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Bell Running for Durham Office

Adedayo A. Banwo
Editor

Former county commissioner Bill Bell is engaged in an intense run-off in the Durham mayoral race with incumbent Nick Tennyson. In last month's preliminary election, Tennyson edged Bell by a slim 1,200-vote margin, creating a run-off situation.

The Durham race revolves around 5 key bond issues. In addition to the mayor's race, voters will vote up or down on whether to borrow money for the city's schools and other facilities.

Bell is endorsed by the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black people, an influential group that yields over 90 percent of the votes in black areas of Durham, however, the areas the committee yields influence tend to be low turnout areas. The committee also is against the bond issues. The Nov. 6 election will most likely depend on turnout.

The Durham race has generated nationwide interest. Last week, Terry McAuliffe, chairman of the Democratic National Committee traveled to Durham to help raise



money for Bell's get out the vote effort.

Bell, a former Army officer, moved to Durham in the 1960s, working for IBM for a number of years before getting involved in politics.

"I never intended to go into politics. I came here to be

a young engineer and make my career and move on up," says Bell, who grew up in Winston-Salem and was educated at Howard University. Bell has been a constant in the Durham political scene from the integration of the public schools onward, a 13-term County Commissioner. If elected mayor, Bell intends to make major efforts to revitalize downtown Durham, once a center of industry and business. Currently, Bell is embroiled in an election that has gone personal. In a recent debate, when both candidates were asked to name two positive attributes about their opponents, Bell said, "I think Nick is witty, so when he cracks a joke, people laugh. ... Umm, I'm having a hard time [on a second]." Tennyson declined comment.

Besides the bond issues and downtown revitalization, urban sprawl has also become a major issue with both candidates offering different visions on how to manage the problem.

"I believe Durham can be much more selective in the type of growth that it permits," Bell said.



Folasade Omosaiye
Nubian Staff writer

Africa News Brief

Nigeria: the ethnic war.

Some soldiers were deployed to end the long feud between the Tiv and Junkun in Benue State, Nigeria. However, 19 of these soldiers were killed and this caused a major upraise amongst the surviving soldiers. The soldiers believed that the Tivs were responsible for the deaths.

Some soldiers, in retaliation, went on a three-day killing spree and massacred hundreds of male Tiv residents, destroying their homes and eventually wiping out a whole town. The president has been called upon to set up a judicial inquiry board to investigate the incident. Ethnic and religious violence has elevated since the end of military rule killing thousands of people.

Kenya: circumcision

It has been reported that 21 girls have been hospitalized due to infections from circumcision. Some have recovered, but unfortunately, some have developed serious complications. The operators were reported to have used dirty knives to execute the procedure thus leading to the girls' infections.

These girls that get circumcised are between the ages of nine and fourteen years of age. The operation is usually conducted during the holidays, but some of these girls' parents sneak them out of school to get it done. A local organization has spent over \$10,000 in medical expenses.

There have attempts to criminalize female circumcision but to no avail.

Burundi: the struggle for peace

Burundi has had a long history of coup-de-tats and a Tutsi-dominated army has led them all. Surprisingly, the Tutsis are a minority group and yet they have held on to power for all but four months since Burundi's independence.

The latest coup was controlled by a group called the National Youth Patriotic Front. They said they support efforts to restore peace in Burundi but they were unhappy with the representatives in the forefront.

Around Campus

Adedayo A. Banwo, Editor

N.C. State Delegation leaves for Conference

For the last nine years, students, faculty and staff from N.C. State have attended the Association of Black Cultural Centers national conference. This year will mark the tenth time, N.C. State will be sending a delegation.

"The ABCC is an organization that seeks to reclaim, critique and perpetuate the culture of people of African descent through networking, caretaking and institutionalizing. The annual conference provides an opportunity for directors of cultural centers from around the country, along with students, to come together to dialogue about

the status and concerns of centers for Black culture," said African American Cultural Center Director, M. Iyailu Moses.

It provides an excellent opportunity for students to meet and engage in meaningful conversations with leading Afrocentric scholars, artists and performers. It is also an opportunity for students to gain first hand experience in a conference professional setting," Moses added.

This year's conference will be held at the University of Illinois-Champaign and N.C. State is sending a delegation of 15.

External Review finds pay gap between white male faculty, women and minorities

An external survey done by the university found that many minority and female professors were underpaid. More specifically, 134 of 161 minority male professors were underpaid. The university has committed \$600,000 to bridge the pay gap among the 371 minority and female professors.

Provost Stuart Cooper plans to correct the pay inequities among women and minorities by the end of the November.

The inequities were identified by and outside review done by consultant Lois Haignere. The study also found that women and minorities were less represented at top faculty positions than white males.

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The History of the AACC
"On a number of occasions, I have heard Dr. Lawrence Clark compare the African American experience and struggle to that of a relay race. One of the critical aspects of the race being the passing of the baton from one runner to the next. Understanding that if the baton drops to the ground the race can be considered over."



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Expressions

Love is in it All

It travels across the sea
Beneath the Earth
Above the air
Soaring and twisting in the clouds
And in the precipitation it sends to the Earth as a gift
It pumps through my veins
And flows everlasting like the ancient Nile
It's in the sands of the Sahara, in the cactuses
Intertwined with the birth and joys of giving life
A fruit with all the sweet juices of the Earth
It's in the motion of the sea and in the depths of the abyss
It pricks like the thorn of a rose
And burns like fire
It lurks around the sun, the stars, and the moon
In every morning, night, and noon
It's in the pyramids of Egypt too
Love was a dream waiting to happen
I am so glad I found you

The Black Student

The Black Student wakes up every morning and takes a deep breath
One that reflects thankfulness for waking up and at the same time
Includes a pondering of what today will have in store
The Black Student walks into a class room and finds few like himself
Maybe a handful of students and seldom the professor
The Black Student always faces a challenge
For he must excel over everyone
In every arena, be it academic, social, or athletic
The pressure is on to be the very best
To represent for those that didn't quite make it
To do the great things that his grandparents were not allowed to do
Attend a predominately white university and graduate with a degree
And although these pressures are on the shoulder of The Black Student
He never gives up
Simply prays about it and continues to succeed
Even if the face of adversity

Nicole Lee

Questions & Answers

What do you do when your world comes crashing down?
Do you fall by the sight of failure without concocting a remedy?

My God lets me know that when no one else is around
I can always call on him, because he dwells within me.

What do you do when all hope is lost?
Do you weep like pierced buckets of fear submerged in water?

My bucket is sealed and consumed with the apprehensive mixture,
Then I come to my senses and create a remedy...

All I have to do is empty the bucket!

New Books in the AACC Library

Fiction

Cheaters. Eric J. Dickey
Church Folk. Michelle Bowen
Day late and a dollar short.
Terry McMillan
River, cross my heart. Breana Clark

Non-Fiction

As Long As They Don't Move
Next Door: Segregation and Racial Conflict in American Neighborhoods. Stephen Myer
Don't Worry, Be Nappy! How to Grow Dreadlocks. Jeff Bradley
Pulpit Confessions: Exposing the Black Church. N. Moore

Nubian Events

Makings of Home: Quilts and Artifacts from the Collection of L. Teresa Church
Oct. 17 - Dec. 19
John Biggers Gallery
African American Cultural Center, NC State University

Oratorical Contest: "The Essence of the African American Culture Center and It's Beginning"
Nov. 8 @ 7pm
Sponsored by African American Cultural Center and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
AACC Multipurpose Room. Rm 126

Urban Tap Illuminates Center Stage With Style and Diversity

Keon Pettitway
Culture and Arts Editor

Urban Tap performers dazzled the audience with culturally enhanced dance techniques and music at NC State on October 29-30, 2001. Urban Tap was presented by NCSU Center Stage, and was featured in Stewart Theatre at Tally Student Center. The dance troupe was similar to a global interaction with performers from Haiti, Brazil, Japan, Columbia, French Guiana, Italy, New York City, and other avenues of the world. The artists collaborated dance techniques, such as free style tap and Brazilian capoeira to create an energetic performance unparalleled to common dance styles. The musicians accompanied the dancers with live jazz, funk music, and vibes from instruments collected from various regions of the world.

Tamango, director and choreographer, created Urban Tap in 1993. Tamango was born in Cayenne, French Guiana, and moved to Paris at the age of eight. Surprisingly, Tamango started tap dancing in his early twenties at the American Center in Paris and the Beaus Arts de Paris. Since it's beginning, Urban Tap has been showcased at various clubs in New York and debuted at The Kitchen in 1999.

The Urban Tap troupe had a free exhibition show in the multipurpose room of the African American Cultural Center. Faculty and students who attended the event witnessed some brief tap dance techniques performed by Tamango. His performance consisted of free-

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Nov. 1-4, 7-11
Performed by Black Repertory Theatre
Thompson Theatre, NC State University

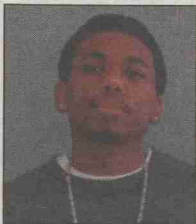
Black Dart Chronicles
Every Wednesday night @ 8pm
Expressions
110 E. Hargett St.
Downtown Raleigh

The Cypher (Vibes-Music-Poetry)
Nov. 9 @ 9pm
Berkeley Cafe
217 W. Martin St., Downtown,
Raleigh, NC tel: (919) 821-0777

style tap and rhythm. Since Tamango never witnessed a live step performance three people from the audience showed Tamango some steps from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

Most of the performers are experienced artists who have worked with various dance artists and music companies. Tamango has performed with famous dance artists such as Gregory Hines, Chuck Green, Buster Brown, and Lon Chaney. Gaston Jean-Baptiste, Haitian percussion musician, tours with Grace Jones and is featured on recordings by Salif Keita and Wyclef Jean. Jean de Boysson, a multi media artist, has produced some of his work which has been shown at the Berlin Film Festival, the World Wide Video Festival of the Hague, Reina Sofia Museum of Art in Madrid, and many other video festivals and museums. Sheila Anozier choreographed, promoted, and coordinated works for Dance Kamania. These are a few of the many credentials of the Urban Tap performers. Cabello performed capoeira, which is from the Afro-Brazilian culture. Cabello performed with poise and flexibility, which astonished the audience. Before his performance he sang a Brazilian song that prepared him for capoeira. Cabello is a student of Mestre Joao Grande, a master of the traditional Capoeira Angola.

After the performance, some of the audience stayed to speak with the artists and ask questions. The show lasted for one hour and thirty minutes...nonstop. I asked Tamango what drives his determination to keep performing and dedicating his life to tap. Tamango replied with, "Urban Tap is scheduled to tour throughout the US in 16 cities in every region. Tour development for Urban Tap was provided by MAPP on Tour."



Troy Neal
Nubian Editor

Hip Hop Lounge The Nycest source of Hip Hop reviews, news, culture, and whatever else I feel like...

FREEstyle Fanatics, Part II Review

Once again FREEstyle Fanatics was off the hook. Part 2 took place in Berry lounge of the QUADjects. Just like part 1, part 2 brought out the hip-hop generation once to showcase emceeing at its rawest form. Part 2 was also the same night as take back the night and other events around campus but that did not keep the crowds away at all. Part 2 had much more than Berry lounge could handle and then some, strapped with 7 competitors ready to spit fire.

The emcees who competed were Phonte, Kedar, B-Wize, Low, Unknown, Hollywood, and O-Beese. Some were returners from part 1, others were newcomers to Fanatics. In Part 2, judging was different from part 1. In part 1 the crowd determined who went on the next round. Part 2 had three judges, one was yours truly and another was Rebirth(shout to the Foundation). Each judge was to award each emcee a score based from 1 to 5 mics, with 5 mics being the highest. The total of all three judge's score would determine which emcee would go into the next round.

The judging in part 2 made the emcees work harder in order to advance. Some emcees thought they could just get by with getting the crowd hype but this time that did not matter. Switching up styles helps like that helps to keep emcees on their toes while also keeping Fanatics fresh. This event was hosted by none other than Arkitek repping QC, the Foundation, Brazen, Renaissance, etc. Keon, Uncle Funderburke, D-Money, and other Quad Ra's helped to organize the event also with some assistance from the originators T-Nyce (the one and only) and Rebirth. Unknown, Low, and B-wize came back for more Fanatics and repped well. Since this time there were only 7 emcees, advancing to the next round was harder. Unknown and Low came with some verbal assault but did not end up going past round one.

The Bracket:

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|-----------|-----------|--------|
| B-Wize | B-Wize | |
| O-Beese | | Phonte |
| Low | | |
| Phonte | Phonte | |
| Unknown | | |
| Hollywood | Hollywood | |
| Kedar | Kedar | Kedar |

Hollywood a Fanatics newcomer also did his thang as he was able to advance to round 2. Phonte also Fanatics newcomer was the overall and much deserved winner. Phonte bursted onto the scene with much energy and lyrical comedy, while managing to eliminating each competitor with relative ease. Kedar also was back to defend his title. He came with his usual lyrical attack and ready for war.

The nycest battle of the night was the Kedar vs. Phonte battle in the finals. These two cats showed mad respect before and after but both were hungry for the title. Without holding anything back, both emcees attacked each other fiercely. Even though Phonte came away with the win, no luv was lost between the two. Phonte did edge him out with some nyc lyrical lines. Here were some he said:

"When is the last time you've seen Guess sneakers?"

"Busta Rhyme's Mini-me"

"Lay your plaid shirt on the table and play checkers"

For those of you who were there Fanatics part 2 lived up to it's reputation, with the event only getting hotter and more elaborate. Keep a look out for Part 3, coming to you live for the North Hall Merry Monk. One...

T-Nyce...the one and only



Winner:
Phonte

Sports

Let me know what U think:

Do you think it was a good idea for Michael Jordan to come back?

Holla at me and let me know what U think tjneal@unity.ncsu.edu

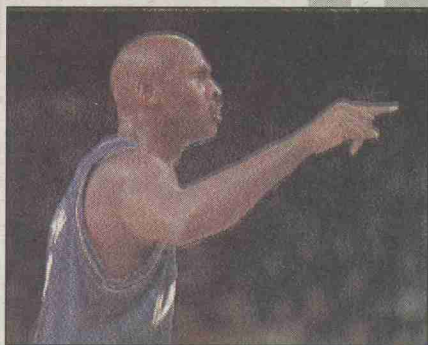
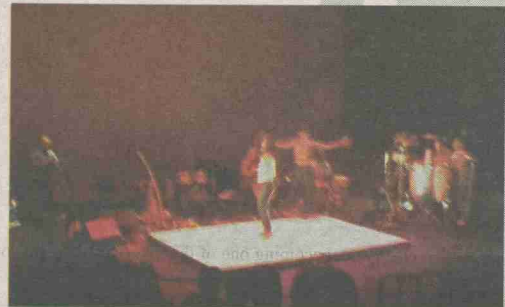
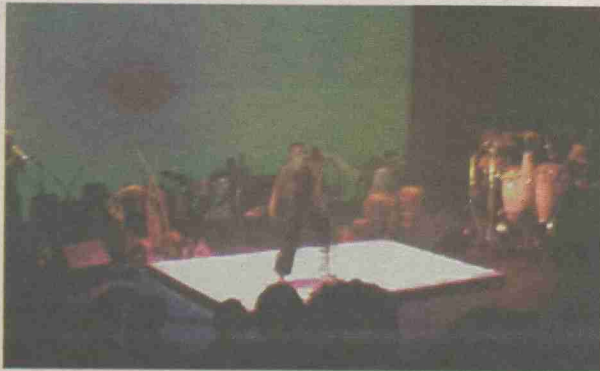
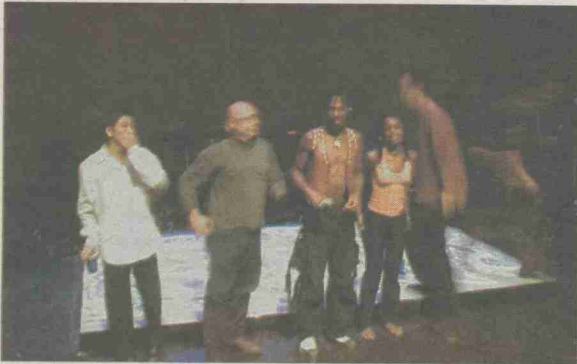


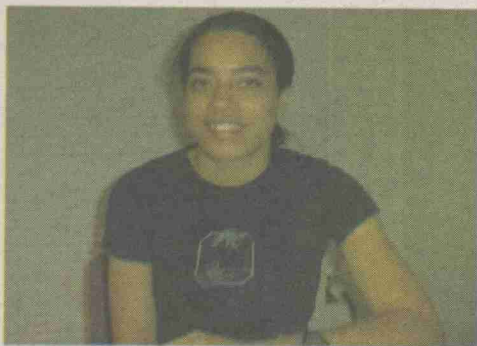
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Student Spotlight



Christina Barrett

student of the week

Major: Wildlife Science

Activities: Impact, Campus Crusade

Junior/Senior Year:

After school YMCA Camp Counselor,
3rd grade tutor

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This Week in Black History

November 1

Antigua Independence Day

WEB Dubois, activist, begins publication of the NAACP monthly magazine, Crisis, 1910

John H Johnson publishes first issue of Ebony magazine, 1945

November 2

Maggie L Walker, business and civic leader, opens the St Luke Penny Savings Bank in Richmond, VA, 1903

President Ronald Reagan signs law designating the third Monday in January Martin Luther King Jr Day, 1983

November 3

Dominica Independence Day

JH Hunter patents the portable weighing scales, 1896

Harold Ford elected congressman from TN, 1974

Thurman L Milnet elected mayor of Hartford CT, 1981

Carol Moseley Braun elected to US Senate, 1992

November 4

T Elkins patents the refrigerating apparatus, 1879

Hulan Jack elected first Black Borough President of Manhattan, NYC, 1953

Shirley Verrett, world renowned opera singer, makes her debut in New York City, 1958

November 5

Theo Wright becomes the first Black recipient of a Theology Degree in the US, 1836

Shirley Chisholm becomes first Black woman elected to Congress, representing Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NYC, 1968

George Brown elected Lt Governor of Colorado, becoming one of the first two Black Lt Governors in the USA, 1974

Mervyn M Dymally elected Lt Governor of California, becoming one of the first two Black

Lt

Governors in the USA, 1974

November 6

William Wells Brown, novelist and dramatist, dies, 1884

Coleman Young elected mayor of Detroit, becoming one of the first two Black mayors of city with over a million citizens, 1973

Thomas Bradley elected mayor of Los Angeles at a time when Blacks represented only 15% of the LA electorate, becoming one of the first two Black mayors of city with over a million citizens, 1973

November 7

Elijah Lovejoy, newspaperman, killed defending his newspaper from a pro-slavery mob, 1837

David Dinkins elected first Black mayor of New York City, 1989

L Douglas Wilder elected governor of Virginia, becoming the first Black Governor in the US since Reconstruction, 1989



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Black Woman for the Ages

By Adedayo Banwo
Editor

I want my daughters to grow up to be like Representative Cynthia McKinney. Her courage, character and intellect make her a role model not only for young black women and men, but for all Americans.

A little over one month following the Sept. 11 attacks, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal of Saudi Arabia visited ground zero of the World Trade Center site. Prince Alwaleed presented Mayor Rudy Guiliani and New York City with a check of \$10 million before leaving. However, Guiliani refused the check upon hearing these comments Prince Alwaleed made about America:

"At times like this one, we must address some of the issues that led to such a criminal attack. I believe the government of the United States of America should reexamine its policies in the Middle East and adopt a more balanced stance toward the Palestinian cause."

Not one to compromise, Guiliani sent the check back and McKinney spoke up. "In my three-page letter to Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a longtime friend of America, I expressed my disappointment with New York City Mayor Rudy Guiliani's refusal of a \$10 million donation that would have helped the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedies. I asked the prince to direct the \$10 million to American charities outside the mayor's control, and I specifically suggested that he direct his charity toward poor blacks who sleep on the street in the shadows of our nation's Capitol."

In other words, Rep. McKinney said Guiliani may not want the \$10 million but black people definitely need it. What has followed has been a firestorm of criticism aimed at Rep. McKinney nearly on par with the criticism received by another black congresswoman, Rep. Barbara Lee, the lone legislator to vote against President Bush's anti-terrorism bill. One editor for the National Review, Jonah Goldberg, even had this to say about Rep. McKinney:

"Like a personal-injury lawyer slapping awake an old lady with a broken hip, Ms. McKinney just couldn't resist the smell of bloody money. As an example of an American politician denigrating her own country in order

to curry favor with a foreign nation, Ms. McKinney's letter is really a thing of beauty. There's no doubt her diatribes about American racism provided much useful filler for anti-American propagandists throughout the Middle East."

What makes McKinney such a strong role model is that she didn't take this criticism sitting down. McKinney has made a stand to be an articulate voice within a sea of confusion. It is important to note that McKinney does not represent an extremely liberal or majority black district. In fact, most of her constituents are white. However, she has been a tireless advocate for the rights of blacks and working people.

"Almost two weeks ago, I introduced legislation to override the recently signed executive order by President Bush that would deny our servicemen their overtime pay after 400 days of deployment within two years. Yet on Oct. 12, when I wrote a letter to a Saudi prince asking for help for America's poor, and after the letter was made public by my staff, I received 32 calls from the media in just four hours. Why the difference? In the first letter I was merely fighting for powerless Americans who are putting their lives on the line to protect our nation and our freedoms. In the second letter, I had the temerity to communicate publicly with an American ally who has expressed the opinion that the United States should reevaluate its policy toward the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians," McKinney said.

It seems some believe that Reps. McKinney and Lee should just keep quiet about what's happening in U.S. Foreign Policy.

"I believe that when it comes to major foreign policy issues, many prefer to have black people seen and not heard", McKinney said.

However, the fact that she won't simply be quiet and the fact that she is speaking out despite possible large-scale repercussions for her career makes her a hero in my book. If more of our politicians would stop being self-centered and concerned solely with their careers, then maybe we would have more Cynthia McKinneys. This makes her not only a black woman for the ages but an American for the ages as well.

What does the future hold?

The Nubian Message Weekly Editorial

What will become of America in the years to follow? This is a question many Americans are beginning to ask ourselves. With fighting overseas, anthrax, a shaky economy and warnings of new terrorist threats, many of us feel like the future is not as certain as it once was. Places that were a part of our everyday lives no longer feel safe. The events of September 11th certainly changed all our lives, but have we seen the worst or is the war just beginning?

What will happen even after the war is over? America faces a tough battle with evil, a force that existed long before America and will continue to exist long after America has left the scene. Even if our army eliminated all of the members of the notorious Taliban, what about their children and their children's children. Will this be a never ending battle to rid the Earth of terrorism? What kind of world can we expect to raise our children in and what will we have to teach them?

It's comforting to see that America is making efforts to educate the nation's children about other cultures and exactly what is going on now. Hopefully we are planting the seeds that will one day bring peace back to our country. In the meanwhile though, all we can do is be patient and prepared to support our nation in this time of war.

Sweep Around Your Own Front Door

By Delves Ingram

Once there was a point in my education where I was in an academic dilemma. My time management was awful, my grades were slipping, and my money just was not coming through. I was experiencing the worst of college life.

An individual tried to tell me how to manage my time, how to study, where to work, and when to work.

Though I am thankful that someone cared enough to attempt to help me out and give advice, that this individual's time management, grades, and financial situation were two times worse than my own. That really bugged me.

Things eventually became better. Through my stubbornness, things worked out. However, the individual that attempted to help me, who lost sleep, worried, cried, and was bothered by my situation never got their situation on the right track. This resulted in a great downfall on their part.

I get very stubborn when advice comes from an unworthy source. I hate it when someone that has problems of their own try to work out my problems. That's a

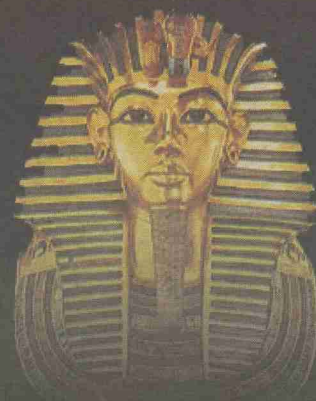
major problem!

Have you ever been in this same predicament? Has anyone tried to get all up in your business for the sake of his or her own pleasure? Have you had the misfortune of dealing with nosy people?

The Williams Brothers, a pioneer gospel quartet, wrote a song called "Sweep Around" back in the early 1980s. The chorus of the song states, "Sweep around your own front door before you try to sweep around mine." This song contains a valuable and important message. To paraphrase this song's significance, it let us know that we should mind our own business and take care of our own personal problems. It also let us know that we should be careful of rumors and deception.

Leave people's problems and situations alone. It is their business. The message is simple. Let us be certain to take care of ourselves first before we branch out to help others. Let us be sure also to watch what we say. A rumor is like a wildfire, so do not light the match. Let us take heed to this simple message. It will keep small problems from becoming big.

If your front porch is dusty, clean it up. And while you're at it, clean up on the inside as well. Clean your kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, living room, whatever your house contains. A wise man once told me that the blind can't lead the blind. Are you the nosy person? Are you the person of nuisance? Be sure to check



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Saturday November 3, 2001
at the Merriot in RTP
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(\$10.00 for greek singles and
\$20 for greek couples)

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got something to say?

Express yourself with OPINIONS

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