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AKA holds annual Coat Days

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As the last few days of warm weather still linger, the winter forecast reluctantly approaches. Many of us will break out our winter wear from our closets and face the chill with open arms. Unfortunately for some, the prospect of winter being just around the corner is not such a positive image. For some a warm winter is not in sight. But there is one campus organization trying to make a difference for such individuals.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Incorporated is a sisterhood committed to community service. Solving the problems of their community is an important aspect of the sorority.

The Kappa Omicron chapter of AKA was formed at N.C. State University in 1976. Since then, there have been many outstanding sorors who have performed hundreds of service projects together. These include visiting nursing homes, providing tutorial services, counseling area youths, sponsoring scholarships, donating gifts and money to various shelters and centers, conducting forums on global concerns and many others.

AKA Coat Days is held every year during the entire month of October. The purpose of the project is to help the less fortunate before the holiday season begins. The sorority collects clothes, coats and other monetary donations for those in need. This year's donations will be sent to families in Princeville, NC and to a nearby shelter in the Raleigh area. Princeville was one of the cities that received major damages after Hurricane Floyd. The city is still recovering from its losses.

"The more donations we receive the better," AKA member Tonya Johnson says. She adds, "we really

want the town of Princeville to know that we are here to help them in their time of need."

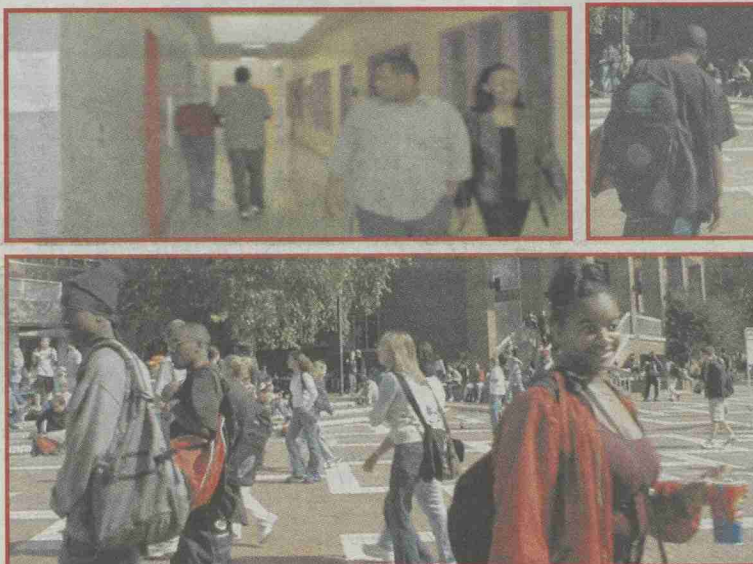
Coat Days has been an ongoing project for many years now. According to AKA member, Tanisha Ray, last year a total of eight bags full of coats and other clothing were collected for donation. The sorority is looking to fill even more bags with donations this year.

"This event is so memorable because it allows us to fulfill our goal of 'service to mankind,'" says Philshaunda Thompson, another member.

"Since there are other organiza-

tions that are committed to community service, we have stepped up our efforts this year to offer other campus organizations the opportunity to participate by collecting coats and clothing from their members and then dropping them off to us so that we may give them to our selected families and shelter," notes Ray.

AKA members invite any and all donations for Coat Days. All donations can be dropped off at the AKA house at 1402 Varisty Drive on Frat court.



Is there a Lack of Communication Among African-Americans at NCSU?

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Guest Reporter

According to N.C. State's Admissions statistics, 9.9 percent of the 26,363 students currently enrolled here are African-American. One would think that the African-Americans on campus would eagerly welcome the sight of a fellow African American while on a predominately white campus. Yet, this does not seem to be the case. Some African-Americans do not even greet each other on campus as they go to and from their classes.

"I don't see this as a problem on this campus. In my experience, I am usually greeted by my fellow African-American students whether I know them or not. However, you will always have those folks that think they are too good to speak. Even white people have that problem among themselves," remarks Jynelle McCoy, a senior double majoring in Mathematics and

Computer Science, when asked if blacks not speaking to one another on this campus was a problem.

According to Dr. Rupert Nacoste, psychology professor and Vice Provost of Diversity and Academic Affairs, the lack of communication among many blacks on our campus can be partly attributed to the diverse backgrounds of the blacks currently attending the university. Some students may come from small rural communities while others bring life experiences from the inner cities of large metropolitan areas. The inhabitants of small communities usually know each other personally, and this personal connection leads them to speak to one another on a daily basis. The habit of greeting others is easily carried over into their interactions with fellow students here at N.C. State.

Many students who come from huge cities do not have the opportunity to build personal relationships

with everyone in their city. A'Shawn Hines, a senior in Electrical Engineering, is from Brooklyn, NY. She readily admits that when she first came to here, she never bothered to speak to anyone she did not know personally.

A'Shawn recalls, "I wouldn't speak to people that I didn't know. Then I began to adapt to the fact that people in North Carolina speak to people whom they do not know. Therefore, I began to speak to African-American people on campus, and I was really shocked and disappointed when many African-Americans did not speak back. I thought that speaking was the norm here. I began to wonder why the African-American community here did not stick together.

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Frye up for re-election as Chief Justice

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www.henryfrye.org

Chief Justice Henry E. Frye wants your support on November 7.

When Governor Jim Hunt appointed Henry E. Frye as Chief Justice 13 months ago, Hunt was doing more than hiring another person committed to the North Carolina court system; Hunt appointed a person whose love and commitment for the people of North Carolina was strong and powerful.

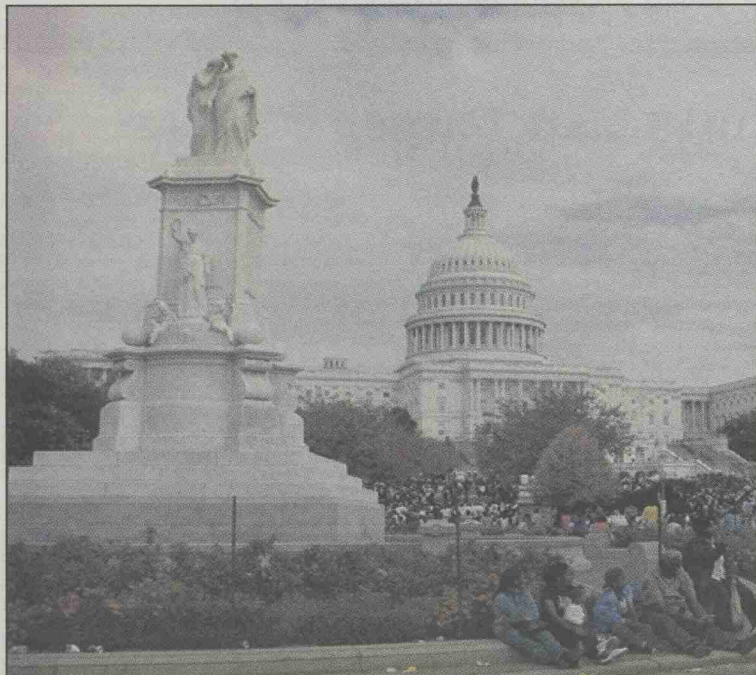
Frye comes to the campaign table with an impressive background. Born in the small town of Elerbe, North Carolina, Frye rose to prestige by graduating Summa Cum Laude from NC A&T University, and later went on to study law at UNC-Chapel Hill's law school, where he graduated with honors. After practicing law and having a professorship in the law department for a number of years, Frye decided to run for the North Carolina House of Representatives, where he became the first African-American to be elected to this position this century. For 12 years, he served in the House as well as another two years in the Senate. The Chief Justice has also served for 17 years on the Supreme Court and has held the noteworthy position as serving on the Board of Directors for North Carolina's Mutual Life Insurance Company, America's biggest African-American insurance company.

Although the primary duties of a Chief Justice are to preside over the North Carolina Supreme Court, as well as serve as the Chief Executive Officer for the N.C. Judicial System, Frye is committed to going beyond these minimal job expectations by seeing that "North Carolina has the best court system ever." To ensure that this goal is achieved, Frye wants "to create a more efficient court system, maintain the integrity of the court, improve the court's

technology, and furthermore, create a fair court system." In expounding on the idea of a "fair court system," Frye hopes to create a court system that "is accessible to people, regardless of their income, race, gender and other irrelevant considerations." He firmly believes that the court "should be a place where people feel that they will get a fair trial, a place where the judges will be unbiased."

Although Frye is passionate about his desire to keep his esteemed position, he is also passionate and concerned about voter turnout. Frye believes that everyone who is qualified to vote should vote.

"This [voting] is a precious right," says Frye. "Many people died for this right, and it is up to us to honor them by taking advantage of the voting privilege." Frye states that a "vote-less people are a hopeless people," and that the only way this state, and this country even, will be able to create change is if we come to the polls on November 7th and take advantage of the early, absentee voting.



Hopes and Dreams

The Million Family March took place last week on Monday, October 16th. The march brought together people from many different ethnicities and religions for a rally held on the Washington D.C. mall. There were many notable entertainers who were scheduled to make appearances, among them: Erykah Badu, Macy Gray, Will Smith and DMX.

There were many prominent speakers from around the country who shared the stage with the march's leader Louis Farakahn. Among them, Hispanic and Asian-American leaders who emphasized unity and moral values. In this election year, the organizers of the march stressed their platform which can be found by visiting www.millionfamilymarch.com.

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I feel that sticking together can be as simple as speaking to each other."

"We know it well that none of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people..." stated Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, during his Inaugural Address on May 10, 1994. Many of the blacks attending N.C. State are "acting alone" in a community that is anything but united. Some students are in such a rush to carry out their everyday activities that they do not take the time to speak to black students who may be encouraged by

a kind greeting.

Other than offering encouragement, greeting fellow students on campus may also begin new and mutually beneficial friendships. The person acknowledged might share a class with you, or he or she may know of someone who has already taken your current class. This creates the opportunity to form study groups or obtain old tests. Whatever the opportunity, it could prove to be extremely helpful.

Networking is present in many aspects of today's society, and it shows that the old saying, "It's not what you know but who you know," still rings true. The act of speaking to fellow blacks here at N.C. State offers the perfect opportunity to

sharpen your individual networking skills, which are very important to cultivate.

As Booker T. Washington, a prominent black educator of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, once said: "Recognition will do more to cement the friendship of races than any occurrence since the dawn of freedom."

Now is the time for blacks to begin to recognize each other on this campus and begin to "cement the friendships" that are of the uttermost importance.

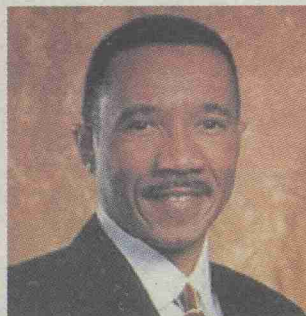
NAACP Hoping to Stay with Mfume

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is hoping Kweisi Mfume will stay on as its leader. For many people, Mfume has been "excellent" in his leadership of the nation's oldest civil rights organization. They hope that he will continue his reign, and apparently so does he.

"He wants to stay on," said Julian Bond, NAACP board chairman, in an interview.



Mfume has made significant accomplishments as NAACP President and CEO.

integrity to the organization."

Bond wouldn't comment on the specific details of Mfume's contract negotiations.

Under Mfume's leadership, the NAACP has been very active. He is

recognized for helping to restore the NAACP's fiscal responsibility. Last year, he announced plans to register 4 million voters. Already, through the NAACP National Voter Fund,

NAACP board members are wondering what Mfume will decide. His contract as NAACP president and chief executive officer will expire next year. Mfume entered the job in December 1995. The last president, Benjamin F. Chavis, was fired because of a sexual harassment scandal in August 1994.

The NAACP recently held its annual convention in July in Baltimore, Md., the organization's hometown. At the convention, board members passed many resolutions, and in addition, over \$1 million was raised. Many problems, needs and concerns were discussed at this conference. President Bill Clinton visited to voice his concerns and solutions for issues of race and unity in America.

The present concern of board members is Mfume's contract renewal. Bond thinks that all board members want Mfume to continue his leadership.

"He's given us heightened visibility," said Bond. "He's brought a sense of vigor and helped restore

nearly a quarter million people registered to vote.

"Six years ago, we were \$4 million in debt," said Bond. "We've been in the black for at least the last three years."

Currently, the NAACP is gearing itself toward the youth of this country. It has been looked at as an older person's organization for many years. N.C. State has a NAACP chapter, as well as the greater Raleigh area. There are international chapters in countries such as Japan and Germany.

Mfume's decision is one that many people, especially NAACP members eagerly await. Bond suggests that it will definitely have an impact on times to come.

What is This?



Faithful followers of the "Nubian", and those who occasionally gloss over the paper have viewed the symbol adjacent to the bell-tower for five weeks. It is time for (some of) us to finally learn what that symbol is and what it means.

The Gye Nyame (pronounced "Jey N-yah-mee") is an Adinkra symbol from the Ashanti tribe of Ghana in West Africa. Adinkra symbols are a visual representation of the social thought relating to the history, philosophy and religious beliefs of the Akan people of Ghana and the Ivory Coast.

Adinkra is a cloth (like Kente), and it is the only African cloth printing tradition of pre-Colonial origin. The cloth has squares stamped with symbols associated with proverbs. How the adinkra cloth came into existence is unknown; one theory of origin involves an early nineteenth century battle between two kings. Today, Adinkra symbols such as the Gye Nyame are seen everywhere from handbags to stools.

The proverb associated with the Gye Nyame symbol is, "Abode san-tan yi firi tete: obi nte ase a onim n'ahyase, na obi ntena ase nkosi

n'awie, Gye Nyame." This phrase, which is written in Twi, means: "this Great Panorama of creation dates back to time immemorial, no one lives who saw its beginning, no one will live to see its end, Except God."

The Gye Nyame is a symbol of the omnipotence of God. Gye Nyame is translated as "Tis only God" or "Except God, I fear no one."

It is often incorrectly believed that Europeans brought the idea of monotheism to African. However, traditional African religion identifies the concept of God. Europeans sim-

ply chose to see no similarity between the God they preached and the African's own belief.

Gye Nyame is one of many African religious symbols; it symbolizes the greatness and power of God. God can see where we have gone and where we are going. The "Nubian" acknowledges our need for direction. In our challenging young lives, it is important to accept God and fear no one.

WOLFPACK TAKES ON THE SEMINOLES

Ne'Keesha Dover
Sport Editor

ple say that the true test for the Wolfpack will come on this day. So far, Coach Chuck Amato has taken the Pack to a higher level in just 6 games. As Coach Amato is very

came when the Pack traveled to Indiana where they won a very close game with a score of 41-38. The third game was nothing less than a treat for the parents when the hosted

SMU on Parents Weekend. The Pack let SMU know whom the turf belonged to as they shut them out with a score of 41-0. Game four, also played at home,

Pack beat the Yellowjackets with a score of 30-23. Game five proves to be a struggle for the Wolfpack as they fall to the Clemson Tigers at their place 27-34; however, State was able to recognize the mistakes made against the Tigers, and they bounced back on the road at Chapel Hill defeating the Tarheels 38-20.

The long awaited Florida State game is approaching us and only two days away. The Seminoles are doing a commendable job holding down their own territory so far this season. Florida State is 7-1 so far. That includes a record of 3-1 on the road. Freshman Philip Rivers will get to face off against Heisman candidate and Senior quarterback Chris Weinke. The twenty-seven year old quarterback made the decision like so many of the other former FSU stars have done. Weinke has put up great numbers so far this season; however, as Weinke and a few others are the guns for Florida State. NC State has their own guns to shoot with. Rivers has done a tremendous

job so far this year as a true freshman out of Alabama. He has already hit the mark for the third most touchdown passes in a season with 17. He is one of six all-star candidates for NC State. The other five include Jarvis Borum, Levar Fisher, Koren Robinson, Ray Robinson, and Adrian Wilson. Rivers was the first ever quarterback for NC State to throw two touchdown passes in five consecutive games. Koren Robinson has also played a huge factor for NC State. Koren ranks ninth in school history for receiving. He has six consecutive 100-yard receiving games, which is also a record. He also ranks fourth in the nation with 107.0 receiving yards per game. The Robinson-Rivers combo will be something that Florida State can't run over easily; and with the entire all-star package together, State can do some big things this weekend and improve their record to 6-1.



The NCSU football team has obviously gotten off to a great start this season. Sitting at a record of 5-1 overall, they have Florida State Seminoles as their next challenge. State will face Florida State on Saturday, October 28th. Some peo-

familiar with Florida State, this will be a test for him also.

The Wolfpack opened up the season against Arkansas State at home and started their winning streak with a score of 38-31 in double overtime. The second contest of the season

wasn't an easy one for the Wolfpack, but they managed to hold off Georgia Tech in double overtime as Freshman quarterback, Philip Rivers connects with Sophomore wide receiver, Korean Robinson, as they have done many times this season, for a touchdown in overtime. The

TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY?

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Sport Editor

Every student athlete has heard the lines, "School is more important than sports." From elementary to middle to high school. Every athlete has been told not to focus their lives on sports because they may one day have to be forced to end their athletic career for one reason or the other.

More and more are professional athletes starting to give meaning to the word education. The process starts with young children. Not every child who plays on the recreational league basketball team or the little league baseball team will move on to the play their prospective sport in high school. Not every kid who is the star quarterback in high school or gains all conference honors for the varsity basketball team will move on to play in college. Not every start college athlete will move on to the professional sports world. And finally, not every professional athlete will make it; especially when your career is nagged by injuries or an unexpected illness drops your way.

Miami Heat center, Alonzo Mourning has just experienced first hand what it was like to have to forcefully give up your job and your hobby. He has been diagnosed with a kidney disorder that has him at coach's view for the season. Mourning is the second NBA player in a limited amount of time that has suffered from kidney problems. Just last year, San Antonio Spurs guard, Sean Elliot underwent a kidney transplant after a donation from his brother. Elliot was first diagnosed with kidney a kidney infection in 1993 and waited 6 years until his surgery. He returned to the Spurs shortly after his surgery, but never did not return in all-star form. These

guys are very fortunate that they are both established in the NBA and have college degrees that follow them. But what about players such as Corey Maggette who isn't exactly a superstar, but probably didn't earn any more than 30 credit at Duke. As facts have been revealed and opinions have changed, I am no longer knocking the fact that some athletes leave very early from college to get a jump on their athletic career. In fact I say, if the opportunity is there, go and get it. Go and make yourself famous if you can. Go and earn your multi-million dollar contract. But then, come back and pay for your college education.

I'm sure that just like any other job, it is very hard to maintain when you're trying to hold down the education thing also. But that's where priority comes in. Many times athletes say that they would be more likely to stay in college and get an education if they could afford it. They say that if they could stay in school and still work and continue to help their families out, then they would. But then when the opportunity is there, they don't take it.

It is becoming less and less critical for young athletes to get an education. The emphasis is being taken totally away from the books and placed more on the courts or on the fields. It is becoming easier for "retired" athletes to get a job broadcasting or commenting. As long as you were famous and the world loves you, then you can have anything you want. That's fine if you can make it that far. But what if you can't? What if you come down with one of those unexpected illnesses or a freak accident happens to travel your way? How do parents and schoolteachers put an emphasis on education when the coach says the exact opposite? How do they emphasize education when in most

places, a star athlete is recognized more than a straight A student? How do they emphasize education when it is known that the same kid that sat beside you in math class everyday and failed all of his tests and graduated with about a 1.9 GPA receives a full scholarship to one of the top schools in the county? The worse case for this academically challenged kid is that they are sent to junior college for a year or two to get their grades up and then they are off to Division I territory. Who can argue with that?

It is a strong possibility that Alonzo Mourning decides to return to the NBA if all goes well with him. But right now he is devastated and probably thinking like anyone else would—"I never thought this would happen to me." Alonzo is a 30 year old married, father of two children who probably never thought about the possibility of being this ill. Less than two months ago, he was in Sidney, Australia helping his country win a gold medal in basketball. He was having the time of his life. Just like every father, he was very proud when he was able to fly back to the country from Australia for the birth of his baby daughter. It was the life. He was a millionaire. He had a family. He was well liked and well respected by basketball and non-basketball fans alike. He was a roll model and watched closely by fans everywhere. So this wasn't supposed to happen to him huh? Who knows? And nobody knows when a touch of bad luck will strike them. Fortunately for Zo, he is equipped. A simple college education won't get you money, but it will get you favor and survival and until we start coming together and putting more emphasis on education, only the lucky will survive.

IS THE GAME OVER...

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Sport Editor

It has been a few weeks since the now infamous hit-and-run incident involving N.C. State basketball player Damon Thorton. I have reserved comment as I watched the gripping saga unfold amidst the news, sports, and opinion sections of the Technician. Thankfully, he chose a slow news week to reacquaint himself with the local authorities. Otherwise, Technician's readers may have had to endure reports on such unworthy topics as the escalating crisis in the mid-East or the deaths of the seventeen naval officers killed in the waters near Yemen. True, it was relevant N.C. State news, but enough is enough. As I struggled to sift through the media bias, the rumors, and the speculation, I'll admit that a part of me was hoping against all hope that the allegations were not true. Maybe the police had fingered the wrong guy, and maybe he was simply guilty of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. It wasn't even a personal plea; I don't know the brother on any intimate level. However, as a friend recounted the initial allegations and the circumstances surrounding the incident, I could just feel the storm brewing like how Celie felt when Shug Avery burst into her life in "The Color Purple." Okay, maybe it wasn't that profound or that dramatic, but you know what I mean.

So as he faces the music of his current legal saga, I have to wonder if the fat lady isn't already wearing herself out singing "End of the Road." Exactly how many chances does a brother get? I mean, does one bad apple spoil the entire team? Actually, our community is divided on this issue, and there are many

who feel that he should be automatically dismissed from the team. Some even feel that he should be suspended from the university. Now, we've all heard about the preferential treatment that college athletes receive from a university eager for national prominence and revenues stemming from a successful athletic program. Even when success is relative, the same holds true. Actually, this can be debated until N.C. State gets a black chancellor (haha), but the real issue is the fact that I wasn't even surprised by the news of his arrest.

It's sad to know that I have been so socialized to the myth that most black men are in jail, or should be, which has been debunked by numerous articles and books. Yet still, with all of this fundamental knowledge that N.C. State has given me, I still feel an overwhelming feeling of intense sadness and disappointment over the situation. It's not even the scholarship violations that I'm concerned with; if I were president, everyone I know would have a full scholarship. I just hate to see a brother fall, particularly when he has so many opportunities available to him. Like me, he is a senior with intentions of graduating in May, and I just can't comprehend the allure of alcohol being strong enough to risk an entire future. My heart goes out to my brother because his fall from grace, not unlike Adam's, effects our entire community here at N.C. State. The weight must be heavy upon his young shoulders, but then again, hindsight is always 20/20. The row will get harder to hoe as Coach Sendek struggles to determine Thorton's long-term future at N.C. State. You have my support brother, but you need to learn from your mistakes.

GREEKS AND RELIGION:

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DO THEY MIX??

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 Culture Editor

Sometimes we ("we" in this collective sense means college students) come to college and discover that the lessons, morals, and values that our parents or people of authority instill in us are of some use. We begin to learn that some of the things that other people do are not in the best interest for ourselves. You may have often heard your parents say "Be a leader, not a follower." A college campus is the perfect place to practice this old cliché. It is here in college that many of our beliefs that we hold are shaped, sharpened, or chiseled. It is by joining different clubs and organizations and becoming involved in different activities that we are able to be leaders, (and followers if we know the purposes and reasons for what we are following), and execute or stand firm on our beliefs. But what if someone told you that the organization or club that you are involved in is not in accordance with God, which totally

contradicts your belief because you know that you totally believe in God and feel you live in accordance with God. Does anything give, and if so, what?

On October 18, 2000 in the multipurpose room of the Witherspoon center, a forum held by Delta Sigma Theta took place entitled "Greeks and Religion: Do They Mix?" A large audience was on-hand to hear the different views on Greeks and religion presented by four professional panelists. Living in a society that houses all types of opinions and beliefs, the multipurpose room represented a microcosm of the outside world. The beliefs and opinions held by some of the panelists did not sit too well with some of the audience members; however, unlike the outside world which can be chaotic when differences of opinions are shared, the multipurpose room remained a respectful and open environment. Listed below, in no particular order, are some of the opinions held by the panelist on the topic of Greeks and religion.

1. Greek societies are ungodly

organizations that are filled with false gods, secrecy, and eternal destruction. This opinion did not sit well with much of the audience, especially those affiliated with Greek societies. The person holding this opinion feels that because Greek organizations mention different gods in their doctrines and because Greek deities show disfavor in God's favor, the organizations are committing idolatry. The opinion holder also questioned the secrecy of the organizations and what is going on in an organization that has to be kept secret.

2. Greek organizations cannot be Godly or Christian like because of the people in the organization who may do ungodly things. Therefore, you should not be unequally yoked with others. Another opinion that did not sit very well. The person holding this opinion feels that if you have someone in your organization not living by the Word of God or in accordance with God, the whole organization is tainted as ungodly. A rebuttal from an audience member was that if you know that you live by

the Word of God, an in accordance with God, than you should have nothing to fear. To teach non-believers the Word of God, you have to be in their presence.

3. You should have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and anything that hinders that relationship is wrong. The person holding this opinion feels that if you are going to stand up for what you believe, and you know God's requirement of you as an individual then you should also have nothing to fear. This opinion sat well with many. Those who shared this opinion felt that as individuals we cannot control what other people do, but only be responsible for ourselves.

The opinions that are listed only represent a few of many that were shared in the forum, but they are the ones that elicited the strongest responses. Another issue or opinion that was shared focused on how words in the doctrines or constitutions of Greek organizations contradict with words of the Bible.

Religion is a very complex, personal and emotional subject, espe-

cially on a college campus where different views and beliefs are held. It is discussions like these that shed some light on the differences of opinions, allowing dialogue to take place.

Those who join different organizations such as Greek societies or the "Nubian Message," volunteer to join and are not forced to participate in these organizations. We are responsible for our own actions, and can't be responsible for what those around us do. We can limit or extinguish our presence around those who try to hinder our relationship with anything, especially God, but we can't force our own beliefs and values upon others.

So, the question still remains because in this situation one plus one does not equal two. In this case the sky is not blue and the grass is not green. In the multipurpose room the mixture of white and white made black. The question still present is "Greek Society and Religion: Do They Mix?"

Do you have experience taking pictures?

Would you like to learn to take pictures?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, you can be a photographer for The Nubian Message. Limited PAID positions are currently open to any student (grad or undergrad) who either has or would like to gain experience with photography. All interested persons should contact Adedayo Banwo, Editor in Chief, at aabanwo@unity.ncsu.edu.

"Not a Day Goes By" is E. Lynn Harris' best book yet

Michelle Reed
 Culture Editor

He's back and in full affect with his seventh book, "Not a Day Goes By." E. Lynn Harris comes well equipped, like he has in the past, with a story to tell and accompanied by well developed characters to Released July 2000, "Not a Day Goes By" joins the collection of Harris' book that presents readers with characters that can not be forgotten, lessons that must be learned, and nights that should not be wasted on sleep because this book is just that great.

For readers who are aware of Harris' characters from past books (and for those who are just learning the characters), John "Basil" Henderson, is back with a host of other characters. No longer playing

in the NFL due to age and injury, Basil has joined a fast-growing sports agency and is on his way to bigger bucks as his new career takes off. The promiscuity that once followed Basil to different hotels, different cities, and different people, is put to the side due to the newly found love of his life, Yancey Harrington. He has met his long lost sister, and her son, Cade, whom he loves very dearly. Basil finds himself at one of the most enjoyable points in his life with family and a new relationship.

Yancey Harrington Braxton is an actress who has high ambitions and doesn't settle for anything but the best. However, despite the fact she is an up-and-coming star on Broadway, Yancey still is plagued with financial problems. But these financial problems soon vanish when she meets Basil who is all glit-

ter and gold. She has an attractive man who is financially stable, and will go beyond the call of duty to make her world complete. Who could ask for anything more?

Basil is head over heels for Yancey, and Yancey loves him in return. But despite the love and affection that the two share for each other, both of them hold deep, dark secrets that they will not share with each other. The two have a shared past history about family. Basil was raised thinking that his mother was dead, and Yancey was raised by a grandmother who showed hard love because her mother, Ava, was too busy traveling

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For The Love of Money

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For the love of money by Omar Tyree

If you absolutely loved or even despised Tracey Ellison in "Fly Girl", you will definitely enjoy reading Omar Tyree's "For The Love Of Money". In his latest novel, Tyree shows us a much more mature although still extremely vivacious and vain Tracey. Tracey Ellison, now in her mid-20's, is a famous writer-actor making serious moves in Hollywood. After completing her undergraduate studies at Hampton University, Tracey receives her Masters in English and

returns to her native home in Philadelphia to teach. An incident involving an irate parent causes Tracey to realize that she wants more out of life. She decides to move to California to pursue a writing career. Soon after, Tracey is driving her black Camry packed with her belongings across the country in pursuit of stardom. What would you do for the love of money...would you sell your soul or stick to your morals? Tyree takes readers on a dramatic ride through the ups and downs of pursuing and maintaining a Hollywood career. All Tyree fans or aspiring Hollywood stars pick up this captivating and profoundly poetic book.



Another book by Omar Tyree "Fly Girl" is on sale now.

E. Lynn Harris' best book yet (cont'd)

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and catering to her career in entertainment.

Their relationship of just "girl-friend and boyfriend" goes to higher limits when Basil pops that big question. Yancey gladly accepts and a big wedding is to be planned. But before the sound of wedding bells go off, all hell breaks loose when the secrets that the two hold begin to surface.

Throughout the book, Basil has continually thought about his past. The past that continues to tear him up on the inside, because he cannot be true to himself. He tries at all cost to prevent his past from resurfacing, but Yancey's mother does not let that happen. Wanting to know what Basil had to offer her daughter, Ava does an illegal background check on Basil revealing everything Basil tried to desperately hide. Illegally obtaining records from Basil's psychologist, the world that Basil has kept secret is now open to Ava and Yancey. It is a past filled with painful family events, feelings about different people, and a past filled with all his sexual partners.

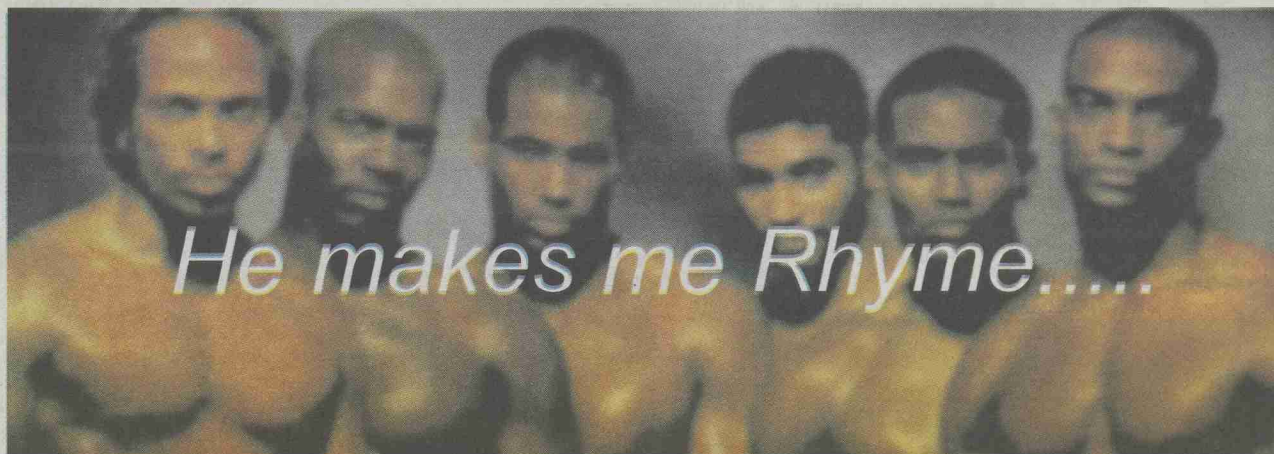
This pushes Yancey over the edge. Angry, hurt, confused, and encouraged by her deceitful mother, Yancey vows to make Basil's life a living hell. Not telling or even hinting to Basil that she knows of his past, she plans to continue to marry Basil, but intends to be paid off in the long run. If Basil doesn't comply with her financial demands, the world will know about the secret life of Basil.

Now, for someone who is throwing stones, you would think all of the lights were on in her glass house. But no. Yancey has her share of secrets also. A past boyfriend, Derrick, comes back into the picture, only to reveal something Yancey doesn't want to hear. The child that she thought she gave up for adoption while in college is actually living with the biological father. Being raised by Derrick's sister who is dying, their child is in need of a mother. Yancey does not want to be anyone's mother, and Ava doesn't want to be anyone's grandmother. Yancey has no intentions on being a mother to her biological daughter.

All the while Yancey and Ava think that they have Basil trapped in their game, Basil is playing right

along with them. Because of his suspicions about Derrick, Basil decided to play detective. He puts a recording device on Yancey's phone to find out who this "Derrick" character is, and finds out too much. He is enraged that his past secrets have leaked out, and is also revolted by the fact that Yancey won't accept her own child. The two continue to play along in each other's game, never letting the other know that the love they once shared for each other is a façade. Will there be a marriage?

E. Lynn Harris has definitely done it again. He brings the reader on a roller coaster of events, cleverly plotted out. The reader is taken on a ride filled with secrets, lies, mistrust, deceit, hurt, pain, and love. How can one balance all of these emotions? Harris reveals his talents in this book. Don't let another "day go by" without purchasing "Not a Day Goes By."



darkchild

Just when I was beginning to enjoy the convenience of my solitude, here you come interrupting my lonely moods, suggesting rendezvous, only to have me trembling in your presence and shaking around the knees, addicted to your moves and expecting to pleased.

Blue jeans and collard greens keep me happy on Saturdays, but the times when I'm without you seem like nothing-matter days. And like that night you were smiling into the violet sunset, I eagerly awaited the revelation I felt I was about to get. And as your slim fingers gingerly traced my brow, a distant part of me stood back in awe that you knew exactly how . . .

To touch me so much me, consume me like lunch we,
grew drunk on hot punch and like Captain
we crunched into love like angels' children
on hiatus from God's heaven.

And now in this age, as time turns our page . . . through the years we've grown tight like dusk's night to the moon's light. Can't meditate on heaven's height when you're so busy loving me right. Crashing into me chaotically, our melody symbolically representing the knot that we tied when our loneliness died . . . and during a momentary ebb of one tide, I remember the way that we cried.

Ebony lashes reclining on brown-boy skin, in your black-boy baggy pants and that bad-boy glance . . . proving that chocolate can melt in your mouth AND in your hands. Don't know what's better, the crush or the rush, but when we're together, it's so easy to just hush and be us.

Brown-Boy, can you feel this? No doctor can heal this, been trying hard to conceal this, but our hearts always reveal this. All these cats want to steal this, but they can't take our real bliss. This is only the beginning of our revolution, and we've already written a new chapter in black love's evolution.

But, in simple terms so everyone can understand, let's just say that I am your girl, and you are my man.

Nubian gets in on Ludacris' "What's your fantasy" Debut

Shequeta L. Smith

Interview with Ludacris
Artist on Def Jam Record Label

After operating on some of the most crucial CP time that I have ever seen by Def Jam, I finally managed to get an interview with none other than Atlanta's own new southern sensation Ludacris. While sitting in the lounge of a local radio station (which will remain nameless), he managed to give one of the most energetic interviews that I have ever conducted. I got the bright idea to cut in front of the 40 other dudes waiting for an interview, including WKNC's own D-Cutta, and get my up close and personal interview. Because after all, my name is Shequeta Smith, and like Queen Latifah said in that song "Ladies First." I hope you all enjoy this interview as much as I did because Ludacris is definitely one of the most down to earth artists that I have ever met. Those that know me well know that this list is pretty long.

SHEQUETA (SQ): What's your real name?

LUDACRIS (LC): Chris Bridges, that's where Ludacris comes from Luda-cris. Plus I'm crazy.

SQ: I'm sure you are...do you still live in Atlanta?

LC: Yes, I'm from College Park.

SQ: What's your fantasy?

LC: To be rich and financially stable for the rest of my life. I said a lot of them in my song but if I had to be specific, I would say something like umm...with a special woman on the fourth of July going up a glass elevator on the Empire State Building while the fireworks are going off

real slow.

SQ: So you're a freak, huh?

LC: I think everybody got a little freak in them...so you can call me a freak if you want to.

LC: No...I don't have a girlfriend.

SQ: Do you have children?

LC: No...I don't have any children.

LC: A little bit...but everywhere I go when I'm on the radio it's like I'm still on 97 so every state we go to, we at a different radio station so its like I don't really miss it cause I feel like I'm still doing it.

did you come up with it?

LC: It's like beats inspire me to do lyrics. It's like that's the talent that God gave me, when I hear a beat I already have a concept for it...so a guy named Shawn Dre produced the song and when I heard it, it just came to me like on some freaky-type stuff and I knew that everybody could relate to it because everybody's had a fantasy. Even if they haven't fulfilled it already, I'm sure everybody has a fantasy.

SQ: Who are you going to vote for?

LC: Who am I going to vote for...I am not telling you!

SQ: Yeah I know...so what's the next single we should look for?

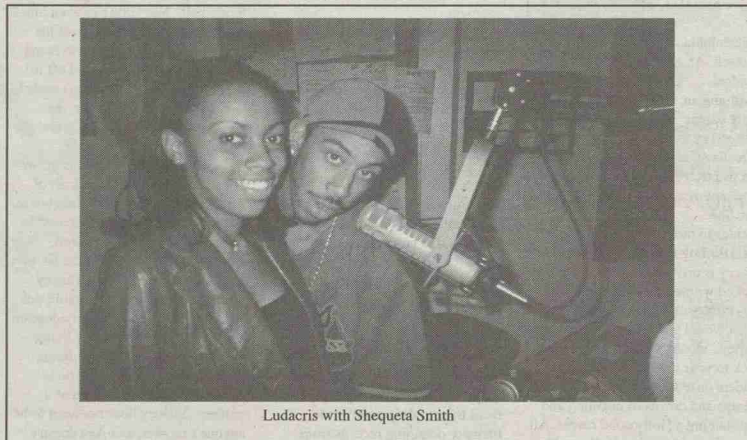
LC: It's a whole bunch of good songs, like we leaking a lot of records so I wouldn't necessarily say next single.

SQ: So you are bootlegging your own album?

LC: Yeah, hell yeah! We just getting it out there. I just want everybody to know we got this UGK record on there that's real tight, we going to leak that...the remix of "What's Your Fantasy," we might shoot a video for that and then we got a song that the Neptunes produced and they like real hot producers right now and that's called "Southern Hospitality."

LC: How has Def Jam been so far?

SQ: I wouldn't want to be signed to any other record company. Def Jam is the best record company in the world to me.



Ludacris with Shequeta Smith

SQ: Oh, Okay...How old are you?

LC: I am forever young...I just turned forever young like last week.

SQ: How old are you? I want to know.

LC: Forever young...how old are you?
(Note: After turning off the tape recorder Ludacris finally reveals his age to me, which is not very much older than myself, but I won't reveal his age since he was really nice to me.)

SQ: I'm 21...So do you have a girlfriend?

SQ: What artist inspired you to want to become a rapper?

LC: When my dad bought the UTFO record when I was like 6 years old...and when LL Cool J came out with "I'm Bad," it was pretty much over from that point on when I was in like, 4th grade...so I was definitely loving that.

SQ: Do you miss deejaying?

LC: Not really 'cause this was my major goal in life to be an artist so I don't really miss deejaying that much. I mean, everywhere I'm going it's basically like I'm doing the same thing anyway.

SQ: You don't miss HOT 97?

SQ: What advice would you give fellow Mcee's trying to get put on?

LC: Keep on knocking on doors and somebody is eventually going to open one; you just got to stay at it.

SQ: You know it's about that time to Rock the Vote...so how do you feel about voting?

LC: I feel voting is very, very important...I know that a lot of rappers are not registered to vote and I just want to let everybody know that I am definitely a registered voter...it's very important to vote so you can make a difference in your community.

SQ: This song "What's Your Fantasy" is kind of freaky...so how

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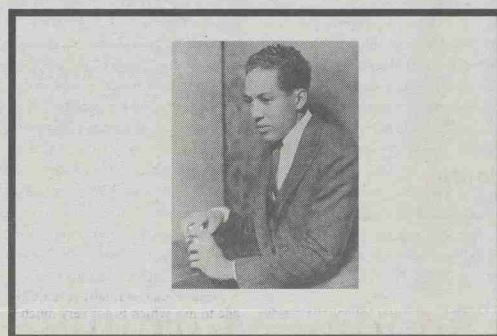
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This WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

- October 23 The NAACP petitions the United Nations about racial injustices, 1947.
- October 24 25,000 Black workers strike in New Orleans, 1892.
Langston Hughes' *Mulato* opens, the first Black-authored play to become a long Broadway hit, 1935.
- October 25 Benjamin O Davis becomes the first Black general in the US Army, 1940.
- October 26 Benjamin Banneker, inventor, mathematician and one of the planners of what is now Washington DC, dies, 1806.
Mahalia Jackson, gospel singer, born, 1911.
- October 27 St Vincent Independence Day
DB Downing, inventor, patents his street letter box, 1891.
- October 28 Levi Coffin, founder of The Underground Railroad, born, 1798.
- October 29 Supreme court orders end to all school segregations "at once", 1969.



SUPREME COURT ORDERS END TO ALL SEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS AND LANGSTON HUGHES' PLAY "MULATO" OPENS ON BROADWAY THIS WEEK.

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Coming into the War era, specifically the two World Wars, the African-American church became a rallying point for the community. Many churches helped in the war effort raising victory gardens, rolling bandages for the Red Cross, and supporting the families of the soldiers overseas. The church turned into a source of higher education as more educated ministers coming from the black seminaries encouraged parishioners to attend college. Churches provided scholarships for black students to continue their educations at both the baccalaureate and graduate levels.

The black church reached the pinnacle of neighborhood prominence in the tumultuous 1960's. It was the church where the Civil Rights movement began. It was the church where people met to organize bus boycotts and sit-ins. It was a Sunday morning in which 4 innocent little girls

were killed while preparing to sing in the church choir. It was a Baptist preacher from Atlanta who led African-Americans from the back of the bus to the board room of the bus company.

As the first year of the new millenium comes to a close, one thing remains constant. One thing has not changed in almost 200 years, and that one constant is the need for the church in the black community. It does not matter your denomination. The church is one place where you know you can express your emotions any way you want. You can cry, shout, dance, and praise God in any way. You can also catch up on programs that affect your life and make you feel included in the fabric of your neighborhood. When Jesus said "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," that meant time and change as well.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAHAN!!



From Mark, Andrew, Fatima and the whole crew

How Can You Resist?

Tiffany Cogdell

Staff Writer

Resist means to oppose, to exert physical or moral force against, to withstand. Our lives are full of choices. We choose between going to class or staying in bed, studying or watching television, ironing our clothes or wearing them wrinkled, smiling or frowning, making the best of a situation or complaining, worshipping God or worshipping the devil, to love God or to hate God, Heaven or Hell, to resist God or resist Satan. We cannot go to class and stay in the bed at the same time; we must make a choice.

Let us look at some people from the Bible and the things they choose to resist. In Judges Chapter 16, we see Samson being nagged by Delilah continually. Eventually, Samson gave in and told her how he could be bound. Samson operated out of frustration just so Delilah could stop asking him the same thing over and over. The devil does the same thing today. He will say "Let's go to the club," or "have sex with me, I love

you," and "come on, just one cigarette." Also familiar are "you haven't missed any days yet, go ahead and skip class," and "curse them out, they did not treat you right," or "you have not had a baby after all this time, why stop fornicating now?" The devil will continue to tell you these lies, but you can resist them.

In Matthew Chapter 14, John the Baptist was put in prison by Herod. Herod's sister-in-law wanted John in jail. John warns Herod that it is unlawful for him to have his brother's wife. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter danced before Herod. She danced provocatively, out of lust, Herod promised her whatever she wanted. She asked for John's head on a platter. Sometimes the devil does not even have to say a word, but he will send money to do a provocative dance before you or he will send fornication, plagiarism, and other things. They may look good, but once you grab them, the devil will have your head on a silver platter as well. You must resist those things the devil offers you. Yes they may look and smell good,

but as soon as you accept them, the devil will have you bound and he will tell you that there is no way out.

In Genesis Chapter 39, Joseph found favor in the sight of Poti-phar (an officer of Pharaoh). Poti-phar made Joseph overseer of all that he had. Poti-phar's wife tried to get Joseph to sleep with her, but he refused. Poti-phar trusted him and had not held anything back from Joseph except his wife. Joseph had an even better reason for resisting her.

He asked her, "how can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" Yes, Joseph did not want to betray Poti-phar, but he also knew that these are someone more powerful and more important, someone who sits high and looks low. Maybe Poti-phar would have never found out if Joseph would have slept with his wife, but God would have seen him. We can hide things from others sometimes, but we cannot hide anything from God. We can fool others some time, but we can not fool God at any time.

In Matthew Chapter 4, Our won-

derful Savior, Jesus, was tempted by the devil. The devil told Jesus to turn some stones into bread if He was the Son of God. Jesus resisted. The devil told Him to cast himself off a pinnacle of the time and if He was the Son of God. Jesus resisted.

The devil said, "I will give you the kingdoms of the world if you would fall down and worship me." Jesus resisted. How can the devil offer Jesus something that does not belong to him? Each time Jesus responded with the Word of God, and the devil then left.

How can we resist the Creator of Heaven and Earth, the One that created us in His own image, the One that gave His only son so that we can have eternal life? How can we resist the One that hung on the cross, the One that took our sins and died so that we would not have to, the One that defeated death? The One that resurrected with all power in His hands, the One that blesses us when we do not even deserve it, the One that knows all and sees all? The One that wakes us up every morning in spite of our faults and our wrongs,

the Author of all of the subjects that we take, the One who gives us strength to make it? How can we resist?

If you are ready to resist the devil and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, or if you have strayed away and you are tired of being bound by Satan, then pray this prayer with me.

"God, we thank you and praise you. We thank you for sending your son Jesus to die for us. Jesus, I believe that you died for our sins, and You rose and live again! Jesus, we accept you in our lives as our personal Savior. We believe that you will change our lives. We no longer resist you, but we accept you in our lives and in our hearts. Reign supreme Lord Jesus, in our lives, our conversation, our thoughts, and our hearts. We glorify you Lord, and we love you! Amen."

I invite you to United Student Fellowship Christian Ministries, "A Place of Healing and Deliverance." Bible study is taught Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. in Witherspoon room 356. Sunday service begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Mornings

Montica Talmadge

Opinion Columnist

What would a Sunday morning be without the absolutes that have become staples in the black community? Things like momma frying bacon and eggs; dad sitting on the couch reading the Sunday paper and the unmistakable sound of one parent or the other calling your rusty behind and dragging you out of bed at 8 am to go to another rousing session of Sunday Morning church service. What would the black community be without the influence of the church and the traditions that accompany it?

It goes with out saying that the black Church was born out of the same womb as most modern African-American traditions... slavery. Every Sunday morning when the "massa" went to church service, enslaved Africans went down by the river to have their own church service. It was a service that was much more charismatic with greater

vivacity.

Some of the first full submersion baptisms are linked to these church services. After slavery, blacks continued in their worship practices. Black churches had names such as Baptist, African Methodist Episcopal (AME) and AME Zion to differentiate the congregations. Now that blacks were not on the same plantation, churches became more than just centers for spiritual enrichment. They became meeting places and a chance for the community to get together and share everything from crop reports to new babies. Everything was centered around the church. The entire community celebrated weddings, births, and mourned funerals because back then they believed in community. All they had was each other; however, this idea has become antiquated in recent years.

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Black Clothiers and Their Target Audience

Larry Houpe

Opinion Columnist

On a recent trip to the mall, I started looking for some winter gear since it is now starting to get cold. I decided that rather than going to Belk, Hechts, or Dillards and spending an obscene amount of money on Tommy Hilfiger or Polo, I would support some of our black designers and buy all of my winter clothes from them. I figured Karl Kani or the brothers at FUBU deserved my business just as much, if not more. I browsed in four different stores looking for something that was "off the hook", but wouldn't break the bank. I could hardly find anything made by popular African-American designers that was fairly reasonable. A simple pair of dark denim jeans on average cost about \$75.00.

Clothes made by FUBU, Karl Kani, Encye, Mecca, Phat Farm, and Echo are outrageously priced. Sure, I know that not all of these brands

were created by black entrepreneurs, but the ones that are also seem to be very over priced. My question is, why are the clothes that are "for us and by us" so expensive that "we" can't afford them. I can totally understand the brothers trying to make a profit, which is only good business sense, but this seems like they are robbing their own people. If they want to increase profits, maybe they should try selling their goods in other markets or extend their lines to cover more than street wear and casual attire. I'm sure that it doesn't cost FUBU a tenth of the \$400 that they charge for some of their jackets. Again, I'm not saying that the brothers shouldn't try to make a profit, but we shouldn't be ripped off by our own people either.

One of the biggest targets of these clothing lines are young black men and women. The "urban gear" is no doubt hot enough to attract the attention of most young people ranging from ages 10 through 25. I don't how these brothers grew up, but the

majority of most black families aren't well off and even middle class families cringe at spending \$700 or \$800 on clothes for children that won't be in style a year later. Another reason that I feel that they shouldn't charge so much for their clothes is because the quality is no better than most other clothes. Their t-shirts fade when washed and their jeans shrink too.

Having said all of this, it has also occurred to me that some of the designers have no control over the price of their clothing lines, but I'm sure they have some input regarding the matter and they ought to speak up for the families who don't make five figures or more. I have also thought that maybe there is some price gouging going on in the stores since the urban wear is only carried in a select few. Whatever the case may be, I think that something ought to be done about the unarmored bombing of black consumers.

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