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Black History Month: A Time to Celebrate

Angelou Comes to NCSU



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A full appreciation of Black History Month requires a review and a reassessment of the social and academic climate of society. N.C. State University plans to show its recognition through celebration. With many events planned for the campus and surrounding community, N.C. State will bear witness to the progress, richness, and diversity of African-American achievement campus-wide, nationwide and worldwide.

N.C. State kicked off its celebration Thursday, Feb. 1, at the McKimmon Center with the poet and activist, Maya Angelou, who

presented a remarkable performance on the importance of diversity in today's society. The program was an effort of the Role Model Leaders Forum, a group that honors an outstanding regional, national or international leader from the business, educational or political field.

"This is your life, you are in an institution of higher learning and it is your institution," addressed Angelou to students. "You have already been paid for." And with that, Angelou verbalized the essence of Black History Month.

Many campus organizations and departments have organized specific events to celebrate the

importance of Black History Month.

The Union Activities Board films committee has organized a film series for Black History Month entitled, "Color Me American." Some of the films that are featured in this series include, "Remember the Titans", "George Washington", "Unbreakable", "Catfish in Black Bean Soup", and "Men of Honor."

National Pan-Hellenic Council Fraternities and Sororities also feel it is important to celebrate Black history. N.C. State's Kappa Alpha Psi will hold a Black History Month forum on Feb. 15, entitled "Road to Equality: Has it Been Completed Yet?" On Feb. 16, Kappa Alpha Psi will hold a black staff appreciation day. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will hold a "Bridge Builders" program entitled, "A Tribute to Black History."

Making Black History Month a time of remembrance and honor takes the efforts of the entire campus community.

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Staff Report

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Last Thursday, the McKimmon Center had a very special and talented guest. Famed poet and lecturer Dr. Maya Angelou paid a visit to N.C. State. She

spoke in front of a massive crowd.

Angelou, who is a professor at Wake Forest, first mesmerized the audience with her lovely voice as she rendered the song, "I Open My Mouth to the Lord." The outspoken writer next intrigued and amused the attendees by stating how poetry has impacted and influenced her life.

"My son, who was seriously injured in an accident, was to get through his turmoil because of the poetry I was able to read to him," said Angelou. She continued by saying that poetry has had a tremendous effect on both her and her loved ones because of the themes that echo loudly from such literary works.

The eminent author continued to move the audience, which was full of persons of all backgrounds. Angelou shared other

comical stories and fascinating poetic works.

"Everybody took something away from her message, regardless of their race, sex or background," said Jonathon Morgan. "She moved every spirit within that building."

Audience members' spirits were impacted even more when Angelou spoke of the importance of love and romance in our culture.

"Always read poetry dealing with love and romance," asserted Angelou. "Use it to strengthen your soul."

As if her moving remarks on love, romance and the sensational pleasure of reading poetry weren't enough, Angelou began to eloquently recite poems from various writers. The writers ranged from Anne Spencer to Mari Evans to Paul Dunbar. She did this in hopes that other people might obtain more information about these writers. From this, a person can research more of that writer's literary works.

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Ebony and Ivory? An in-depth look at Voluntary Segregation

NAACP: Mississippi, you're next!!

By Jennifer Bringle
Staff Writer

When Erin Rabbitt transferred to N.C. State this past fall, she wasn't sure what to expect. Coming from Florida, she was now going to be at a school where she didn't know anyone.

At first, she struggled a little to find a friend group, as most of us did when we first came to a new school and eventually found herself spending more and more time with her roommate, Diamond Lesane.

"I never expected for Diamond and me to spend so much time together. And I never thought I'd feel so comfortable being with her friends too," Rabbitt said.

And Lesane agreed, "I am actually glad that Erin was my roommate this semester because otherwise we might not have become friends."

So, why is it so unlikely that these two girls have become such good friends? Because Erin is white and Diamond is black.

While segregation in schools was abolished nearly 40 years ago, a phenomenon that remains common on college campuses is voluntary segregation. This voluntary form of segregation occurs when racial groups tend to "stick to their own" in social settings. Some believe that on college campuses in particular, students are looking for something that is comfortable and familiar. Many of these students find this comfort and familiarity with other members of their own race.

"Being here at a predominantly white institution, there are days when I don't even see another black person in my classes and being around my people is a comfort at the end of the day," Lesane said.

This sentiment is shared by students at other schools in the area as well. Ari Sanders, a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, agreed with Lesane by saying, "I do find myself socializing mostly with my own race. That is because I go to a predominantly white school



where blacks have to stick together to make the alienation of being one in ten more bearable. It's hard to find a white, Asian, or Indian person who has had the experiences like the ones I had growing up."

Another reason this segregation tends to form is the pressure placed on some students to be representatives of their race in

certain settings. Many of these students prefer being in groups of their own race because this pressure of being a representative is not felt and they can just be themselves.

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Bobby Guthrie, II
News editor

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is supportive of a new Mississippi state flag. Even though the civil rights organization has not publicly stated its position on the flag, it hopes that the state will follow Georgia's lead. Georgia recently voted to change its state flag which is already flying at some locations.

But back in Miss., the approval of a new flag may not go through as swiftly. A recent poll by Jackson's "Clarion-Ledger" newspaper showed the effort to adopt a new state flag is in big trouble. New flag supporters are scrambling to bounce back.

"Unless white Mississippians step up and join the effort to change, it obviously will never occur," said 2nd District U.S. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.). "And they'll have to do it publicly."

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The Triangle's Most Wanted: Black male teachers

Bobby Guthrie, II
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The Triangle area is in need of black male teachers. Many area schools are apart of a trend that has surfaced in many other parts of the nation.

In Durham (N.C.) County, only about 8 percent of the school system's regular teachers are black men. That percentage is equal to about 170 teachers. Durham Co. has around 8,500 black male students. The county has the best black male teacher representation among all of the Triangle school districts. In Wake Co., black male teachers represent only 2 percent of all certified instructors. Some Triangle area schools do not even have one black on staff.

According to some sociolo-

gists and educators, the lack of black male teachers contributes to poor black student performance in school. Plus, the lack contributes to the achievement gap between white and minority students. High dropout rates and high numbers of black students being expelled and suspended, are also associated with the shortage. The sociologists are saying that the black male students need black male role models.

"The problem is systemic," said Dr. Kamau Kambon, a former professor of education at Saint Augustine's College and owner of BlackNificent Books in Raleigh. "Teaching is a female-dominated profession."

Kambon talked about the needed role models for black

male students.

"Many of them drop out soon after kindergarten," continued Kambon. "I don't mean they drop out physically, but they drop out mentally ... psychologically."

Jawanza Kunjufu, a Chicago education consultant, agreed with the need for black male students to have black teacher role models. He asserted that female teachers, especially white ones, don't fully understand the cultural signals sent by black males.

Kunjufu suggested that young black males learn how to properly express their feelings from black men. He also said that black female teachers are more likely to have black males suspended. This is a result of a teacher's misinterpretation of a black male's verbal jousting as

aggression and wanting to fight. When in fact, the jousting may serve as a black male's way of heading off a fight.

Wendell Tabb was recently named Durham Co. Schools' Teacher of the Year. Tabb is a black male teacher at Durham's Hillside High School. "A lot of the African-American teachers try to relate to the students, but especially Mr. Tabb," said Damian Lee, 17, a Hillside senior. "Everything he tells you has a point. It made a big difference."

Triangle area schools are looking to hire more black teachers, especially males. Low teacher pay has been a major reason of the shortage. Former Gov. Jim Hunt worked to increase teacher salaries, but the

modest increases are not enough to reverse a trend that began in the early 1990s. Many talented college graduates went to work in occupations with high pay. But to increase the number of black teachers, local school districts have formed partnerships with the state's historically black colleges and universities.

But, still, until teacher pay gets higher, the shortage will continue. Diane Kent-Parker, Wake Co. Schools senior director of recruitment and licensure, doubts the profession will successfully attract enough men and ethnic minorities.

"Let's face it, we're not going to have a lot of minorities flocking to the profession."

Texas School Bans Fraternity

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Last week, the University of North Texas (UNT) banned Gamma Lambda, a chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, for five years after members allegedly used racial slurs and waved a Confederate battle flag at a group of mostly black football recruits and their families. The five-year suspension is the longest ban the school has ever issued.

Under the ban, the fraternity must vacate their house and withdraw from activities - including organized events - at the university until the suspension ends.

"Five years is the most we've given anybody," said university spokesman Roddy Wolper. "Five years of no activity ensures a whole different group."

The university says that the Kappa Alpha national organization and the school's local chapter have agreed to comply with the sanctions.

LaToya Royal, a witness to the event, said "about 20 men wearing their Greek letters... ran down the stairs of the student

union with a dog wearing a Confederate battle flag bandanna and 'stopped about 20 feet away and began chanting and singing.'

"I heard them say, 'No race from Africa or any other land shall stand against us,'" said Royal.

Another witness, Colleen Murphy, said the fraternity members also said "let's march them back to the Southern cotton fields" and "blacks don't belong here."

Kappa Alpha President, Matt Spellman, said the persons responsible for the incident have been dismissed from the organization. He also issued a statement saying: "'Kappa Alpha is a Southern fraternity, not a Confederate fraternity. We celebrate the South as a melting pot of many different and interesting cultures. The members of Kappa Alpha are a very culturally diverse group."

Larry Wiese, head of the fraternity's national office, said the situation was "unfortunate" and that he thinks the "incident is not reflective of the entire chapter."

"The flag is not a symbol of the organization and should not

be used," said Wiese. "Unfortunately, some individual members have from time to time displayed it."

The suspension comes to the problematic chapter after several questionable incidents. "In 1990, the fraternity served probation for alcohol violations. And in 1996, it was placed on probation when a notebook containing racist comments was found in the fraternity house. The fraternity recently completed a two-year probation for 1998 hazing and alcohol violations."

After the alleged incident, hundreds of UNT students protested against the fraternity chapter. Members say the organization's roots are in traditions of the Old South.

The fraternity's mission statement says it "seeks to create a lifetime experience which centers on reverence to God, duty, honor, character and gentlemanly conduct as inspired by Robert E. Lee, our spiritual founder." Robert E. Lee was the military leader of the Confederate Army.

Alpha Omega is the local chapter here at N.C. State.

The AIDS impact on minorities

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A study released by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention contained alarming statistics regarding the prevalence of AIDS and HIV in America. Despite the new treatments available that have increased the life expectancy of those living with AIDS, the number infected has not declined proportionally.

HIV-related deaths have had the largest impact on young and middle-aged adults, with a high concentration in racial and ethnic minorities. In 1998,

HIV was the fifth leading cause of death among Americans between the ages of 25 and 44. During this same time period, the infection was the third leading killer of African-American women in the same age group. HIV has remained the leading killer of African-American men in this age group since 1991.

African-American women and Hispanic women are represented disproportionately among those infected with AIDS. Together, these women represent less than one quarter of all American women, yet account for more than 77% of AIDS cases reported by women in the U.S. In addition, in 1992, women accounted for 14% of those living with AIDS, but in 1998, the number has grown to 20%.

In 1999, men who had sex with other men dominated the number of males infected with 50% of the

reported AIDS cases. Injection drug users and those involved in heterosexual relationships, both accounted for 8% of the reported cases. Among women in the same age group, 47% were infected through heterosexual relationships, and 11% through injection drug use.

In follow-up investigations, the number of both men and women who did not identify how they were infected is expected to decrease as the number who attribute their infection to drug use and sexual contact increases.

Despite the new treatments available, and the AIDS/HIV awareness and prevention programs across the country, the AIDS epidemic is far from over. Scientists believe the HIV infection reported by those persons between the ages of 13 and 24 years is indicative of the number of new infections in a given amount of time overall.

To help decrease the number of AIDS and HIV cases, CDC recommends school based programs be started to inform youth before they start high-risk behavior. In addition, the CDC urges the community to increase efforts to reach youth that are not attending school, such as the homeless, dropouts, runaways, and juvenile offenders. Maintaining existing programs, as well as developing new programs to reach each upcoming generation, is needed to help battle this disease.

BLACK HISTORY FACT #452:

On February 2, 1960, four NC A&T college students refused to give up their seats at a Greensboro Woolworth's lunch counter. This led to the student sit-in movement of the Civil Rights Era.

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What's up peeps? I'm back to give you the scoop on what's been poppin off in showbizness. Let me begin with some vital information to the African-American Community about the Amadou Diallo murder case.

Apparently the Justice Department failed (once again) to bring any charges against the four New York police officers that murdered Diallo two years ago. This is very sad considering that now the only possibility for any justice being gained from this case is left in a pending civil suit the parents have against the city.

On a somewhat brighter note, Earl "my mans and them" Simmons better know as DMX is a free man. Word has it that X will not spend the 15 days in jail for traffic violations that happened last March. I sure am glad cause what would we do without the "grrr" and the barks that he does so well. Word has it he is currently back in the studio working on his new album.

While we are still on the subject of jail time, it has been rumored that Mrs. Whitney "inhale-exhale" Houston-Brown's charges for marijuana possession may be restored. Miss thing didn't fulfill her obligations of the plea agreement that was made with Hawaiian prosecutors. And check it, all she had to do was pay \$1,000 to the Hawaii State General Fund, \$25 to the Criminal Victim's Compensation Fund, and instead of community service make a \$3,000 donation to the youth-oriented anti-drug program by February 1. If these charges are restored Whitney can face up to 30 days in jail and have to pay a \$1,000 fine. But hey, like she says, "It's not right, but it's okay."

In other entertainment news, former House of Pain member, Everlast, almost did-

n't last at a recent concert in Detroit. It appears that he had the audacity to this fellow MC Eminem and his crew D-12 in their own hometown. Rumor has it that Everlast started clownin Limp Bizkit and Smash Mouth (who ever that is) and then went on to clown Eminem, but the crowd wasn't having that. They threw bottles at the stage and then proceeded to rush the stage. That dude Everlast turned into Carl Lewis and jetted off the stage.

Onto more positive entertainment news, KRS-ONE a.k.a. the T'Cha recently quit his job at Warner Bros.' A&R Department, to become a mentor at Riverside Church in New York City. At this church every Thursday night 30 young adults meet with mentors from the entertainment biz, law enforcement, Wall Street and the church. The purpose of this program is to help young people discover their talents and identities. Can we please get one of these around here??

Lastly but certainly not the least (amount of money that is). The new Air Jordan shoe will be out pretty soon. Nike is all set to reveal the new Air Jordan XVI shoe on February 17th (Michael Jordan's Birthday). This shoe is estimated at costing \$150. Is it just me, or does that sound like some clothes, shoes and groceries. The shoe isn't even all that cute but the world is still going to run out and buy them.

Well, that's it for this week folks, but be sure to check me out next week for even more interesting news in the ever going saga of the entertainment biz.

Tiger Woods' Phenomenal Year



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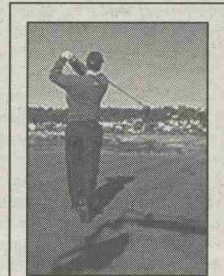
In the past few years, many people have had a lot to say about Tiger Woods. Some have been very critical of him as far as his stance on his racial background, among other things. However, there is one thing that cannot be denied: the man has

gories.

In addition to his undeniable talent on the green, he has single handedly breathed new life into the often stuffy sport of golf. With his



Woods sinks a shot and shows his peculiar flare - courtesy of the official Tiger Woods website by CBS Sportline (www.tigerwoods.com)



Woods shows how to tame the wood. Look at that form. It gets no better than Pebble Beach - courtesy of CBS Sportline (www.cbs.sportline.com)

skills.

At only 24, Woods has achieved a standard of excellence in the sport of golf never even dreamed of by men who have been playing longer than he has been alive.

Woods is the only player in the history of the PGA Championship to win the title back to back. He has 14 top three finishes, which is six better than the next best record. And in 2000, Woods held the record in six out of eleven statistical cate-

Nike commercials and millions of adoring fans, Woods has given golf something it has desperately needed - a superstar.

Woods has also broken the color barrier, which many refuse to admit has been a big part of the sport. However, with a history of "exclusive" country clubs who have denied membership to minorities for years, racism's place in the history of golf cannot be denied.

But with all of the endorsements, media coverage, and racial obstacles aside, it is Woods' talent and skill that really matter. He is a true competitor, and most importantly in sports, he is a winner.

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A History of the African-American Church



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QUICK FACTS:

1794:

First independent African-American church dedicated.

1816:

African Methodist Episcopal Church formed in Philadelphia.

1844:

Baptist and Methodist split over slavery debate.

The basic staple of the African-American community outside the family is the church. This institution has slowly evolved over the past few centuries. The church provides many communities with leadership and positive role models for youngsters.

During Black History month, I would like "Nubian" readers to join together in a celebration of the African-American church. Each week during black history month, we will discover different aspects of the church at different stages during the African-American experience.

The right of religious freedom, which was the key objective of those who landed at Plymouth Rock, was not afforded to African-Americans upon entry into the New World. Actually, this privilege was denied the slaves for about 250 years. The bondsmen were forced to worship in secret. Many historians have called this the "invisible institution."

Franklin Frazier's "Negro Church in America" is a concise account of the African-American church. In this text Frazier explains, "It was general that there could be no assembly of five or more slaves without the presence of a white man." This was especially applicable and strictly enforced in regards to religious gatherings. The slaveholders had several reasons for imposing these rules. The most obvious was to reduce the chance of a slave revolt.

Blacks received a Christian Baptism from the onset of their arrival in the New World. However, not surprisingly, some white colonists disapproved. This opposition soon faded upon the

adoption of laws, which assured that slaves would not be granted any level of social or political equality through Baptism.

The slaves of the New World adopted and even embraced the white man's religion. Many of the enslaved had been separated from their tribal culture and kinsman. Crowded revival meetings, with the message of fiery damnation versus hope and salvation that promised to save all from the displeasure of this earth, seemed attractive to many slaves.

Many slave masters used religious doctrine as a tool. They attempted to justify slavery through biblical passages. White ministers led black congregations. All religious activities of the slaves were regulated by whites.

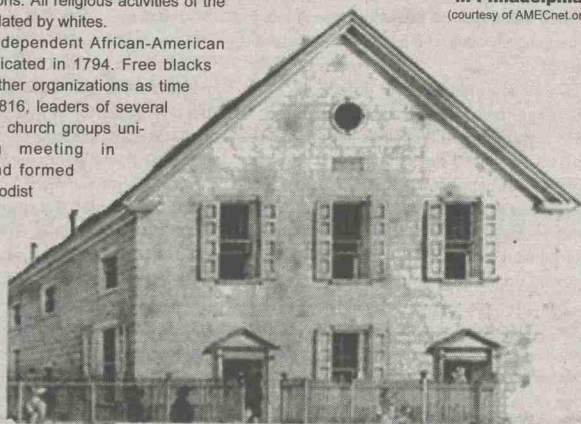
The first independent African-American church was dedicated in 1794. Free blacks began to form other organizations as time progressed. In 1816, leaders of several African-American church groups unified during a meeting in Philadelphia and formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1844 the Baptist and Methodist churches separated themselves

from one another over the issue of slavery. This resulted in the separation of many congregations. Most white and black Methodist churches tended to favor the preservation of the institution of slavery.

After the Civil War, the African-American church really begins to take hold in many facets of the lives of many former slaves. This will be apparent when we examine the period of Southern Reconstruction.

The first AME Church in Philadelphia.
(courtesy of AMECnet.org)



Weekly Book Review

This week: *The Dying Ground: A Hip-Hop Noir Novel* by Nichelle Tramble



Culture and Arts Editor

Let's take a trip twelve years back into time. Let's journey to the West Coast of the United States. Let's sit back and imagine California. Can you hear NWA flaming through boom boxes like an uncontrollable California wildfire? Do you feel the energy and fear that generates around two notorious colors, red and blue, which translates into two deadly gangs, the Bloods and the Crips? Does environmental concern cross your mind when you hear about the huge Alaskan oil spill? Or are there bigger things to worry about, such as high death rates due to the increase of violence, and drugs? Welcome to the streets of California. The place...Oakland. The year...1989.

Nichelle Tramble's first novel, "The Dying Ground: A Hip-Hop Noir Novel," captures the rawness and violent life of Oakland's drug underworld. Once a high touted high-school baseball player and ex-college baseball player, Maceo Redfield is about to enter a world that he has always lived around, but has yet to live in. Since he was child, Maceo has been plagued by the

premonition that death is going to occur. The day before he dreams about someone dying, his worst premonition comes true. Waiting in the neighborhood barbershop where he has been a client for years, one of his closest childhood buddies, Holly Ford, comes in to reveal devastating news. Billy Crane, the third member that made up Maceo and Holly's childhood trio and a successful drug dealer, has been murdered.

While waiting at a stoplight with his girlfriend, Felicia (Flea), Billy is shot one time in the head. Flea is nowhere to be found, and she is the only person that can reveal Billy's killer or killers. Billy's friends and entourage believe that Flea may have set Billy up for a downfall. And the only person who really believes that Flea is innocent is Maceo. Maceo has been in love with Flea from the first day that he met her. The race to find Flea dwindles as each second passes by.

She is wanted by the police for questioning and is wanted by others for revenge. Because of time, situation, and being on the opposite side of the drug world, the close knit relationship as chil-

dren that Billy and Holly once possessed had been over. But because of Holly's loyalty to their childhood and to Maceo, he joins Maceo in the search for Flea. Maceo's world will be changed forever.

In order to find Flea, Maceo must enter a world that those like Holly live day by day, and a world that Billy once breathed. A world where secrecy exists and loyalty is slim to none. A world that holds no promises or guarantees for life. A world that breeds bitter dreams, violence, and death. The drug world. Holly holds a strong reputation as a powerful drug dealer, and Maceo is protected from the streets because of Holly's reputation.

However, the search for Flea takes a violent turn. Maceo is shot at while leaving his grandfather's bar, barely escaping the bullet that would have led to his death.

Struggling with his own internal and mental tribulations, such as the disturbing dreams he has about his dead mother and father, Maceo must find a way to keep his sanity while searching for Flea. He must also find a way to salvage his life, which espe-

cially includes his family. But as more secrets about Flea's involvement with Billy's drug business comes out, the struggle to keep his sanity, his belief that Flea is innocent, and his life is becoming harder and harder. Because Maceo finds strength in self-determination, he has yet to stop to think about he people he drags into his adventure without consent.

While visiting the spot where Billy died and in search of questions, Maceo and his Aunt Cissy encounter characters that plan to terminate both of their lives. Maceo's car is blown to pieces, he is severely beaten, and his aunt has her hair shaved off by these characters and is beat into unconsciousness.

Maceo's grandfather blames him and Holly for the act of violence that was brought upon his daughter. And once feeling like a son to his grandfather, Maceo now feels like a grandchild. His grandfather demands that Maceo leave the state for his own safety and for the safety of others. But Maceo cannot leave until he finds Flea. He has to know what happened for his own peace of mind. The more he learns about Flea

and how the both of them possess similar family secrets, the more his heart opens to her.

Besides enemies that lurk in the day and night, time is the worst enemy of all for Maceo. Each second that passes by, Flea is escaping. As each minute passes by, the possibility of someone else dying increases. Each hour that passes by may mean that Flea may become a figment of Maceo's past. And as the days go by, Flea may eventually turn up dead.

The book never ceases in adventure or energy. With vigor, Tramble creates a translucent image of urban streets that are crumbling everyday due to drugs, violence and death. Her characters bring to the page loyalty, allegiance, anger, betrayal, sadness, hate and love. Not only does this book bring mystery to the reader, but it also sheds some humor. If you are looking for something entertaining to read, or if you just want to read a good book, go out and purchase Nichelle's Tramble, "The Dying Ground: A Hip-Hop Noir."

UNTITLED: ERIC NDELO

I am constantly moving
Lusting to slow down
Days pass by with just on movement of the Sun going down
Happy faces are frowns, upside down
Being the opposite
Perplexed is the world in regards to what the true PROFIT is
What mankind, in the physical sense has profited
I want no part of it

Catch my drift?

What is life without God's gift?
I went outside to smoke a spliff
I saw a bird on the ground, pecking like a chicken ...
With broken wings
What is life without God's gift?
I went outside with my drum to rock some beats
I saw a man with no knowledge wisdom and understanding,
Eating anything, living like a rat on the streets
What is life without God's gift?

Let's uplift!

Economic Slavery
Interest built up from loans
World Banks own everything you think you own
From companies
To countries
Rich and poor
They got their d#\$% to our jaw
Like pimp to whore

Just wanted to share my thoughts

MEDIAN'S RELIEF: INFORMATION AGE

Median's Relief: Information Age

A fish that swims against a strong current
so it seems as though I move in slow mo' but there's still progress
hard 2 proceed N the midst of all the nonsense
information age corrupts me; eye taste the bullshit
being fed when I'm not looking, I close my mouth but it still touches my lips
eye taste the shit and then I spit but its too late, U can still find a trace
hard to avoid it getting in the system, its all around me
only hope for survival that eye C is develop an immunity; for real
I mean that shit will make U sick
take over the mind like syphilis, rabies, or mad cow's disease
have you saying things you don't even believe
craving things that you don't even need or want
soon as it's touched an idol mind, it spreads like flames in forest fires
invading your desires; eye C it in your I's U've been N-fected
better get corrective lenses for your bad vision
wind up N a mental prison
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getting f%\$# like a little trick
every action got a consequence
every action got a consequence
learned from experience; every action got a consequence
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Did You Know ?

the thoughts of TJ Eatmon

While sitting in a history class recently, I heard a very interesting lecture. Galileo, one of the great astronomers of the world, was a man who attacked the theology of the medieval world through scientific facts and observations. He claimed that the Earth was not the center of the universe but that it revolved around the Sun. This claim and many others were against the popular view of the time and at age 70, Galileo was sentenced to house arrest for the remainder of his life.

During Galileo's lifetime, it is said that he invited the leaders of the time to look through his telescope to observe the moving planets that

he saw. The leaders, who believed they had supreme interpretation of scripture and held the correct opinion of the universe, refused to look. Galileo invited them again and again. Still they refused. Finally, Galileo exclaimed "and still it moves!"

Unlike many people of his time, Galileo allowed his mind to be open to new information. He allowed widely accepted theory to be tested in order to form his own opinion. The leaders of the time had not allowed their minds to do the same, and never saw what Galileo's telescope had to offer. However, the planets continued to move.

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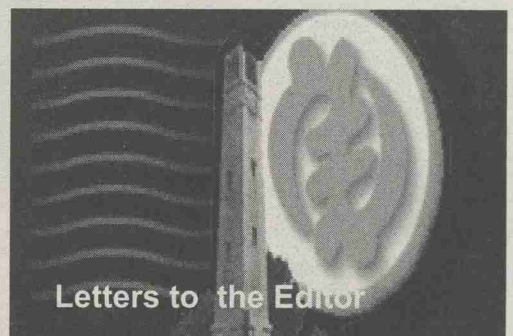
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Knowledge Is Power

KWU: Who Are We?

Kimya! Nubian sisters and brothers. The very first issue that I would like to address is this, **READ THE NUBIAN MESSAGE!** First of all it is free! It does not cost you anything but time! Secondly, there were too many times that I heard 2nd, 3rd, 4th hand versions of info presented by Nubian writers, only to Read and Discover that I was an unwilling participant in the "Telephone Game." (We have all played that game where you try to get a message around the

continent as well as in the Diaspora.

2. Free Expressionz - More than just a poetry session. Free Expressionz allows Nubians to express how they feel to other Nubians. (FE) Allows talented Nubian to showcase those talents to other Nubians. (FE) allows those with important info to disseminate such info to fellow Nubians. Basically if you have something to say, or simply like listening to or viewing other Nubians, (FE) is for you!

3. Da Show - This program caters mostly to the Hip Hop Nubian. Da Show is a showcase of local talent. At Da Show 2000, we introduced the 5 Elements of Hip Hop- MC's, DJ's, Graffiti, Break Dancing, and fashion.

To save time and space these will be the only programs explained at this time. Other KWU programs include, Knowledge Series, which features student lecturers, Wisdom Series, which caters solely to Nubian sisters, and not to mention the infamous KWU Parties! AKA, Another KWU Banga'.

I hope you now have a clearer understanding of KWU and its purpose. The next question that I anticipate will arise is, how do I join?

To be a member of KWU you must simply contact Dereck Williams at ddwillia@unity.ncsu.edu or Eric Ndelo at Ndelo@nexmillen.com.

The requirements are a willing mind and initiative. KWU operates under the precept of Ujima or cooperative economics. Some KWU events are funded by KWU members.

If you are Nubian and interested in seeing your culture prosper, KWU is for you.

If you are Nubian and interested in learning about Nubian culture, KWU is for you.

If you are black, consider yourself American and could care less about Africa, KWU can lead you to the light.

A great woman once introduced to me the concept of "Progress through process." If Nubian Culture is what you want to see progress, then KWU is that process.

Kimya

Nubian (Nu-bee-in) adj. n. - people originally from the region of Egypt and The Sudan. Having color, Blackness, Rich in Melanin, Pure as night, Nubian brother, Nubian sister. Also known as Puerto Rican, Haitian, Jamaican, Trini, Mexican, Dominican, Panamanian, Cuban, Indian, Guyanese, Black, African American.

Seldom Seen But Often Heard: Just in Case.....

KWU Mission and Purpose Statement

Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding is a campus organization dedicated to facilitating the development of young leaders by promoting self awareness, political consciousness, and community involvement. KWU's purpose is to make students see and feel the power of actually creating change through innovation and execution. Members will realize the significance of involvement and become dedicated to promoting the success of themselves and others.

History

Nine individuals founded KWU in the fall of 1997 on the campus of North Carolina State University. Originally, this non profit organization had business aspirations that turned in to a commitment to improve campus life for all students by planning, organizing, and executing events that can be both educational and relaxing. After only 3 years of existence, we have seen membership grow to over 25 individuals. Some staple events for

KWU include:

- 1) Way-Back Home Cooking Day, a food tasting event filled with some of the most delicious African and Soul Food Dishes in the World.
- 2) Free Expression, a nite of expression of any form; everything from poetry to political theory; all inputs are welcomed and encouraged.
- 3) KWU Lecture: Lectures presented by some of the most explosive lecturers that can be found. All other events are optional.

Funding

KWU does not obtain funding from the school's bureaucracy; instead we are proud to have the drive and force to use programs and fundraisers as our sole source of funding. Sponsorships from area businesses are other avenues employed by the organization.

Membership

Membership is open to all registered students that show a desire to assume a leadership position in the campus' society. We encourage all

members to be highly active in other campus organizations such as Student government, Black Student Board, etc.

Organization

KWU has an organization that includes its five main parts that operate as a collective unit. Each part has a different purpose and mission that all feed back into the one. The structure can be viewed in more detail once an individual becomes a member. KWU affiliates are allowed and encouraged to create their own structures as to most effectively serve their student body.

Conclusion

KWU will continue to promote the ideals of our name and foundation. We will be dedicated to promoting unity on campus as well as to the nation as a whole. As college students, we are the next leaders so let's start training now. KWU is a training ground that encourages all members to pursue anything they want to make happen. KWU gives them a voice in creating change.



Members of KWU chill after a meeting.

classroom, nuff said.)

A year or so ago the "Nubian Message" printed an article entitled, "What is KWU? The purpose of the article was to inform the community about our student organization, also to debunk some rising rumors about said organizations. This article will serve the same purpose, as well as introduce KWU's vision for the future of Nubian livelihood on NCSU's campus

So what or better yet, who is KWU? The letters K-W and U are pronounced (Kay-Woo). No, the WU in KWU doesn't have any affiliation with the Wu Tang Clan. The letters stand for Knowledge Wisdom and Understanding.

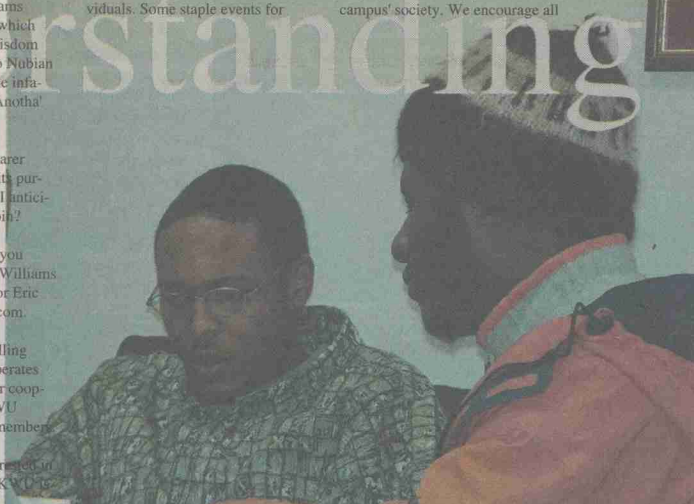
Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding are the building blocks of all we do in life. The breakdown of our name is simple by definition, yet complete in application.

Let me explain, Knowledge is information, Wisdom is how you choose to use that information, and Understanding is that which you hope to gain through application of Knowledge and wisdom. Understanding is "The Bigger Picture." KWU's "Bigger Picture" is unification of Nubians, campus-city-state-nation-world-wide. KWU is a process by which we cultivate individual thought through group effort. Culture is our medium. It is our belief that before we can love each other, we must first love ourselves, and in order to love yourself, you must first know (K) who you are.

KWU programs

Each KWU program is designed to cultivate Nubian interest in Nubian Culture.

1. Way Back Home Cooking Day - The title of this event is a subtle reminder that the "African American refers to the fact that, in the paraphrased words of Peter Tosh, " If you Black, You are African!"
 - a. This program reminds Nubians of what it tastes like to be African
 - b. Foods represent African cuisine on



KWU president Derrick Williams and KWU co-founder Eric Ndelo meet in the Cultural Center to discuss issues for the upcoming KWU meeting.

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Sure?
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own confusion
i hear us falling
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democratic policies
have finally graduated
to the level of true playaz
the competition is manic
ballots marked, mishandled
the future of garbage level
government
falls in the pocket of
the one left standing
i hear us falling
out of tune

if economics is not the issue,
stupid
who can account for
these lobbyist campaigns
swaying couch potatoes
with saturday nite live
conspiracy is too loud to scream
on the television screen
so by 2am election time
peter jennings has finished
a whole pack of crackas
just like him
the anchor desk thumps
with laughter and sweat beads
while the media plays
a sweet-mouthed devil's advocate
i hear us fallin'
out of tune

as the clock winds
on a 48 hour voting booth,
george squeezes
jeb's sac in his palms
like a Florida orange
and gorb's cell phone
rescues us from concession
the issue escapes me
the point is a tug of war
for patriarchy

all i recall is gore
actin like a Black Baptist
an offbeat handclap
away from rapture
and bush's meringue was
enough to drive the Latina
Chicas away
breaking news concludes
the presidency changed hands
in a four minute time span
the bottom line remains
the next head of state
will be a rhythmless
white man

shirlette annons

More KWU poems ooon page 5.

Change-Revolution

What else is to destroy?
When you have been raped, mind,
body and soul
Burned passed all your thresholds
And then thrown
A bone
To lick on
To eat
You become weak
And subject to any
Threat
That the oppressor may bring
We AIN'T FREE!!!

Cause we're in bondage in everyday
way
Economic
Mental and
Spiritual Slavery

You're still a slave because you're still
afraid to say "HEY"
We get four years degrees
Just to work on our knees
For pocket money and 2 weeks
Of vacation and sickleave
You have a choice
Entrepreneurship or corporate slave-
manship
It is your life
SHIT, it is our lives.
Our decision
Choose: Change-Revolution

ETHER

Lo! The ultra gaseous matter, "ether"
in the physical form, is associated
with the solids of the body. Such as
the structure of the body; the life
force, "ether" which is etheric form, is
involved in the fluids of the body,
such as the blood stream, and the
excretions of the ovaries and testes.
The spirit acts as the spark that ignites
the life in the blood. And the life pro-
duces a light, which appears as an
auratic shell. If it houses the soul
which is the light messenger. This mes-
senger transports information to the
conscious and sub-conscious being.
The sparks of life that trigger the mind
that pulls from the mental reservoir of
intellect. Which is governed by the
oversoul which is connected by an
etheric cord. All messages in light
forms travel through a cord from the
mental reservoir. Etherians at the
guardians of this reservoir of intellect
called Akasha. Each being receives
light messages in their DNA's and
RNA's from and through these beings
that trigger each moment of thought
and action in their existence. So, a har-
monious flow of energy and life in the
form of light messages must travel to
the being. Rendering each being's
inner self, etheric.

-Holy Tablets; Living Soul; Tablet
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THE LAW OF HEALTH

Lo! The law of health will be based on
this fact; it is simple to overstand all.
And require only that a human should
open their eyes to perceive the great
elementary forces which support
health. They are these: The blood
requires motion, the great central
organ of the stomach requires exercise
and suitable diet, the nervous system
requires a regular amount of rest.
When the physical and etheric are bal-
anced in a cell, and in all cells of the
body, we have harmony, or good
health. When the balance between
physical and etheric life force is upset,
and too little of the etheric life force is
in the cell, then the tissues and parts of
the body, which depend on a balance
flow of the etheric life force, will

"It takes a whole village to raise a child" African Proverb

"Ujima, as principle and practice, also means we accept the
fact that we are collectively responsible for our failures and
setbacks as well as our victories and achievement." (Karenga)
As long as African people anywhere in the Diaspora are
oppressed, then we as African Americans, and all other dis-
placed Africans can never be free. This principle of total
emancipation for African peoples does not only apply to
world politics, it also applies to family and smaller organiza-
tions. Since North Carolina State University is a microcosm
of the real world, it is appropriate to use this setting as a
model. Active cooperation comes into existence through
organization. Cooperation is another key aspect of Ujima.
The plethora of black student organizations on campus pro-
vide a platform for Ujima to rest on. Are we as students ful-
filling our obligation to upholding Ujima?

As a member of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding I
have dedicated myself to active participation in the affairs of
my people. Our focus is contained within our mission state-
ment: Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding is a campus
organization dedicated to promoting the development of
young leaders by promoting self awareness, political con-
sciousness, and community involvement. KWU's purpose is
to make students self and community aware, actually change
through self motivation and education. I also understand
the importance of cooperation among the various student organiza-
tions. We no longer acceptable for campus organizations to
work in silos, but rather work with one another. We are not
united under the cause of black education? Or will we
blame the blame, Ujima!

be come
af fect ed
and
ab nor mal
in some
way and
you
become
ill. If the
ab normal
or im bal anced
con di tion be tween
the phys ical and
etheric is al lowed to
con tinue for any
length of time, or by
force of cir cum stances
can not be
changed very quickly,
not only is the
vi tal ity, or strength,
of the en tire
hu man body ta ken away,
but the per son
feels weak and dis tressed.
Many of the cells,
in var ious parts of
the body, will begin
to break down in their
in di vidual strength,
and will easily be
at tacked by the germs
or de struc tive cells
that we take into the
body under nor ma
con di tions. The re sult
is then that these im bal anced
cells through out
your bodies be come
dis eased, and dis ease
of dif ferent kinds will
break out in some in ner
or out er part of the
body, be fore you have
an op por tu nity to
know ex actly what is
wrong.

TWO CLASSES OF DISEASES
There are two outstanding classifica-
tion of diseases. The first is that class
based upon colds, where congestion of
the blood and congestion of nerve
energy occurs, because the normal
temperature of the blood has been
lowered, and it ceases to flow and act
in the normal manner. The other class
of disease is fever and heat. This is
due to the fact that the harmony in the
cells has been upset to such a degree
that the disease germs are attacking
the cells, and in the process of destroy-
ing and being attacked, the blood
increases in temperature and we feel
as though we are burning up. Between
the two classes of cold and heat there
are hundreds of manifestations. All-in-
all it is the imbalance state which
exists between the physical world and
the etheric or spiritual body which
produces illnesses.

Holy Tablets; Living Soul; Tablet 5
--build on diseases in Wholistic
Health

Shady ~ Kimberlyn M. Faulkner

Shady, shady, shady, that
was her,
completely, she didn't
care for no one,
but she did, kept to her-
self, never talkative,
quiet but loud, suspended
from the universe,
she walked alone, she
was like oil, and society
was like water,
diluted, deluded, every-
thing was sedimented,
leftover from past gener-
ations,
but her, she was above it
all,
like suspension, she stuck
to her own mind,
a unique substance,
smooth texture,
selectively impermeable,
she was like oil alright,
shady, shady, shady...
She wasn't your average
lady, she was a calm
wind
breezy, cold but warm, a
paradox of charm,
she was present, but
simultaneously absent,
lost in thought, but dis-
covered in wisdom,
you wouldn't understand

if you knew her life
story,
she was dutiful yet cer-
tain, it wasn't like she
was afraid of the word
"shady",
it sounded like comfort to
her, it made her relax yet
aware,
oh, but blessings to those
who had nerve to call her
"shady", right away,
immediately it seemed,
she knew that you didn't
understand her,
but she loved it to be a
mystery,
shady, shady, shady...
Solitary in her own way,
she knew you, but you
didn't know her,
like some confusing math
problem,
you couldn't figure her
out, but she equated you,
scheme, if you want,
she'll know,
a silent inspector from
afar,
you'll soon feel the con-
sequence of her shadowy
payback,
sarcastic, sheen, shady,
embarrassed but proud
weak but strong,
shady, shady, shady....

KWU

De Ironomy 14:8

And the swine, because it divideth
the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is
unclean unto you; ye shall not eat of
their flesh, nor touch of their dead car-
case.

Surah 2:174

Eat not (O believers) of that (meat)
which Allah's Name has not been pro-
nounced for the time of slaughtering of
the animal), for sure it is Fisq (a sin
and disobedience of Allah). And cer-
tainly, the Shayatin (devils) do inspire
their friends (from mankind) to dis-
pute with you, and if you obey them
[by making Al-Maitah (a dead animal)
lawful by eating it], then you would
indeed be Mushrikun (polytheists);
(because they (devils and their friends)
made lawful to you to eat that which
Allah has made unlawful to you to eat
and you obeyed them by considering it
lawful to eat, and by doing so you
worshipped them; and to worship oth-
ers besides Allah is polytheism)]

Surah 2:168

O mankind! Eat of that which is
lawful and good on the earth, and fol-
low not the footsteps of Shaitan
(Satan). Verily, he is to you an open
enemy.

Surah 2:172

O you who believe (in the Oneness
of Allah - Islamic Monotheism)! Eat
of the lawful things that We have pro-
vided you with, and be grateful to
Allah, if it is indeed He Whom you
worship.

Surah 2:173

He has forbidden you only the
Maitah (dead animal), and blood, and
the flesh of swine, and that which is
slaughtered as a sacrifice for others
than Allah (or has been slaughtered for
idols, on which Allah's Name has not
been mentioned while slaughtering).
But if one is forced by necessity with-
out willful disobedience nor trans-
gressing due limits, then there is no sin
on him. Truly Allah is Oft-Forgiving,
Most Merciful.

the night we won the game

in the city,
the town in the city,
the running man's homeplace,
the sidewalk that sleeps
with its eyes awake,
ears collect on corners,
slims have tongues
that devour old english like
meaningless information

a slave nation with
microwave dinner,
smoke rising,
shades dying,
lies chastising,
trumpets want for trouble
cause it's cousin
of the speed of black man walkin',
head man on city street,
blin at eleven,
news let loose of ten

by ten thirty
the concrete is dry
and college kids drink keep cause
we won the game,
together no name,
maintains his bench
in favor of big bad wolf
canoe scullin',
talegait sent, growlin'
at pro fighters who
play the fight song on harmonica
for money

tomorrow,
a sunny day in a sad way,
orange drops
and the sidewalk and so friendly
he slips his inside
in his hip pocket,
flat stare, future computer engineer
who observed his shyness
and gave his stream meager
ten cents to play
bussie his face,
traces his pores,
city moves into a
mean new day

miles fade,
glins attacks beneath
heavy american eagle eyes,
the prize,
an invisible picket fence,
she sees us wear ambivalent outfit
backpacks lack feeling
hauling the 4-season man's outfit

he lies tallaw,
looking to heaven,
for light breeze,
she should probably
have a drink with him
to celebrate

shirlette annons

The Nubian Message

Celebrates

Black History Month

Feature Article of the week

By : Michelle Reed



Hiram Rhoades Revels

Missouri regiment in 1863. Because of his skilled recruiting ability and his ministerial training, he was well prepared for active service to serve as a chaplain to a black regiment that was stationed in Mississippi.

At the end of the war, he moved to Natchez, Mississippi where he joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He maintained his pastoral duties while founding new churches. Revels was elected alderman in 1868, and was later elected to the state senate in 1869. Earning respect from both whites and African-Americans, Revels found it a struggle to separate his political and pastoral duties and avoid racial conflict. As a result from being able to manage both forces, he was elected state senator from Adams County, Mississippi. Revels was elected in January 1870 as the first African-American member of the United States Senate, filling the vacated position by Jefferson Davis who left the Senate to become President of the Confederacy. On February 25, 1870 Revels took his seat in the Senate, and served the remainder of Davis' vacated term which was until March 4, 1871. While in the Senate, Revels advocated desegregation on the railroads and in the schools.

After his departure from the Senate, Revels returned to Mississippi in 1871 to become president of Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, the

state's first institution of higher learning for African American Students. In 1874, Governor Ames dismissed him as president of Alcorn. Revels helped overturn the Republican Government of Mississippi in 1875, acting on the grounds that too many politicians in that party were too corrupt. The Democratic administration rewarded him by returning him to the chief position at Alcorn in 1876. The same year, he became editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. Still in the public eye, Revels continued to be devoted to his religious work. He

remained at Alcorn until his retirement in 1882. While attending a church conference in Aberdeen, Mississippi on January 16, 1901, Hiram Rhoades Revels died.

Because of his never-ending religious, racial, social, and educational efforts, Hiram earned the respect of both blacks and whites in the South during Reconstruction, an era that was notorious for its racial conflict. Revels' life was dedicated to the spiritual and educational empowerment of the African-American community.

Born to free parents of mixed African and Croatan Indian descent in Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1822, then a slave state, Hiram Rhoades Revels became the first African-American member of Congress during Reconstruction.

Revels was trained by his brother, Elias B. Revels to be a barber and was apprenticed on March 8, 1838 in Lincolnton, North Carolina. The apprenticeship was only to last until his 21st birthday in 1843, but because his brother died in 1841, Hiram was left to manage the barbershop. Wanting to further his education that was denied to him in the South, Hiram traveled to Indiana and Illinois in search of extending his education. He was a student at the Quaker school in Liberty, Indiana in 1844, and he also attended school in Ohio and was a student

at Knox College in Illinois. Ordained a minister by the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1845, Revels traveled ministering to African-American congregations in Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee. Eventually he settled in Baltimore and became a principal of a school for African-Americans, and also served as a pastor of a local church.

After the Civil War began in 1861, he focused his efforts toward the Union cause in Maryland, which was a state that held both pro- and anti-Civil War beliefs. He helped to organize two regiments of African-Americans in Maryland for the Union Army. Moving to St. Louis to organize a school for African-Americans, Revels recruited men for service in a

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N.C. State, sponsored in partnership with the Equal Opportunity Institute, will hold part four of its "Africans in American" video series. This program, which is free to all students, faculty and staff, will be held Feb. 16 in the Tucker Hall classroom.

The Department of Student Development will be holding various seminars dedicated to this Black History Month. "Working With Diverse Populations" will be held on Feb. 7. And "Cross Cultural Communication" will be held on Feb. 8.

Both of these seminars, which are open to all, will take place in the Walnut Room of the Tally Student Center. "Through My Lens," a program which forums the unique campus experiences faced by women of color, will be held in room 2324 of the D.H. Hill Library.

Black History Month is not only a time for celebration. It is also a time of commemoration, tribute and devotion to a history characterized by its richness and prosperity.

Angelou

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Angelou closed her speech and recitations with a memorable quote:

"Seek to liberate the mind and spirit, beginning with your own."

Although Angelou is considered by some to be the epitome of a liberated, free-spirited woman, life has not always been so good for her. She has been able to overcome her numerous trials and tribulations by finding the strength to look inside herself. She accepted the way that she is and who she is.

Reading, composing, and reciting poetry have played major roles in her ability to overcome life's obstacles. This idea, the central theme of her talk, served as an inspiration to the crowd. That inspiration was to have the people leave the McKimmon Center and embrace the world with a new-found spirit and the hope for a better tomorrow.

Segregation

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"I feel personally responsible for debunking certain myths or stereotypes that they (other races) may foster about blacks. Sometimes I feel like I'm supposed to represent the entire race rather than just 'Diamond,'" Lesane said.

Sanders agreed. She said, "I only feel uncomfortable when I am in the racial minority when race is brought up. That is because whenever you are in the minority, you are always asked to be the spokesperson of your racial group. That has always bothered me because I would rather be considered as myself than as a representative member of a group. One of my most vivid memories of being a minority was in a high school class in AP English, where I was the only black person. The class was dis-

cussing violence and I had decided to stay out of the conversation because the stereotypes and crimination of black males that I was hearing had made me see red. A classmate turned to me and asked me, 'Why do black people always kill each other?' As though just because I was black, I knew the motivation of every black person that had committed a murder."

Black students aren't the only ones who feel uncomfortable when placed in the situation of being in the racial minority. Beth Therrell, also a student at UNC-CH, experienced a few instances where she felt out of place because she was the only white person around.

"One example of when I felt uncomfortable was when I went to a movie with an Indian girlfriend of mine from UNC. We were the only two non-black peo-

ple, and I was the only white girl. The movie was "He Got Game," the one about the basketball player, and every white girl in the movie is just a whore used to bribe him to come to their school. I felt real uncomfortable, but even in those situations I can understand that it was my turn to feel that and I could handle it. I also realized that it was more me feeling it than those around me trying to make me feel like that."

While some may see this form of segregation as a bad thing that should be eliminated, others see it as necessary and valid. These people feel that the only way voluntary segregation will end is if the entire social structure of this country changes.

"It will only end if America is restructured such that people don't grow up in all black or all white neighborhoods, go to racially balanced schools, and

share similar childhood experiences.

"In my opinion, it will take centuries to happen. But, that isn't necessarily a bad thing. As long as people can get together across racial lines and accomplish things, which happens daily, things are pretty much alright," Sanders said.

Lesane agreed. She said, "You can't legislate racial harmony any more than you can legislate morality. I know that there will always be boundaries that can't be crossed. For example, a black friend can say 'nigga please' and that's one thing. If Erin did the same, no matter how harmless she meant it or how sincerely she was joking, I would still doubt her intentions. She would have some 'explaining' to do. But the thing is, my black sister would never have to explain."

NAACP

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The "Clarion-Ledger" poll revealed that new flag supporters must come out in big numbers to have any hope of winning April 17. This is the day voters decide between the old flag and the proposed new flag. The old flag contains the controversial Confederate emblem. The new flag has 20 stars to represent the state's history in place of the Confederate emblem.

Old flag supporters have no doubt that their flag will continue flying in Mississippi. Their flag, according to the "Clarion-Ledger"

poll (conducted by Zogby International), has a large lead over the new flag. Fifty-five percent of Miss. voters want to maintain the old flag; 34 percent choose the new flag. A larger majority of white voters want to keep the old flag - 73 percent - than black voters back a new flag - 65 percent.

The Mississippi NAACP is behind the new flag. The organization has plans for a "get-out-the-vote" campaign to make it happen. The president of the state's chapter feels that more black voters will support the new flag once they have been better educated on the flag issue.

"I think we stand a pretty

good chance," said Eugene Bryant, president of the Mississippi NAACP. "I think we're going to get a new flag."

The NAACP may seek radio and television ads to promote the new flag.

"We're planning on getting our people out to vote," continued Bryant.

"We plan on doing it statewide."

Blake Wilson said new flag supporters are finalizing a strategy. Wilson is the president of the Mississippi Economic Council. He said that no decision has been made about a possible advertising campaign. But he's not worried about the outcome of

the newspaper poll.

"I'm an eternal optimist because this is at such an early stage," said Wilson. "We don't have a wide population who have seen the (new) flag."

Former Miss. Gov. William Winter is optimistic that the new flag will pass. He headed the flag commission.

"I think when people really begin to understand this is an issue that really transcends race, they will come together and do the right thing," said Winter. "I believe they'll vote for a symbol that's unifying and eliminate old stereotypes people have of Mississippi."

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Staff Writer

Last week we all witnessed the defeat of the seemingly unstoppable Duke Blue Devils. Duke hadn't been beat since their loss to Stanford at the beginning of the season. The game most definitely made headlines since it almost single-handedly put Carolina in the number one spot. Of course, the sickening festivities after the game also made the news. I absolutely hate Carolina and the news channels around the Triangle really showed their colors by devoting half of the late night news to showing their Franklin Street melee. What they didn't expect to get on tape was the destruction of Mindy Gaudagnino's car. Only an imbecile from Chapel Hill would be stupid enough to commit a crime knowing that it was being filmed. I guess Stupidity 101 is a freshman course there.

It wouldn't bother me that much if the police would crack down on them like they do on our occasional wild Wolfpack fans. Wasn't this same type of behavior to a somewhat lesser degree of severity the very reason the Raleigh Fire Department hosed some of us down at the last camp-out of 2000? And as a result of that awful behavior, we've had all camp-outs cancelled indefinitely. Isn't that why we had 400 Raleigh police officers and state troopers in attendance at our annual Brent Road party? Our behavior is no where near that level of destructiveness.

Duke is no different from Chapel Hill. Prior to last week's game, Duke students held a camp-out that lasted for three weeks. During this lengthy camp-out, students started immense bonfires in which school property was used as fuel. Durham Fire Department revoked their burning privileges, but issued them a burning permit the very next week.

Now I could care less what any of them do, but I just feel that N.C. State students are treated like the

redheaded stepchildren of the Triangle. Every time we hold an event that is typical of college students or tradition among college students, we are reprimanded. We don't get that carried away, but we do want to have fun. Now I don't know if it is Wake County legislators, the Raleigh Police Department, or N.C. State's administration, but it seems that somebody wants to flex their muscle on N.C. State students. Well I have a suggestion for all of the aforementioned parties. Wake County legislators should focus more of their efforts on the problem of the homeless or trying to clear up some of that five o'clock traffic. Raleigh P.D. should work on cleaning up neighborhoods like the one off of Western boulevard directly behind Taco Bell since they know that more than 50% of the drug problem in this area comes from that neighborhood. As for our administration, all I am going to say is "tuition". We just want to be treated like normal college students, not as criminals who pay increasing costs for our reformation, I mean education.

Njeri's Two Cents



Njeri Frazier Moss
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I'm taking a really good class this semester. Now I know that sounds like an oxymoron - a good class; but bear with me. It's a class about African-Americans and professional sports. I know many don't think that there are problems with our nation's (not just African-Americans) preoccupation with sports. So to those people I want to give you a picture of what happens to those whose goal is "To be like Mike." Meet James.

James Smith was awaiting news of his potential trade from one football team to another. As all of his friends waited, everyone began to wonder how far his career in football would go. The problem with this picture is that James is only 10 years old and the teams competing for him are the local McDonald's franchise and a car dealership. Though the stakes were not that high in reality, to the parties involved this trade was tantamount to organized confusion. But what it highlights is this country's preoccupation with sports and the power they hold over our young people. Young James was led to believe that his ability on the football field would be his salvation. Fast forward to the year 2000 and James has not played on an athletic team since

the mid-1980's. By junior high, he was no longer in demand, and the much-talked about trade of 1982 was just a memory. Millions of young boys and now young girls want to be the next Michael Jordan or Cheryl Swoopes. Unfortunately, not even ten percent make it to the ranks of professional athletes. But to those athletes whose skills take them beyond their wildest dreams there is a definite place in American society.

Professional athletes are our heroes. We root for their teams and feel as if we know them. I have been a Cowboys fan since the 80's, so I know. They are revered like no other public figures. Young boys want to be like them and young girls want to marry someone "tall, like . . ." (You can fill in the blank). But what happens when these "role models" prove that they are human? We hold them to high standards, higher standards than our elected officials at times. Who is at fault here? Ask yourself a few questions.

Who founded the NAACP? Who is the "Father of Black History?" What exactly is Kente? Then ask yourself these questions.

Where did Michael Jordan play college ball? Who is Vince Carter? What is a Cowboy?

If you know none of the first questions and all of the last set . . . well you figure it out.

A special love

Tiffany Cogdell
Staff Writer

There are many people and things that we love. We love our families, our cars, clothes, shoes, and ourselves. We even love things that cannot love us back, such as money and jewelry. We know that mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, and the rest of our family and even our pets love us, but there is someone who loves us more than all these people combined! Yes, it is true that there is someone who loves us more than Uncle Mike and Fluffy, the cat. This may be surprising, but there is even someone who loves us more than we love ourselves!

The Bible lets us know this in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting

life." God loves you and I so much that he gave his son, Jesus to die for us so we can live with him forever. Romans 5:8 reads, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Would you die for someone? Would you lose your life to save someone that does not know you? Some people would die for their loved ones, but would you die for your enemy? I know someone who did. Jesus died for all of us, even when we did not know Him, please Him, honor Him, or obey Him. This love He has for us is certainly no ordinary love.

Some people are looking for love in all the wrong places. They are looking for husbands, wives, boyfriends, or girlfriends. Some

look to pets for love, and some desire children just so they can feel loved. I John 4:8 reads, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." God wants to fill the void in our hearts that no other person can fill. God's love cannot be described; it cannot be written or expressed how much He loves us. God loves us and wants to be the focus of our lives so He can show us just how unordinary His love is.

If you would like to acknowledge Jesus and His magnificent love for you, pray this prayer with me. God we thank you for loving us so much that you would give your only begotten Son, Jesus to die for us. We confess that you are Lord and that you died and rose triumphantly on the third day. We ask that you reign in our lives and help us to share your unordinary love with everyone. I love you, Lord. Amen.

Top Ten Seen and Heard at the SAA-PAMS Quiz Bowl

By Darkchild

- 10 . . . As long as those little child geniuses from Imhotep Academy didn't win, did it really matter who won?
- 9 . . . If your team didn't win, then it DID sort of matter who won, now didn't it?
- 8 . . . Now that we mention Imhotep Academy, wasn't it smooth that they had team T-shirts?
- 7 . . . Why were the Alphas the only greek-letter organization participating in the event?
- 6 . . . And what first-year student's apparent fascination with the Alphas was a little obvious when she began snapping pictures during the first round of the competition?
- 5 . . . Wasn't the "Nubian Message" recruiting team members like they were the Army?
- 4 . . . Wasn't the SAM-PAMS representative guarding the food tables like she had paid for all the food herself?
- 3 . . . Speaking of food, why is it that chicken wings are the first to go at any black function?
- 2 . . . Wasn't Dr. Hill STYLING in her leather suit??

1 . . . Aren't you glad that SAAC finally avenged last year's first round defeat to Imhotep Academy? Because it would have been very embarrassing to lose to them two year's in a row...right, Ms President?