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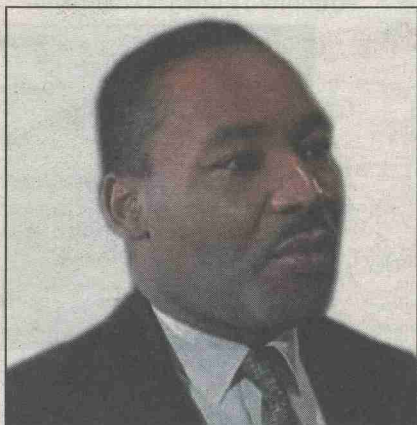
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The Nubian Message celebrates Black History Month 2002



Then and Now: King above shown shortly before his death and below his wife, Coretta along with children Bernice and Martin III attend a White House ceremony where President Bush signed a proclamation honoring King and accepted a portrait from the family of King that will hang "prominently" in the White House.



Civil Rights Activist

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Doctorate of Divinity

Ordained Minister

Distinguished Man

Dynamic

Daring

Leader

Household Name

Historical Icon

1929 - 1968

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Junior is perhaps the most recognizable black figure in America. His legacy of direct action and non violence in the face of racism, often times brutally violent, continues to this day.

King was launched onto the national scene in 1955 after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, ALa. city bus and was subsequently arrested. The black residents of Montgomery elected King President of the Montgomery Improvement Association. The MIA started a boycott that resulted in the desegregation of Alabama's buses.

King became a household name, leading marches, sit-ins, protests all across the country and inspiring others in the process.

August 28, 1963 is perhaps his most famous moment. This is the date of the March on Washington in which King delivered his "I have a dream" speech to more than 250,000 protesters.

He won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964, which gave him an international platform. In 1967, he criticized U.S. involvement in Vietnam and launched the "Poor Peoples Campaign." He was assassinated the spring of the 1968 on April 4 in Memphis, TN while working to help local workers end a strike

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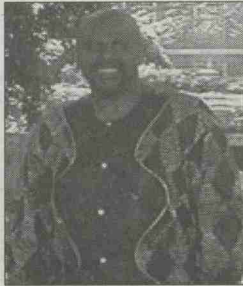
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EACH WEEK A DIFFERENT COMMEMORATIVE COVER

Nacoste featured person on blackhistory.com

Dr. Rupert Nacoste, Vice Provost for Diversity and African American affairs is the "featured person" on blackhistory.com, a website published by All Media Productions that features articles, events and products concerning black history year round.

Nacoste's article, entitled "Diversity, Relationships and...what did you just call me?," deals with contemporary discussions concerning diversity.



ty. The article also builds on See Nacoste on Page 7

BSB to Host "Free Expression"

Friday at 7:30 p.m., the Black Students Board will host "Expressions; Open Mic" in the Tally Student Center ballroom.

"This event is mainly for individuals to come out and express themselves through any form of communication. We are hop-

ing some students will come to the mic and address a question that may be troubling them or even give a quote and explain it. Basically any form of communication outlet," said Tim Teel, BSB Chairman.

Participants are encouraged to display any and all talents, including instrumental pieces and dances. Teel said he expects a high-energy crowd and a great event.

Anthony Launches Campaign

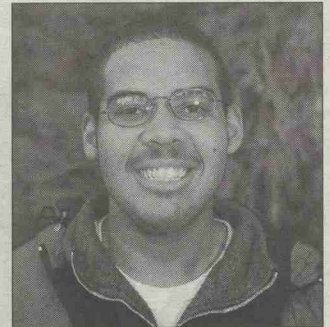


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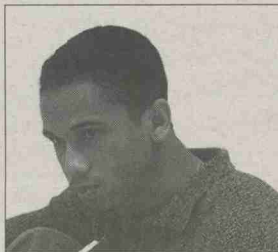
Michael Anthony, Student Senate President and former Student Body Treasurer has launched his campaign for the office of Student Body President, marking what would be the first time one student has held three high-level student government offices.

"I've served in Student Government for 4 years now. As a Student Senator, Senate Committee Chairman, Student Body Treasurer and Student Senate President/Student Body Vice-President. I have served under 4 Student Body Presidents whom I've known and learned a lot from. Those experiences alone make me uniquely qualified to mix all that I've learned with my own leadership abilities, and blend the Student

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New York: "Boondocks" Cartoonist to receive Award

"The Boondocks" cartoonist Aaron McGruder will receive the NAACP's



Boondocks creator, artist, writer Aaron McGruder will receive award

Chairman Award on February 23.

McGruder, a graduate of the University of Maryland, started the comic strip at his alma mater's newspaper The Diamondback.

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Washington, D.C.: Surgeon General's term ends



Prior to becoming surgeon general, Satcher was director of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and President of Meharry Medical College

David Satcher will leave his surgeon general position to be the new Director of the National Center of Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta,

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Ms. Cleo under investigation.

Florida attorney general Bob Butterworth has joined the attorney generals of eight other states by filing a suit against the compa-



Youree Dell Harris, "Ms. Cleo" is under investigation by the FTC

nies that use acclaimed Caribbean psychic "Ms. Cleo" as their spokeswoman. The two companies run the psychic hotline are Access Resource Services Inc. and Psychic Readers Network.

Florida has also filed suit against "Ms. Cleo", real name Youree Dell Harris, for defrauding customers. "She's a fraud. I'm just as much a psychic as some of Miss Cleo's television skills we interviewed. All it takes is the ability to talk on the phone, read from a prepared script and use a deck of cards to make a shuffling sound on the phone," Butterworth said.

Florida has challenged Harris to produce a birth certificate proving she's from the Caribbean and so far has not received a response. Harris lives in a large ranch-style house in Dade County, Florida with a pond and horse stables. She could not be reached for comment. The Federal Trade Commission has been flooded with complaints about "Ms. Cleo's" hotline for false advertising, overcharging and billing customers while on hold.

Los Angeles: Mayor asks for Police Chief to resign

Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn is asking for the city's police chief to not to reapply for his job. LAPD police chief, Bernard Parks and the mayor disagree on issues such as community policing and racial profiling. Mayor Hahn recently openly opposed a new contract for Parks.

Mayor Hahn relied heavily on the African American community to win the election. Bernard Parks who is African American not only has strong support from the Black Community but also the city council and the city attorney. To avoid political influences an independent commission hires the city's police chief.

Black History Month Events This Week

February 21

"Sealed with a Kiss" Musical Performance Catalyst Bookshop and NCSU Bookstores

4 p.m. NCSU Bookstore

Clark Lecture:
Dr. Manning Marable
African American Cultural Center

7 p.m. Witherspoon,

February 24

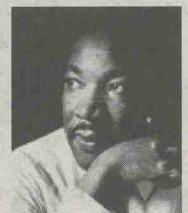
"Breaking Ground: Building a New Land"
African American Cultural Center

3 p.m., John Biggers Art Gallery, 2nd Floor, Witherspoon

February 24

Heritage Lecture
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
& Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

7 p.m. Witherspoon



News

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Africa News Brief Folasade Omosaiye

SOUTH AFRICA

An increasing number of provinces are ignoring the national government's policy against distributing a drug that could drastically reduce the number of babies born with HIV.

Gauteng, the province that includes Johannesburg, decided Monday to make the drug nevirapine available in its public hospitals to all HIV-infected pregnant women. Three other provinces have announced that they are allowing access to the drug as well.

Some 200 babies are born HIV-positive every day in South Africa. Studies show nevirapine can reduce transmission of the virus from mother to child during labor by up to 50 percent. About 20 percent of adult South Africans are infected with the HIV virus.

The national government has

refused to establish a widespread nevirapine program, arguing the medical infrastructure is not prepared to properly administer the drug. The government operates 18 test sites that distribute the drug. It is appealing a court ruling that sided with those who demanded a larger national nevirapine program.

The government has undergone widespread criticism for its often careless approach to fighting AIDS. President Thabo Mbeki has attracted controversy by questioning the link between HIV and AIDS and by downplaying statistics showing the disease is the leading cause of death in South Africa.

A study last year by the Medical Research Council found that up to 7 million South Africans could die of AIDS by 2010 unless efforts were stepped up to combat the epidemic.

NAIROBI

A group of European and South African scientists are reported to have made a breakthrough in the development of a malaria vaccine.

The scientists have reported the development of a new drug called G 25 earlier this year, which completely cured monkeys infected with the disease in laboratory experiments. According to the health journal "Science," G 25 blocks the malaria parasites' ability to multiply in the blood cells by preventing it from making protective membrane which is crucial to the parasite's life cycle.

The team leader Dr Henri Vial from the French National Center of Scientific Research said the new drug killed all the parasites when tested within two days. The new vaccine has been set for testing on human beings within two years, bringing hope to millions of people afflicted by malaria across Africa, Asia and Latin America. The vaccine is injected but a tablet form will be available in two years.

Critics say that not enough funds have been made available for research.

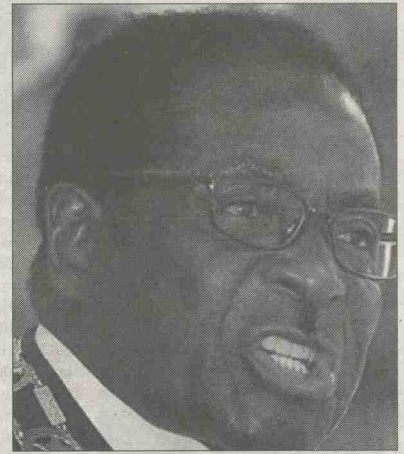
The British-designed vaccine works by using a portion of the malaria parasite to stimulate the body's immune system into producing antibodies and T-cells that fight the microorganism. This prevents the parasite from entering red blood cells and starting the disease.

The trials in The Gambia are now focusing on children.

ZIMBABWE

The Zimbabwean government condemned economic and diplo-

extend his 22 years in power in the March 9-10 elections. The EU considered Mugabe's refusal to cooperate



Mugabe has been president of Zimbabwe for over 20 years Burditt

matic sanctions imposed by the European Union, accusing Europe of orchestrating "hostile action" to influence March elections. The EU sanctions were imposed on Monday in protest at Zimbabwe's refusal to allow EU observers the freedom to regulate polls. The EU imposed sanctions on President Robert Mugabe is seeking to

with its observers as a ploy by his government and ordered its observer team home.

About 10,000 protesters marched Monday to the offices of Britain's diplomatic mission and accused the former colonial power of supporting the opposition to give control of

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Ben Chavis Muhammad



"Racial Climate on College Campuses"

February 26, 2002

The program will be held at Stewart Theatre on the North Carolina State University campus, Tuesday, February 26th, beginning at 7:30pm. Tickets are free for N.C. State students with a valid university ID and must be picked up in advance at the Ticket Central Box Office in the Talley Student Center.

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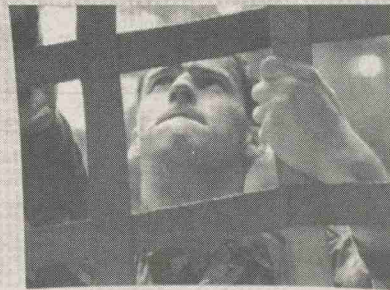
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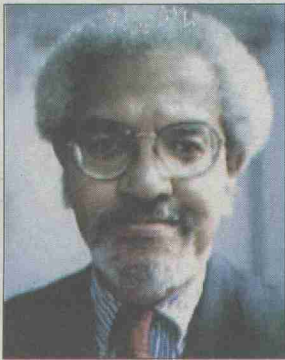
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Culture & Arts

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Dr. Manning Marable
Clark Lecturer,
February 21

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Dr. Manning Marable

political activist, social critic, educator, author, and historian, will be the featured lecturer for the Dr. Lawrence Clark Lecture on Thursday, February 21, 2002. Marable is a Professor of both History and Political Science, and the Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University. Marable is the founding director of the African and Hispanic Studies Program at Colgate University. He was at Colgate from 1983 to 1986.

Marable has published "Along the Color Line," a syndicated commentary series on African American politics and public affairs.

Since 1976, Marable has appeared regularly on programs such as NBC's Today Show, ABC's Weekend News, PBS, Fox Network News, C-Span, National Public Radio, the Charlie Rose show and BBC television and radio.

Marable has published numerous books such as *Race, Reform and Rebellion: The Second Reconstruction in Black America, 1945-1990* (1991), *African and Caribbean Politics* (1987), *W.E.B. Du Bois: Black Radical Democrat* (1986), *Black American Politics* (1985) and *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America* (1983).

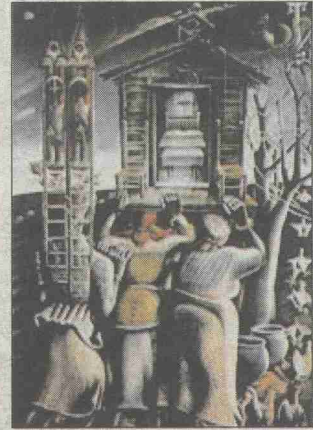
In January 1999, Marable initiated *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*. This quarterly journal examines key theoretical issues within black America, Africa and the Caribbean. *Souls* is edited by Marable and published by the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University, which he is the Professor of History and Political Science, and distributed throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Marable is also a co-founder of the Black Radical Congress, and the national co-chairperson of the Committee of Correspondence.

Have you discovered the John Biggers Art Gallery?

The art gallery in the African American Cultural Center is named after John Biggers, a distinguished painter, muralist, illustrator, and sculptor. As a child, Biggers enjoyed copying drawings from his father's Bible. In the early 50s, Biggers won purchase prizes in many competitions such as those sponsored by the Dallas Museum of Art and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. These museums were segregated at the time. Biggers' work has been collected by many Texas museums and public institutions. Many private collectors, such as the poet Maya Angelou have purchased his works as well.

The gallery is currently hosting an exhibit entitled "Breaking Ground: building a new land" featuring works by Barbara Cox Jackson, Harvey C. Jenkins, Jackie Johnson, Juan Logan, Juan Scivally, and Charles F. Williams.



John Biggers
African American (b. 1924)
The Upper Room, 1984
Lithograph, 4' x 2' 11"
Collection of the California
African American Museum Foundation

Whats on Your Mind?

Faculty and students of the African Diaspora have contributed to the advancement of the students on campus and improvement of North Carolina State University. Although students of the African Diaspora represent less than ten percent of the student population and the percent of faculty of the African Diaspora continue to deflate, the faculty and students continuously strive beyond the standards of this University.

What is the most significant asset of faculty and students of the African Diaspora at North Carolina State University?

"Their contribution of different experiences is the most significant. Each person brings something new to the table and everyone is able to learn from one another."

-Keymia Sharpe

"They challenge us to think critically about the global issues facing African people."

-Robert White

Nubian Events

Nubian Message General Body Meeting
Every Wednesday night
9:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.
African American Cultural Center, Room 372

Clark Lecture: Manning Marable of Columbia University
February 20, 2002
7:00 p.m.
African American Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room
Sponsored by: AACC

Breaking Ground: Building a New Land
John Biggers Art Gallery
3:00 p.m.
February 24, 2002
African American Cultural Center
Sponsored by: AACC

Expressions
February 22, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Talley Student Center Ballroom
Sponsored by: Black Students Board

Special Reading: Bombingham
February 28, 2002
7:30 p.m.
African American Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room
FREE TO PUBLIC
Sponsored by: AACC, Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University, and Quail Ridge Books

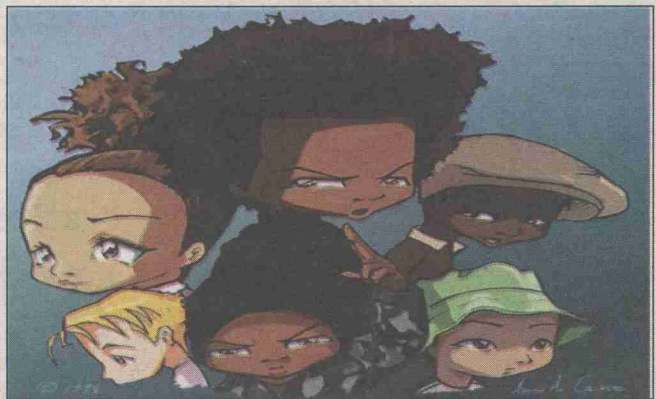
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Today the syndicated comic strip appears in over 200 newspapers and websites courtesy of Universal Press Syndicate. The comic strip follows the lives of brothers Huey and Riley Freeman in their transition from the inner city to the suburbs. McGruder, who has a degree in Afro-American studies, uses the comic

strip to comment on many issues effecting African Americans.

Last fall, the comic strip came under scrutiny for its commentary on the events surrounding Sept. 11. The New York Daily News suspended the comic strip for its content. McGruder explained the suspension as "risk" he had to take though he feared losing his career. The NAACP Image Awards will air on FOX Friday, March 1.



Grooms to speak
on campus next week

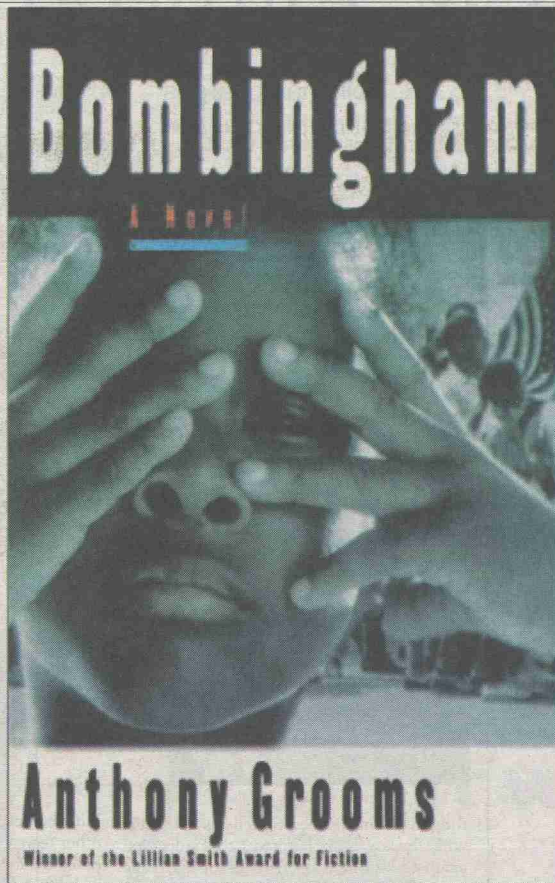
Critically acclaimed author Anthony Grooms will give a special reading of his novel "Bombingham" next week, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room of the African American Cultural Center.

The event is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library of North Carolina State University, the African American Cultural Center and Quail Ridge Books.

Grooms' novel has won various awards. He is a professor of creative writing at Kennesaw State University.

"Quail Ridge Books contacted us and we thought it'll be a good fit to have here on campus," said Mary Kate Keith, Director of the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Library hosts special events and lectures throughout the year.



Did you know?

Nine of the first twelve Presidents of the United States were slaveholders. The first United States President George Washington is suspected to have held more black men, women, and children in bondage than any other president. Marquis de Lafayette, the French gener-

al who fought in the American Revolution, approached George Washington twice to construct a plan to end slavery but Washington did not respond. Thomas Jefferson wrote "All men are created equal" in the Declaration of Independence but Jefferson contradicted this principle because he believed whites were superior to blacks.

Landmark Black History
Events this Week

1862 Captain Nathaniel Gordon, a white man, is hanged at the Tombs Prison in New York. He is the only person ever executed in the U.S. for slave trading. His ship was caught off the west coast of Africa transporting 800 African women and children, aged six months to 40 years, to Cuba.

1870 Hiram Revels of Mississippi begins his service as the first African American U.S. Senator.

1903 Bluesman "Scrapper" Blackwell is born Francis Hillman Blackwell, perhaps in South Carolina. He will make a pioneering blues recording in 1928, "How Long How Long Blues."

1933 Nina Simone, who will become known as "The High Priestess of Soul" is born in Tryon, NC.

1936 Barbara Jordan is born in Houston, TX. As a Congressperson from Texas, she will electrify the nation with her oratory in the impeachment proceedings against President Richard M. Nixon in 1974.

1940 John Lewis is born in Troy, AL. He will become a Civil Rights Movement activist, and a prominent congressperson from Georgia.

1946 Mary McLeod Bethune is the first African American woman to receive an honorary degree from a white college in the South. She is honored by Rollins College in Winter Park, FL.

1965 Minister Malcolm X is assassinated while speaking in the Audubon Ballroom in New York.

1998 Writer Gayle Jones publishes her novel The Healing.

Keepin It Real
or Keepin It Still?

Sharonda Addison

On Tuesday February 12, 2002, The Kappa Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc and the Mu Omicron chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored a forum entitled Keepin it Real-What's Wrong With Black Folk? This program, held in the Multipurpose Room of the AACC, was apart of the annual Krimson and Kreme week. "The primary focus of Krimson and Kreme week is to have more programs involving African-American students to unite"-Tasha Rogers. "Being a brother of Kappa Alpha Psi, we are about achievement and so we want to raise the bar and set an example for our fellow brothers and sisters," said Warte Moore.

"This was by far the best forum as far as a positive response and attendance this year," said Conan Morgan. It seems as though we as African-Americans would rather pay five dollars and unite at a frat or sorority sponsored party than to attend a forum and learn more about our history for free. But I'll leave that alone. Back to the forum. The forum was ran in the form of a panel discussion. Panel members consisted of: Saleem Odin-Resident Advisor in North hall, Kim McNair-President of Society of Afrikan American Culture (SAAC) and member of DST, Tamani Anderson-Advisor for the Mu Omicron chapter, and Umar Muhammed-President of Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding (KWU). The moderator was Conan Morgan, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. One of the first questions asked at the forum was: What do you think should be done about the absence of black drama

on television? "African Americans do not own media or businesses therefore television caters to the white audience"- Kim McNair. She also mentioned how black were being exploited in earlier films given names such as the sambo, and pickinny. Some other questions asked were: Why is it okay for blacks to use the word "Nigga" and whites are forbidden? Do African Americans focus too much on image? and Who are our leaders and where are they? Their were some good responses from the audience as well as from the panel members. The highlight of the program was when Najja Baptist took the discussion back to sankofa, and took the show in the process. He really shocked the crowd with his energetic yet insightful speech. He brought up one of the most important questions of the entire program.

"Now that we've attended the forum and with all the information we got from this and classes, what are we going to do with it?"-Najja Baptist. This question is what brought me to my title. Are we as African Americans going to keep it real by attending the forums about our history, supporting our fellow brothers and sisters in the future, and making a change as to the way African Americans are viewd and treated on this campus and even in today's society? Or are we going to Keep it Still by sitting in the classrooms and taking racial slurs from our professors, being silent about things that matter, and still THINK we are keeping it real by giving our "Niggas" some pound on our way to to Atrium. I have heard many people witness to the African-American community at State is not being as close as it was a few years ago. This is because blacks today feel that they don't need each other; therefore everyone is for self, and their is not support for each other. We have went from a race of self-education to a self-centered race. Now it's time to make a change, take a stand, and really keep it real. Which one are you?

New Books in the
African American
Cultural Center Library

Henry: the Fire Ever Burning
Author: Aaron Henry

Bombingham
Author: Glenn Askew

Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama
Author: Diane McWhorter

How To Make Black America Better
Author: Tavis Smiley

Church Folk

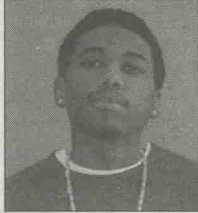
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Sports & Entertainment

"Celebrating Black History Month 2002"

Hip-Hop Lounge



Troy Neal

Puff...excuse me, Diddy and J Lo are together again, somewhat.

Let me get it right, Diddy and J to the L-O are reuniting once again but only on record. Diddy and his Bad Boy protégé G Dep are featured on "Feelin' So Good" (Bad Boy remix) on J Lo's new album entitled "J to the L-O! The Remixes." Even though they are no longer a couple, they managed to reconcile their differences long enough to do a song together. There are strong rumors that Diddy still has strong feelings for Jennifer. Some say that his new single "I Need a Girl" (Remix) featuring Usher and Loon is speaking directly about his past relationship with Ms. Lopez. In the lyrics, Diddy talks about how he needs a girl to settle down with and how he had a girl like that but he didn't appreciate her. It is a dead give away when he says "I think about how...we would drive the whole city wild." Even though Loon wrote the lyrics for the song, neither Diddy nor Loon is denying that the song has reference to Jennifer. They also are not saying that it is. It also seems as if J Lo has an indirect song to Diddy. Her new hit "Ain't it Funny" (Murder remix) seems to speak directly about her situation with Puff. Some key lines include, "Ain't that

funny? Baby did you want me when you had me? Love is crazy." "I remember how you did me wrong, now your hurting cuz my love is gone," "trying to blind me with you bling bling, I though I told you love don't cost a thing." We will see what's next in this soap opera, between these two young and restless music icons.

T-Nyce...the one and only

Upcoming Album Releases and Dates:

2/19- Kurupt- "G-TV"
2/19- Q-Tip- "Kamaal the Abstract"
2/26- Royce the 5'9"- "Rock City"
3/5- Noreaga- "Grimey: God's Favorite"
3/5- Ol' Dirty Bastard- "The Trials and Tribulations of Russell Jones"
3/19- Nappy Roots- "Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz"
3/26- Capone- "The Pain, Time, and Glory"
3/26- Jay-Z and R. Kelly- Best of Both Worlds
4/9- Onyx- "Bacadafucup Vol. 2"
4/23- Cam'Ron- Come Home With Me

Tentative Album releases:

March:
2Pac
Kool G Rap
Common
Dead Prez
Jay-Z- Greatest Hits
Outlawz
Raekwon
Xzibit

April:
Ras Kass

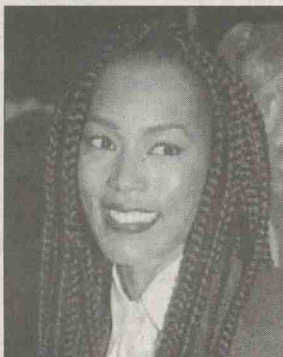
June:
KRS-ONE
The Roots

August: Havoc

Chris Rock is set to make his feature film directorial debut with "Head of State" for Dreamworks. The film tells the story of a community politician who is chosen as a presidential nominee. Chris wrote the script with Ali Levi. Levi was also responsible for that awful "Pootie Tang" and "Made In Heaven."

Angela Bassett is set to play the story of Rosa Parks; the civil rights activist who inspired the legendary 1955 Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott. The film is scheduled to air on Feb. 24 at 9 p.m. on CBS

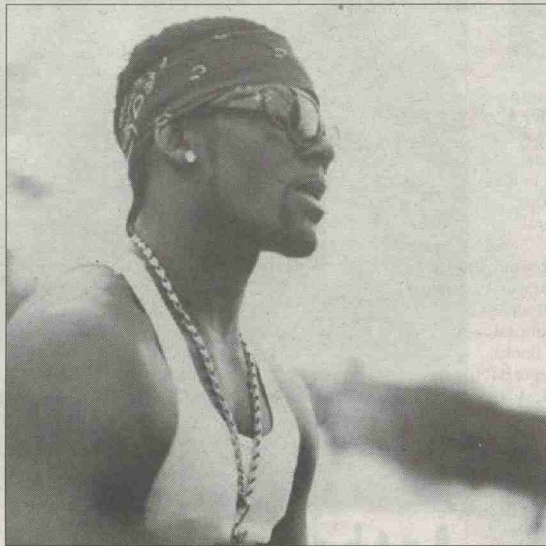
Bassett says she never dreamt she would play Rosa Parks when she sat next to her at 1994's Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



R. Kelly has charges against him...again

Most only know R. Kelly for a great voice and selling millions of records. But the R&B

Touhy claim the tape to be bogus and non-existent. Kelly says that he feels a former employee of his is behind the scandal. Kelly says this former employee has blackmailed him in the past and has also made threats on his life. Kelly will appear in court on



R Kelly in trouble again

thug, real name Robert S. Kelly, is in trouble with the law. Kelly has had 3 civil suits filed against him in the last 3 years for underage sexual activities. Most recently, Kelly was brought under charges from the Chicago police department after an anonymous sex tape was mailed into the Chicago Sun Times. The tape supposedly shows Kelly and an unnamed minor having sex for duration of 27 minutes. Kelly and his lawyer John M.

February 21 to face an earlier suit for underage sexual acts. This suit was filed in August for \$50,000. The alleged victim, Tracy Sampson, says that Kelly used his position of authority to convince her to have sex with him while she was an intern at Epic Records. She was 17 at the time. The first suit filed against Kelly was by Tiffany Hawkins and her family. The sexual acts allegedly took place in 1998 when Tiffany was 15. She said that Kelly also

induced her to have group sex with him and other teenage girls. The suit was settled out of court for \$250,000. The same lawyer, Susan E. Loggans, represented the Hawkins and Sampson case. The family of the girl on the sex tape has also contacted Loggans. Only time will tell if R. Kelly, who is married, can keep all of his sex-capades on the "Down Low."

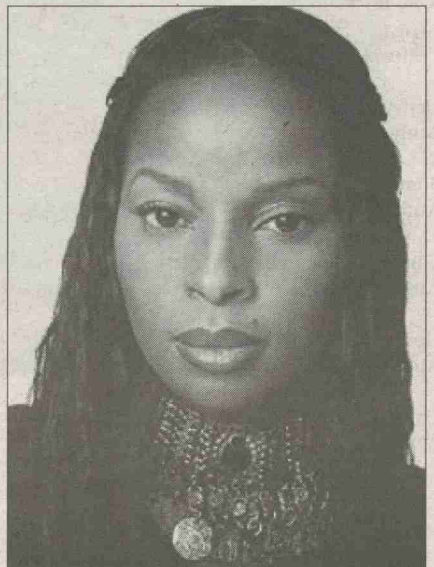
Some More Drama for Mary J. Blidge

Mary J. Blidge is in the news once again. This time for some drama concerning her track with Nas and the Bravehearts on Nas' new album "Stillmatic." The track is produced by Swizz Beats from the Ruff Ryders. Mary wanted the song removed from "Stillmatic," because Swizz gave it over to Nas without her permission.

Mary was planning on using the track for one of her later projects. Also, the fact that Mary was receiving no royalties from it added to her decision to have it taken off of the album. Nas also agreed to having the track taken off of the album due to it being a party track and not mixing well with the rest of his album. Nas' crew the Bravehearts also wanted a more hard-core track to rap on.

There are rumors that Mary had alternative motives in requesting the track to be dropped. It is rumored that her favoritism towards Jay-Z and his beef with Nas played a major part in her efforts. Mary says that it is "no disrespect to Nas...we all love Nas," but she said she refuses to let

shady business actions go without notice. In the past Mary says she would get caught up in situations in which she would end up giving tracks away for free but she vows to not let that happen anymore. Maybe Mary can be drama free in 2003.



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together," Anthony said.

Anthony is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and has received the African American Student Advisory Council's student body elections endorsement three times. Twice for his campaigns for Senate President and Treasurer and another for Leader of the Pack.

Anthony says student government has grown in the past few years and wants to continue the trend as Student Body President.

"I fell in love with Student Government 4 years ago, and I have seen where Student Government has been, and I understand where it is going. I love serving students and I love what I do. Before I leave this university, I want to do everything I can to make sure every aspect of Student Government is growing and developing to its full potential. I believe I can complete that goal as Student Body President," Anthony said.

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Ga. President Clinton appointed Satcher to the position four years ago. Satcher announced last year that he would not seek reappointment. President Bush had a disagreement with Satcher last fall over abstinence only programs in which Satcher favored a variety of sexual education methods.

Prior to his appointment as surgeon general Satchel was director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Morehouse is not just Satcher's alma mater and he also served as a professor and chairman for the department of family practice and community medicine until 1982. Satcher plans to write a book on his experiences as surgeon general.

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Zimbabwe back to "white oppressors." Militants later stoned the building that housed the opposition Movement for Democratic Change, breaking the building's glass doors and the windows of adjacent shops. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Mugabe, 77, has been president of Zimbabwe since it won independence from Britain and is fighting to maintain his grip on power. As his popularity has dwindled, he has imposed restrictions on journalists and opposition parties and many of his critics have been attacked or threatened with prosecution.

In London, an opposition Conservative Party spokesman told British Broadcasting Corp. radio Tuesday that Zimbabwe could become a "rogue state" and a menace to the international community unless democratic elections are ensured.

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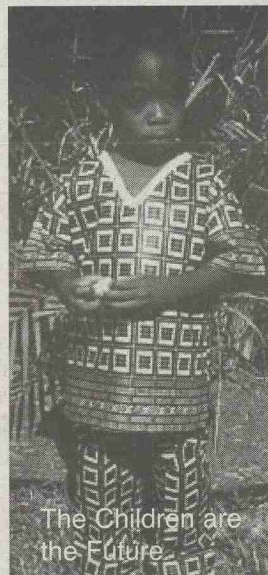
Nacoste's experiences as Vice Provost at NCSU.

I was called by Linda Lang who is the creator and manager of blackhistory.com. Ms. Lang felt that I was a person who could bring a fresh perspective to some of the diversity questions that come to that web page. So if I were to agree to be the featured person I also had to agree to become a resource person for the month. Not only that I would have to write an article to address some diversity question that has come up with some frequency," Nacoste said.

"I thought this was great opportunity to show that the university wanted to have interaction with the larger community. Not only that, I thought it was an opportunity to show that the diversity work being done at the university could be used as a model for what secondary schools could do," Nacoste added.

Nacoste will be the featured person throughout the month of February, Black History Month. You can visit the site to view the article at <http://www.blackhistory.com>.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the university and the values of the university. And to be the featured person during Black History Month is all the more exciting and unbelievable," Nacoste said.



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The Next Step for the AASAC The Nubian Message Weekly Editorial

The African American Student Advisory Council is preparing a list of recommendations to present to the Chancellor regarding the report card released last month. The grades were a "B" in the Chancellor's Leadership award, a "D" in graduation rates and "F"s in retention and recruitment of black faculty and undergraduate students. The report generated a lot of publicity. Local news stations carried the story on the air and the principal local newspaper, "The News and Observer" carried the article on the front of its Metro section. The town hall meeting was filled with students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Many of these people were simply attracted to the town hall meeting by the publicity

and will be no where to be found as the AASAC and the Chancellor begin to address these issues. It is difficult to imagine that many administrators have contacted AASAC with suggestions as to how to solve the problems that beset the black community at N.C. State. It is up to the AASAC to continue to generate publicity and awareness about these issues so that students and administrators do not turn a blind eye as they have in the past. Otherwise, the effective leadership by Robert Atkinson and the rest of the AASAC will soon turn into ineffectiveness as the AASAC agenda disappears from the campus scene.

One of the most important strategies AASAC could employ is to use the campus media to constantly keep its issues in the minds of students and administrators. By proactively placing articles in both the Nubian Message and the Technician, AASAC would be generating discus-

sion and debate about ideas that are most important to its agenda.

A second strategy is to hold discussion style meetings where non-AASAC member students can come and voice their concerns. The Society of Afrikan American Culture provides this outlet sometimes but students need a separate forum just to discuss whats going on around campus. Vice Provost Rupert Nacoste has been working on these very same type student discussions. There seems to be an opportunity for cooperation between Nacoste and AASAC that could go a long way to bridge the gap between black students and administration.

As the AASAC and the Chancellor sit down to improve these grades, the Council must keep in mind that they cannot do it alone. They need the help of others and just as the town hall meeting demonstrated, publicity and awareness are the ways to do this.

Sankofa, Black History and Woodson

Robert White

Every year my high school had a Black history assembly and every year I heard the same thing, "Why do we need a Black History

From the late 1800s' to the mid 1900s', black people, particularly children, were set up for a life of mental failure.

Sankofa is an Akan word that means you must reach back and bring forth that which is positive from your history to move forward in the future. In the 1920s', Dr. Carter G. Woodson saw this system of miseducation and he decided to do something about it. Woodson founded Negro History Week (now referred to as Black History Month) and published the Journal of Negro History in 1926. He constantly lectured in schools and sent out Black history newsletters to schools. His students toured the country selling his books. Woodson may not have known what Sankofa was then, but he did understand that in order for African Americans to have a future they needed to know their history.

Woodson, along with other historians before him, reached back into African history to bring forth the kings, queens, poets and artisans. They told us of our heroes and heroines. They showed that African Americans played a role in every major event in American and World History. These great African American historians understood that in order to dispel the myths of racism, we had to teach ourselves as well as America about the contributions of African Americans. It is ironic that African Americans contributed so many inventions to the world. From the traffic light to the comb and even parts of the computer disk drive, we can see the contributions African Americans have made to this country.

I remember that white students at my high school always complained of the black students always sitting amongst themselves at lunch. Sometimes, even my teachers talked about the majority of us black students as if we were a lost cause. I wonder what would have happened if those same people would have went to the assembly. Maybe, they could have started a dialogue? Maybe they would have realized that Black History Month is not just to teach African Americans, it is for all people to learn about the struggles and triumphs of Americans. Well it's too bad they missed the last assembly, it was the best one we ever had.



Sankofa
"Go Back and Fetch It"

Assembly?" These sentiments were conveyed by black and white students the entire four years I attended high school. People checked themselves out of school or simply skipped the assembly. I remember comments such as "I have nothing against black history I just don't like assemblies" from numerous students. Teachers even dreaded the event because they felt it had nothing to do with the curriculum. Well I didn't understand everything then and I still don't now but I do understand the concept of Sankofa. Most importantly, I understand why everyone in school needed that Black History Assembly.

Less than two hundreds years ago, enslaved Africans were prohibited from reading. The institution of slavery left Africans enslaved in America very few pieces of their culture prior to enslavement.

Once free, many African Americans were poor sharecroppers, servants, laborers, all struggling to survive under the conditions of Jim Crow. They were often defined by stereotypes such as the Sambo and the Pickaninny. They went to poor quality schools where people taught them that their existence began with slavery. They were also taught that their motherland was a dark mysterious continent where only savage people lived.

Don't Talk About It, Be About It

Marsheda Barnette

In the past couple of weeks, there have been a few quasi-

thing and even though we all may be right, the time for just talking has expired.

There are about 30 African American organizations on our campus. This seems like an insufficient number for a university of this magnitude,

fight for our voices to be heard on a daily basis.

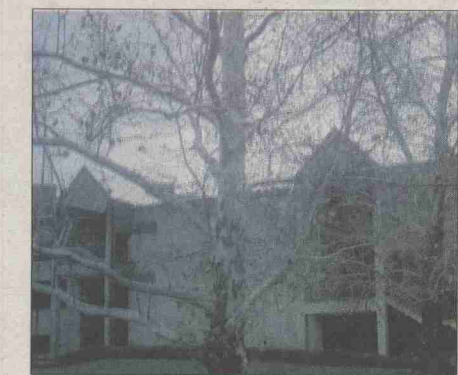
So instead of griping and complaining about what ignorance was published in the Technician today, we should attend one of these organizational meetings and become an active member. Even if you are not interested in the current campus organizations, the fact still remains that you can go out and start one of your own.

We need to let everyone know that our culture goes far beyond hip-hop, fashion, and good food. There are numerous books in our campus libraries about brilliant black people who paved the road for us. Some of these books are sitting on the shelves collecting dust. There are programs being held in the Cultural Center that are barely attended and not because most of us have better things to do. I understand that a lot of us have jobs. I have a couple myself.

However, everyone does not work every night. Finally, we have this publication that was created to inform us of our surroundings. Yet, we still do not take the time to read it or even the time to write an article about something that is important to our people.

The time has come for us to take control of our future, rather than let everything that our forefathers fought for slip through our fingers.

however if you travel from one organizational meeting to another you will undoubtedly see a lot of the same faces. In fact you may observe that the treasurer of one organization is the president of another and then holds a chairman position in yet another organization. There is no reason for the same people to have to stretch themselves so thin in an attempt to be a voice on the campus. Even though we are poorly represented in the overall student population, we should support the organizations that



controversial articles run in that other newspaper, the Technician. The biggest issue is of course Darren O'Connor's view of Affirmative Action. I am one of many who believe that O'Connor needs to do a little research before he lets his ignorance of the issue be revealed campus wide. Many who feel the same as myself have stated their concerns among friends and peers. Some people have even made vulgar accusations toward O'Connor. I admit that I am guilty of doing the same