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The Great White Hype??

Staff Report

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The white quarterback is the most heralded player in professional and collegiate football because of, among many things, unfair coverage by television and print media, a study conducted by "The Nubian Message" revealed.

Television

The observation of selected football television broadcasts shown on the networks, ESPN, FOX, and CBS revealed that television cameras gave a disproportionate amount of camera time to white players, coaches and fans considering most of the players on the field in all instances were in fact black. Part of the reason can be attributed to economics. Whites are the primary economic base for collegiate and professional football broadcasts. These broadcasts systematically give whites more "face time" in an effort to make their broadcasts more comfortable for the viewing audience.

The game announcers more often

than not spent more time giving commentary about white players than they did for blacks, the study showed. The commentary about white players was on average extremely more positive and included information unrelated to the actual game. This was information often times concerning the player's family, work ethic, interviews, etc. Most of the commentary regarding black players was limited to game situations and rarely did the announcers refer to off the field stories concerning blacks.

The study also revealed that white players, on average, received more emphasis in their commentary after they made a great play. Many great plays by black players were not given that much emphasis and treated as if they were very routine by the announcers.

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Print

The disparity in coverage did not stop with television broadcasts. The print media contributed to the glorification of white athletes and coach-

es simply by doing more positive off the field stories. Black athletes received the most off the field coverage from the print media for actions that were violent and criminal while white athletes received the most off the field coverage when they won awards or did something positive.

The print analysis was conducted by recording references in stories written about black and white quarterbacks who were generally of the same skill level.

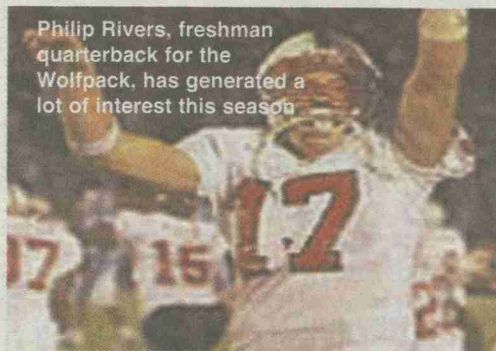
Other Findings

The study also showed that television and the print media classified black football players as being natural athletes. This is evident in the pictures that occupied the stories about black quarterbacks in articles as opposed to those of whites. Blacks were seen running and lifting weights while whites were shown studying playbooks or practicing with teammates.

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Philip Rivers, freshman quarterback for the Wolfpack, has generated a lot of interest this season



Black Players

Mediocre Player => Great Play => Good Comment
Great Player => Great Play => Great Comment

White Players

Mediocre Player => Great Play => Great Comment
Great Player => Great Play => Great Comment

Announcer	Negative Comments	Body Related	Game Related
Matt Millen	0%	0%	20%
Joe Theisman	16%	0%	50%
Mike Patrick	0%	12.5%	25%
Paul McGwire	8%	0%	42%
Greg Gumbel	0%	0%	100%
Phil Simms	11%	11%	75%
Pat Summerall	0%	100%	0%
John Madden	9%	37%	46%
Unnamed	0%	0%	100%

Announcer	Negative Comments	Body Related	Game Related
Matt Millen	37%	9%	64%
Joe Theisman	33%	0%	50%
Mike Patrick	19%	0%	69%
Paul McGwire	20%	20%	70%
Greg Gumbel	25%	25%	100%
Phil Simms	0%	0%	100%
Pat Summerall	0%	17%	50%
John Madden	0%	60%	84%
Unnamed	0%	14%	43%

BSB to sponsor weekend events, defends "Pan African" Title

Chinwe Ekwuribe

Staff Reporter

The Union Activities Board (UAB) is the main programming body for the campus funded by student fees. It is made up of four main committees: Films, Issues and Ideas, Leisure and Entertainment, and Diversity. One subcommittee of the Diversity Community that is of great importance is the Black Students Board (BSB).

BSB provides "cultural, educational and social programs for the entire student body from the black experience." BSB strives to be an organization in which "all students

can learn more about the African-American perspective."

This year, it is evident BSB plans to do just that just by reading their motto, which is "Taking It To The Next Level."

"BSB will take it to the next level in terms of creativity, efficiency, and support from NCSU and the surrounding communities" in regard to the events they sponsor, according to Marcus Belvin, a co-chair on BSB.

There are two events that BSB are sponsoring this month. This Thursday, December 7th, they are putting on their traditional holiday social, which allows the executive board to thank everyone for support during the semester as well as wish

everyone a happy holiday break.

This Saturday, December 9, BSB is sponsoring a "Finals Jam."

"This program presents students with the opportunity to relax before finals yet at the same time provides BSB the opportunity to raise money toward the 'Celebration of Blackness' (Black History Month) program(s)," Belvin notes.

"Next spring during this celebration, BSB plans to bring in Felix to perform and actor Danny Glover to answer questions from the audience and speak," Belvin says.

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University to eliminate African-American Student Affairs

Staff Report

The Nubian Message

According to sources in the office of African-American Student Affairs, there is a proposal that if carried out, will eliminate the office of African-American Student Affairs by January or February. The proposal calls for the establishment of an office for Multicultural Affairs. This office will aid support of not only black students, but Hispanic and Native-American students as well.

Robert Atkinson, III, junior class

representative for AASAC, says he "doesn't like it. I don't like them taking my title away because a name means something. It is our office. I do understand that other communities are experiencing problems with graduation rates, but I don't think we can afford to lose focus."

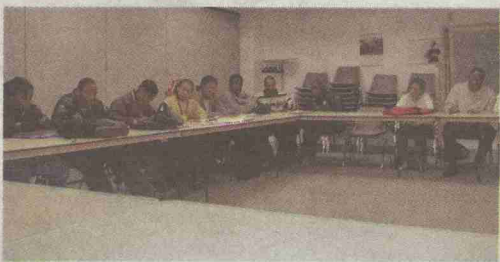
He continues, "When you say because of that. This represents us; we lose our identity if the office loses our name."

This proposal would benefit the Native American community the

most. Native Americans have zero support mechanisms set up and maintained by the university. Currently, many Native American students have conducted their own recruitment and outreach programs. There are only a few hundred Native American students currently attending N.C. State.

"The Nubian Message" contacted the office of Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford to reply to this situation.

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AASAC will have to handle this and other issues next semester.

South African town fights to keep blacks out

Bobby Guthrie, II
News Editor

In the South African town of Orania, many whites want nothing to do with blacks. Blacks and Coloreds are not even welcome to such menial jobs as street sweeper. This soon could change. As a result of a recent nationwide election, the all-white Orania will merge with two other predominantly black towns. These towns, Hopetown and Strydenburg, are mostly black and colored. In Africa, coloreds are people of mixed race.

Orania's white residents are in an uproar of this merger. A legal battle has begun to recognize Orania as a separate municipality. On Tuesday, the residents protested the election by voting for its own town council.

Many Orania residents fear the

merger will destroy the legacy and "purity" of their town.

"If we don't get recognized as a municipality, one doesn't know what the future will hold," said Arthur Naude, chairman of the private corporation that runs Orania in South Africa's Northern Cape Province. "We will lose our private identity."

Orania leaders feel that Hopetown and Strydenburg will lower the greatness of their town. Orania doesn't have a crime problem and has its own water and sewer systems, plus a fire department. Hopetown and Strydenburg both have high-levels of unemployment. But, what Orania citizens are mostly afraid of is that black and colored would be the new majority in this town.

"God made us apart. We must be apart. There will not be a rainbow nation," said Dup Dupree, curator

of the museum in Orania. "You can't put together what God made apart." Ironically, whites in Orania are descended from European settlers who came to live in South Africa.

Hopetown residents are indifferent to Orania's plight. Ernest Saayman, Hopetown town manager, said even after the merger, Orania's streets still won't welcome blacks and colored. He added that non-whites won't be eager to visit anyway. Hopetown has 9,000 people. Most residents are colored.

If the merger goes through, blacks and coloreds will outnumber whites by more than 10 to 1. The new town will have 13,000 inhabitants. The name of this new community has not yet been decided.

Africa Night a Success!!

Ayren Jackson
Staff Reporter

Rhythmic music could softly be heard in the background. Beautifully handcrafted dolls, head dressings and clothing were displayed throughout the room. The smell of delicious African dishes that included fried plantains, Kenyan Chicken, and spinach, filled the air.

The crowd which occupied Witherspoon Student Center on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 had the unique opportunity to get a glimpse into the life and culture of Africa-- past, present and future. The program, which was sponsored both by the African Student Union and the Union Activities Board's International Activities Council, was entitled, "An Evening in Africa."

The diverse crowd included students, faculty, staff and those from the general public. Among those in attendance were the distinguished MDS professor Dr. Floyd Hayes and Dr. Iailyu Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center. Julie Eledah, president of ASU, stated that the main purpose of the program was to present awareness of African tradition, culture and society to the North Carolina State University community and surrounding areas. The event showcased a story teller, dancers, and a poet.

Braima Moiwai, storyteller, artist, poet, dancer, drummer and historian began the evening by giving a visual tour through pictures and social commentary of his homeland, Sierra Leone. Moiwai, who played a Gullah musician in the movie, "The Patriot," is well known for spreading African cultural awareness. Currently a member of the Durham Arts Council, he shares most of his time with children and teenagers by traveling to various schools and giving presentations about culture and



A Durham-based Dance group entertains a group of faculty and staff with their interpretation of traditional African dance.

life in Africa.

Moiwai showed pictures through slides that captured life both in the countryside of Sierra Leone and the city of Freetown. Moiwai commented on the people, geography and culture of his country. "This country is like my family," said Moiwai.

"We take care of each other in Sierra Leone."

The Collage Dance Group, which along with Moiwai is also a part of the Durham Arts Council, was another participant in the evening's main program. The group consisted of dancers and drummers in ages of eight years old to 22 years old. They performed traditional dances from the Congo, Zaire and Senegal. At one point, the troupe's leader urged the audience to participate by singing and dancing along. This group was energetic and powerful through their renditions of African dance.

After the dance troupe completed

their portion of the program, Beverly Feilds Burnette, an esteemed poet, read poems from various African-American writers and an original of her own. The poems she read focused on the lives of Africans as they were being immigrated to America through slavery.

"Unfortunately, slavery is a part of African culture and it has been documented by many poets," Burnette said. One of the poems she read which was written by North Carolina's own and famed black antebellum poet, George Moses Horton. Horton is known as the "Black Bard of North Carolina."

Many in the audience left feeling refreshed and stimulated by the information they had received about African history and culture. Many audience members agreed that the program was a true

"Nhtoye," which means "an opportunity to understand another culture."

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One of BSB's most popular events and one that occurs annually is the Pan African Festival. The Pan African Festival is essentially the celebration of blackness at N.C. State.

"A week packed with activities allowing African-American population here at NCSU to display their talents, enjoy outside entertainment, and expand their knowledge in various realms," Blevin added.

During recent years, BSB has received criticism over the title "Pan African Festival." Much of the criticism took issue with the title, saying that it isn't proper or adequate because the programs during the festival don't reflect the actual meaning of "Pan African."

Marcus feels the title "Pan African Festival" is adequate and appropriate for the purpose and focus of this event from its conception to today.

He goes on to say that "a lot of

contention about the name has surfaced due to our week being compared to what is known as a Pan African Conference.

"However, our week allows African-Americans here to express their talents and abilities as well as learn about the accomplishments of African Americans everywhere. To us, 'Pan African Festival' means to celebrate our African American culture and history, and that is what we strive to do through our week of programs," emphasized Blevin.

Blevin went even further in summarized his response to the criticism by stating that the essence of the BSB is to educate all people; hence, the name is appropriate, though it might not sponsor only educational programs.

All African Americans are automatic members of the Black Students Board, but not all are active members. If you want to become an active member visit their website at <http://uab.ncsu.edu/bsb> or contact any one of the board members at uab_bsb@ncsu.

AASA

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"The Nubian Message" contacted the office of Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford to reply to this situation. He responded that "the proposal would not do away with the office of AASA, just be broadened so that it was clear that other minority groups on campus would be included. I'm very pleased with the direction because I think it gives us a better response to our campus by not hurting what we already have in place."

It is not clear whether the university would provide a long-standing commitment to ensuring that black students would not lose out on services because of decreased funding in order to provide aid for other groups. In recent years there has been a trend of low graduation and retention rates for black and Native American students; however, this is not the case for the Hispanic popu-

lation.

"If African-Americans are supporting this institution in large numbers through tax dollars than that institution should maintain a commitment to support the children of those African-Americans when they enter the university," says Adayo A. Banwo, Editor in Chief of the Nubian Message.

"Whether its good or bad, I don't know, but black students should be highly involved in figuring that out," Banwo added.

Tracey Ray, coordinator of AASA, had no comment when asked about the proposal.

Many other students were outraged and did not share Yarborough's caution.

"This is an outrage, if they do away with AASA than they are making an outrageous statement about N.C. State's commitment to black students," says Shallima Yarborough, a freshman in Communications.

White

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Conclusion

The hierarchy in media coverage creates an advantage for the white athletes in general, especially the white quarterback. White quarterbacks receive more endorsements and sponsorships within the sport of football than any other position player. The same holds true for white coaches, who also benefit economically from positive media coverage.

Even when a black quarterback is successful on and off the field, the print media and often times television doesn't even classify him as a

quarterback.

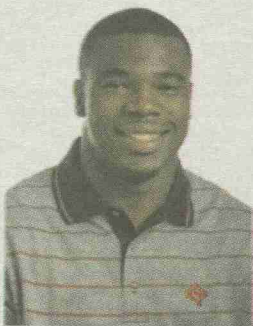
"I am a quarterback first. If you want to refer to my running ability than you have to look at it as an intangible, something extra I bring to the table, but I'm a quarterback first," says Donovan McNabb, who for years while in college had his quarterback label overshadowed by the labels of a "runner" or "great athlete."

The study revealed a racial hierarchy in coverage of black and white football players which allowed white athletes to be put above blacks. The difference in coverage was not blatant racism but its result can be said to have the same effect.

Don't forget the Needy this Christmas Season
Open up your hearts, wallets and home and
make sure everyone has a very Merry Christmas!!

Have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, and New Years from the Nubian Message staff and friends. See all of you in Miami for the Micon PC Bowl when the Wolfpack community supports the football team as they take on Minnesota!!!

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Levar Fischer was selected ACC "Defensive Player of the year" Fischer leads the nation in tackles and has excelled on and off the field this season for the Wolfpack

GOOD LUCK FELLAS

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Good Luck to the Wolfpack football team as they travel down to S. Florida to face Minnesota in the Micron PC Bowl on December 28, 2000. Be there or be square.



Ray Robinson was ACC "All Academic" in 1998. Robinson has led the Wolfpack in rushing on the field despite injuries and have maintained a high GPA throughout his collegiate career,

Wolfpack Women's High Expectations

Keesha Dover
Sports Editor

Continuing to live up to the reputation that they have established for themselves, the women's basketball team has started off their season correctly with a 5-1 record so far, defeating Athletics in Action, Dynamo Kiev, Elon, Oregon, Northern Illinois, Arkansas, and Arizona State. They came out on top of the first game with a score of 73-55 and the second game 82-56. It was a great beginning for the ladies in the exhibition games as they got a chance to see exactly what they needed to work on for the tough schedule that was ahead of them. They went on to win their next two games with scores of 73-55 and 82-56 respectively. They are looking to continue their winning tradition Saturday in Austin Texas.

Even without star 6-6 center, Summer Erb, who has gone on and

continued her basketball career in the WNBA, the Wolfpack women are determined to have a winning season.

Erb was the leading scorer for the Wolfpack last year with 16 points a game. She also pulled down 8.5 rebounds per game. Coming in to help Erb last year was Kaayla Chones who played a huge factor in the Wolfpack's offense. She was the team's second leading scorer with 11.4 points per game. Chones was a highly recruited player. Having the chance to go to Connecticut, Virginia, North Carolina, Duke, Ohio State and Penn State, she chose N.C. State.

Her return is going to be one of the keys for the Wolfpack. She is a present force in the paint and a dominator on the boards. Chones will be joined down low this year by freshman, Adeola Olanrewaju out of Brooklyn, New York. Olanrewaju was in front in the first game with

12 points, and 6 rebounds in 19 minutes of play.

Senior guard, Tynesha Lewis' return will be key for the Wolfpack's offense. Lewis was in somewhat of a slump for part of last year but came out and played like the star player that she is. Lewis was the leader in minutes played last year with 32.1 per game. She was third in scoring behind Summer Erb and Kaayla Chones dropping 11 points per game. She is a constant threat from the perimeter and has a quick first step, which makes it difficult to guard her.

She has superb defensive skills, which she uses to hold just about anyone including post players. Her tremendous leaping ability allowed her to record 10 blocked shots, just 11 behind 6-6 center Summer Erb. Lewis is going to be the key to helping get the ball up the court and making sure the offense if run correctly as last year's starting point

guard, Terah James is out for part of the season after having knee surgery.

The other newcomer, Nanna Rivers, may see some action at the point guard position along with Junior Daphne Hutcherson. Hutcherson, a redshirt junior, saw action in 24 contests last season. It will be up to Hutcherson to step up and assume a leadership role as an experienced player on the team.

Two players who are never to be overlooked are senior Monica Bates, and junior Christen Greene. Bates has stepped up her game tremendously in the past two years and has certainly become a leader on the court. She has proven herself to be able to put up solid numbers from the postposition, and proved last year that she could bring her game outside.

Bates is an ever-present three-point threat and can also put the ball on the floor and take it to the rack.

She averaged 5.7 points per game last year in 23.8 minutes of play. Greene is a powerhouse on the inside with incredible range on her jumper for a post player. The fire that she adds to the team is seen on the court at all times. She can snag a board and won't hesitate to take it back up against anybody. She is also aware of the three-point line and can knock that shot down with ease.

Though they have a young team, Kay Yow has never failed to Coach them to a winning season and is sure not to do so this year. After the game in Texas on Saturday, the women have only two non-conference games before meeting Florida State.

State. They will play East Carolina at home on December 21st, and George Washington on December 28th. They will travel to Florida State on December 30th to play what will be only their second ACC game of the year.

Hardaway Sheds Pounds for Money

Bobby Guthrie, II
Staff Writer

Tim Hardaway has a chance to earn an easy \$6 million. How? Minimize his diet. The Miami Heat point guard will get on a scale at every Heat home game this season. Hardaway has to stay at 195 pounds or lower. If he is successful at all the weigh-ins, Hardaway will get \$6 million in incentives. The reward will push his salary to \$14 million this season. (\$14 million is the maximum-allowed salary cap.) This will make Hardaway the 10th-highest player in the NBA this season.

Hardaway didn't think the weight loss would be an easy thing. His agent told him of the Heat's new weight clause last season. Hardaway and head coach, Pat Riley, have battled over Hardaway's weight before. Two years ago, Riley tried to fine Hardaway over his extra 15 pounds. Hardaway, along with the NBA Players Association, fought Riley's argument. Hardaway has had four weigh-ins already the last one coming Monday night at the American Airlines Arena in Miami.

So far, Hardaway has been victo-

rious at keep the bulge away. He lost seven pounds to get down to 195 pounds before the regular season. He did it all in a two month period. Miami Heat head coach Pat Riley said that Hardaway has been more effective since losing the extra pounds. Hardaway said that he doesn't quit eating burgers. He won't starve himself either. He recently bought the Firehouse IV restaurant in Miami.

The Firehouse IV now bears Hardaway's name.

"I'm not going to change my habits, or deviate from what I eat," said Hardaway. "I'm going to keep eating out."

Hardaway no longer cares about the weight clause. He now is able to control his body weight.

"I don't feel pressure at all to meet the weight clause," said Hardaway. "Just go in, weigh in, and leave. It's dumb if you're not going to try to get it. But if it happens, it happens."

Hardaway, but what about the burgers?

"I'm going to keep eating burgers. That keeps me strong. That keeps me ready."

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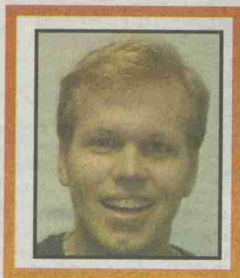
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Do you fit the Profile?



Michael Harrell
Staff Writer

This past summer, I was cruising along, minding my own business in the coastal portion of North Carolina. I was alone in my automobile listening to NPR (National Public Radio). Life was great at 10:00PM on this Saturday night. Suddenly I heard a siren and saw blue lights. An officer was behind me following closely, less than two car lengths from my rear bumper. I decided to pull over immediately. A Caucasian man about 5'8" and 150 lbs. stepped out of the car stealthily like he was about to capture the unbomber.

Upon approaching my window I asked, "why did you stop me?" He did not respond to my question. The officer asked, "May I see your license and registration?" I reluctantly complied and gave them to him. My vehicle registration and driver's license were current and in good standing with the NC DMV. I once again asked, "Why am I being stopped?" He again did not respond to the question. The cop instead said, "Sit tight while I call this in to Raleigh." This man must have been related to Jethro from the Beverly Hillbillies because he sounded just like him.

The officer soon returned to my car window and asked, "Have you been smoking pot." I then asked, "Is

that why you stopped me?" He responded, "Well there have been reports of suspicious activity in the area." I was in the parking lot of a shopping center. Several of the stores were still open for business. I again asked, "Why did you stop me?" The officer then asked, "Do you have any drugs or weapons in the car?" I said, "No, I don't do drugs and do not own a firearm." He asked, "May I search your vehicle?" I told Jethro, I mean the officer, "You will have to obtain a search warrant."

The officer then returned to his car and began talking on his radio. He then approached my car window for the third time. The officer had the audacity to say, "Tonight is your lucky night son, I have an emergency call and don't have time for this right now."

The cop then drove away as if nothing had occurred. I was furious! Then I realized what had taken place. I had, for the first time in my life, been a victim of police profiling. The officer observed my Volkswagen van while strolling down the ocean boulevard and decided that a young, blonde, hippy at the beach during the summertime just had to be rolling up a couple of doobies.

I had been "car profiled." It happens everyday. Cops stop older model cars that socio-economically oppressed people are likely to drive, and in their opinion, they are probably up to mischief.

The factor of my age (early 20's) also motivated this officer to harass me. This happens everyday. Go to the mall and observe whom mall security choose to follow. It is surely not granny. Unless the officer believes something beneficial may come from violating her.

This police officer is a prime example of the cop that misuses power that is allegedly designated to "protect and serve." Interesting choice of words, "protect and serve."

Many of these officers are only interested in protecting and serving their egos.

Dr. Titus Haynes of Shaw University gave a lecture the evening of Nov. 27th on the campus of NCSU. The Student Association of Black Social Workers sponsored this event. The lecture was entitled "An African American's Worst Nightmare: Racial Profiling, Driving While Black and Police Brutality."

The lecture was informative and interactive. Dr. Haynes allowed the audience to ask questions at the conclusion of the lecture. Several victims subjected to police brutality and the circumstances surrounding each case was mentioned by Dr. Haynes. After leaving this seminar it was imperative that it is important every American who truly seeks justice familiarize themselves with these unfortunate occurrences.

We were reminded that Rodney King was struck 56 times by 5 police officers. Initially, a change of venue was issued. The trial was moved approximately 35 miles to Simi Valley, a predominately white, middle-class community. The cops were acquitted by a jury of which did not contain a single African-American. Los Angeles County immediately erupted in rioting that resulted in extensive loss of life and severe property damage. However, two of the four cops were convicted 11 months later under federal law for violating Mr. King's civil rights.

Dr. Haynes gave another description of an outrageous event that occurred in New York City. On the morning of February 4th, 1999, a West African immigrant named Amadou Diallo was shot by four white police officers wearing bullet-proof vests. These officers were part of Mayor Giuliani's "elite" Street Crimes Unit. These four members of the NYPD unloaded forty-one shells at Diallo. He was killed after being struck with nineteen of the bullets. Amadou Diallo was unarmed. When

he reached for his identification one of the officers said that Diallo had a gun. This was a death warrant for Amadou.

The most disturbing incident that Dr. Haynes shared with us is the story of Abner Louima. This is an incident that may serve as a wake up call to anyone that chooses to dismiss the presence of police brutality. Abner Louima was arrested during a fight that occurred in a New York City bar. When Louima arrived at the police station officers of the NYPD sexually assaulted him. The cops forced him in a restroom and brutally inserted a toilet plunger handle in his anus. Louima later required surgery to repair a puncture in his small intestine and an injury to his bladder. According to the associated press, although he was in critical condition due to his abuse, Louima remained handcuffed to his hospital bed due to his involvement in the bar brawl. So, would you consider this "protect and serve?"

Dr. Haynes made it clear that blacks are not the only targets of the police. Whites are also at potential risk. Dr. Haynes conveyed the message that if you are willing to stand up for what is right, you should be vigilantly aware of the repercussions of the brutal force of the police.

Why are we still plagued with these evils? Many of those in attendance at this lecture agreed that our society continues to rear children in a racially stereotypical fashion. One gentlemen in the audience stated that it is very obvious police brutality exists in our society. However, he feels the majority of our younger generation has begun to take note that blacks are achieving socio-economic status and a certain level of equality. Unfortunately, this positive sentiment does not seem to prevail among law enforcement and other governmental agencies that exercise power over the masses.

When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was at Morehouse College in Atlanta

he became very familiar with Henry David Thoreau's essay "Civil Disobedience." The theories of Thoreau's nonviolent resistance served to shape King's views of social reform. In that same essay Thoreau writes, "All men recognized the right of revolution; that is, the right to refuse allegiance to, and to resist, the government when its tyranny or its inefficiency are great and unendurable." This is the same Thoreau that inspired Dr. King! He obviously thought that Thoreau had something here. Why can we not conclude the same? Was he not successful when he implemented Thoreau's views?

How much formal education is required to be a city cop? Many community colleges in North Carolina will issue a curriculum certificate in Basic Law Enforcement Training upon completing 18 credit hours (equivalent to one busy semester). Then the graduates are allowed to take certification examinations mandated by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and/or the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. After that, you are a cop.

Lets compare this to another very necessary and respectable career field, Cosmetology. To become a cosmetologist in North Carolina, a student through the same community college system, must complete 48 credit hours of formal education. In addition, the student is to complete a series of procedures on "live-models" to result in becoming licensed by the NC Board of Cosmetology.

To become a hair stylist requires 267% more formal education than does that of a police officer! What is the deal! These are our children, brothers, sisters and parents that are being "protected and served!" What are we going to do? Unfortunately, it will probably require more than a ballot!*

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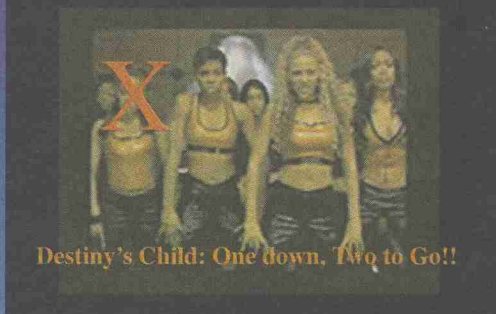
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THE ENTERTAINMENT CORNER

What's up world? I'm here to give you the low down on the down low of what's been going down in the Entertainment Biz. Whew! Try saying that three times in a row. Speaking of repetition, our other favorite Destiny reject, Farrah (whose real name is Destiny), from the "super-group" Destiny's Child, less recently spoke out about the reasons she left the group. The #1 reason being...drum roll please...Beyonce's Dad. Shouldn't he be put in jail for harassing young women? Farrah even said that they were trying to make her tan so Beyonce could be the lightest member, and stand out more. Boy oh Boy, aren't we ready for another Destiny's Child album? It will probably be called "Another One Bites the Dust..."

On a somewhat brighter note it is rumored that our all time favorite white boy rapper Vanilla Ice, a.k.a. Rob Van Winkle is working on a new album called "Skabz." I guess he may still have some of those from the last time he was



Destiny's Child: One down, Two to Go!!

dropped from a label. This album is supposed to feature appearances by: Wu-Tang, Public Enemy, and Lenny Kravitz...

Speaking of being dropped like a bad habit, former En Vogue member Dawn Robinson just recently got dropped once again from her newest group Lucy Pearl. Word has it that she assumed she was going to go and work on her solo project but fellow members Ali Shaheed Muhammad (A Tribe Called Quest) and Rapphael Saadiq (Tony! Toni! Toné!) had a

different plan. They hired some mystery singer named Joi to fill her shoes. Will any group ever manage to stay together...? While we are on the subject of drama, word on the streets has it that Mr. Maria Maria himself, Carlos Santana, is getting sued by producer Jahn Ryan for nonpayment of royalties from three songs recorded 18 years ago. I guess more money does mean more problems.

Talking about problems with the law reminds me of our very favorite Wu-Tang Member

Russell Jones a.k.a. Old Dirty Bastard finally got caught. This didn't seem to stop him from performing onstage with Wu-Tang last week. Word has it that he got on stage, performed, and then managed to leave New York's Hammerstein Ballroom without getting arrested, despite the many officers that appeared to be in the house that night. However, he was arrested later that week in a McDonald's by a policewoman/fan. I don't know how he does it but he most definitely gets props from me. O.D.B. is truly a work of art... Well folks, I think that's about all the low down on the down low I know thus far, but it's been real. Just remember this info is based on hearsay so just like Lavar Burton says, "don't take my word for it..."

Entertainment Fact of the week: Did you know that Katarina Wyatt (the girl singing with Avon on "My First Love") is only 18?

"It" Doesn't Care

Michelle Reed
Culture Editor

Meet Clarke Weathersbee, a 28-year-old single white male. Clarke lives in a small rural town in Colorado. He attended a small college outside of his hometown, Aspen, and now works in real estate. Clarke wraps himself up in his work and is not dating anyone. He loves to go bowling with a few of his good buddies, who have nicknamed him "King Pin" because of his great bowling skills.

Meet Jackson Harris, a 32-year-old gay African-American male. Jackson received his undergraduate degree in English from NYU, and received his law degree from Cornell University. He resides in Washington, D.C. and works for one of the top law firms in the nation. Currently, he is in a relationship of five years, and is looking forward to releasing his first book, *A Way Around*, in January.

Meet Christina Martinez, a 26-year-old Hispanic female. Christina is a radio DJ for WWK 99FM, a radio station in Sacramento, California that focuses on issues in Latin American communities. Recently, her boyfriend of nine years proposed to her, but she declined due to his usage of drugs. Their relationship has been on and off for nine years, but the love she has for him keeps bringing her back. She

has finally put her foot down, and has told him that until he gets treatment and remains clean, she will not marry him.

Meet Ling Xiu, a 21-year-old Chinese-American male. Ling is a senior majoring in business at Fitzgerald University in Seattle, Washington. He is the number one tennis player on his college team, and is ranked number three in singles in collegiate athletics. Ling is known as "the big man on campus" for his tennis skills, but mainly for his excess of partying. His favorite saying is "commitment is a man's worst enemy," and continues to go from one girl to the next.

Meet Akili McDonald, a six-year-old biracial girl. Little Akili has been in foster care since she was two years old. Her mother died, and her father is nowhere to be found. Akili started kindergarten in September and she loves school and the many friends she has made. He favorite time of the day is "drawing" and she is infatuated with drawing the sun, trees, and weird clothes she designs. She continuously tells her classmates, "One day, I'm gonna make my own clothes."

Now Clarke, Jackson, Christina, Ling, and Akili have never met each other. Not a hello, a goodbye, not even a smile. They come from different places, and they are from different ethnic backgrounds. But yet, they share one commonality. A

commonality that goes beyond these five individuals. A commonality that increases in the millions among individuals as the days go on, the years pass by, the minute's tick-tock, and the hours die. A commonality often referred to as "it" because "it" is not human. "It" lacks compassion. "It" is color-blind. "It" doesn't care if you went to Yale or come from the school of the hard knocks. "It" doesn't care if you are young or old. "It" doesn't care if you are at one of the highest and positive times of your life, or down in the dumps. "It" doesn't matter if you are straight, bisexual or gay. "It" doesn't give a damn about my life, your life, or the life of your next door neighbor. "It" is a thief of life. "It" is AIDS.

This past Friday marked the 13th World AIDS Day. All over the world candlelight vigils, religious services, and walks were held to raise awareness about the deadly disease and to recognize those individuals who have succumbed to this disease. AIDS activists all over the world urged for an increased usage of condoms, safer sex, and safer drug use (i.e. clean needles).

The Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of African-Americans on HIV/AIDS show that even though African-Americans make up 12% of the population, African-Americans represent 35% of all reported HIV/AIDS cases and 43% of new cases. The United Nations reports

that worldwide there are 36.1 million people living with AIDS, and 5.3 million of those people were infected in the past year. The U.N. also reports that an expected 3 million people will die from AIDS this year, 80% of these infected people in Africa. On World AIDS Day, the government in South Africa signed a deal to accept a \$50 million donation of the drug fluconazole from the large pharmaceutical company, Pfizer. The drug treats a deadly brain inflammation and other AIDS related health problems and for two years will be provided free in public hospitals and clinics. The medicine is very expensive. One tablet of fluconazole costs about \$17 in local pharmacies.

All over the world AIDS is a problem. Believe it or not, it is everyone's problem, especially young people. If you plan on living in a bubble for the rest of your life, fine. But realistically, how many of us want to live in a bubble? We live in a world in which people come from different situations, corners, and blocks. We may not know our all of our partner's sexual activities prior to becoming involved with him/her, so it is very critical to practice safe sex and become more knowledgeable about the disease.

For those with the misconception that AIDS is only a gay disease or a disease intravenous drug users get, please wake up. Please stop watch-

ing the movie Philadelphia and stop saying, "I'm fine. This person doesn't represent me." Don't be that naive.

The five characters introduced (Clarke, Jackson, Christina, Ling, and Akili) and the descriptions of the individuals are fictional. However, even though the stories are fictional, somewhere in the world there is a Clarke who became infected from a girlfriend he had been committed to for two years. Somewhere there is a Jackson who became infected from a past boyfriend. In this world there is a Christina who became infected from her boyfriend who was a notorious drug user. Yes, there is also a Ling out there who feels his youth is a reason to act wild and unsafe, and whose promiscuous behavior opened the door to AIDS.

Unfortunately, there is Little Akili out there, who has been infected with the disease since day one of her life. Little Akili knows nothing about the harms of this disease. She just understands that the pills she has to take are called her "Happy Pills." Don't become one of these characters, and please don't cause anyone else to become one of these characters. Have safe sex. Get tested. Live life to the fullest, but be smart and informed while living life to the fullest. "It" doesn't understand the meaning of life. But hopefully, you do.

This WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

November 27

Jimi Hendrix, rock musician, born, 1942

November 28

Richard Wright, author of Native Son and Black Boy, dies, 1942

November 29

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr, congressman, born, 1908

November 30

Barbados Independence Day

Shirley Chisholm, congresswoman, born, 1924

December 1

Arthur Spingarn, founder of the NAACP, born, 1878

Minnie Evans, painter, born, 1892

Rosa Parks refuses to yield her seat to a White man, initiating the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted over a year, 1955

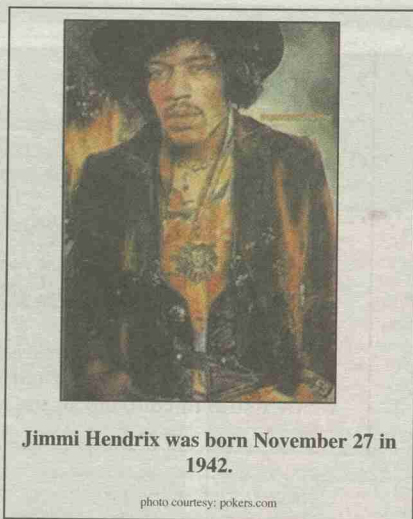
December 2

Charles Wesley, historian, born, 1891

Charles C Diggs, congressman, born, 1922

December 3

Frederick Douglass, along with Martin R Delaney, start The North Star, an anti-slavery paper, 1847



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A CALL FOR STUDENT TRAINERS

WHO: North Carolina State University Students

WHAT: TO BE TRAINED AS TRAINERS ON RACE AND DIVERSITY
(STUDENTS TRAINED AS FACILITATORS ON ISSUES OF RACE, RACE-RELATIONS AND DIVERSITY WORK AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY)

The Office of Diversity and African American Affairs has a call out for students who would like to become on campus trainers on race, race-relations and diversity. This unique opportunity is for student leaders or for students who possess the genuine interest in working towards diversity and racial reconciliation; this opportunity may be for you.

The umbrella term diversity is an inclusive concept. It includes elements such as race, gender, religion, age, disability, sexuality and life style, economic status, etc. It is through the understanding and the value of these that student trainers will be able to maximize on the unique contributions that all people are capable of making at North Carolina State University.

The Student Train the Trainers initiative will enhance North Carolina State University students' knowledge, skills and abilities in the following areas:

1. Understanding the challenges of diversity and race issues at North Carolina State University.
2. Recognize the benefits of all aspects of diversity in the student population.
3. Become competent in confronting and eliminating actions based on racism, prejudice and other biased behaviors.
4. Understanding and appreciating the unique differences of others and helping other campus students to do the same.
5. Make the most of differing talents and cultures on campus.
6. Preparing self and other campus' students to become part of the larger multicultural society.
7. Help eradicate campus problems and challenges around diversity and race and learn techniques to reward and appreciate the opportunities that diversity bring.

Please reply by December 10, 2000

_____ YES, I am interested in being trained as a student trainer on race and diversity issues.
My e-mail address is _____

_____ NO, I am not interested at this time in being trained as a student trainer.

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The Nubian's Pick of the Top 5 African-American Faculty and Staff of Fall 2000**

Staff Opinion The Nubian Message

****FRIENDLY DISCLAIMER:** This listing is merely a compilation of the opinions and reflections of a "Nubian Message" staff member. The selection process was very strenuous, and there was simply no room to recognize every influential faculty or staff member that was worthy. However, it is our hope that this article will encourage students to enroll in classes taught by these professors, to foster relationships with each one, as well as to internalize the mirror and take a good look at yourselves. There is still a semester remaining in the school year, which leaves plenty of time for you to distinguish yourselves as a "Top Pick" of the "Nubian Message."

Dr. Lawrence Clark: As he approaches what very well could be his final teaching semester before retirement, the "Nubian" wish to recognize one of the true champions of African-American students here at N.C. State. Although he has held numerous positions throughout his tenure here, Dr. Clark's current MDS

497A class on leadership should definitely be a requirement for all black students. Our admiration for him as both a scholar and a man is unparalleled, and his commitment to the students is demonstrated each time he hosts the AASAC retreat at his retreat center in Virginia. In many ways, our student leadership can be described as "the leaders that Dr. Clark built," and he will be truly missed once he retires.

members, and stories of his dynamic speaking abilities have taken on legendary proportions. His obvious interest in the state of our community as well as his scholarly gifts in MDS 330 have left the "Nubian" staffers anxious for more.

Dr. Joyce Pettis: Her efforts to instill an admiration and respect for African-American literature have not been in vain as students of all ethnic back-

ground flock to ENG 248 and ENG 448 in massive numbers to fulfill their literary requirements.

Ms. Tracey Ray: Few N.C. State staffers work as tirelessly as Ms. Ray as she seeks to assist the black student body through the Office of African-American Affairs. Her finely run "machine" has received recognition throughout various campus arenas, and under her tutelage, the salary of African-American Symposium counselors has nearly doubled to match those of

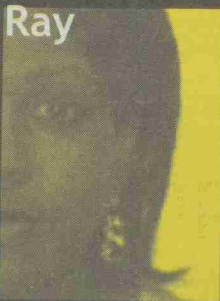
dent body.

Dr. Anona Smith: Transcending all classifications, the students of the College of Education and Psychology garner nothing but praise on this assistant dean and college coordinator for the African-American students. Impressed by not only her efforts to assist students in terms of scholarship searches and grant allocations, she also works tirelessly to ensure retention and graduation. Her dedication and zeal have not gone unnoticed.

Honorable Mention: The "Nubian" would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the various service staff members throughout the N.C. State cam-

pus. Your efforts and work ethic do not go unnoticed, and we are especially grateful for your kind words of encouragement and support as we eye our prize. As we approach the spring semester of this school year, we welcome your input and suggestions. Here at the "Nubian," we fully support your efforts to unite to fight injustice and oppression here at N.C. State.

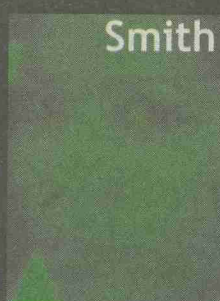
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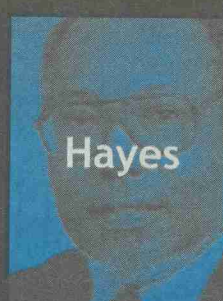
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Dr. Floyd Hayes: A personal favorite among the "Nubian" staffers for his contributions to recent publications, Dr. Hayes has made a significant impact among the African-American community in this, his first semester at N.C. State. His presence alone during various programs throughout the year has distinguished him from many other African-American faculty

members, and stories of his dynamic speaking abilities have taken on legendary proportions. His obvious interest in the state of our community as well as his scholarly gifts in MDS 330 have left the "Nubian" staffers anxious for more.

their Orientation Counselor counterparts. Under her watchful eye, many students have evolved into campus leaders as well as better scholars, and her persistence has endeared her to the African-American student body. A dedicated champion of student advocate, she continues to be instrumental in persuading many of our staunchest critics on the necessity for increased efforts to nurture the black stu-

The Nubian Needs You!!!

Kelise Taylor Staff Writer

With every interesting and informative article that is published and with every photo that is taken to capture the essence and significance of each article, one is unable to see and fully understand the hard work, devotion and untiring dedication that take place behind the "Nubian Message" scenes. Students do not see the seemingly indefatigable publishing and production staff working until the wee hours of the morning, or the editors meticulously scrutinizing every sentence of each article in order to produce a paper that closely resembles a mistake-free one.

Most importantly, one is unable to see the passion of our staff as we do all we possibly can to carry out the legacy of the "Nubian Message."

We, the staff (though few in number) are devoted to producing more than a once-a-week paper; rather we are devoted to keeping the hopes and inspiration of those before us forever vigilant.

"The Nubian Message" is more than just another printed paper circulating on N.C. State's campus. Instead it serves as an illuminating symbol of the struggles that those before us had to endure in order that we, as a black people, might have our voices heard on this campus.

Each "Nubian" edition is dedicated to the resilient spirits of our predecessors who fought great battles and endured many hardships in order that this paper might come to life at N.C. State. One such individual was the late Tony Williamson, who started a petition in hopes of getting a black newspaper circulat-

ing on campus. He felt that the time had come for blacks to freely express themselves through print and that the administration needed to accept and adopt the proposed idea of a black newspaper. If N.C. State were to ever live up to its goal of diversifying the campus, it could surely do so by laying the foundation for the publication of a black newspaper. The tireless efforts of Williamson and others paid off, for on November 30, 1992, the first edition of the "Nubian Message" was published, and the struggles of our people had paid off in an incredible and mighty way.

Brothers and sisters, there are critics and skeptics waiting anxiously for the day in which our newspaper will run out of funds or sufficient staff members and thus, be forced to cease operation and production. We

CANNOT allow such destruction to take place! It is our unfailing duty and responsibility to show respect and honor to Tony Williamson and other initiators by joining the "Nubian Message" staff. Don't let our predecessors' dreams and efforts die. Let your voices be heard, and make a positive impact on the N.C. State community by serving as writer, editor, production manager--any area your heart so leads you.

When you decide to be a part of the "Nubian Message," you are doing more than creating a more efficient and productive staffing group, but rather you are proving to our founders and initial supporters that their wishes shall not be in vain and that we care enough to continue with their precious legacy.

The Nubian Message would like to:

wish you good luck on exams!!
happy kwanzaa!!
merry christmas!!
happy new years!!

we would also like to wish you good luck:

-convincing your professor to let you change to credit only days before the exam
-readjusting to your parents' curfews
-explaining to your parents why you aren't graduating this December...again!
-trying to get your high school parttime job back
-trying to get back with your ex from high school
-attempting to keep in touch with your new peeps from school

but most importantly, we wish you:

PEACE, LOVE, AND HAPPINESS!!

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