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MALCOLM X 1925 - 1965

MALCOLM X WAS BORN MALCOLM LITTLE ON MAY 19, 1925 IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

HIS MOTHER, LOUIS NORTON LITTLE, WAS A HOMEMAKER OCCUPIED WITH THE FAMILY'S EIGHT CHILDREN.

HIS FATHER, EARL LITTLE, WAS AN OUTSPOKEN BAPTIST MINISTER AND AVID SUPPORTER OF BLACK NATIONALIST LEADER MARCUS GARVEY.

MALCOM X WAS THE INSPIRATION OF MANY LEADERS IN THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT, HIS TEACHINGS AND WRITINGS HAVE RE-EMERGED AMONG TODAY'S YOUTH.

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EACH WEEK A DIFFERENT COMMEMORATIVE COVER

Provost defends University's effectiveness

Adedayo A. Banwo
Editor

At a town hall meeting sponsored by the Society of Afrikan American Culture to discuss the grades given to the University by the African American Student Advisory Council, Provost Stuart Cooper admitted the University had a long way to go to improve graduation and retention rates for black students but defend-

ed the University's effectiveness.

Cooper insisted that AASAC must look at N.C. State's 16 peer, research I institutions when analyzing graduation and retention rates for black students and recruitment and retention rates for black faculty.

"When we compare ourselves to other schools, we get a very different picture," Cooper said. "It's not to say we don't have a long way to go."

Cooper disagreed with the grades on black faculty and enrollment of black faculty but thought the University deserved poor marks in graduation rates.

"If we deserve a poor grade, it is in the area of graduation rates," Cooper said.

Throughout his presentation, Cooper emphasized that the University was making large strides to better its numbers regarding black faculty and freshmen recruitment. Cooper said the number one resource that the university needed more of to be competitive was money.

"It is like

recruiting for an athletic team,"

Cooper said. "Everyone wants to be in the top ten. For us to win more of those battles with other schools, we have to raise more money," Cooper said.

N.C. State's total investment endowment is around \$250 million. That amount pales in comparison to other triangle schools, Duke, UNC-CH, and Wake Forest. Duke's endowment is well over \$1 billion, UNC-CH is around \$900 million, and Wake Forest has an investment endowment of around \$800 million.

"The biggest factor dealing with many of these issues is often money and we need more money," Cooper said.

The question-and-answer period allowed Cooper to directly address

the concerns of AASAC members and others attending the conference.

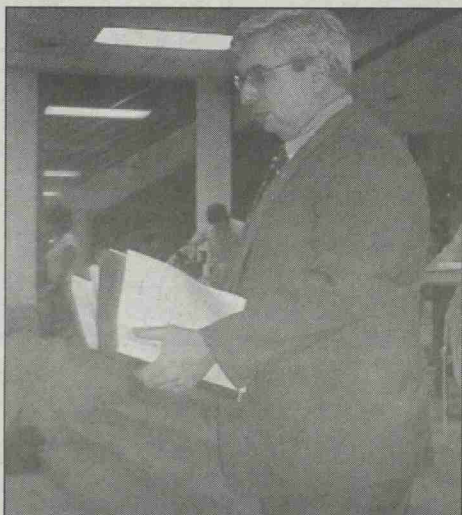
One of the questions raised concerning freshmen enrollment was why were 42 percent of black incoming freshmen placed in First Year College?

Cooper responded by saying that he did not agree that FYC was a dumping

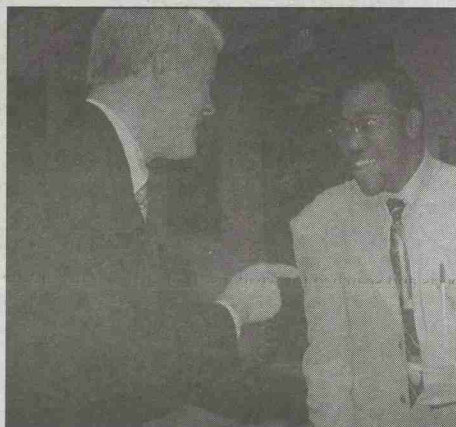
ground for black students and was in fact a quality program.

"FYC is a powerful solution, and students who are in FYC have shown consistent progress to degrees. We view that as a quality experience, and we want to strengthen the FYC experience more, of course, we don't want only one group participating in FYC because it is such a quality experience," Cooper said.

One of the initiatives Cooper said his office was undertaking to directly change some of these issues was the College Diversity Program competition headed by Dr. Rupert Nacoste, in which the Provost office awarded grants to the most creative and promising programs involving diversity to individual colleges.



Provost Stuart Cooper during his presentation at SAAC's townhall meeting



Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford talks with AASAC Vice Chair Curtis Hill following the townhall meeting

Photos by S. Williams

National Statistics among research I, peer institutions presented by Provost Cooper

Full Time Undergraduate Black Students:

Rutgers University-New Brunswick	2,019
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1,922
North Carolina State University	1,851
UNC-Chapel Hill	1,643
Pennsylvania State University	1,301
University of Georgia	1,270
Purdue University	927
Virginia Tech	905
Texas A&M University	837

Full Time Black Faculty

Duke University	121
University of Georgia	120
UNC-Chapel Hill	103
Pennsylvania State University	74
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	72
North Carolina State University	68
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	57
University of Wisconsin-Madison	54
Virginia Tech	50
University of California-Davis	40

Black History Month Events This Week

February 5 - 9

Black History Month Film Series, Black Horror with a B

Witherspoon Cinema - \$1.50 Students, \$2.00 Others

Blade - 8th, 9th 8:45 p.m.

Blacula - 7th, 8th, 7p.m. / 9th 11 p.m.

Bones - 7th, 9th 9 p.m. / 8th 11 p.m.

February 8

Around the Village - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

AACC Multipurpose Room

The Family Reunion featuring Ayaba

Bey" 7 p.m. AACC Multipurpose Room

\$5 Students, \$7 Others

February 10

African American Quiz Bowl; SAAPAMS

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. AACC Multipurpose Room

February 12

"Keepin' it Real: What's Wrong with Black Folks?"

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. & Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

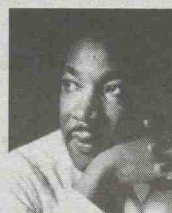
7 p.m. Witherspoon

February 13

"Black Love: The Art of Romance"

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. & Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

7 p.m. Witherspoon



News

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Africa News Brief Folasade Omosaiye

NIGERIA: RENEWED ETHNIC CONFLICTS



A man surveys the damage in Lagos, courtesy BBC

A shaky calmness has been restored to Nigeria's commercial capital, Lagos. After the explosion, ethnic rivalry resurfaced causing two ethnic groups, Yorubas and Hausas, to clash and resulted in about a hundred deaths. The Yorubas are situated in the southwestern part of the country, while the Hausas are located in the northern part.

Armed forces were deployed to the area to quell the confusion and killings. They rounded up suspects and searched for weapons. There have been rumors that more clashes will occur but none have yet. Some people have been seen holding weapons on the streets, only to disappear at the sight of army men patrolling.

It was reported that security has also increased in the northern part of the country where revenge is feared. Ethnic clashes have been a regular occurrence since military control ended about three years ago.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REMORSE- FUL

Since the independence of the Democratic Republic of Congo from Belgium in 1960, Lumumba has been the only elected leader. Four months after stepping into power, he was overthrown by an opposition party and later murdered at the age of 35.

Belgium recently apologized for Patrice Lumumba's assassination. The foreign minister, Louis Michel, said the government felt it should

extend its sincere regrets to Lumumba's family for the pain inflicted upon them. Lumumba's son, Francois, who is an opposition leader in

DRC, welcomed the apology.

Amidst the chaos that occurred after DRC's independence, Lumumba was abducted by Congolese rivals, taken to Katanga and murdered. Some people believe his rivals were to blame for it. In penitence, the Belgium government is setting up a Patrice Lumumba fund.

The fund is worth over \$3 million and is described as an attempt to make amends for his death. The purpose of the fund is to help DRC's democratic development by financing conflict prevention, legal and youth projects.

BURKINA FASO: DENIED ALLEGATIONS

Human rights activists have accused the Burkina Faso government of extra-judicial killings of suspected criminals. They accused the government authorities of murders resulting from a claim to curb armed robberies in the country. The activists report that they have found over a hundred bodies at different locations across the nation.

On the other hand, the Burkina Faso government has denied this accusation. The Security Minister, Djibril Bassole, admitted that his forces did kill a number of suspected criminals. However, he claimed that these executions were carried out as a result of self-defense. He asserted that the criminals they did kill were armed with highly professional and dangerous weapons.

US News Brief Robert White

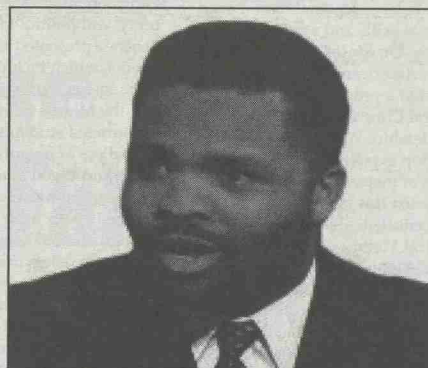
MISSISSIPPI: Judge with hostile record toward minorities

Various civil rights groups have asked President Bush to withdraw the nomination of Charles Pickering, Sr. to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals due to his unfavorable civil rights record. Charles Pickering, Sr. is currently the nominee for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, which consists of Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi. Each of these states has large percentages of minority defendants.

The groups advocating the dismissal of Pickering wrote a 25-page report based on his civil rights record. Critics also talk about his involvement in an organization known as Mississippi's Sovereignty Commission in the 60s and early 70s. The Commission often spied on civil rights and labor leaders in attempts to destabilize their organizations. As a judge, Pickering has had at least 26 of his rulings overturned in Circuit Court. Critics maintain he is a staunch opponent of Affirmative Action and race-based employment lawsuits. "He makes it difficult for litigants to obtain justice," states the report.

Groups opposed to Pickering's nomination include NAACP chapters in the Fifth District, People for the American Way and the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights. Circuit judges receive a lifetime appointment and review appeals from lower courts. Pickering is fully endorsed by Senate Republican leader Trent Lott of Mississippi. The elder President Bush appointed Pickering to a federal judgeship in 1990.

CHICAGO: The other Jesse Jackson drops out of the race



Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. sued a man with the same name who intended to be placed on a primary ballot for Jackson's congressional seat.

Jesse Jackson, a 68-year-old truck driver, is pulling out of the Congressional Race. The older Jackson is leaving due to the deaths made toward his wife and his grandson, a college freshman.

Jackson's opponent, current Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr., sued him because Jackson thought his name was being used as a tool for his rivals to confuse voters, ultimately costing him votes. Both candidates were vying for the Congressional representations of Chicago's South Side. Congressman Jackson believes Illinois State Senator William Shaw and his brother Cook County Commissioner Robert Shaw were behind the elder Jackson's candidacy.

Jesse Jackson, Jr. is the son of Civil Rights leader, Jesse Jackson. The Congressman decided to drop his lawsuit upon hearing of the elder Jackson's departure. However, he will pursue a lawsuit against William Shaw. Jackson will be the only candidate at the Democratic primary next month.

ATLANTA: Georgia Power Company deals with racial incident.

In Roopville, GA workers at Plant Wansley found nooses between...

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Hodge Suspended



Freshman basketball player Julius Hodge was suspended one game for elbowing Maryland's Steve Blake during Sunday's basketball game. Hodge is State's 2nd leading scorer.

The elbow came after Blake, according to Hodge, hit him in the throat and called him "a little punk."

Blake was not suspended and received no reprimand. During the last N.C. State - Maryland game, video shows Blake hitting Hodge in the stomach and no foul was called on that play.

"The incident that occurred between Steve Blake and myself near the end of our game with Maryland is not how I want to represent myself, my team or N.C. State. I do regret my reaction and I know that I have to do a better job of controlling my emotions on the basketball court," Hodge said.

Surprise!



Brandy reveals in an interview with MTV Europe that she has been married since last summer. Brandy told them that she

got married to songwriter/Web producer Robert Smith last year. "I've fallen in love with a very warm, gentle, understanding and focused person," Brandy said in a statement given to MTV Europe. She is set to release her new album, "Full Moon" on March 5.

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Culture & Arts

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

N.C. State students attend Southeastern Leadership Conference

Robert White

On Saturday, Feb. 2, N.C. State students, sponsored by the office of Multicultural Students Affairs, attended the Southeastern African American Student Leadership Conference (SEAALSC) in Greenville, N.C.

The event, hosted by East Carolina University, is designed to help African American college students become effective leaders. Through workshops and seminars, students learn various leadership techniques and discuss various methods focusing on campus, national and international problems. SEAALSC was founded in 1993 at UNC-Wilmington.

Several of the presenters at the conference were from N.C. State. Dr. Tracey Ray, Director of Multicultural Student Affairs, presented a workshop entitled, "Unlocking One's Cultural Consciousness." Stacia Solomon, Assistant Director of African American Student Affairs presented a program entitled, "Slow Your Role." The workshop helped student leaders balance leadership and organizational skills and academic responsibilities. Dr. Moses, Director of the African American Culture Center, conducted a program entitled, "Cultural Consciousness Dimension to Leadership: Who Am I?" The workshop exposed leaders to cultural sources of inspiration. Dr. Moses' husband, artist Ras Jahazial, presented a speech entitled, "Testimony from the Historical Victims of Terrorism." Ras Jahazial discussed racial terrorism from the Middle Passage to present.

One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation by the Kappa Lambda (N.C. State) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Their presentation was called, "What Can Leaders Do to Combat Racism and Racial Harassment on Campus?" Wilson White, Carlos Goins, Dominique Williams, Jonathan Frazier and Shawn Penn led the discussion about the events surrounding the racial incident at Auburn University and the resulting implications for college students in N.C. The discussion began with a recap of the incident.

Last Halloween, members of Delta Sigma Pi, a historically white fraternity, put on Omega Psi Phi paraphernalia and KKK garb for a "hood" party during which they mocked African Americans. Participants in the workshop discussed various problems on college campuses across N.C.

The workshop also offered solutions to the problems, such as African American groups collaborating on programs and extending the invitation to non-black organizations. Attendees at the workshop discussed extended dialogue with white students and administration on diversity issues. An older student at the workshop also encouraged participants to learn the university's "political structure."

Keynote speaker, Dr. Sonia Sanchez, shared her views with students about Langston Hughes, African American unity, and politics in poetry. Dr. Sanchez presented several of her poems, which included subjects such as Langston Hughes, Tupac Shakur and the Middle Passage. Dr. Sanchez encouraged students to work together regardless of organizational differences and urged students to become teachers and role models.

Overall, N.C. State students seemed to enjoy the daylong conference. The N.C. State delegation literally jumped for joy when N.C. State received the honor of bringing the largest group to the SEAALSC. Next year the SEAALSC will be held at UNC-Wilmington during the first week of February.

Nubian Poetry

"Opportunity"
Chaz Minter

....think it's so easy.
....just don't know.
How does one make an approach
When so much is expected?
Can't one be different,
Without being rejected?
Don't know what to make of me?



She is absolutely gorgeous,
Thick hips and thick lips.
She walks with confidence,
Head held at full height.
Hourglass figure apparent,
Her skin radiant in the sunlight.
Sophisticated, sensual, and lovely,
Intoxicating to every sense of the body.
Smell, taste, touch, sound, and sight,
Each wriggle and writhe in pure delight.

Gone...
She continues on her path.
Oblivious...
Tormenting, excruciating is this doubt inside,
That allows her to escape from me once again...
Right from my side!
Confidence struggling to rise,
So that one day,
She will no longer be my demise.

Life is Unpredictable...Love is a Seasonal Thing
By: Chasda D. Clendinen



Yesterday I loved you
Today I don't
Yesterday I would have
But today I won't
Yesterday I know
Today I learn
In the future, the tables may turn
Today I did like
Tomorrow I may dislike
It used to be loose
But now it is too tight
Yesterday I smiled for the happy
Today I frown for the sad
Sometimes I wish I hadn't
Then, I wish I had
Love may be joyful like spring
When the flowers bloom and the birds begin to sing
Love may be dead like the fall
When the wind strips the colorful trees tiny and tall
Love may be cold
Like winter no comfort to the soul
Then love can be warm
Sheltering like a safe haven and protecting from harm
Life is unpredictable and love my dear is a seasonal thing

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September 2001 and January 2002. Many think the seven nooses found during the five-month period were a result of a discrimination lawsuit against Georgia Power Co. and its parent company, Southern Co., by seven African American employees. "The discovery of the nooses puts a lie to Southern Co.'s claim that it has addressed racial hostility issues," says plaintiff representative Steve Rosenwater.

In response to the nooses, Southern Co. is launching an internal investigation of the plant. "We have also sent a letter regarding our zero tolerance policy regarding racial harassment," said a spokesperson for the company. The utility corporation will also bring in the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to look at evidence and get a profile for individuals that would commit these acts. Georgia Power will offer a \$5,000 reward as an incentive for anyone with information on the incident.

Roosevelt Thomas, the owner of a law firm that specializes in

diversity training, believes it is a step in the right direction for the racially tense corporation. As the investigation continues, so does the lawsuit of the seven African American plaintiffs.

LOS ANGELES: Poitier to receive honorary Academy Award

Sidney Poitier will receive an honorary Academy Award on the March 24 Academy Award telecast. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences president, Frank Pierson, says, "Poitier will be honored for extraordinary performances and presence onscreen."

Poitier won an Academy Award for Best Actor in the 1963 film, "Lilies in the Field." He also received a nomination for the 1959 film, "Defiant Ones." The actor is best known for his roles in movies such as "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?," "In the Heat of the Night," and "To Sir With Love." He also costarred with Bill Cosby in "Uptown Saturday Night" and "Let's Do It Again." Poitier was also active during the Civil Rights Movement.

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pleased with rumors of having a new Black Panther Party.

competitive global society. They say local and national politicians are indifferent to their needs.



Bobby Seale speaks at a Panther rally, courtesy of bobbyseale.com

Members of the new Black Panther Party have formed a Black Power Committee that is preparing to take as many as 15 busloads of young people, ages 15 to 25, to New York City for the Million Youth March on Sept. 5. Many of them are looking for new leaders to take them into the next century. They want leaders who preach nationalism, self-reliance and economic empowerment, survival skills they say are imperative in an increasingly

Although the two parties may have the same interests at heart, the former members of the original Black Panthers feel that the new generation does not have the right to use the name Black Panthers because they were not a part of that original movement. They also believe that there was, is, and always will be only one Black Panther Party.

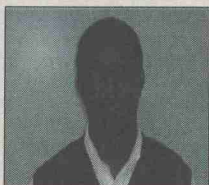
What do you think?

What's On Your Mind

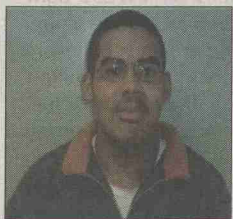
Various issues are discussed amongst African American students at N.C. State.

On Tuesday, January 30, 2002, the African American Advisory Council (AASAC) held a Town Hall meeting in the African American Cultural Center. AASAC addressed the grading report of N.C. State in regards to the admission, retention, and graduation rate of African American students.

How effective was the Town Hall meeting?



"In my opinion, the effectiveness of the Town Hall meeting is yet to be realized. I think the Town Hall meeting was effective in making the voice of the 'suffering' heard. We can not consider it effective until the issues raises are addressed."
-Clifford Mensah



"I've dream 'report card' issue presented three times now. What happened in the Cultural Center this time, was the most well prepared, well received, and effective show of student advocacy I've ever seen."
-Michael D. Anthony

"The meeting was effective with regard to disseminating information. But Stuart Cooper pretty much said that no new strategies will be implemented to change things. And I believe that if you always do what you always did, then you always get what you got."
-Tiffany Wilder

THE Family Reunion

featuring
Ayaba Bey



Friday, February 8, 2002

7:30 p.m.

African American Cultural Center

**\$5 Students with ID
\$7 General Admission**

Advance tickets may be purchased at the African American Cultural Center, Proceeds benefit our C.T. Vivian Study Abroad Scholarship Fund

Sports & Entertainment

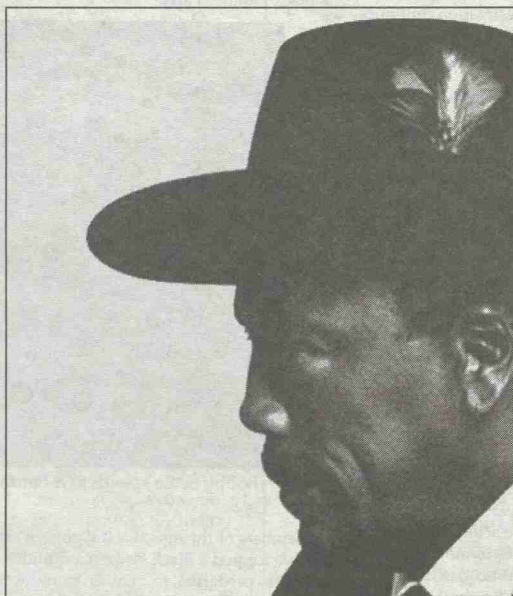
"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Hip Hop Lounge Book Reviewz

Book Reviewz

"Q": The autobiography of Quincy Jones
Doubleday Publishing, October 2001

"Q" is the title of Quincy Jones' autobiographical book. Besides appearing on Oprah's Book Club, "Q" is critically acclaimed by many critics. This book, as you would think, tells the life story of Quincy Jones through his own words. What makes this book extra interesting are the chapters written by Quincy's close friends and family. Some of those who wrote about him include hip-hop pioneer Melle Mel, Ray Charles, his three children, and his two ex-wives. "Q" takes a deep look inside the life of Quincy Jones from his early childhood to the present time. What is so amazing is that Quincy Jones' writing is really good! He obviously is a musical genius who has mastered composing, song writing, arranging, playing instruments, etc. But his writing is on that same high level as his other talents. This is why critics have praised his book. It is particularly hard to write a well-written book on one's life. This book tells the story of his life, so that readers can see what experiences Quincy Jones has gone through to shape him into the human being he is today. One of the parts of the book that stuck out to me was when Quincy described how his family lived in poverty when he was young. He spoke of how he and his brother would go down to the river and catch rats to eat...yes, to eat. His grandmother would cook them. She told them "the more the rats wiggle their tails, the better they'd taste." I have not fully finished this book I am about halfway done. I have skimmed it through but now I am really reading the whole thing in depth. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in Quincy Jones or the music business in general. I thank my brother



Quincy Jones, shown above, has just released an autobiography

for getting me this book after hearing Nas say on the radio, "anyone trying to get into the music business should read the Q." The book has a cover price of \$26 but can be bought for lower on the Internet.

Rating 9.5/10

"Life and Def- Sex, Drugs, Money, and God"-
Russell Simmons
Crown Publishing, 2001

"Life and Def" tells some of the life experiences and thoughts of Russell Simmons with help from author Nelson George. Russell Simmons is said to be the pioneer of commercialized hip-hop. Almost single-handedly, Russell Simmons brought hip-hop from the streets of New York City to the mainstream

flow of MTV, radio, college campuses, and many other venues. Russell Simmons has always had an entrepreneurial mindset even at a young age. Growing up on the streets of Hollis, Queens, Russell felt the 70's vibe of hip-hop through house parties, MC battles, DJ showcases in the park, b-boys, and graffiti. Russell started his music career by promoting local parties. Russell used his charisma and intelligence to become the best local promoter. He knew mad people and used a lot of self-taught marketing techniques to get his parties promoted. This book is written more to relate to the younger generation of readers. The language and style of writing appeals to the hip-hop generation old and young. In this book Russell gives many tips and suggestions about how to operate in the business world, not just the music business. Russell Simmons is a destined business success who, no matter what culture and time he grew up, would have found a way to be successful. One part of the book that stuck out to me was his final chapter entitled, "Business and Life Lessons." The chapter gives five business rules to go by from Russell Simmons. These rules are 1- Any new business must have a clear vision, 2- You are only as good as the people around you, 3- People are not good or bad, just smart or stupid, 4- Don't try and be all things to all people (establish your niche), 5- Nothing happens the way it's supposed to. I liked this book because it was easier to relate to in terms of the hip-hop culture. I also suggest this book to anyone who wants to get into the hip-hop biz. The cover price is \$24.

Rating 8/10

Upcoming Hip-Hop Events on Campus:
FREestyle Fanatics, part 4
"Part 4 mother..." - Noreaga "Grimey"
-Avent Ferry Lounge, Wed 2/6 @ 8 p.m.

Keep an eye out for part 5, coming live from the BAR

Holla...that boy T-Nyce

The New Black Panther Party?

Sharonda Addison

"In response from numerous requests from individual's seeking information on the "New Black Panthers," the Dr. Huey P. Newton Foundation

issues this public statement to correct the distorted record being made in the media by a small band of African Americans calling themselves the New Black Panthers. As guardian of the true history of the Black Panther Party, the Foundation, which includes former leading members of the Party, denounces this group's exploitation of the Party's name and history. Failing

to find its own legitimacy in the black community, this band would graft the Party's name upon itself, which we condemn."
-Hewy P. Newton Foundation

I'm sure many of you have heard about the new Black Panther Party and the connection with one of CBS' "Big Brother" contestants. The man from CBS is identified as William, 27, a youth counselor from Philadelphia. He also goes by the name Hiram Ashante, national field marshal of the new Black Panther Party. The network has no intentions so far of evicting William from the show which begins July 5. However, there is a 50/50 chance that Williams will get the boot by his fellow contestants.

The original Black Panther Party was a progressive

political organization that stood in the vanguard of the most powerful movement for social change in America since the Revolution of 1776 and the Civil War. It is the sole black organization in the entire history of black struggle against slavery and oppression in the United States that was armed and promoted, and it represents the last great thrust by the mass of black people for equality, justice and freedom. The Black Panther Party was the manifestation of the vision of Huey P. Newton. The black panther was used as the symbol because it was a powerful image. The term "self defense" was employed to distinguish the Party's philosophy from the dominant non-violent theme of the Civil Rights Movement, and in homage to the civil rights group, the Louisiana-based Deacons for Defense. There seems to be some tension among the former leaders of the Black Panther Party and the newer generation. As you can see in the quote above, the Hewy P. Newton Foundation is not



Images from the 60s, Black Panthers stand in protest, courtesy bobbyseale.com

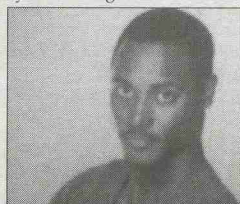
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Opinions

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Silent No More

By: Delvis Ingram



I live at North Hall here on campus. On one of the hall's bulletin boards, there is a slogan that states "Silent No More." Included on this board are pictures of actors, actresses, singers, doctors and ordinary people, all of which are African American. It really caught my attention. I was impressed and, of course, it got me thinking on a lot of things.

The first subject that comes to the mind of most African American's when they read a slogan such as "Silent No More" is the era of slavery in this country's history. We think of how oppressed the slaves were, not only physical-

ly but socially, emotionally, and mentally. Most individuals also think about the Civil Rights Movement, which marks one of the major milestones of the black revolution. They think of the emergence of the black voice and the effect that it had.

There is one thing that we all must remember: we do not have to be in the major spotlight to break the silence. You do not have to be a big-time entertainer, a well known scholar, or an individual who ranks high in an occupation. You can break the silence through everyday living.

Imagine yourself in a small room by yourself, very silent. If you said something, it would break the silence around you. Imagine yourself in a noisy environment full of people. No one is paying you any attention. However, if you gather a few people and together start screaming at the top of your lungs, a lot of attention will be focused on you. Probably not all of the

attention from everyone, but you will be noticed.

I wanted to make the point that you will always have the opportunity to break the silence, to reach somebody. You might not change the world at that instant, but someone's life will be touched. You start small to create something big. Sit back and think about who raised you. That individual's voice broke the silence. It is evident that you heard them because you are where you are. Think about the teachers that touched your life. They broke the silence. Think about your pastor, coach, or even best friend. They have broken the silence.

Do not get me wrong, the voice of a black celebrity or the voice of a black political leader is a beautiful thing. It sets the pace. However, we as individuals have to take care of home. We are the root and breaking the silence starts at the beginning. We are the revolutionaries in this black revolution. Silence now is unthinkable.

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Black America and America as a whole. It surprised me that after the article the news-magazine failed to mention some of the precursors to these CEOs, for R.R. Church, Wiley Jones and Madame C.J. Walker over a century ago were all successful business-people and CEOs. The late Reginald Lewis a decade ago made TLC Beatrice International a billion-dollar business.

In Greenville, East Carolina University hosted the Southeastern African American Leadership Conference on Saturday, Feb. 2. The Conference consisted of a variety of college-level leaders trying to promote change on their respective campuses. It's too bad the major media was not there to do a story on them. The majority of the conference participants have never been CEOs of Fortune 500

companies but deserved recognition for improving the lives of others on their campuses. It takes a lot for someone to face administration, plan meetings, manage people, and still be a student. This is not to say it is easy to be a CEO but these leaders deserve just as much recognition and respect as those do on the cover of the magazine.

In closing, the "New Black Power" is not just those three men on the cover nor are they the next lines to Jackson, Sharpton and Farrakhan. The "New Black Power" is and was always around us. It is the grandmother that starts at tutoring programs and organizes a community watch. It is the student leader who challenges the status quo. It is all of us at one time or another. I think the magazine would have done better to highlight those leaders and innovators on the small scale along with those on the top.

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Similar to what my mother used to say, we at N.C. State need to ask ourselves, "Just because the University of Georgia jumps off a bridge, are we going to jump too?" I say "we" because we all share a burden at this sickening situation.

New Jersey has the best numbers. Blacks make up around 13% of the total state population and Rutgers, a peer institution of N.C. State, has a black student population of around 11%, so it is possible.

What has to be done is more outreach and less lip service. The N.C. State

black community must partner with the administration to outreach to black community in N.C. At N.C. State, we have a communication problem. There is a disconnect between black faculty and black students, another disconnect between black administrators and black faculty, and another disconnect between black students themselves. With so many disconnections right here on campus, how can we expect to be able to not only reach out to our brothers and sisters back home but to those in Southeast Raleigh? We are never going to have the bond that exists at an A&T or Central, but there is no reason we can't try.



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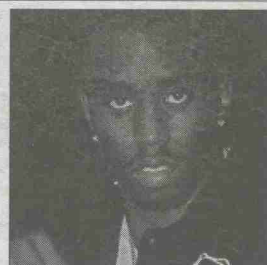
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Jennifer Lopez and P.DIDDY REUNITE?

NAH!

On his new remix of "I Need a Girl (To Bella)" featuring Usher, P. Diddy rhymes about how he wishes he could reunite with a certain girl who helped him "drive the city wild," and that's exactly what he's done.

He's reunited with Jennifer Lopez in producing the ballad "Alive," on her album. Jennifer is happily married



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and both say they are still just friends despite the collaboration.

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More Grades

*The Nubian Message
Weekly Editorial*

In the spirit of the recent Spring 2002 University Report Card, The Nubian Message would like to extend our ratings of various campus services. This is not an official document, and we hope not to ruffle too many feathers.

At the top of our Spring 2002 list is the Wolfline. While over the years the campus has made great efforts to improve the look and feel of the buses, there are still many issues that should be addressed. For example, that one driver (that will remain nameless) who feels like she is goddess of the Wolfline and can just leave people at the bus stop just because they are not within 15 feet or so of the stop. These people should understand that after everything a student goes through in a day, the last thing we need is for some pissed off driver to pass us while we are running like Carl Lewis to the bus stop. Not all of the drivers behave in this manner; in fact there are some very courteous drivers out there. But to those few who want to bring the chip on their shoulder to work, we give you an F-. Yeah, that's right, the minus is just to let you know what's up. Coming in at a close second is

Registration and Records along with the Office of Financial Aid. Once again, the university has made many strides to cut the three-mile line

Records (right next door), and it would be impossible for them to pick up the phone and go ahead and tell them to let you go to class. Instead,

Third on the list are the students that work the doors at the gym. We appreciate your services and our gym is that much better because of it, but damn, can a brother get his hoop on? How many times have you lost your card and the same guy you speak to everyday won't let you in the gym because you don't have your Student ID? After we pay all that money to go here, you can't even get a little workout in because you left a little piece of plastic in your other pants. Let a brother show you some homework or something! They won't even accept a receipt from Registration and Records. The least they can do is let us in the gym, after all enrollment is low, graduation rates are low, and so are African American Faculty numbers. We need somewhere to work off our anger. So to the students that work the gym door, we give you a C- because we know you are students and although we disagree, we understand.

Finally, we would like to give our only A to the African American Cultural Center staff. Where else on campus can you go and get a smile and possibly a hug from someone that looks like you? Who else is going to let you do your program when they start tripping over there in Talley? Where on campus can you go and get a free Dr. Martin Luther King calendar so you can plan out which day you want to go wait in line at Financial Aid. We appreciate your services, and we are proud to give you the highest grade for the Spring 2002 Nubian Message University Report Card.



The Nubian Message gives the AACC staff a Big Fat "A."
Thanks Toni for all those hugs!

down to two, but that just isn't good enough. By the time you get to the end of the line, you don't even need financial aid anymore. The semester is over and now it's going to take you six years to graduate instead of five and a half. That's if you don't get the run around because you know no one in Financial Aid has ever even laid eyes on anyone from Registration and

you have to go over yourself, wait in that line, talk to the lady for two seconds, and then come back to the Financial Aid line where the dude outside is going to give you the business if you aren't in the right line. We do understand that the workers are doing the best they can though, so we give them a D- (hey, professors don't give out A's for effort, so why should we?).

If I had my way, they would all fail.

Adedayo A. Banwo

N.C. State has the unique privilege of being both a public land grant institution and existing within a state that has a large black and non-white population, meaning that N.C. State has a duty to black populations within its borders to educate its children, build educational institutions and outreach just as it has that same duty to all major N.C. communities.

Upon looking at the comparisons of N.C. State and its 16 peer, Research I institutions, I have concluded that as sad as it is, the trend concerning black student enrollment in public institutions like N.C. State is frightening. If N.C. State, like the Provost suggested, must be graded on a curve, the curve is too high and all the universities should be failed and/or placed on academic probation.

North Carolina has a black population (U.S. Census data) of 1,737,545, that is about 21 percent of the total state popula-

tion. N.C. State has a black student body population of 10.4 percent. That number should be doubled if the school is to hold true to its state-funded mandate that holds that around 80 percent of the school's students should be state residents. Twenty-one percent of blacks in this state pay taxes to support N.C. State, so why shouldn't 21 percent of its students be black? A simple question that holds a simple corollary; whites are not the only ones who pay taxes.

However, the Provost had a point. Relatively speaking, N.C. State's frightening numbers are not as frightening as some of those around the nation. Georgia has a black population of over 2 million, about 28 percent of its total population. The University of Georgia has a black student population of around 5.9 percent and Georgia Tech, another state institution, has a black population around 8.1 percent. Disturbing.

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Is there such a thing as a "New Black Power"?

By: Robert White



Last week a major newsmagazine featured a cover titled, "The New Black Power," which showed three black CEOs of Fortune 500 companies. I think it's good to highlight the achievements of these CEOs, it gives African American youth positive role models to look up to. I contend though that it does not do justice to the variety of black leadership across America.

It seems as if the mainstream media often chooses black leadership for us. A century ago W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington were pitted against each other for sole representation of the Black America, even though both of their pro-

grams offered viable solutions to the problems of African Americans. During this same time period a man known as H. Sylvester Williams who addressed the world at the Treaty of Versailles is virtually unknown. Half a century later, the choice was between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., who both have volumes written about them. On the other hand, there are Fred Hampton and Mark Clark of the Black Panthers, who fed many children and built clinics in Chicago that are reduced to footnotes in books. Even over the last two decades African Americans have been asked to choose between Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Louis Farrakhan as national black spokesmen. None of the leaders represent the true diversity of the black community. There are many different leaders across the country effecting change with their own respective communities.

African American leadership cannot be restricted to just media anointed leaders. I barely knew who Sister Souljah was and did not know who Reverend Osaygefu Sekou was until both of them did presentations at N.C. State. After their speeches, I could easily see that both of them were leaders in their own right through work with young people and their commitment to the betterment of

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