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Tim Wise brings stories of race and progress to NC State

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Staff Reporter

Tim Wise, a nationally recognized lecturer, spoke to a group of students last Thursday about the Confederate Flag controversy and the surrounding race related issues. The lecture was sponsored by the Society of Afrikan American Culture and held in the Multipurpose room of the Cultural Center.

Wise is well known for his dynamic and down to earth approach to race relations. He discussed the deeper meaning of the Confederate flag.

"It is not about heritage," Wise explained, "it is about what the flag stood for."

Wise made his point clear by

comparing the battle flag to the Nazi swastika.

Germans do not fly the swastika over its governmental buildings even though the symbol has an important place in the region's heritage. Wise further refuted the claim to heritage by

pointing out the presence of Confederate battle flags in non-Southern regions of the country, like the states of California and Washington. If the flag is such a special and innate part of Southern



Tim Wise talks about his experience battling racism in the south, including bringing down David Duke.

heritage, then it's hard to explain why it is such a fad in other parts of the country.

Wise sought to establish credibility before the virtually all black audience. He reminded the crowd that

the fact that he is white puts him in a position to hear some of the racial stereotypes whites have of blacks.

One of his major claims was that some whites have been

tricked by other whites into thinking that they are superior to blacks.

"[I] will work for a dollar an hour if we could go back to segregation," were the words a white person had stated to Wise. Wise informed the group that the idea of being bad-off

as long as better-off than blacks is a common theme in the white community.

The future of race relations, as Wise sees it, and contrary to popular belief, is very dim. The only way to bring about change in race relations is to hit it face-on and move away from the perpetual denial that has plagued the country. Wise asserts that if a revolution is going to occur, it will have to be because of the proactiveness of southern blacks.

He warned the crowd not to wait for the great Kum bah yah moment. His call did not go unheard by the attentive listeners. Tamara Grisard, secretary of SAAC, said that "the lecture was very informative and it made me look at things in a new way."

Fallen North Carolinian buried

Bobby Guthrie, II
Staff Reporter

Lakeina Monique Francis, a North Carolina native, died a hero while serving her country. Francis was one of 17 sailors killed on the USS Cole. A terrorist bomb is the suspected cause of the Oct. 12 tragedy that took place off the coast of Yemen.



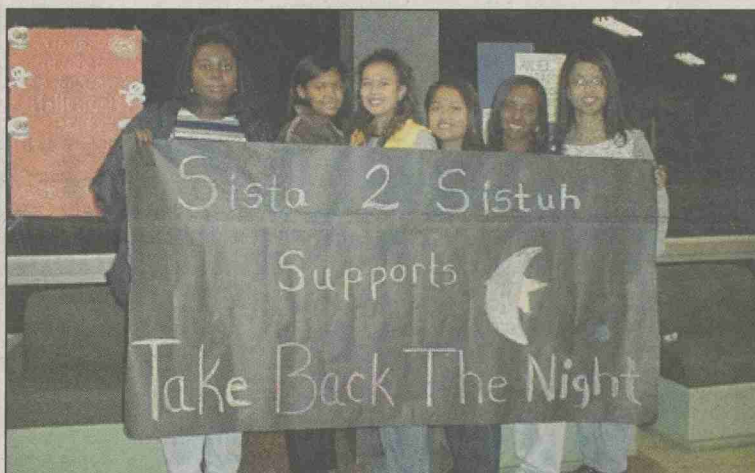
Lakeina Francis

"Life goes on," said Watt. "Congress will go on about its business. Football games will still be played...but the reason we can go on about our business is because people like Lakeina have given their lives to protect our freedom."

Francis's family has close ties to the Navy. Her father, Ron Francis, retired from the Navy in 1997 and served as a chief petty officer for 22 years. Many other of Francis' relatives, including her grandfather, were also members of the Navy.

Francis graduated from high school last year and was unsure of what career path she should take. While pondering her future, she held down a job at Sears alongside her mother. Her bubbling personality was apparent on Valentine's Day when she donned a tiara and proclaimed herself "Queen of Sears."

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SISTAS UNITE TO TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

The 13th annual Take Back the Night March was held October 26. Students from NCSU and Meredith College gathered at Harris Field and the Quad then marched onto the Brickyard chanting positive messages such as: "People unite/ Take back the night." The theme for the march was "Together We Will Take Back The Night." The annual march and rally is designed to show support for survivors of sexual assault and as a protest against sexual violence. Artist Kyler England performed original songs while Rha Goddess motivated the crowd of 300-400 with her poetry. Speakers for Take Back the Night included student body president, Harold Pettigrew, Nico Cheng of the N.C. State Asian Student Association and survivors of sexual assault. The march concluded with a candlelight vigil in honor and recognition of survivors. Afterwards in the Women's Center, individuals had the opportunity to share their personal thoughts and experiences with each other and counselors. Along with Sista 2 Sista (shown above), organizations participating included Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

NCSU Student Delegation to travel to AAMC Conference

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On November 2-5 members of the African American Heritage Society along with members of various N.C. State organizations will be attending the 10th ABCC National Conference. This year the conference will be held at Cleveland State University in Ohio, with the theme of "connecting generations with black popular culture."

"The Association of Black Cultural Centers is committed to reclaiming, critiquing and perpetuating the culture of people of African descent," says AAHS president

Kamillá Wright. "The importance of attending such a conference is that students will have the opportunity to hear from professionals and elders about how they fought particular issues on various colleges campuses. Students will also have the opportunity to network with other students from other campuses and develop a chain of support and communication."

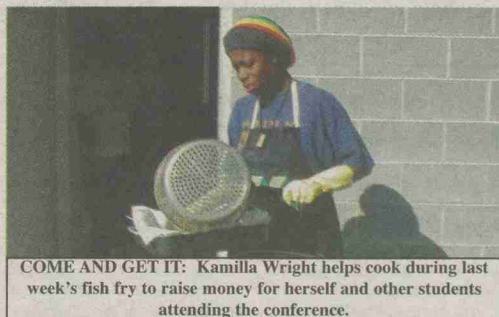
"From past experiences," Wright continues, "I have come away from the conference knowing that the things we have to deal with and fight against, like apathy among students, or lack of [a significant amount of] Black faculty does not only happen

at NCSU. At the

conference we are presented with different ideas of how to put on a successful program or how to raise money and how to deal with other problems and obstacles that student organizations often face."

The AAHS held a fundraiser to help ease the financial burden of traveling to Ohio. Last Friday the Heritage Society held a fish fry outside of the Witherspoon building. The menu consisted of fish sandwiches for \$2.50, coleslaw, and sodas for \$0.50.

"It was a wonderful activity," Dr. Moses director of the Cultural Center asserts when asked about the



COME AND GET IT: Kamilla Wright helps cook during last week's fish fry to raise money for herself and other students attending the conference.

fish fry fundraiser. "The people that came were really happy. We would have liked for more people to partic-

ipate because it was assistance for students who are taking the trip."

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Sexual assault prevention program targets women as well as men

Chinwe Ekwuribe

Staff Reporter

"She was wearing that sexy outfit. Don't blame me. It's not my fault. It's not my problem."

These are the very attitudes that the Men-to-Men Project and the Women-to-Women Project want to dismiss because sexual assault is everyone's problem, including males.

The Women-to-Women Project and the Men-to-Men Project are sponsored by the Student Health Service. These programs provide training for men and women to reduce women's risk of becoming a victim of sexual assault and relationship violence.

Reducing the risk is imperative. According to statistics compiled by N.C. State's Health Center, women ages 19 to 29 are more likely than women of other ages to be victimized by someone they know. On college campuses, one out of every five students will have a direct personal experience with relationship violence. Also, alcohol is involved in 50-80% of sexual assaults.

The Women-to-Women Project is

not a program that is used as a preventative tool. The project stresses that it is impossible for women to prevent assault; prevention is the perpetrator's responsibility. Instead, the program is there to empower women to make informed and positive choices that may in turn reduce their risk of being a victim of violence.

Both programs offer teaching about rape and sexual assault as well as peer education. Both are also offered as a three-credit class. Through the programs, there is an Improv Theatre, another three-credit class which promotes awareness through "improvisational theater techniques used to educate audiences about sexual assault, relationships, alcohol abuse, sexually transmitted diseases and much more".

"It's weird to see men so detached because it is a man's issue," says Ricky Livingston, sexual assault prevention coordinator. These programs are out there trying to educate both men and women, though it seems to be reaching mainly women.

According to Livingston, men should be educated on how to pre-

vent sexual assault. The 'It's not my problem' attitude condones the actions taken by the perpetrators. Not being involved and not being educated is setting us up for the worst.

Nicole Herding who is currently an intern at the Student Health Services, came to N.C. State from East Carolina University because of this program. Her job consists of helping to teach the classes that the Women to Women Project offer. Herding notes that people don't like to talk about sexual assault though it is such a big problem. Because of this silence, the problem stays hidden.

The Men to Men Project and the Women to Women Project have events and sessions throughout the school year. These programs offer a similar goal, which is to make leaders out of N.C. State students who want to end sexual assault and violence against women. More information can be obtained by contacting Ricky Livingston or Nicole Herding at 513-3291 or visiting the Health Services website at <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/health/hpro>.

Blacks, Hispanics Still on the bottom

Bobby Guthrie, II

Staff Reporter

A recent N.C. State study found that blacks are moving up the ladders of success. Black people, as a whole, are earning more money and getting better jobs. The study also shows that Latinos are filling many of the jobs that blacks are leaving.

According to the study, these so-called "bottom of the ladder" jobs are being taken by Hispanic immigrants. The study was conducted by Donald Tomaskovic-Devey and Jeffrey Leiter. Tomaskovic-Devey is a N.C. State sociology professor and co-author of the study. Leiter is also a N.C. State sociology professor.

The study is an analysis of data from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. It is based on the years 1993 to 1997.

The study cost \$52,000 to complete, almost half of which was received through a grant from the Z.

Smith Reynolds Foundation. The University also provided funds to complete the survey.

"It looks like whites are moving out, blacks are moving up, and Latinos are filling in at the bottom," said Tomaskovic-Devey in a recent interview.

This nation's population is changing every year. It is projected by the U.S. Census Bureau that in 10 to 15 years, Hispanic/Latino people will outnumber blacks in this country.

The Hispanic population of North Carolina grew 129 percent to 175,700 people this past decade, according to Census bureau estimates.

Hispanic immigrants seek employment in high numbers, and these immigrants compete with other people with lower levels of education and few skills.

These workers are replacing blacks in other more highly skilled

jobs as well. Most of these industries have shrinking or stable work forces. In industry, job growth of Hispanics was strongest.

There are many groups who have expressed concern about the loss of jobs due to the increase in the Hispanic population. America has a low unemployment rate. Many of these jobs would go unfilled if it were not for this new large workforce.

As a whole, blacks and other minorities are still far below whites when it comes to job rank and pay. Blacks may be ahead of Latinos on the job scale, but whites make up most of this nation's managerial and white-collar employees. Blacks dominate in the service-sector and blue-collar occupations. While Hispanics dominate in more labor intensive fields.

vides the opportunity to meet with students with Cultural Centers at other colleges and [to meet with] professors who are experts with Afro centric studies. The conference will give students the opportunity to meet with their own personal hero's; people who are of a closer age and closer in thinking process. I am very excited about "connecting generations with black popular culture."

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"We sold out of food before 2 p.m.," says Wright. The event was scheduled to end at 3 p.m. However, Wright does note that most of the support for the fundraiser came from faculty and staff members, not students; otherwise, "the event was a success."

The fundraiser helped to allow 20 N.C. State students to attend the ABCC National Conference, which

is double the amount of students attending the conference in past.

Speakers at the conference will include: Minister Benjamin Chavis-Muhammad, former national director of the NAACP, Dr. Venise Berry, author and professor at the University of Iowa, Chuck D of Public Enemy, rapper Sister Souljah, and author Amiri Baraka.

Dr. Moses, who will be one of the presenters at the conference says, "I think this will be a very successful conference because it pro-

Black Finesse Modeling working it out at Pan-Afrikan 2000



Black Finesse to Strut New look, New Attitude with Fall Show

Kelise Taylor

Staff Reporter

If no events are marked on your calendar for Monday, November 6th, consider filling that empty block by coming to the Black Finesse Modeling Show, which is to be held at 8 p.m. in the Stewart Theatre.

With a show theme of "Infinite Possibilities," the Black Finesse models and their coordinators are emphasizing the idea that "man and woman can achieve all and that anything is possible," says the program's president, Natasha Moore. "Our goal for this year's event is to make this the best show ever."

With a theme that emphasizes men and women's ongoing potential, there is no reason why this event cannot go down as the best one yet.

"Everyone has worked really hard, so I think the program will go very well," says the excited president.

The show's 33 members come to the fashion floor with a sophisticated line of wardrobe attire from such stores as Cash's, City in the South, Wilson's Leather, Berry and Fine's.

"We got involved with some new stores this year," says Moore, "and they have helped us to create a line of new and improved fashions."

These newly improved fashions are just another of the many reasons as to why this show is slated to be the best one ever. Students will present hot fashion attire, attire that

will give the audience ideas about diverse clothing styles.

Mercedes Randall, vice president for the modeling event, believes that this show will be like no previous Black Finesse program because of the great leadership abilities displayed by both the modeling group and coordinators.

"We have an excellent leader and a great executive board," begins Randall. "No one person ran the entire program. We all joined in equally and that is why the outcome has been so good."

President Moore believes the show's advisor, Princess S. Hicks, deserves special recognition because of the role she has played in teaching the group "lessons that can be used in the show, as well as in corporate America and the real world."

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime modeling event. Purchase the \$4.00 tickets now from the Black Finesse models all this week from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Brickyard. Not only will you be paying to see a spectacular program, but an intermission that will consist of a dance piece from Dance Visions as well as a Best-Dressed-Audience Member competition. A prize will be awarded, and in order to be a part of the competition, pre-registration is required.

Mark your calendars and be prepared for amazement and awe as the Fall 2000 Black Finesse Modeling Show approaches.

Fallen

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The Air Force was something that Francis had considered, but a recruiter told her that her hips were too wide. After talking to a Navy recruiter, Francis' outlook changed.

Her grandmother stated that the Navy recruiter told Francis, "you can have all the hips you want, we'll take you."

Francis' official military career

begin in April. At that time, she traveled to Great Lakes, Ill., for basic training. She went on to receive her specialized training to become a mess specialist in San Antonio, Tex., after basic training. But on Sept. 22, after a few weeks at home, Francis flew from Norfolk, Va., to the USS Cole. At the time of her death, the ship was at port on the Mediterranean Sea. Francis was 19.

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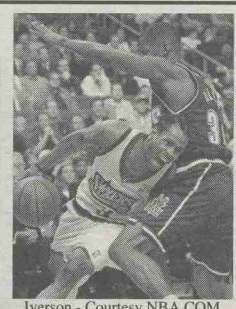
Some say Philadelphia 76ers point guard Allen Iverson has it all. From the crossover dribble to the one hand, between the legs wraparound, he has definitely drawn fans from every sector of the American public. Allen Iverson, the prestigious number three out of Georgetown University, hasn't always had it as easy as he makes the game of basketball look. Iverson struggled and set a goal to one day make it in the professional basketball world and help his family.

Growing up in the an impoverished household and having to help support his mother and his two sisters, Iverson wasn't always the paragon of virtue in his youth. He, of course, got into his share of rumbles. He was however, one of the best athletes around, and an above average athlete in football and basketball.

Iverson was sent to jail at the age of 18 after being 1 of about 4 teenage boys picked out of a crowd of fighters. He spent a total of 4 months in jail. While in the Newport News Correctional Facility, Iverson was still being heavily recruited by colleges across America for basketball. Unfortunately, he lost a scholarship to the University of Kentucky because of his legal woes, but now feels like he ended up in the right place with Coach John Thompson at Georgetown University. Coach Thompson remains a mentor as well as a father figure for Iverson whose father never played a significant factor in his life.

After two years at Georgetown, Iverson decided that he had accomplished enough there and it was time for him to take the professional route. Iverson entered the draft in 1996 and was the first pick to the Philadelphia 76ers. Since joining Philadelphia, Iverson has accomplished much on and off the court.

Like anyone in a spotlight, Iverson has to wake up every morning wondering if its glare will per-



Iverson - Courtesy NBA.COM

manently blind him. So far, people have said that he is disrespectful and they think that his friends are trouble. The truth is, he's different and people don't like it when he speaks a truth that is going to reveal the negative side of the NBA or life in general.

Iverson made a statement to the

press once about the NBA. He said that there were guys in the NBA who did things that he would never have thought about doing, but they are still made to look like angels. Isn't that the way it always works? Is it fair?

So through all of this- his trouble making friends, his lack of respect, and his confrontation with the 76ers coach, Iverson decided that he wanted to record a CD. Uh oh. So now the media, given the reputation that Iverson has already created for himself, anticipates trouble and the frenzy begins. Iverson's first ever hip-hop single was released last month. The CD, renamed "Non-fiction", is set to be released in February 2001. The single, "40 Bars", taken from the album was released on October 10th. So far, the album has been highly criticized by many different groups of people. In order to defend himself, Iverson argues that the lyrics in his songs are strictly for people ages 21 and older.

Basically, this 25-year-old black

NBA superstar who came from the humble beginnings and spent time in jail decided to smash society with lyrics that they can't handle. If Iverson could not remain out of jail and complete his degree, then he apparently has no right to express himself lyrically. Ever wonder what the media would do if Dennis Rodman decided to make an album? Censorship is supposed to be dead in this country. Yet, while Howard Stern is allowed to spout his insulting tirades on national radio, Iverson's album is publicly denounced four months before its release. As one of the greatest basketball players around, should Iverson be allowed to express himself through one of many talents, or should he be forced to conform to the rigid guidelines imposed upon black male athletes in professional sports?

NBA PREVIEW

Trey Webster
Sport Editorial

With, the start of the NBA Season on Tuesday Night, many of the fans, may have felt like players were dressed up to do all the free agent move and trades that went on throughout the off season, but just in case you were able to watch that Daily Sportscenter, here is a quick preview of the Top Teams in each conference, who will be the biggest surprises, and who will win it all. (Hint...I'm a Lakers fan, but I'll try to be as bias as possible.)

Well, it's best to start in the East where at this time there is no on team that stands out among the rest. Even though the east is still up for grabs, the teams I pick to finish one, two, and three are Indiana, New York, and Philadelphia. Indiana, made some big changes during the off season, with the loss of Larry Bird, Rik Smits, and Mark Jackson, but they also have a lot of young bodies and of course "the Knick killer" Reggie Miller, and he still has plenty of bullets left in his gun!!!! The Pacers saw a lot of their players do a lot of growing last year, the most notable were Jalen Rose, who lead the team in scoring, (the first player since Reggie Miller to do so in more than 6 years) and

also notched the leagues most improved player award. With Jalen and Reggie playing the role of Batman and Robin, and Austin Croshere, Travis Best, and Jonathon Bender to compliment there talents, look for Indiana not to lose stride and walk away as the leaders in the east.

The second team in the east will be New York. New York possibly made the best and worst trade of the year at the same time, by shipping Patrick Ewing to Seattle, in the biggest trade of all time. This will help the Knicks, who are a run and gun team, who was a time slowed by Patrick, who was no more than extra baggage. Even though his knees were giving out on him, he was still a great go to guy in the clutch, not to mention a big body you'll need to bang with other Centers once they reach the playoffs. The Knicks receive another scorer, Glen Rose, and may have the biggest and most talented backcourt. The Knicks, will have no trouble making it easily into the playoffs, with their weak conference.

The third team, and maybe the most dangerous is Philadelphia. The Sixers are coming off a great season, their entire starting five coming back, and unlike most teams, do not have to build chemistry b/c it's already there. Coach Larry Brown is notorious for having

his teams play hard, and of course, you can't forget about "the answer" Allen Iverson. Allen is coming into this season hungrier than ever, he has received a lot criticism from the press, because of his young, distributive nature. Though he may at times be a problem off the court, no one can deny his passion, and his talent, and he is the reason the Sixers will be one of the top teams in the league. With the Sixers also having Toni Kukoc, from the begging of training camp, the Sixers have quickly become a dangerous team that may have a chance to move up to the most dominating team in the league. Though the Pacers, Knicks, and Sixers, are my top picks, look for teams like the Magic, Heat and Bucks, to be also make some noise in their respective divisions.

Well next we travel to the west, where the teams which will finish one, two and three, are the Lakers, Blazers, and Spurs. The west by far is the most competitive conference. Undoubtedly the team that comes out of the West will claim the NBA Championship. It's probably best to begin, were last season ended. That's in L.A. L.A. has the best one two combination since peanut butter and jelly, with Shaq and Kobe, but until last year, they didn't have the "bread" Phil Jackson. Phil came into the Lakers organization expecting nothing less

than the best, and installed discipline into a team that was greatly in need. As Phil showed in Chicago, when he had Michael and Scottie, he only needs, the two key pieces of the puzzle in place, to build a dynasty. With the addition of Horace Grant to feel the void of power forward, the departure of Glen Rice (and his distraction of a wife) the Lakers, have a chance to challenge Chicago's all time best record of 72-10.

The number two spot in the west could go to the Blazers or the Spurs, but I have to give it to the Blazers b/c of their depth. The Blazers have an all-star team. There is no excuse that they didn't win the championship last year and everyone on their roster knows that. The biggest difference from last year is that they have had a year to develop chemistry, and they added Shawn Kemp and Dale Davis, two big bodies who can score, rebound and plays great post defense. The only thing stopping the Blazers from being the top team in one person, Scottie Pippen. I'm a big Scottie Pippen fan, but in the fourth quarter of the Western Conference finals against the Lakers, Pip went scoreless. Even on an all-star team you need one player to take charge and lead his team to victory, Pippen the only person on that team to have a ring, must be the person to lead his team to victory, they'll be a good

team, but they are depending on Pippen to be a GREAT team.

The third team, and quite possible the future champs are the Spurs. The Spurs have two of the most dominating big men in the league with Tim Duncan and David Robinson. But last year they had no one in the backcourt to compliment the two, but this year is an entirely different story. The Spurs went out and signed free agent Derrick Anderson, and have a healthy Sean Elliot returning. Between this two, they are going to punish every team that decides to double down on Tim and David. If David Robinson can stay healthy, look for the Spurs to move from the 3rd spot in the West to the 1st. (Sorry Lakers!!!) The rest of the west will be up for grabs, among the Suns, and the Kings. These two teams have a lot of talent, and will make some noise come playoff time.

Well now it's time to pick who will win it all, and though Blazers and Spurs are great teams, the Lakers will repeat as N.B.A Champions. (Hey I tried to stay bias as long as possible) With their one-two punch, and a talented supporting cast, they are just too much for any team to handle in the playoffs. You can go ahead and put another trophy in the great Lakers trophy case!!!!

Curruth ordeal brings supprises

Bobby Guthrie, II
Staff Writer

Ex-Carolina Panther Rae Curruth maintains his innocence. He is in court for the murder of his girl-

friend Cherica

Adams, who was shot November 16 in Charlotte, N.C. At the time Adams was pregnant with Curruth's child, Chancellor, who was delivered after the shooting.

The trial is gaining world-

wide attention and is being broadcast on Court TV. Every day, there seems to be new evidence and witnesses.

Curruth's ex-girlfriend Candace Smith's testimony could heavily affect the jury's verdict. Smith told police that Curruth wished Adams to die and that he disliked her. Smith said Curruth pondered about having someone beat

her (Adams) up or kick her in the stomach and make her have a miscarriage. Smith also said that Curruth stated that he saw Adams being shot but that he didn't pull the trigger. Smith told

police that Curruth stated he drove away after he witnessed the shooting. Smith is expected to testify.

Defense lawyers find Smith's

statements questionable. Smith told police that she talked with Curruth right after the shooting when he was at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte as Adams and baby Chancellor were being treated by doctors. Adams died from complications a month later.

Celebrated choreographer brings "Dance" Center Stage

Michelle Reed
Staff Writer

Students, are you tired of all the talk about chemical, civil, and electrical engineering? YES! How about all the gibberish about cows, chickens, horses, and pigs? YES! What about all the latest news here at N.C. State concerning biotechnospectroelectrosphereology? YES?!! (Okay, that last one is made up, but hopefully you will get the point). Students, do you need more of a creative, intellectually stimulating environment? YES! Do you feel naked without the arts of dance, poetry, and music? YES! Is this nakedness causing you extreme agony? YES! YES! YESSSSSS!! Since N.C. State is such a technological school, liberal arts development may appear to be ignored.

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N.C. State Center Stage has an upcoming event that is sure to create an artistic environment, if only for a couple of hours.

On Thursday, November 9, as part of the 2000/2001 Performing Arts Series, N.C. State's Center Stage will present a dance performance by Ronald K. Brown/Evidence in Stewart Theatre at 8pm. Before the performance, a discussion will be held in the Bryan Room of the Gallery of Art & Design at 6:45pm.

Ron Brown is a black choreographer who is celebrated for his choreographic talents in modern dance today. He was born in Bedford

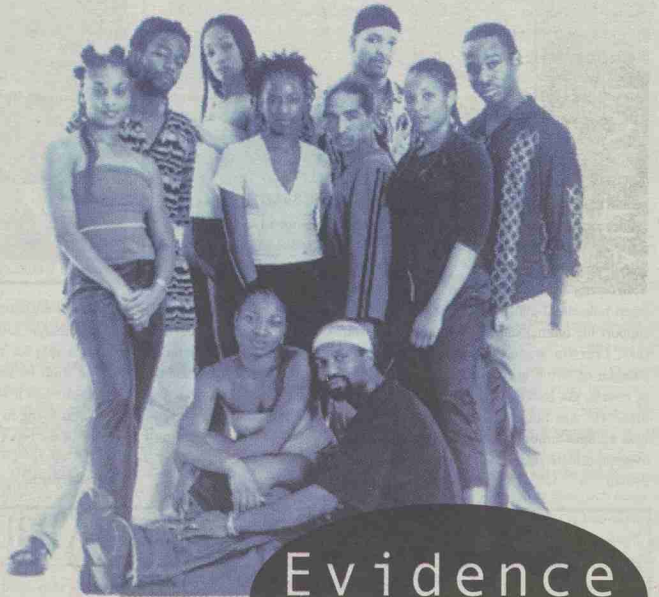
Stuyvesant, and he began studying creative dance at a Police Athletic summer program at the age of six. The birth of his dance company, Evidence, began in 1986, and is named after the first dance he choreographed back in 1985. Brown has worked in Africa, and the influence of African and Caribbean dance is illuminated in his choreography.

Because of his success as a choreographer, Brown has been in constant demand. He has created dance pieces for Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Philandanco, Jeune ballet d'Afrique Noire, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble and others. Brown and his troupe have received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York Foundation for the Arts. In 1998, in addition to the troupe's accomplishments, the troupe was honored with a Bessie award, which is considered the "downtown-dance hall-mark of success."

The performances by the troupe are not lim-

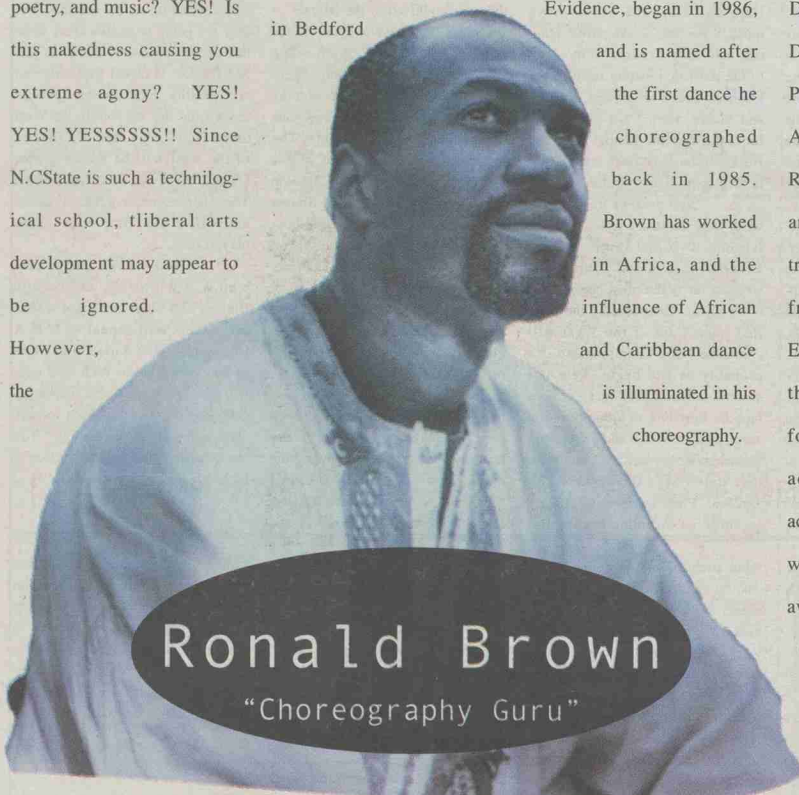
ited to the expression of dance. Throughout the troupe's performances, there is an infusion of storytelling, dialogue, music, and emotion.

Former artistic director of Dance Visions at N.C. State from 1998-99, Princess Kamura Mhoon, is also part of the troupe. She is a native of Chicago, Ill. It was in the Theater Arts Department at Howard University where she received most of her training and a BFA in dance. After graduation in 1998, she spent a season with Chuck Davis' African-American Dance Ensemble. This is her first season with Evidence. The dance performance is a must-see event.



Evidence

"Dance Troupe Extraordinaire"



Ronald Brown

"Choreography Guru"

The Original Kings of Comedy, coming to a video store near you



April Parker
Staff Writer

Spike Lee's "Kings of Comedy" is hilarious. If you haven't seen it yet, you must see it immediately. In the film, Lee gives viewers an inside look of what happens backstage on a tour and showcases the talents of some of today's hottest comics. The "Kings of Comedy" Tour was cap-

tured at the Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, NC. The comedians showcased are Steve Harvey, Cedric the Entertainer, Bernie Mac, and D.L. Hughley. Created by Walter Latham in 1997, "The Kings of Comedy" tour has taken audiences by storm. The tour has become the highest grossing comedy tour with tickets sales exceeding \$37 million.

Steve Harvey, one of the busiest and most talented comedians, hosts the syndicated Saturday night show "Showtime at the Apollo" and stars in "The Steve Harvey Show". Cleveland native Harvey has been performing stand-up in comedy clubs

nationwide for more than ten years.

D.L. Hughley stars in UPN's "The Hughleys". The family comedy, created by Hughley, is based on his real-life experiences. He began his career as a comedian in small clubs, and his appearance on HBO's "Def Jam Comedy Jam" was one of his earliest breaks into the industry.

Cedric the Entertainer started out doing weekly comedy club gigs in his native St. Louis. He currently stars with Steve Harvey in "The Steve Harvey Show".

Bernie Mac, actor and stand-up comedian, performs about forty weeks a year in clubs and arenas across the country. Mac is best known for his memorable performances in "Player's Club", "Life", "Friday", and other films.

The comedians deal with universal issues such as human behavior that transcend race, class, and age. "Kings of Comedy" is a MTV Films and Latham Entertainment Presentation distributed by Paramount Pictures.

HAMMER, DON'T HURT 'EM

- The Nubian's LaTonya Johnson Interviews MC Hammer

LaTonya Johnson
Staff Writer

LaTonya Johnson wrote this article last week during the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Convention in Columbus, Ohio, where she had a chance to hear M.C. Hammer speak.

Journalism getting a bad rap?
Maybe not.

Sensationalism has changed journalism, making it worse, rapper M.C. Hammer said Friday. "Since the late 1980s, it has been hard to distinguish tabloids from dailies," Hammer said. "I've watched it turn from factual to opinion. When I read something that wasn't true, I didn't challenge the writers. I chalked it up to sensationalism. Obviously, there's a difference between The National Enquirer and The New York Times - depending on the day of the week it is."

Hammer spoke at the Society of Professional Journalists' 2000 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. He discussed how the media covers the lives of public figures.

"He has universal appeal," said Ray Marciano, SPJ president-elect. "He appeals to not only the pro chapters, but the student chapters as well. He knows a lot about the profession. He was very enthusiastic about coming."

Hammer, 38, also known as Stanley Burrell, said the emergence of hip-hop music created a rift between artists and



MC Hammer breaks it down

the press.

"The relationship between the press and entertainers has been adversarial," he said. "It has stereotyped not only the music, but African-American males. (People) are being fed one aspect of African-American culture."

While Hammer considers mainstream media coverage of his life and career fair and ethical, he wished it had paid more attention to the good things he has done in his hometown of Oakland, California. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he employed more than 200, most from the Oakland area.

"They would say, 'Here comes Hammer and his entourage,' never 'Here comes Hammer and those guys from his community,'" Hammer said. "I represented something different in music. I was giving back to my community to the extreme."

Hammer criticized the media for trying to categorize him as a "bubble gum" rapper. When he changed his wardrobe and different style of music, he was viewed as trying to

become a "gangsta" rapper.

The former rap star said his main reason for speaking at the SPJ convention was to give journalists a better understanding of himself and a better understanding of the perspectives of entertainers. "You sell a certain part of privacy being in the limelight," he said. "But just for a minute, think about your kids and livelihood. Use your own privacy to (see) how far you would go."

Marciano asked Hammer if journalists should be licensed. "I don't know," he said. "It's not really the journalists, it's the editors," which drew laughs from reporters and editors.

Hammer was 22 when he cut his first CD titled "Let's Get It Started." It sold more than 2 million copies. The next year he released "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em," which featured his hit song, "Can't Touch This." That tune is still his top selling rap record.

"He was open-minded and receptive," said Felicia Jones, a first-year graduate student at Florida A&M University and a member of its SPJ student chapter. "He has a good overall outlook on the media's perception of him and his career."

Even though it has been several years since he has recorded a hit album, Hammer hasn't been idle. He remains active with African-American churches in the Oakland area and speaks at conferences and universities throughout the nation.

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LaTonya Johnson has been with the Nubian going on three years. She is a hardened veteran. Johnson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and is about to graduate in December. In the past, Johnson has served as a writer and editor but

currently as an office manager. When she graduates, the Nubian will lose a dedicated member. Are you ready to fill LaTonya's shoes?



Crystal Pinnix has just joined the Nubian Message. As a freshman, she was looking for an opportunity to get involved. Crystal chose the Nubian because

she wanted to be apart of something special. Crystal will be a Nubian photographer. If you want to be like Crystal and be apart of something special, join the Nubian today.

This WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

- October 30** Richard Arrington elected first Black mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, 1979
- October 31** William Henry Lewis, football player, named All-American, 1893
Ethel Waters, actor and singer, born, 1900
Booker T Washington, educator, inducted into the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, 1945
- November 1** Antigua Independence Day
WEB Dubois, activist, begins publication of the NAACP monthly magazine, Crisis, 1910
John H Johnson publishes first issue of Ebony magazine, 1945
- November 2** Maggie L Walker, business and civic leader, opens the St Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, VA, 1903
President Ronald Reagan signs law designating the third Monday in January Martin Luther King Jr Day, 1983
- November 3** Dominica Independence Day
JH Hunter patents the portable weighing scales, 1896
Harold Ford elected congressman from TN, 1974
Thurman L Milnet elected mayor of Hartford CT, 1981
Carol Moseley Braun elected to US Senate, 1992
- November 4** T Elkins patents the refrigerating apparatus, 1879
Hulan Jack elected first Black Borough President of Manhattan, NYC, 1953
Shirley Verrett, world renowned opera singer, makes her debut in New York City, 1958
- November 5** Theo Wright becomes the first Black recipient of a Theology Degree in the US, 1836
Shirley Chisholm becomes first Black woman elected to Congress, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NYC, 1968
George Brown elected Lt Governor of Colorado, becoming one of the first two Black Lt Governors in the USA, 1974
Mervyn M Dymally elected Lt Governor of California, becoming one of the first two Black Lt Governors in the USA, 1974

Voting is important for us

Ayren Jackson
Opinion Column

So, you've been arguing issues with your friends for the past month. You know what issues you care about, and you know which way to vote. But are you actually going to vote? On Tuesday November 7, Election Day, there will be an on campus voting site located in the Witherspoon Student Center. Registered voters from the N.C. State campus and the surrounding neighborhoods are invited to vote beginning at 7am. N.C. State's student government was able to have the voting site moved from the Arts & Crafts Center in Pullen Park to Central Campus' Witherspoon Student Center, because it would be more convenient and accessible to the N.C. State community. According to statistics, voting in the past by college students has

remained relatively low. Over the last 30 years, young people have had one of the biggest decreases among all age groups, according to the Census Bureau's statistics. The explanation for the lack of turnout remains unclear. Sure, students lead busy and hectic lives. And like many other citizens, each individual student may believe his or her one vote won't matter in the outcome of an election despite the fact that voters each have only one vote; that one vote can be the difference between having Affirmative Action or not, abortions being legal or not, or the public school system improving or not. Many of our campus leaders are stressing the importance of voting in this presidential election. Not only will a president be chosen, but also there are many important issues to be decided upon by voting. The N.C. State Student Government

Association stated that voting is a civic duty. Student body president, Harold Pettigrew, believes that registering 1,848 students to vote in this presidential election and having an on campus voting site will aid in the effort to pass the \$3.1 billion University/Community Bond referendum. In a press release, Pettigrew stated, "Students know there's a vested interest in this bond referendum passing." All N.C. voters will be asked to approve a bond referendum that will allow the state to borrow \$3.1 billion to finance facility improvements, new classrooms, new labs and new equipment that will be used by many North Carolina students for many years to come. Passage of the bond referendum would allow a consistent flow of funding to build improved classrooms and laboratories to handle enrollment growth and to expand access to a more diverse student

population. Politics comes down to people. Each individual can have a voice if they choose to. It is a simple matter of participation. If one ignores the elections, people get elected and they don't represent the entire United States. But if one does vote and helps to get the right people elected, they're going to be responsive to the wants and needs of the nation. For those who are not registered to vote in North Carolina, there are still options to having your vote be counted. Any registered voter who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote with an absentee ballot. Those who choose to vote by an absentee ballot mail their vote to the appropriate election site in their state. The process is simple and beneficial. Tawanda Murray, who will be utilizing the absentee ballots, says, "All

too often the issues which surround African-Americans are not platform issues, because the candidates know that African-Americans do not make up the majority of registered voters who actually vote." She adds, "If all eligible African-Americans vote, this will send the message to government officials that African-American voters are necessary to win any election and that our issues are important enough to become platform issues." If we feel that politicians aren't representing our views and tackling our concerns, we can take action. Registering to vote, being informed about the candidates and then voting is essential in making the country a better place for all individuals.

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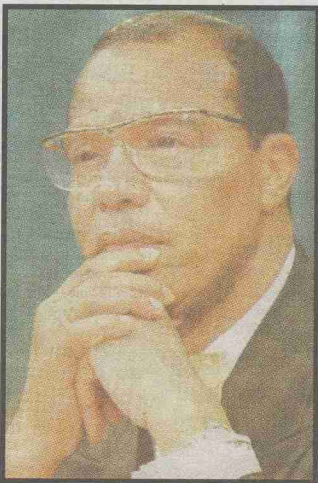


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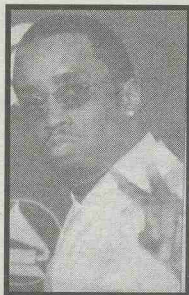
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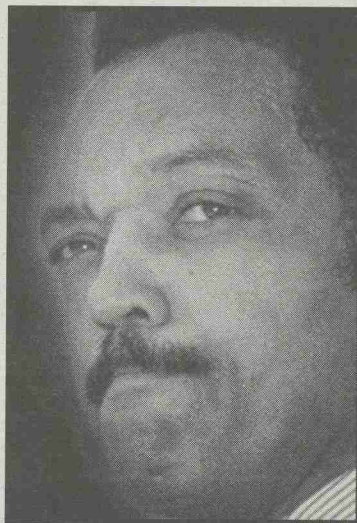
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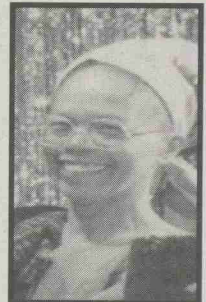
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Be sure to VOTE in the REAL election on November 7th.

Why African-Americans MUST vote on November 7

Darkchild

Opinion Columnist

In less than a week, all of us registered legal adults will cast our vote for, among other things, our next president of these United States. Hmm... a united state. What an interesting, phenomenon of mythological proportions, a dangerous threat (for some) with the potential to produce ramifications recently unseen in our people's history. And yes, it really is that deep. I suppose that I could attempt to embrace some form of journalistic ethical standard and refrain from using the "Nubian" as a vehicle to promote my political agenda. I could, but one of the many advantages of being an opinions' writer is actually having an opinion to write about. Consider this statement as my professional disclaimer, denying all accusations that I am attempting to persuade you to accept my political views as your own. Don't be confused; I don't want to necessarily change your vote, just your thinking.

This latest breed of black Republicans are quick to document the Democratic Party's historical negligence of the African-American people. Obvious history-enthusiasts, they proclaim the Republican Party's strong commitment to minority issues, happily representing General Colin Powell's many military accomplishments and personal successes as typical of blacks under Reagan's regime, I mean presidency.

These same brothers and sisters that are eager to give these types of history lessons fail to recount how Reagan-omics crippled our communities. They became so weakened in fact, that when the CIA dumped their truckloads of weapons and crack into the heart of a gang-ravaged Los Angeles, his wife chose that opportunity to conveniently declare her "war on drugs." And while we obediently killed ourselves and each other in the streets, Mr. Reagan was busy telling Mr. Gorbachev to put down HIS weapons.

Following his reign were four

years of us wading through the Bush-es, enslaved again and awaiting our Black Moses. Well, Will Smith is probably the closest we'll ever get to a black president because he's the only brother with enough money to keep Susie Sunshine's Daddy happily golfing with the rifle unloaded. However, for eight years, we have made great strides towards our unseen "promised land" as President Clinton has rallied to our aid in key political decisions. We've had more appointments during Clinton's presidency than cousin Pookie had at the Korean nail salon all last year. Deep down inside, a small part of us all knows that Bill Clinton has some "soul" in him because the man simply has too much charisma (and nerve).

Think about it. Amidst the constant threats of war in the Middle East, his baby-mama drama, and the constant criticisms of an uninspired Congress, he managed to run the country and run his game. Meanwhile, we are experiencing the greatest economic prosperity in

modern times. I wonder why all of those history fanatics within the Republican Party cannot seem to recall how excellent they were living for these past eight years. Or how during his public witch trial (impeachment), his staunchest critics were unmasked as adulterers and philanderers themselves. Clinton stood up against South Carolina and all of its Klansmen while the Republicans waited in the Bush-es for the smoke to clear. Whatever your thoughts are about the man and his ethical fiber, there is no denying his effectiveness as a president. And if he could run again, everyone knows that he'd be president for another term.

Let's face it. Al Gore leaves much to be desired. He claims credit for inventing the internet when in fact, Phillip Engweali, a Nigerian with U.S. citizenship, wrote the program for the first web site. Gore avoids key issues concerning race relations in this country, but he vehemently opposed South Carolina's "tradition" of oppression

and pride in the form of a racist flag. Sadly, we are currently living in a political climate in which we must choose between the lesser of two evils. Voting for Nader and his Green Party simply takes away crucial votes needed to ensure some semblance of key representation in Washington. See, George W. Bush has basically ignored our vote; he campaigns to the people he is determined to represent: the privileged few. We're all intelligent enough to see through the well-choreographed "down by the riverside" pulpit sermons that Gore has delivered in recent weeks, but at least he is pretending to care. Everyone is sleeping on the college vote as well, particularly the black college students' vote. There is more than just a few empty seats on the local school board at stake here. These are our lives. I don't even want you to think about this too long. This is not a suggestion or a plea. No more "calls to arms." Go out and vote. And take a friend.

Discrete Discrimination

Larry Houpe

the Nubian Message

One would be inclined to believe that living in the year 2000, black people receive the same treatment as white people on most issues. However, contrary to popular belief, African Americans don't receive equal treatment on two very important issues. Two of the most important purchases that a person makes are their homes and their automobiles.

I work for one of the largest real estate law firms in Raleigh, and I've learned of some of the key ways that we have been bamboozled since we first started borrowing money from banks to purchase houses. One thing that I have learned while working there is that in North Carolina prior to this year, it wasn't illegal for mortgage companies and lenders to charge high interest rates to certain groups for the purchase of their homes. This is known in the real estate field as "predatory lending". One of the largest groups targeted by

predatory lending was African-Americans. The second largest group was the elderly. I won't speculate as to why we along with senior citizens were targeted, but the fact still remains that for decades we have been ripped off. I offer this information to you because many of our young brothers and sisters will be graduating this year and purchasing homes and should be aware of how many industries, including real estate, have found ways to discriminate against minorities. It would seem that in a world of "equal treatment and equal opportunity," a fair shake would be just that.

Another purchase that millions of Americans make each year is their automobile. Not unlike the real estate business, the automotive sales industry has found veiled ways to discriminate against minorities. "20/20" did a report on the treatment of minorities in regards to automobile purchasing, and the results were astonishing. They sent two young African-American guys to a luxury car dealership to observe the treatment that they received. They were

first ignored, and not one of the salesmen that were idle attempted to help them. Next, the two guys asked if they could test-drive a car, but were told that they would have to make a down payment first. Finally, they were asked to leave the premises if they weren't going to buy anything (keep in mind they no one asked them if they needed help). These are not normal practices of car dealerships, but rather the actions of a company that discriminates. This particular dealership was one of the worst cases, but it was not alone in its discriminatory practices.

I offer this information, not as a tool to incline us to hate or practice reverse discrimination. I offer it as information to raise the question: have some members of white America abandoned the white hoods and sheets in favor of a shirt and tie in an effort to disguise their blatant discrimination?

Brandi's Two Cents



by Brandi Livingston

...On the future of HBCUs

With recent legislation such as Ayers vs. Fordice in Mississippi, the future's of historically black colleges and universities are looking pretty dim. Many state legislatures have begun to question why both black and white schools are maintained within a state school system. The focus of HBCU's has changed as well. For example, at Fayetteville State University there are more than 1,000 white students. That is 27% of the student population. How can HBCU's promote diversity as well as retain their historic character?

Other than legislation and diversity issues, HBCU's have tremendous funding problems. State legislatures seem to be phasing out their funding for HBCU's. Since HBCU's are on the low end of corporate and alumni support they are dealing with extreme financial stress. When African-American students are faced with the decision of going to a historically black university vs. a traditionally white university, they are faced with many dilemmas. Since HBCU's rank so low in funding, will their educational programs be comparable to their traditionally white counterparts? Also, is it realistic to spend four years around people similar to you and then have to work in

corporate America where African-American professionals are few in number? When you graduate, will a degree from an HBCU be valued equally to a degree from a traditionally white university?

Other than the change in African-American views, there has been a change in the traditionally white universities' leadership. These universities are now aggressively recruiting top African-American students. The percentage of African-American's at traditionally white universities has increased by 40% since 1976. While the leadership at traditionally white universities has become more aggressive, (with a few exceptions) the leadership at HBCU's has become increasingly stagnant.

So what is the future of HBCU's? As of right now, there are no definite answers. At this current rate, the future of HBCU's will continue to hang in the balance unless drastic changes are made. If we want to see a difference, we will definitely need to see changes in legislation as well as in the leadership of HBCU's.

One way to make a difference is to vote in the upcoming elections. There will be many changes put into place depending on who becomes our new president. It's not often that helping make a difference is this easy. I suggest WE ALL VOTE!!!!

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