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Idol Fever...Catch It!

Andrew Young Passes on a "Great Tradition"



Andrew Young poses with Shaw University HCASC Team. Shaw President Dr. Clarence Newsome introduced Dr. Young to the delighted audience

Reconnections, introductions, and memories were the name of the first but definitely not the last game here as the 16th annual Honda Campus All-star Challenge kicked off on March 31, 2005. March is not synonymous with basketball to the scholars representing their schools from across the nation, it means meeting new people, reconnecting with old friends and spending four days competing in one of the top collegiate bowls in the nation.

The teams arrived all day Thursday, wearing school colors and ready to begin this ever exciting and amazing weekend.

"I am really excited and anxious," said Fisk University team member Tamara Campbell. "This is Fisk's first year back in a couple of years, and we are all excited to be here and hoping that we do pretty well."

All of the 64 teams met for the annual opening dinner in a spectacularly decorated room designed to celebrate 16 years of the academic excellence and heritage that is HCASC. The dinner is the first event that brings all of the teams together to recognize the teams

and officially start the HCASC weekend. As the students, coaches, volunteers, and college presidents dined the music of Chapter filled the room, playing everything from Mario to the Isley Brothers.

Joining the Strong 64 this year as the keynote speaker of this year's HCASC opening ceremony was Andrew Young, ambassador, writer, minister, congressman, mayor; a true renaissance man. Andrew Young, born in New Orleans and educated at Dillard University, Howard University and Hartford Theological Seminary.

He was a top aide for Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960s and was went on to be the first black United States representative from Georgia since Reconstruction. He was named ambassador to the United Nations in 1977 and was the mayor of Atlanta from 1981-1989. Currently, Andrew Young, the namesake of Georgia State University's school of Policy Studies, is the chairman of GoodWorks International, a consulting firm for governments and corporations dedicated to the global economy.

He is also focused on the eradication

of poverty in America. "Most of the problems we face in America, whether crime or education problems or hate groups, are derived from what Martin Luther King used to call 'the lonely islands of poverty in the midst of this ocean of material wealth," said Young.

As this year's speaker Young spoke about responsibility; responsibility to our ancestors both black and white and responsibility to our nation.

"We are all here by someone's blood and more than likely grandmother's prayers," he said to a captivated audience of Honda scholars. He called on his experience as ambassador and aide to Martin Luther King Jr. to charge everyone to realize the importance of global relationships; that we all live in a global economy that depends on each nation. While the task and the journey ahead may be an ominous one, cautioned Young, he told the audience that he never doubts that all in the room can rise to the occasion.

"You are a people of the same spirit," -the spirit of the greats that have come before us.

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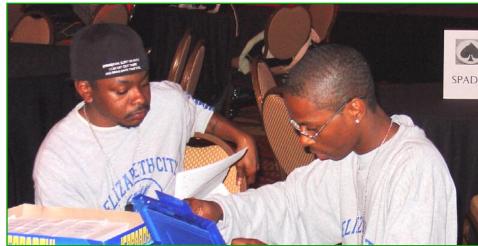
Being a new member on an established team is hard enough but imagine if you were a new team all together, first time experiences of the weekend that is Honda Campus All-Star Challenge. Such is the case of the Coppin State College team from Baltimore, Maryland. Captain Ashley Cannon, and members Lissa Lucas, Douron Batson, Jerry Winston and Sean Caesar have accepted the challenge of being the first students to represent their school here at Honda Campus.

They are coached by Steve Stephens, a Honda Campus alum from Langston University and Dean of Student Activities at Coppin State. Stephens has said that this was something he always wanted to do and that he is proud to be here. "My goal was to bring a team back with me [to Honda Campus]. I feel I have succeeded and that we will do really well."

The have received much love from their school, even being featured on the front page of their school newspaper. "This is one of the most exciting things for Coppin," said team captain Ashley Cannon. "Everyone has been really supportive on campus." They were even dubbed the "Future of Coppin."

"We are nervous and excited. All eyes are on us because we are new, hopefully we will do well," said senior team member Lissa Lucas, "If we do not, the experience will be good for us.

Student Union Offers New Options



Do not forget to check the new and improved Student Expo! No longer are we in a tent, we are in a building with all the bells and whistles. And it is a great place to meet and greet with other teams. Drop by, see the Honda cars and imagine what it would be like to drive one as you sit in the driver's seat, checking your reflection in the rearview mirror. Pick up a pool cue and play a game with your new and old friends. After a hard day of games grab a group and play dominoes or spades or just chill out and watch some television. If the late night munchies creep up, pick up some snacks for your entire team to keep the

energy up during those late night practice sessions preparing for the round robin and final games. Enjoy our quiet room with a mini-art gallery for the visual eye. While in the quiet room be sure to make your own unique pin to swap and share with your new found friends at Honda. The ever popular video games are definitely there to show off your skills and find out who really is the best video game player here at Honda Campus! Challenge your friends and let them know! And before you leave, be sure to leave your signature on the Shout Out wall and let people know who was here at HCASC 2005!



It's not to late to sign up for All-Star Idol! Don't miss your chance to show off your talents to all the HCASC family AND win a Apple Ipod!

PIN TRADING ALERT

This year's top prize is an American Express Gift Card valued at \$300! Remember, you must be certified with ALL 9 pins in order to enter the drawing for the prize. The 9th pin will be given at the VCRD and H₂0-CASC.



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