY BRIANNA COOK  
Contributing Writer

Men across the world have been popping pills and liking it. Erectile dysfunction drug maker Viagra claims that every second, nine of its pills are distributed to eager consumers.

Contributing to that astounding statistic is the fact that Viagra is quickly turning into a recreational drug among young partygoers.

Five years ago, Senator Bob Dole was the primary spokesman for "Mr. Blue," the slang term for the pill, but now that the pills are widely known to have positive effects on male sexual performance, more and more people are becoming interested in the drug. However, many Howard students remain skeptical.

"Erectile dysfunction seems to be the only reason a person should take Viagra," freshman physical therapy major Marcus Nunn said. "I don't have that problem so why would I take it?"

One reason for the increase is because it is becoming easier and easier to purchase the drug, whether it be purchased off the Internet, from your doctor or even off the street.

Potential users can even go to Viagra's website and request a "Starter Pack" of the drug that includes six pills.

"I know people that use Viagra and people who sell it," Jessie Hayes said. The junior physical education major added, "They call it V-12. I'm waiting until I get married to have sex so I don't personally need it."

Viagra claims that it is only marketing their drug to older men who are having troubles with impotence.

They website states that "more than half of all men over 40 have difficulties getting or maintaining an erection," yet less than one-third of victims seek treatment.

However, the company's latest spokesman is baseball player Rafael Palmeiro, who is much younger than the company's original advocate.

"I know people who take Viagra but I'd never use it," freshman marketing major James Younge said. "I've never even thought about it."

Cialis is a new alternative on the market to Viagra. Cialis is also known as "the Weekender" because the drug stays in your bloodstream for approximately 36 hours.

"A weekend-long erection sounds like a curse," Christian Porter, a junior computer science major, said. "I'm not taking Viagra, nor do I know of anyone who has admitted to taking it. I don't think I'd ever take any of that."

Particularly popular among young partiers, Cialis is one of the new "it" items. The word is spreading about what Cialis can do for you. Some people are also mixing Viagra or Cialis with illegal substances such as crystal methamphetamines or ecstasy, which can have detrimental effects.

Some men who believe that they need Viagra can easily become dependent on it. "Marathon sex" seems to be a new trend that men believe women request.

This may be a personal preference, but the overall image of sex has transformed into a long and drawn out marathon. It is now widely believed among men and women that if you're unable to perform sexually for a long



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period of time, your partner will be greatly disappointed.

"Yes I'd encourage my partner to take Viagra if it would help them," Lydia Halp, a sophomore psychology

major, said. "But that's a tough question."

However for those in a situation similar to the one described by Halp, Viagra is not the only solution to a

better sex life. Practicing safe sex, full communication, trust and understanding with your partner are alternatives to prescription drugs.

# Underdogs on Top in Women's Championship Game

BY ELLIOTT JONES  
Contributing Writer

A thrilling pair of semi-finals games in the women's NCAA Tournament set the stage for a final match between Michigan State and Baylor. Sunday night's slate set up a championship game that will serve as the culmination of what has been an exciting tournament full of upsets and surprises.

Both teams rallied back from large deficits to advance to the final game. In the first semi-final, Baylor came from being 15 points behind in the first half to defeat LSU 68-57. The Lady Bears were led by Sophia Young's 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, as well as Emily Niemann's 14 points off the bench.

In the second game, Tennessee built a 16-point second half lead, only to watch it slip away as Michigan State won 68-64. The comeback from 16 points down tied a Final Four record.

Not to be overshadowed by the men's tourney, this year's women's NCAA Tournament has had its fair share of drama before this weekend's electric games. After three straight NCAA championships, this year the Connecticut Huskies would not even reach the Elite Eight.

Stanford's 76-59 upset of UConn sent shockwaves through women's basketball, ensuring that there would be a new national championship. The North Carolina Lady Tar Heels, 27-3 in the regular season and a No. 1 seed led by dynamic point guard Ivory Latta, were dealt a crushing blow just short of the Final Four.

They fell to Baylor 72-63, becoming the only No. 1 seed to fail to reach the national semi-finals.

Perhaps the biggest story of the tournament was Tennessee's coach Pat Summitt becoming the all-time wins leader for any coach in NCAA history, passing North Carolina legend Dean Smith with her 880<sup>th</sup> career win.

"Obviously, to be in the company with Coach Smith, to think about all the people that were a part of these wins, I never thought I'd live this



Under Head Coach Joanne McCallie (right) top-seeded Michigan State is hoping to change history after never getting past the second round in five previous NCAA tournament trips. With this season's success, Baylor Head Coach Kim Mulkey (left) recently signed a contract extension through 2010 with the university.

long," Summitt told sportsline.com.

Summitt led the Lady Vols to their 16<sup>th</sup> Final Four and was in search of their first national championship since 1998. With 15:32 remaining in the second half, the Lady Vols comfortably led 47-31 and appeared to be in position to win.

Michigan State countered with a 18-6 run to close the gap to four points with roughly nine minutes to

play. Led by the three-point shooting of Lindsay Bowen and Victoria Lucas-Perry, who scored 11 of her 14 points in the second half, the Spartans went on to defeat Tennessee. "You have to give Michigan State credit," Summitt told sportsline.com.

"They had the composure and we lacked it at times and they made the defensive plays. I don't understand it because it's not the way we played

all year."

Baylor's come-from-behind win over national player of the year Seimone Augustus and her LSU Tigers was significant for different reasons. Only two years ago, Baylor's men's basketball team was making national headlines as Carlton Dotson, a forward on the team, was arrested for the murder of teammate Patrick Dennehy. Head Coach Dave Bliss resigned short-

ly thereafter when numerous NCAA violations were discovered.

Now, the Lady Bears are on the brink of putting Baylor in the headlines for another reason: winning the national championship.

"It's the past so we really don't dwell on it anymore," Young told sportsline.com. "We're just trying to be the shining light for Baylor."



The Lady Bison are optimistic their season will turn back around despite a devastating loss to the Longwood Va. Lancer last week. Their next game will be played tomorrow against UMES at Banneker field @1pm.

## Softball Team Hopes to Renew Their Winning Streak

BY ALFONS PRINCE  
Contributing Writer

With only seven more MEAC Northern Division games left until the MEAC Tournament in Orlando at the end of this month, the Howard University Women's Softball team will hope to renew their winning streak against UMES tomorrow at Banneker Field at 1p.m.

Junior shortstop Nayrobi Nicholas believes, "We should do well against UMES." This confidence going into tomorrow's game is only enhanced by the fact the Lady Bison already defeated UMES earlier this season.

The Lady Bison had their eight-game win streak ended by

the Longwood (Va.) Lancers last Thursday at Banneker Field.

With the field still damp from the rain the day before, Howard pitcher Dale McNeal struggled from the mound while Longwood dominated the plate. After Longwood scored 23 runs in their first game, Howard Head Coach Tonja Braxton said, "offensively, they were the best team we've played, and we've played good competition like Elon, and Campbell."

Despite Longwood being in a higher caliber conference than the Lady Bison are accustomed to, the devastating loss not only broke the Lady Bison's winning streak, it also nearly broke their spirits. Junior outfielder Cari Cooper noted, "It was a reality

check. We had a meeting afterward and we're very determined to turn things back around."

"One of our team strengths is that we're a fast team and we use our short game to our advantage," Cooper said. In their last encounter, Cooper described UMES' defense as poor and believes the Lady Bison will capitalize on their weaknesses.

Coach Braxton also noted the Lady Bison play the maximum schedule allowed by the NCAA, which is 52 games, between September and February. Therefore with their intense schedule, the Lady Bison are hoping their increased experience will pay off down the line.

### 2005 Woman's Softball Roster



- 1- Jillian Johnson, Pitcher
- 2- Jill Calhoun, Utility
- 3- Fallon Jones, Outfield
- 5- Larcus Pickett, 2nd Base
- 6- Dale McNeal, Pitcher
- 7- Tracy Javier, Outfield
- 8- Pyrrha Nicholas, Shortstop
- 13- Semplecia Scott, Catcher
- 14- Mya Spencer, Pitcher
- 16- Tracy Hunter, 3rd Base
- 17- Rishelle Charles, Outfield
- 20- Megan Rogers, 3rd Base
- 22- Ashley Webb, Utility
- 23- Debbie Lee, Outfield
- 24- Cari Cooper, Outfield
- 27- Tamra Jordan, 1st Base

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**THURS. APRIL 7TH**

"THE STATE OF THE BLACK MAN"  
 SPEAKING TO THE SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY  
 @ 7PM-9PM

DOUGLAS RM. 143

**FRIDAY APRIL 8TH**

CHILLIN' With ANΩ  
 ALL DAY On the Yard

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another...thus by their fruit you will recognize them."

John 13:35 & Matthew 7:20

COME OUT AND FELLOWSHIP WITH ANΩ

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and supporters! We couldn't have done it without you.

Here's to a terrific 2005-2006 School Year

Signed,

Floyd, Lenora & Patrice

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Present:

Politi Call African-American Issues: From past...to present... to future...

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 7 p.m. Blackburn Forum

The applications for "The Calling" 2005-2006 administration of the Arts and Sciences Student Council are available in the Blackburn Center, Suite 106 from April 5th - April 8th. Myla Jones and Brittney Madison have been Called, have you?

NCNW General Body Meeting

Thursday, April 7th Allied Health Building Room # 124 7:30 p.m.

Receive Election Packets for E-Board \$20 SPECIAL T-Shirt & Tote Bag

Happy Birthday Soulmate!

Can't Nobody Do You Like Jesus!

Join ReJOYce in Jesus Campus Fellowship for Bible Study this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Forum.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Chester C. Pipkin, Jr., the Pastor of ReJOYce in Jesus Ministries. Pastor Pipkin appears on a national television program called "Time in the Word." He has also done college seminars at Howard and other universities on a wide range of issues, from dating to Bible prophecy.

For more information, contact RCJCF at rejoycehu@aol.com

HU's BEST State Club is going out with a bang...

The Final Georgia Club General Body Meeting of the 2004-2005 School Year

Wednesday, April 6, 2005 8 pm Blackburn Rm. 142

The 14th Annual Welcome to the Mecca Weekend will be discussed and Elections will be held.

"If you can't attend the meeting and still want to vote, e-mail us for an absentee ballot!"

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THE KOOLOUT 2005

KOMING SOON TO A PARK NEAR YOU!!!

To Sara, Faith, Nikki, and Sam:

Thanks for being true BLUES.

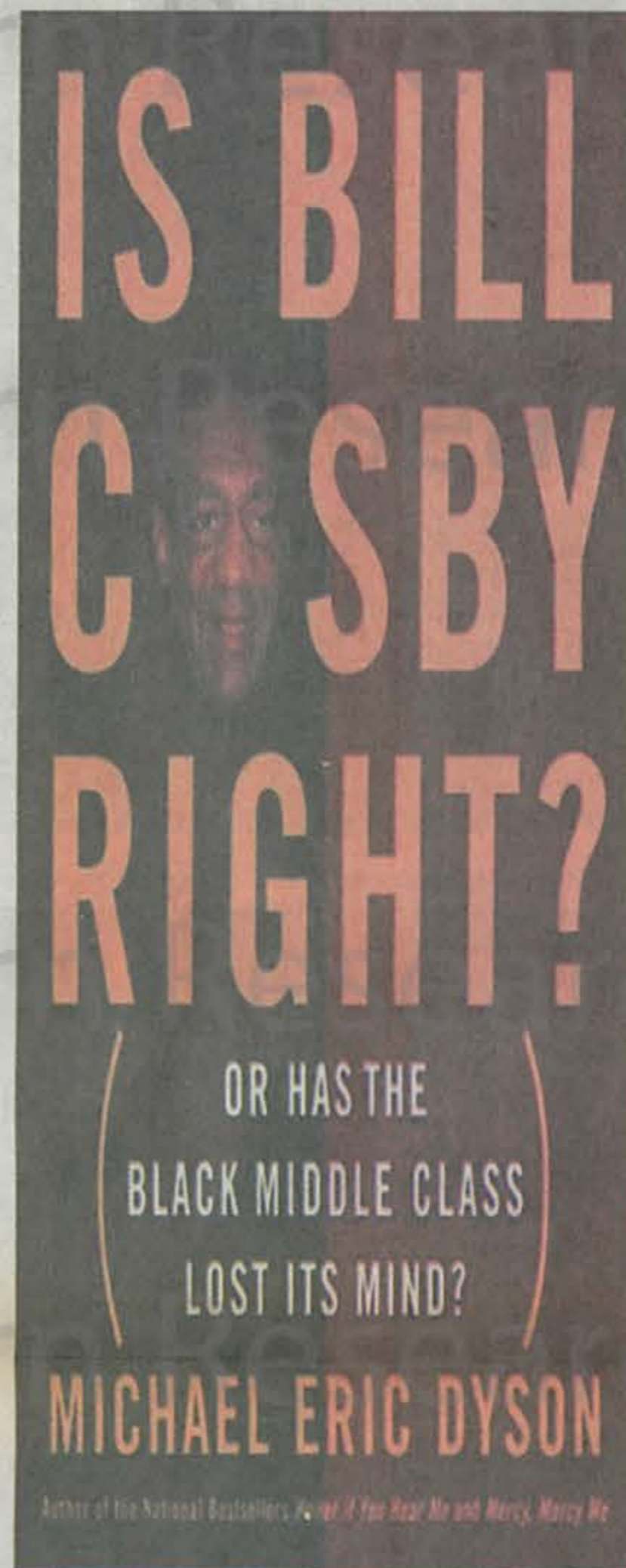


The Howard University Bookstore Presents:

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May

Pre - Commencement Author Event



Michael Eric Dyson signs/discusses

"Is Bill Cosby Right?"

(Or Has The Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?)

Nothing exposed the class and generational divide in Black America more starkly than Bill Cosby's now infamous remarks on the Black poor when he received an NAACP award in the Spring of 2004. In this new release penned by one of the generations most prolific and politically saavy writers, Dyson explains how and why the Black Middle class has joined mainstream America to blame the poor for their plight instead of a system which is designed to further disenfranchise them. Join us as Dyson exposes what he believes to be the flawed logic of Cosby's diatribe.

Thursday, May 12, 2005, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

2225 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington DC 20059 1. 800. 919. 5997 or 202.238.2640

Go to WWW.HUBOOKSTORE.COM for more information on our events.

**LAST SATURDAY**

Screenings at the College of Dentistry

Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 10am - 1 pm Last chance to be screened for cavities. Call (202) 832-4845 for questions and concerns No appointments needed

The Howard University Association of Black Journalists (HUABJ) will hold a

General Body Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2005 6:30 pm in the School of C Room 213

Come Order Your T-Shirt!!

Lauren:

It's about \$2#% time you turned 21!!!! I love you soooo much! You just don't know how much I'm ready to KICK IT HARD!!!! Yea, we both have the same sentiments about birthdays, but live this one up. It will be great. Remember, you only turn 21 once! And you've already got your presents..... LOL

Signed,

Your Fellow Air Force Wife

I Love You LINE!!!

4-A-04