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Parenting, Education Highlight Sunday Night

Bill Cosby, MSNBC help to host 'All Our Children' forum, speaking on the dynamics of inner-city education



Alvin Poussaint, Ph.D., Bill Cosby, right, spoke about the effects of parenting.

BY VICTORIA FORTUNE
Staff Writer

A line of people poured outside of the Howard University Aldridge Theatre on Sunday, as

they waited for the doors to open to attend the "All Our Children" forum. The forum was moderated by Independent Women's Forum CEO Michelle D. Bernard and featured by long-time entertainer

and activist Bill Cosby. The panelist touched on topics ranging from education to poverty.

"I want people to thank back on history and realize that there is truly nothing that we can't do," Bernard said. "Today is just the first day of what will be a national grassroots mobilization effort where we will gather parents and children to really take the bull by the horns to do everything that we can to ensure that every child has a shot at the American dream."

The panel began with discussion on the topic of parenting and education.

"Outside of your house, and even in the TV sets, we can't trust those people to tell our children correct things or to give them love," Cosby said. "You've got to go visit the schoolteacher. Someone is spending six to seven hours with your child, and you don't want to know who it is?"

Fifty years have gone by since *Brown v Board of Education* and America is still having dialogue about equal education among all students.

It has been found that in lower-income communities, parents are not as involved in their children's educations than parents in higher-income districts. Chancellor of the D.C. public school system Michelle Rhee has been in the public education field for 17 years now and believes there is a preconceived notion that parents don't care.

"What I have found in my career in education is that I have never met a mother anywhere who didn't want the same thing for her children that I want for my children," Rhee said.

Audience member and long-time civil rights activist Dorothy Height, Ph.D., also expressed her thoughts on single parenting and ways in which the Howard Univer-

sity can help in educating students who have lost hope.

"One of the things that we have to do is try to find the time to teach the students how to learn certain skills," Height said. "There are many organizations in the community who have programs that are helpful. I think we have to just say to the children that they have to have hope there will be a future. I know it's hard to do, but they have to look at and see."

As Height spoke about restoring hope within the children, the panel also spoke about the emotional health that the children face. "The most important thing that a parent should remember is the harder the kids push back, the closer we have to come to them," Rhee said.

"You value yourself, you value your life, and you will value your child," Cosby said.

Miner Hall Receives \$800,000 Grant

BY JESSICA LEWIS
Campus Editor

On Friday morning, Miner Hall received an \$800,000 grant to go towards the renovation of the roof and windows from the Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Fourteen million dollars will be given to 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in grants aimed at preserving and repairing historic buildings on HBCU campuses under the ARRA. Howard's portion of the funds was given by Salazar outside of the historic Miner Hall in a press conference.

Salazar said Howard is "one of the schools that I am very proud of when you think of the 10,000 students who are here who all have the desire to change the world."

According to President Sidney A. Ribeau, the grant serves as an investment in national treasures that have become a part of our history. It signifies the building of a new and different America.

"We will have the opportunity to tell America's story," Sala-

zar said. "I want to make sure everyone's history is told... Just one small step that needs to be taken to make sure that America's story is an all-inclusive story."

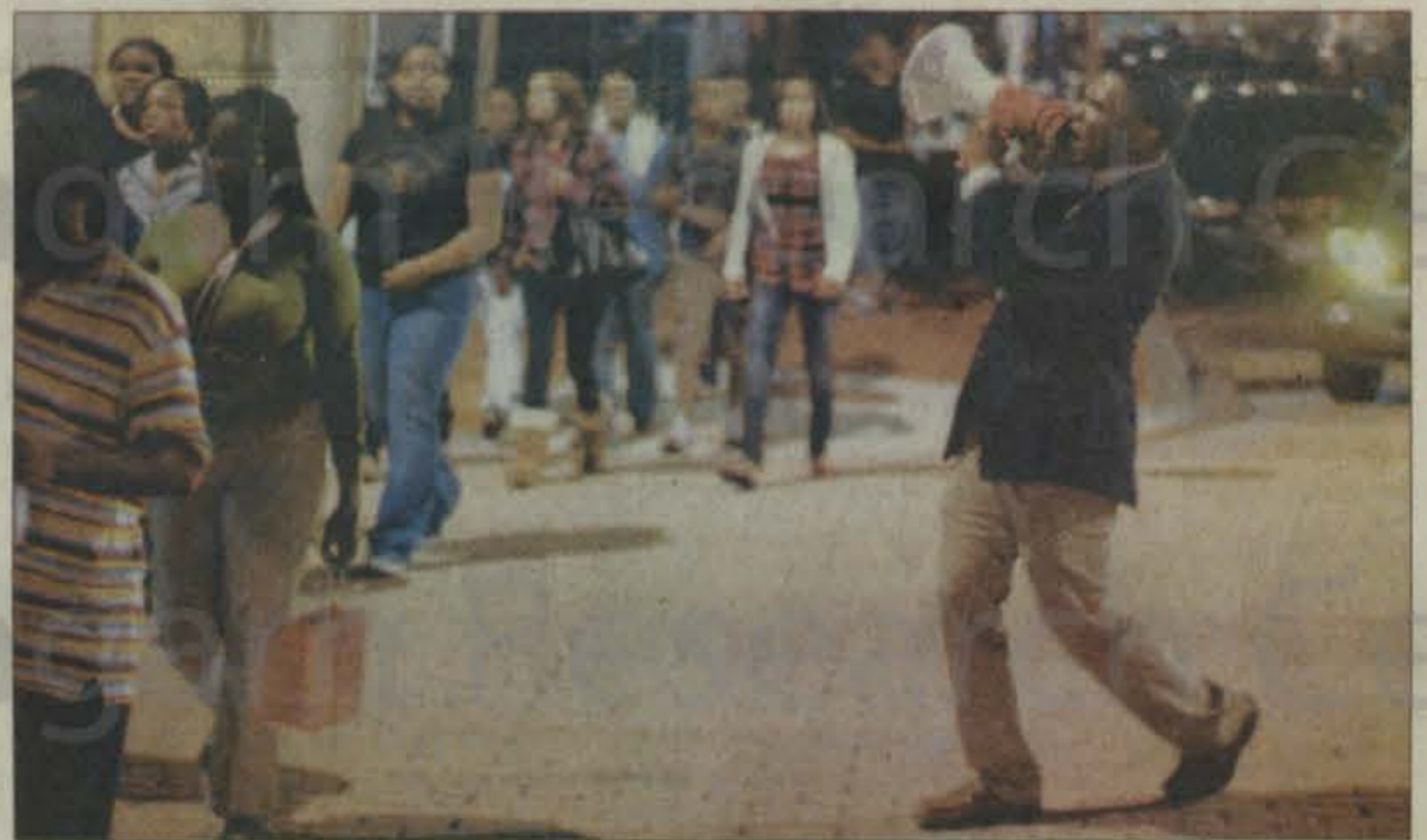
A tour of the building revealed just how many steps need to be taken in order to preserve Miner, which used to house the School of Education.

Millions of dollars are still needed from donors in order to fully renovate the rest of the building, according to School of Education Dean Leslie Fenwick. While half of the building has new electrical wiring, carpet and furniture, the other half of the building has boarded windows, leaking roofs and rubble lining the hall.

The renovation will focus on the roof and windows because "if we don't fix the roof, then all our work is lost," according to Ribeau.

Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, Michael Harris, said that no exact date can be given for the beginning of the repair work because the University still has to bid for competitive pricing.

Harris said that in general roofs are hard to fix once they've started leaking.



Senior Melech Thomas leads students in the fight against gun violence after his experiences in Chicago this summer.

'Do You Care?' Campaign Shoots Down Gun Violence

CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

Students held their fists up as they sang the Black National Anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing," when they came together to put an end to gun violence Friday, Sept. 17, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the flagpole.

The "Do You Care?" campaign created by Melech Thomas, Mr. Howard 2008-2009 and senior speech and applied communications major, was put together based off of his experience in Chicago this past summer. He saw and heard the useless and merciless killings of young children prompt-

ing him to start the campaign.

"I am tired of our new landmarks in our neighborhoods being teddy bears and flowers where people have died," Thomas said. "We live in a nation where bullets do not discriminate."

Faculty and staff came to show their support as well. "The shed of blood is an offense to the creator," said Professor Gregory Carr, assistant professor in the department of African-American studies. Carr also said that the students who participated in the rally are acting in the tradition of Howard University activism as past students have done.

"I define student activism as students applying their intellectual skills to solving problems that our society faces," said Carr. "Black students can't afford to not be student activists."

A letter to President Barack Obama was written by the students of Howard University calling on him to take action on the end to gun violence. Chief Leroy K. James, head of the Howard University Police Department (HUPD), said that this is the first time he has seen students come together for such a powerful cause.

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Harlem Renaissance Hits U Street in DC

BY SURITIA TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

The Greater U Street Festival was a day of honor and learning with an entertainment twist.

The first festival, coordinated by The Greater U Street Historic Foundation, Inc., was created to celebrate the historic aspect of the U Street corridor.

The events kicked off on Friday, D.C. mayor, Adrian Fenty, honored several coordinators of the festival and helped unveil the new street signs at the corner of

14th and V Streets., that now read Langston Hughes Way.

"Mayor Fenty proclaimed the weekend 'Langston Hughes' weekend; he honored myself, Andy Shallal of Busboys and Poets, Jim Graham, council member for ward 1, and others," said Lyndia Grant, coordinator of the festival and one of many co-chairs.

On Friday evening, an event titled "Harlem Renaissance Festival With Substance & Style" was held at the legendary Lincoln

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Carol D. Henley Leaves Legacy at HU

RILEY WILSON
Staff Writer

An evening of acknowledgement and gratitude took place last Friday, when students, alumni, faculty and friends of the Howard University community paid tribute to Carol D. Henley.

After serving the university for 26 years, Henley decided to announce her retirement. This announcement triggered the attention

of people all across the country, and Friday, many came together to thank her for her work as an educator.

Besides her tenure at Howard, Henley has been in the field of higher education for more than 33 years.

The night was filled with testimonies as one-by-one, grateful alumni came to the podium to thank Henley for her dedication. The 21st Century Advantage



Photo Courtesy of Howard G. Brown
Henley has dedicated 26 years to HU.

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Students Ask "Do You Care?" About Gun Violence

The First Rally For Change

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"I have seen so many young people die due to gun violence from my years of being a patrol officer, street patrol officer and working in the homicide department," James said. "Too many young lives have been taken away by bullets."

A scroll approximately 68 feet long was a list full of names written by students of those who died due to gun violence in their life. According to Melech Thomas, the list was exhausted the same day the names were collected. The campaign started another list and half the scroll was full the same day, which was Friday. The 68-foot scroll stretched from the flagpole to the Alpha Phi Omega plot.

Residents of the community came out to see who was chanting, "We want peace," and "Stop the violence."

"I have been waiting for this type of leadership from Howard University for years," said Thom Wallace, a resident of the community. "Howard is like the anchor for this community, and it is time for them to stand up and show this community that change needs to be in effect."

Students who participated in the march either had a personal story or came to support those who did have a personal story.

Stephen Hill, a sophomore marketing major, said that he came to the march to give support. "I myself do not have a personal story of someone dying due to gun violence, but I am from Detroit and we have a high rank of people passing away because of this," Hill said. "So I decided I want to support this movement and came out to march."

Reverend Jeremiah A. Wright said that the march and campaign is an excellent and much needed action to spread the word about gun violence and bring an end to it.

"I would love to see students make a statement about how important this issue is for them. Especially would I like to see that done at my alma mater," Wright said. "Black students especially need to make a strong statement against gun violence, especially since it is young



Howard University speech and applied communications major, Melech Thomas, brought the "Do You Care?" campaign to Howard to provide a national solution to end gun violence in America. The "Do You Care?" rally allowed students to come together and share how gun violence has affected their lives over the years.



Melech Thomas and Victoria Kirby both spoke to the audience at the "Do You Care?" rally on The Yard. The rally is to combat gun violence in the community.

black students who are being killed more than any other population or social group in this country."

Wright also said that more ministers in the African-American community need to join Father Michael Pflieger of Saint Sabina Church in Chicago and his move-

ment in getting guns out of young adults, teenagers, children and drug dealers and gang members hands.

"I think Father Michael's work in the community has been a work of integrity and work that has changed thousands of lives for good," Wright said.



Victoria Kirby speaking at a podium during the 'Do You Care?' rally.

Students made their way back to the flagpole, where it seemed as if the circle got bigger from the beginning of the march.

"I am very proud of the Howard University students who showed up at 7 p.m. on a Friday night," said Jerome Joseph, How-

ard University Student Association executive vice president. Joseph lost his father at the age of four as a result of gun violence. "It is not OK for children to grow up without mothers, fathers, brothers or sisters," Joseph said.

Students at Spelman College's Campus Rally for Change

CAMILLE AUGUSTIN
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, students at Spelman College rallied at 2 p.m. to fight for the same cause as the students of Howard University - to put an end to gun violence.

The rally was held at Georgia State Capital and was put together by a group of students at Spelman named "Righteous Noise."

Spelman senior sociology major, Elizabeth Alexander, coordinated the rally.

"In order to see change, we

have to be the change," Alexander said. "We have to break the silence on issues that surround us. We also need to hold our local and state leaders accountable and literally push them to implement change."

Local and state representatives including Representative Alicia Morgan and Father Michael Pflieger of Saint Sabina Church in Chicago spoke at the rally.

Alexander said in terms of reaching out to local and state representatives, they were successful. "Representative Morgan saw the passion from students on the issue of gun violence that she asked us

to come on the day that she will be lobbying and meeting with the chief of the police in Atlanta," said Alexander.

The rally was created in connection with Father Pflieger's national movement and the recent passing of Spelman college student, Jasmine Lynn, whose life was taken by gun violence on the campus of Clark-Atlanta University just a few weeks ago.

"Gun violence is an impressing issue in our communities, and I feel that we need to let our local and state representatives know this is something that needs to be ad-

dition, we are advocating for a gun intervention program."

Melech Thomas, a senior speech and applied communications major and Mr. Howard 2008-2009, said that he refuses to live in a community where, "R.I.P. T-shirts are the new clothing line in stores." He also said that people deserve life and happiness, so give

them life and happiness.

"The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness should not be taking away from any because of the right to bear arms," Thomas said. "The next step is petitioning

at the White House and getting our message out to them so that change will come in our communities."

Even though 15 people rallied at Spelman College on Friday, Alexander feels their message got across.

"We want to let students know that as a collective community we all have a voice," Alexander said.

Signs were viewed by passengers in cars reading, "Honk for peace," and "Break the silence; no more gun violence."



Students united at the flagpole Friday afternoon, standing for change and remembering those in their lives who were taken away through gun violence.

Gun Violence Statistics

- Every day, an average of **276** people are killed with a gun or treated for a gun injury in the emergency room.
- Firearms are the second most frequent cause of death for Americans ages **15 to 24**.
- In 2006, there were **30,896** gun deaths in the United States.
- In 2007, **68** percent of murders, **42** percent of robberies and **21** percent of aggravated assaults were committed with guns.
- While handguns account for only **one-third** of all firearms owned in the United States, they account for more than **two-thirds** of all firearm related deaths each year.
- The murder rate decreased **4.7** percent from 2007 to 2008. (**5.6** to **5.4** murders per 100,000 population)
- The United States has the highest rate of youth homicides and suicides among the **26** wealthiest nations

Sources: bradycampaign.com, cpc.org, icu.org

Alumni, Students Join to Celebrate, Give Thanks to HU 'Catalyst'

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Program (21 CAP), which includes the Corporate Team Adoption Program, Dormitory Tutoring Program and Team Leader Program, was created by Henley in 1994, with a focus on strengthening the retention of the School of Business.

She also proposed the School of Business Executive Leadership Honors Program (SBEL) in 1995 and has been able to raise more than \$2 million, enabling her to carry students to London and on other corporate retreats. Both of these programs include participation from Fortune 500 companies. Barron Harvey, Ph.D., dean of the School of Business, was one of the speakers at the celebration.

"The event really reflects the impact that she has had on Howard University, the School of Business and certainly the students and alums — many of whom are represented in this audience," Harvey said. "She has been a tremendous asset & resource. We are truly going to really miss her."

Since the inception of these

programs, the retention rate of the School of Business has been a consistent average of 90 percent.

"I knew that I needed to improve the retention rate, but I wasn't given any constraints at the time," Henley said. "It was like, what do we need to do to get this done?"

Teri Patterson, who is the first female attorney of the NFL Players Association, said she also came to show Henley her appreciation.

"I wanted her to know that she's made a great impact on my life and professional career," Patterson said. "Tonight was a great night to let her know."

Patterson was part of the Inaugural Class of Team Leaders in 1994, and said Henley has taught her three things: how to obtain goals, shape her own career and to have a desire to serve.

"Ms. Henley has always challenged us to differentiate ourselves as curious [or] inquiring students and potential hires," said Sheree Jackson, a senior international business major.

Nicknamed "The Cata-

lyst" of the School of Business, Ms. Henley has brought three of her four children to the School of Business. Lisa Franklin, Henley's daughter, was among the 1995 Team Leader class, who were the first to have corporate sponsors.

"You can only give that much for so long where you would have to move to the next stage of your life to relax," Franklin said. "I think you'd want to leave having been on top. What she does with that, I don't know. I'm sure she'll be volunteering somewhere."

As part of her continued dedication to students, her retirement celebration was also a fundraiser for a scholarship for three students: one freshman, one student from the SBEL Program and one student from the Team Leader Organization.

So far, the school has raised more than \$8,000; this number is expected to grow within the next week.

As far as any retirement plans, Henley simply shrugs her shoulders, smiles and says, "I'm exploring my options."



Hundreds of people gather on U Street to partake in the weekend festivities.

U Street Honors Langston Hughes

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Theatre. Guests included Jasmine Guy, Blair Underwood and the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra.

A parade was supposed to signal the beginning of Saturday's festival, but according to coordinator Francine Towbridge, time constraints and government regulations kept that from happening.

The festival was held in two locations, at the African-American Civil War Memorial Stage, on the corner of 10th and U Streets, and the Langston Hughes Way stage on V St. between 13th and 14th Streets.

On 10th and U, things began with a bang. The Washington Showstoppers Marching Band gave an energy-filled performance that had the small crowd of about 75 moving to the beat. An intriguing lion dance that included costumes resembling a Chinese dragon and a Kung Fu performance followed, as well as poetry, gospel rap and dancing.

Though the crowd at the memorial stage thinned out and the excitement waned after the first few performances, some people stuck around to take in the rest of the acts. Zahirah Truth and son Divine came to enjoy the community's togetherness.

"I brought my son so that he could get exposure to different things," said Truth.

The Langston Hughes

Way stage had more of a festival feel. Music could be heard three blocks away; people were clapping and dancing as they listened to the Groovy Hayes Blues Band. There were vendors selling an array of items from food to African art. WPGC, Cricket and Unison Health Plan were all in attendance.

An area for kids was set up on the grounds of the Harrison Recreation Center that featured a huge moon bounce and face painting.

Community businesses put in much effort to support the festival. Sponsors included Ben's Chili Bowl, Eatonville restaurant, the Moorland Spingarn Research Center and Lee's Flower Shop.

"We were approached and asked to run an ad [in support of the festival], and we said yes," said Stacie Lee Banks, a Howard alumna and co-owner of the 64-year-old, black-owned flower shop.

Her grandfather originally ran the shop; it has remained a family business. "My father, sister and niece all work here," she said.

"I am excited about this festival because I always go to other festivals; now it's like wow there's one in our neighborhood, and I love that they are renaming the street and that things have been revitalized."

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Gay Community Represented in Congress

Jared Polis, the first openly gay man elected to the House of Representatives, gives hope to homosexuals nationwide

BY BRITTANY MILLER
Contributing Writer

Homosexuality is and has been a very controversial topic in America for many years.

Now, however, many are pleased to see that there is an openly gay man in the House of Representatives.

Lauren Morris paused for a minute or two, choosing her words carefully. Although some comparisons can be made in terms of being discriminated against, Morris can clearly see the distinction between being black and being gay.

"It's different with black and gay people. They have different backgrounds."

Morris, a junior psychology major and former vice president of CASCADE (Coalition of Activist Students Celebrating the Acceptance of Diversity and Equality) wondered aloud if Jared Polis, the first non-incumbent gay man elected to the House of Representatives, would take a special interest in all minority groups, in addition to his commitment to the gay community.

"Of course he'll take a special interest in the gay community and hopefully in all minority groups. You can't be a minority yourself and be ignorant to other minority issues," she said.

Polis was elected to the House of Representatives in 2008 to represent the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado. Although there

are two other openly gay members currently seated in the House, Polis was the only one of the three who was open about his sexual orientation before he became an elected official.

"We've been trying a long time to get representation in Congress," said Morris. "I think this is showing that America is really about change and diversity."

While members of the gay community are excited about the possibilities of having representation in Congress, some members of the straight community are unsure of what it means for the direction of America.

"I guess it speaks volumes about how far the culture of America has come. Whether in a positive or negative view, it shows that America is no longer a conservative nation," said Brent Jackson, junior marketing major.

"Although I am in no way happy with a gay person in office, no it doesn't make me uncomfortable," Jackson continued. "I would hope that the man is qualified for the position and has the best interest of everyone at heart."

Jackson also agrees that Polis will stick close to his commitment to the gay community while passing legislation in Congress, but hopes that he'll take the time to focus on other issues affecting the United States as well, "I would hope that he always does what's best for the entire country, and not be selfish."

Since being elected, Polis



Photo Courtesy of the House of Congress

Jared Polis will be the first member of the House of Representative to represent the gay community.

has indeed taken a special interest in LGBT issues, including co-sponsoring the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009, as well as pressuring Congress to make sure the 2010 Census represents the gay community accurately.

He has also sponsored bills that would improve the Children's Health Insurance Program and a bill that would give state educational agencies more grant money to modernize public school facilities.

Morris believes that Polis be-

ing elected as an openly gay man is progress for everyone.

"I think it means doors are opening for everybody. Not just gay people. Every subculture is having more doors opened to them. I'm very optimistic."

MOTHERLAND MONDAYS

Zimbabwe Receives Educational Funding

- Zimbabwe has received a U.S. \$70 million donation from the European Commission and various European nations to boost its crippling education system. The UN Children's Agency (UNICEF) along with the unitary government will distribute the funds, which will be used to restructure the system and buy educational materials to ensure that the 700,000 vulnerable children, including disabled children, have access to schools. Education Minister David Coltart termed the move as a big step in the right direction, but raised concerns on industrial actions by teachers which could ruin the progress since they are poorly paid. With the adult literacy standing at about 90 percent presently, Zimbabwe had one of the best educational systems in the continent which has crumbled due to economic crisis ravaging the country.

Information from www.NewsFromAfrica.org

Journey to The 'Other' Mecca

Cemetery Accused of Immoral Activities

BY SHANNON WHITE
Contributing Writer

Eden Memorial Park Cemetery, one of the largest and most prominent Jewish cemeteries is facing accusations of secretly desecrating and losing the remains of those buried there. A number of celebrities are buried there, including comedians Groucho Marx and Lenny Bruce.

The lawsuit was filed Sept. 10 against the cemetery and its owner, Service Corporation International (SCI), by plaintiff E. Charles Sands. Sands' parents are buried in Eden Memorial Park, where the lawsuit accuses the cemetery of improperly disposing and desecrating human remains to create more spaces for 15 years. Sands' attorney, Michael Avenatti, told CNN correspondents that his investigation uncovered over 500 graves and vaults that have been broken into in order to squeeze plots together.

Service Corporation International, which is based in Houston, has had this problem before. Similar allegations were brought against SCI in 2003 at two cemeteries in

Florida. The company reached a \$100 million settlement with the families of the deceased that were desecrated at Menorah Gardens in Florida, according to a SCI news release. The Florida attorney general says that former Vice President Jeffrey Frucht, pleaded no contest to three felony charges and served one month in prison.

In that particular case, the cemetery was charged with using heavy equipment to smash vaults and caskets, scatter the remains of bodies, dump them in a neighboring wild-hog field or dig plots twice as deep to double caskets on top of each other.

Similar to the Florida lawsuit, this one alleges that employees were secretly instructed to break interment burial vaults that already had bodies buried in them using backhoes. Other charges include scatter-

ing or throwing away body parts that would fall out of the caskets during the secret moving of the bodies.

Company spokeswoman

Lisa Marshall said that the allegations were just allegations, and that the employees are trained to follow strict practices and procedures. However, Marshall admitted that in 2007, some employees undergoing routine training noticed some problems with burials.

"If I had a family member or loved one whose grave had been tampered with, I'd want to get to the bottom of it," junior psychology major Micah Campbell said. "When you lay someone to rest, you want to be able to trust that the person's grave will be respected by the owners of the cemetery."

Since Sands filed the lawsuit against SCI, almost 100 plaintiffs whose relatives are buried in Eden Memorial Park have signed on to the lawsuit.



Eden Memorial Park Cemetery has been accused of digging up the remains of those buried and losing the remains.

-Compiled by Marquis H. Barnett,
Nation and World Editor

Fifty-six year old Plaintiff Robert Scott actually joined the lawsuit after a CNN report about it, previously unaware that there were any problems with the company. Scott's father has been buried there for over 20 years, and his mother for a little over a year.

"Regardless of whether it's my parents or not, that type of desecration shouldn't go unpunished," Scott said according to the Los Angeles Times.

Sports Trivia
Answer:

Emmitt Smith
holds the record
with 18,355
rushing yards

FAMU Rattlers Run Over Howard Bison

BY EDWARD HILL JR.
Sports Information Director

Leroy Vann continued his assault on the NCAA record books, returning two punts for touchdowns and Curtis Pulley passed for two more scores as Florida A&M University soundly defeated Howard University, 48-10, in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game in Bragg Memorial Stadium. The game was telecast on ESPNU.

Vann, a 5-foot 9-inch, 185-pound senior All American, set up the game's first score when he returned the opening kickoff 68 yards to give the Rattlers (3-0 overall, 2-0 in the MEAC) good field position at the Bison 25-yard line. It took FAMU three plays with Phillip Sylvester scoring from 10 yards out to give his team the early lead at 7-0 less than two minutes into the game.

After the two teams traded possessions, the Rattlers went 96 yards on eight plays. The drive was capped off by a 46-yard pass from Pulley to Kevin Elliott. That made it 14-0 FAMU with 5:54 remaining in the first period.

Howard failed to move the ball on its next possession and was forced to punt to Vann, who holds NCAA records for returns. Vann caught the ball at the Howard 40-yard, found a seam and raced to a TD to make it 21-0 at the end of the first quarter.

"He [Vann] beat the hell out of us," Howard Coach Carey Bailey said. "We kicked to him and his return allowed them a short field. Then he breaks the punt return for a score. He's a dynamic player and our kicking wasn't smart."

The Rattlers would add a field goal early in the second period before the Bison (0-2 overall, 0-1 in the MEAC) got on the board on the 30-yard return of a blocked punt by Casey Council.

But the Rattlers answered with a 35-yard strike from Pulley to Elliott, their second of the game, making it 31-7 with 5:01 left in the first half. Howard's Dennis Wieberg nailed a 38-yard field to cut into the deficit, only to have Trevor Scott convert on a career-best 51-yard field goal to end the half.

Despite the 34-10 deficit at the half, Howard had a chance to make the game interesting at the start of the third quarter when it put together its best drive of the game, moving smartly down to the FAMU 10-yard line with plenty of time still left. But it was all for nothing as a fumble inside the 10-yard line snuffed out the drive.

"We get a good drive to get a little momentum and to get our defense off the field. Then we fumble the ball," said a frustrated Coach Bailey. "The number one thing you can't do is turn the ball over more times than your opponent. If you do, you are going to lose. This will be corrected." Howard has five lost fumbles in the two games played.

FAMU got two TDs to close out the scoring, including a 66-yard punt return by Vann. It was the second straight game that Vann returned two punts for scores in a game.

One of the determining factors in the game could be the timing of the schedule. FAMU had a week to prepare after having a rare back-to-back game on Thursday night while Howard had a short week after last Saturday's road game at Rutgers.

"I thought that we played well in all three phases of the games," said FAMU Head Coach Joe Taylor. "There was balance of offense, a good solid effort on defense and the special teams again, especially with Leroy [Vann], add another dimension."

"I thought we were a bit sluggish coming out," Coach Bailey

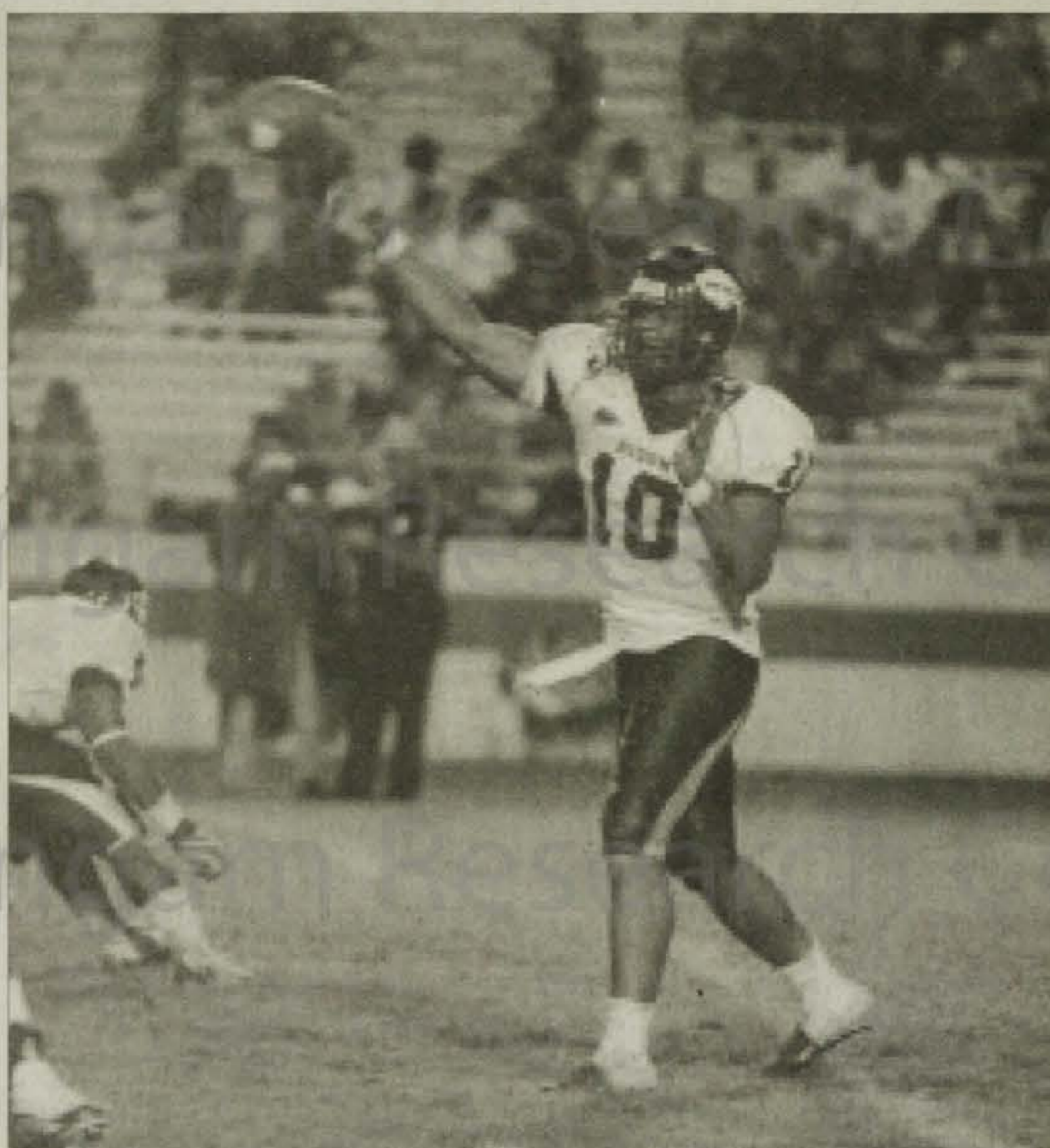


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The Howard University Bison were defeated by the FAMU Rattlers Thursday 48-10 in a game televised on ESPNU.

said. "It was a rough five days to prepare. We were out coached, out played and out hit. We will correct these things."

Red-shirt freshman quarterback Jarad Dorsey got his first action as a Bison, coming off the

bench for Floyd Haigler and rushing for a team-high 38 yards on six carries while completing two of the four passes he attempted.

Sophomore wide receiver Willie Carter continued his consistency, catching five passes for the

second straight game.

Defensively, red-shirt line-backer Keith Pough again led the team in tackles with 11, including two for losses. Senior safety Arando Jamison also had a good outing with 11 tackles and a sack.



Photo Courtesy of Howard Sports Information Desk

The Bison soccer team were victorious by a score of 3-1 yesterday in their home opener against Marist.

Soccer Team Defeats Marist in Home Opener

BY CHEVONNE MANSFIELD
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The Howard University men's soccer team scored two second half goals to defeat Marist, 3-1, in its home opener Sunday afternoon at Greene Stadium.

Christopher Sutherland tallied a goal while Phillip Borde and Jamil Devers also added a goal a piece to lead the Bison (2-4). Victor Thomas made six saves while Joe Pilla had seven saves for the Red Foxes (3-2-1).

"Marist is a very organized and physical team," said head coach Michael Lawrence. "We played well in the second half and were able to create some opportunities to get the result."

Sutherland scored his goal in the 43rd minute on a shot from the left corner on an assist from Borde. Howard took a 1-0 lead going into the half and outshot Marist 9-3.

The Red Foxes responded with 12 second-half shot attempts, including a pair of shots in the 53rd and 54th minutes. After saving a close range shot from Matthew Boyd, Thomas came up with another save

on a point blank shot from Lucas Szabo at 64:49.

Marist found the back of the net at 67:15 when Troy Confessore's free-kick tied things up at 1-1.

Howard responded with a pair of point blank shots in the 69th and 71st minutes. After making a save on a Harvey Livingston shot, Pilla also kept a Lamar Hyde rebound effort out of the net.

In the 83rd minute, however, HU would get on the board again, Jamil Devers found the back of the net after collecting a pass from Borde.

The Bison extended the lead to 3-1 in the 86th minute. Borde dribbled into the box and made a move past Pilla before ripping a shot into the open net.

"Everyone is playing for each other as a team," Lawrence said. "This is the first step in the rebuilding phase. We have been preaching this all season and it showed this afternoon."

Howard returns to action at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22, traveling to Lynchburg, Va. for a matchup against Liberty.

Sports Trivia!

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Students Use Twitter to Air Personal Frustrations

In the age of the infinite popularity of social media sites, virtually every college-aged student boasts a Facebook, Twitter, or both. On a positive note, these social networking sites are generally easy to use, and assist in connecting with peers quickly and conveniently. This recent student obsession with "tweeting" has however presented the issue of people using Twitter to vaguely address personal problems via a public Internet feed.

Twitter is a way to keep friends and colleagues updated on what you're doing, a way to share something you saw on the bus and found hilarious and a way to stay informed about what's going on in the lives of your friends without face-to-face communication. Convenient, right? But when does the subject matter of a personal tweet cross the line from entertaining and

informing to being socially inappropriate?

Every topic isn't acceptable for tweeting-among them bodily functions and damaging gossip. A relatively new, unacceptable phenomenon plaguing the tweets of many Howard students, is the use of the site to air personal frustrations be-

Our View:
Twitter shouldn't be used for calling out your friends; it's childish.

tween friends and associates in a public arena for the rest of the world to see.

Your girlfriend may have infuriated you by ignoring your countless texts, but is a tweet exclaiming, "Some people just don't know how to answer the telephone,"

the best way to address it? Nothing warrants a vague and underhanded attempt at calling someone out via a Twitter update. Addressing a personal situation using such a public arena as Twitter is not only rude, but also childish. You'd be much better off going to that person directly and airing your frustrations rather than elusively updating your status and hoping they realize it's about them.

Tweeting about the ridiculous amount of homework you have to finish before your eight o'clock class? Fine. A tweet about the crazy woman with a red wig singing on the Metro? Even better. But using Twitter as a way to deal with personal problems? Not so much. A direct message or re-tweet is no substitute for dealing with your issues in a more sophisticated and less childish manner.

Perspective Public Disagreement vs. Racism

Former President Jimmy Carter recently said the "overwhelming position of the intensely demonstrated animosity toward President Barack Obama is based upon the fact that he is a black man."

I agree.

President Carter gave voice to millions of people in the United States who believe President Obama has been unfairly treated not because of policy differences but rather his very presence in the White House is distasteful to many White Americans that believe the job of President should not be held by any persons of color.

What other explanation would explain the comparison between President Obama and Adolph Hitler who used his racism and power to murder millions of people not Arians.

President Obama has devoted his entire life to help others and provide leadership to the nation desperate for change after the past 8 years of Republican rule in the white House.

President Obama and his administration have tried to take the high road and keep the discourse focused on policy differences.

Nevertheless, the outrageous disrespect for President Obama who is still the leader of the free world and our nation has nothing to do with health care reform initiatives but has everything to do with salient undercurrents of racial hostility which has always been very close to the surface and any incident can light the spark of overt violence, e.g., Rodney King, Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination, etc. Former President William Jefferson Clinton tried to address the perennial problem of racism with his "National Conversation of Race" initiative.

President Carter words helps to explain why President Obama image has been depicted as "the Joker" a criminal from the Batman Dark Night film. At recent town hall meetings President Obama's critics use signs with his likeness as a monkey, an African witch doctor, and as a mistleal figure.

Are these images rooted in public policy differences or are they the real salient views of many white Americans that claim to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ who preached love and not hate.

Even an undistinguished South Carolina Representa-

tive, Joe Wilson goes so far as to holler, "You lie" during a joint session of Congress for rightly he was censored by Congress. Representative Wilson is most noted for his support for the Confederate flag to fly over the state capitol building.

To his credit President Obama has tried to keep his public policy proposals focused on trying to help all of the people in the nation and not for any specific group. In contrast, hired black leaders like National Committee Chairman Michael Steel become an apologist for racially motivate behavior for the Republican Party and its members who have not resonated well in America's multiracial society.

President Carter is correct in his feelings that many people in the country do not believe African Americans are qualified to lead the United States of America. Public policy difference has nothing to do with old fashion American racism.

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Daily Sudoku

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 All events begin promptly at 7:07pm in Room 200 unless otherwise noted.

The Lovely Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Present: "Stop the Violence: The Movement Continues" 2009-2010 Application Pick Up Monday, September 21, 2009 Location: West Ballroom Time: 7:08 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society's First General Body Meeting is 9/21/09 at 5:00pm in E. Just Hall.

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 Meet P/A's- Thursday in Crandall Hall
 Game Night- Friday in Truth Hall
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The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter Presents Zeta Week 2009: Regeneration Monday September 21, 2009 Join us as we attend "The Miseducation of the Black Greek" Hosted by the Office of Student Activities and the National Pan-Hellenic Council 7p Cramton Auditorium

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