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Robert White

The U.S. Supreme Court will not



hear an appeal for the busing for desegregation case in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. The court has decided to let the ruling from the appellate court stand, which will end 32 years of school busing. Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools will now use a "school choice" student assignment plan. This new plan will omit race as a factor on which schools students will attend.

Attorneys for black parents in the case said they would try to make proposals in the new school plan. This includes making it so their children will have an option for seats nearby their old schools.

The plan to integrate Charlotte-

Mecklenburg schools came in 1965 with the Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education case. Ordered by a federal court in 1969, Charlotte-Mecklenburg began busing students to various schools in order to integrate them. Over the years the board of education would assign students to various

schools in order to integrate them. They then began building magnet schools.

In 1997, the effort to desegregate schools began with a case brought about by several white parents who wanted to end race-based admissions in magnet schools. Many white par-

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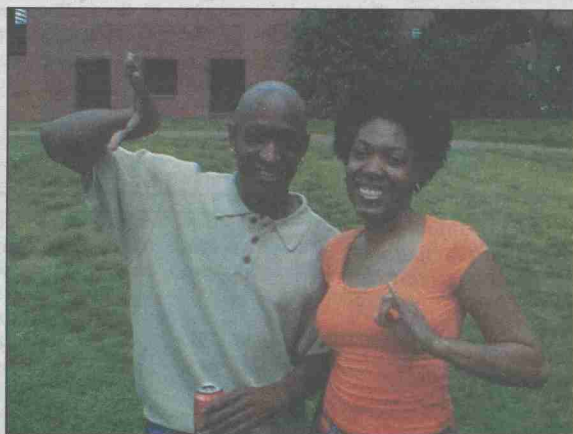
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Grady McClamrock and Adriane Smith pose for a photo during last week's "Black Out." See Page 3 for more campus photos

Dr. Rhonda Sutton talks about OEO services

Robert White, News Editor

In light of the Najja Baptist case, many people are finding about what they can do if they experience discrimination. The Office for Equal Opportunity's job is to work for a nondiscriminatory and harassment-free environment at N.C. State. Once known as the

Affirmative Action Office prior to 1997, its mission is to provide service, education intervention and compliance. The office also makes sure that there are no barriers that inhibit a person or group from receiving the full benefits of N.C. State.

Dr. Rhonda Sutton is the Coordinator of Harassment

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Powell to head Howard TV Station



Washington, D.C.: Powell to head TV station

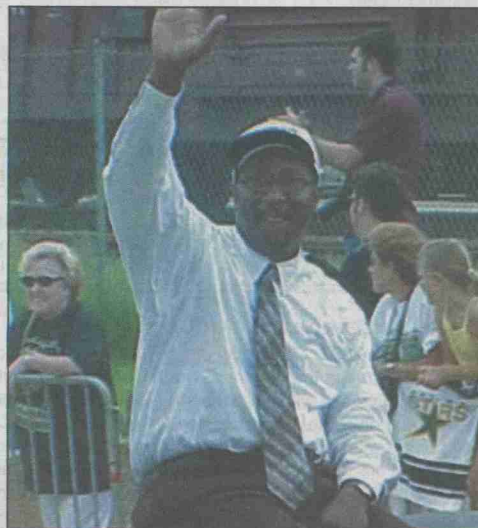
Adam Clayton Powell III, the son of the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell II, will be general manager at Howard University's public broadcast station, WHU-TV.

Powell, with almost 30 years of media experience as a journalist, has won the coveted Peabody Award and numerous awards from the Associated Press. Howard University President Patrick Swygert expressed great interest in having the "outstanding broadcast journalist and educator" become a part of Howard University.

Powell recently co-produced the

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Fmr. Mayor wins statewide nomination



Texas: Former Mayor eyes Senate position

Ron Kirk, the former mayor of Dallas, recently won the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate. He hopes he will be able to capture a seat in November. Kirk, who won 60 percent of the vote on Apr. 9, believes the election was all about "opportunity and overcoming fear."

Kirk is a former lawyer who once served as mayor of Dallas for two terms. Kirk flew to Washington, D.C. to prepare a full-scale campaign against his Republican rival, John Conryn. Though the Republican Party has a deep roots in Texas, Kirk remains undeterred. "We're going to take to our friends in November because they haven't seen nothing yet," said Kirk.

U.S. News Briefs Robert White

Augusta, Ga: Tiger wins the Masters a third time

On Sunday, Apr. 14, Tiger Woods won the coveted Masters Tournament for the third time. Woods became only the third golfer to win consecu-

tive Masters Tournaments. The first was Jack Nicklaus in 1965 and 1966, and the second was Nick Faldo, who won in 1989 and 1990. Tiger now follows six-time winner Jack Nicklaus and four-time winner Arnold Palmer in gaining a Masters title. Woods, who is only

26, has been involved in golf most of his life.

"It's pretty neat to be able to have my name mentioned with some of the golfing greats, especially at this tournament," said Woods.

This is Tiger's 10th tournament win, including his three U.S. Amateur Titles.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Settlement reached in brutality lawsuit

The U.S. Justice Department recently reached a settlement in the lawsuit that was filed last month regarding racial profiling in Cincinnati.

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft signed the agreement after the last group, the Ohio chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, agreed to the settlement. The Cincinnati city government and the Fraternal Order of Police admitted to their role in police brutality.

In the settlement, the city will start a community-policing program to deal with the nearly 30 years of complaints from the African American community in the city. There will also be a Citizen Complaint Authority and an independent panel to report the city's efforts to the Justice Department over a span of five years.

The settlement comes after nearly a year of turmoil in the city. When a young black man was killed by police officers, it set off riots in the city for several days.

When the African

American community felt the city administration was responding to them, they started the Black United Front, a coalition of black organizations and churches in Cincinnati, and started a boycott. During the boycott they urged prominent black entertainers such as Bill Cosby, Whoopi Goldberg and Smokey Robinson not to make appearances in Cincinnati out of respect for the protest. ACLU lawyer Scott Greenwood called the settlement "the best community relations agreement ever negotiated in the U.S."

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Showtime movie "Keep the Faith, Baby,"

a biography about his father.

WHU-TV was the country's first black-owned public broadcast station. Powell

says he is excited about continuing the legacy and "continuing the significant contributions of African Americans in media."

A Campus Dialogue on Race

Thursday, April 25, 2002: Mark this date on your calendar because it will be a significant day in the history of North Carolina State University. On that day, the university will be sponsoring the inaugural event for a "Campus Dialogue on Race." The session will be held in the Cinema of the Witherspoon Center at 10a.m. The session will be a two-hour open and free wheeling discussion of race, gender, and other diversity-related issues on our campus as brought up by a panel of NCSU students. Audience members will have the opportunity to participate through their comments and questions. The discussion will be facilitated by Mr. William E. Leftwich, III, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity who played an integral role in President Bill Clinton's "One America Conversations."

Be sure to come and participate in this important discussion. Like no other time at NC State University now is your chance to be a part of a true racial dialogue and to begin to develop the skills necessary to live in the world of diversity that awaits you when you graduate. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

Provost Stuart Cooper

N.C. State adopts MBA program

Bobby Guthrie II
Staff Writer

N.C. State changed the name of its Master of Science in Management [MSM] to a Master of Business Administration [MBA] in May. The University of North Carolina Office of the President approved the name change on Apr. 5.

The name change reflects different innovations in business education in order to keep up with the speed of today's modern business practices. State's MBA program focuses on technology management as well as

managing principles relating to science, technology and engineering.

The name change strengthens the foundation of State's business programs. "The MSM label has caused uncertainty about the program's objectives for many prospective students and employers," said Dr. Steve Allen, director of the MBA program. "There was confusion about whether this was a science or management degree. The MBA label resolves that issue." Sixty full-time and 140 part-time students are now enrolled in the program. Full-time students can complete the MBA degree in two years while part-timers can in three.

Correction In last week's issue the article "Misuse of the word Tribe" was not a reflection of the article actually written by Opinions Editor T.J. Eatmon.

**Race dialogue at N.C. State**

Bobby Guthrie II
Staff Writer

"A Campus Dialogue on Race" will be here at N.C. State on Thursday, Apr. 25, at 10 a.m. The free event will be held at the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema and is open to the entire campus community.

The talks are a direct result of a discussion in a political science class in February. It will feature a student panel who will discuss race and what steps need to be taken to promote a healthy and diverse campus.

The event will be moderated by William E. Leftwich III, former

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Equal Opportunity in the Bill Clinton presidential administration.

The dialogue is needed by many who say the racism needs to be stopped before it begins.

"As an academic community, we have a responsibility to help students, faculty and staff learn to engage in constructive racial dialogue," said Stuart Cooper, a N.C. State provost. "We are dedicated to free expression and debate as a means of seeking knowledge and understanding, and to the principles of civility, respect and tolerance that must guide our discussions and debates, both in the classroom and in our larger community."

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Prevention Programs as well as an Assistant Equal Opportunity Officer. My job is two-fold," said Dr. Sutton. "I train people about law and policies". "And protect people from discrimination". As far as training Dr. Sutton does appearances and workshops where she trains faculty, staff and students about discrimination and harassment. Dr. Sutton says she would change her presentation depending on what the group wanted.

When discrimination does occur the victims has two options available through the Office of Equal Opportunity. They can either file a formal complaint or an informal complaint. In filing a formal complaint the victim is required to put the incident in writing. Complaints against students are handled by the Office of Student Conduct and can lead to student judicial hearings. Complaints against an employee from another employee can lead to grievance hearing. In the case that a complaint is lodged against an employee from the office launches an investigation. The office first

gives the person who the complaint is lodged against the chance to respond. Next, OEO officers will interview witnesses to the incident. The last in formal complaint requires the office to take disciplinary action in the case depending upon the severity and the complaint. For an employee that can range from counseling to dismissal.

If a victim files an informal complaint, which is usually done by just coming to the office, several steps will be taken to end the harassment after the incident. One step is consultation, which the office gives the person input on how to resolve the conflict. Another

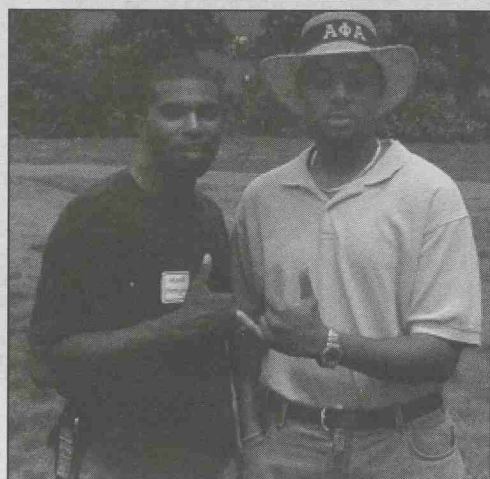
step is confrontation, which require discussing the issue with other person with or without a third person present. The last option is through the university's mediation program. In informal complaints the OEO takes no disciplinary action. In either case of a formal or informal complaint the investigation and its results are kept confidential

Dr. Sutton who has a doctorate in counselor education says the process "in every situations is taken seriously". Education is the key " she added. Dr. Sutton has worked in counselor education for thirteen years. If you want to know

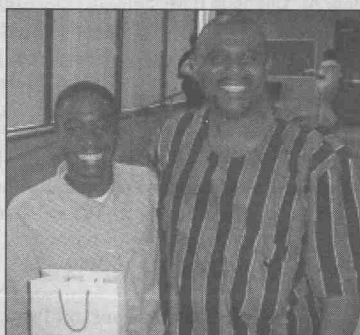
Campus Photos



Black Repertory Theatre cast members of "Mama I want to Sing" relax after last week's show.



Harold Pettigrew and Stacey at chillin at Blackout



Space teacher Antonio Mercer and Dr. NaCoste at Space Program Commencement



Dr. Moses serves lunch to Space Program students at commencement



Sharonda Addison and Wyllene Woyee at the BSB table at Blackout



SAAC Pres Shonda Tabb and Takicha Lee at the SAAC table at Blackout

What Could One African American Woman Do?

By Keon Pettitway
Editor In Chief

The slave period proved to be troublesome and a hinderance for African Americans in the South. There were limited opportunities in North Carolina for the growth and improvement of education in the African American community. During the Civil War era, educational opportunities for African Americans slowly began to increase.

The American Missionary Association, which was established in 1846, became the leading source for providing schools for African Americans. The late 1800's spawned a new era in the establishment of colleges and universities. Some of the col-

leges and universities established during this time were Johnson C. Smith (1867), Saint Augustine's College (1867), Barber-Scotia College (1870), and Shaw University (1865).

One of the most prestigious and recognized institutes in North Carolina created for African Americans was the Palmer Memorial Institute, which was located in Greensboro, N.C.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown was the first African American woman to establish "normal" school in North Carolina. Brown was born in Henderson, North Carolina, originally named Lottie Hawkins

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Charles Wadlington, author of "Charlotte Hawkins Brown & Palmer Memorial Institute," with Dr. Iyailu Moses

DanceVisions Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Members of Dancevisions performed on Thursday, April 11, 2002 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the growth and tradition of DanceVisions. The performance was an addition to

through...Running for."

DanceVisions started in October 1977 after three students arrived at N.C. State University. Rhonda Bennet Cagler, Inga Brandon-Pinnix, and Pamela



the Pan-African Festival held Apr. 5 to Apr. 13.

This year's DanceVisions performance was entitled, "LIFE...Run ning to...Running

Graham performed their first show in February 1978 and DanceVisions became an official N.C. State organization in April 1978.

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ents are please with the decision. "We're pleased the Supreme Court agreed with us

," said one parent. Many black parents have a different sentiment. "It removes a level of uncertainty," said one parent.

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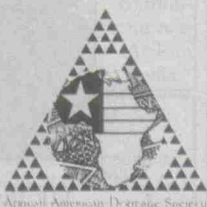
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Linda Simmons Henry
St. Augustine's College

Monday, April 22, 2002
K. Dunham Multipurpose Room
7 p.m.

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NuBiAn Events

Nubian Message General Body Meeting
Every Wednesday at 9 p.m.
African American Cultural Center room 372

22nd Annual Spring Banquet
Saturday, April 20, 2002
6:00 p.m.
Brownstone Hotel-Raleigh
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AFRICANA STUDIES & THE AFRICA PROJECT
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THE 1ST EVER AFRICAN DIASPORA FILM FESTIVAL: A CARIBBEAN FOCUS

La Ultima Rueda de Papa Montero



This film, dances around the life of Papa Montero, one of the famous rumberos of Cuba, assassinated during carnival. A discovery of Cuban traditions and every life told through beautiful images, sensual music and dance. The use of Afro-Cuban mythology is the force behind the characters as orishas guide the characters' fate.

Monday, April 22, 2002
@ 7:00 p.m.

Witherspoon Cinema
Reviewed by:
Dr. Gregory Dawes
Foreign Languages
& Literatures,
NCSU

Sugar Cane Alley



The teenage life and adventures of young José who lives in a shanty-town on Martinique in the mid-30s comprises the body of this well wrought film on how to enjoy what you have. José lives with his grandmother and is well aware of the French colonial presence but they are far away from his world. He gets into mischief, learns valuable lessons on living from an old former slave.

Tuesday, April 23, 2002
@ 7:00 p.m.

Witherspoon Cinema
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Clifford Griffin
Political Science,
NCSU

<http://www2.ncsu.edu/chas/mduffin/2002.htm>

Culture & Arts

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Little brown baby wif spa'klin' eyes,
Come to yo' pappy an' set on his knee.
What you been doin', suh -- makin' san' pies?
Look at dat bib -- you's ez du'ty ez me.
Look at dat mout -- dat's merlasses, I bet;
Come hyeah, Maria, an' wipe off his han's.
Bees gwine to ketch you an' eat you up yit,
Bein' so sticky an' sweet -- goodness lan's!

Little brown baby wif spa'klin' eyes,
Who's pappy's darlin' an' who's pappy's chile?
Who is it all de day nevah once tries
Fu' to be cross, er once loses dat smile?
Whah did you git dem teef? My, you's a scamp!
Whah did dat dimple come fom in yo' chin?
Pappy do' know you -- I b'lieves you's a tramp;
Mammy, dis hyeah's some ol' straggler got in!

Let's th'ow him outen de do' in de san',
We do' want stragglers a-layin' 'roun' hyeah;
Let's gin him 'way to de big buggah-man;
I know he's hidin' 'erroun' hyeah right neah.
Buggah-man, buggah-man, come in de do',
Hyeah's a bad boy you kin have fu' to eat.
Mammy an' pappy do' want him no mo',
Swaller him down fom his haid to his feet!

Dah, now, I tought dat you'd hug me up close.
Go back, ol' buggah, you sha'n't have dis boy.
He ain't no tramp, ner no straggler, ol' co'se;
He's pappy's pa'dner an' playmate an' joy.
Come to you' pallet now -- go to yo' res';
Wisht you could allus know ease an' deah skies;
Wisht you could stay jes' a chile on my breas' --
Little brown baby wif spa'klin' eyes!

By Paul Lawrence Dunbar



Art from the John Biggers Art Gallery in the African American Cultural Center

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News Editor	Office Manager
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Business Manager	Sports & Entertainment Editor
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Photographer	

Applications are available in the Nubian Message box in room 372 or room 355 [front desk] of the African American Cultural Center. Applications are due on Monday, April 22, 2002. Put completed applications in the drop box on the Nubian

DID YOU KNOW?

Harriet Tubman is nationally known as the leader of the Underground Railroad. Did you know that Tubman lead a troop of 300 into the battle-grounds of South Carolina which created the Combahee Raid of June 2, 1863?

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and later changed her name to Charlotte Eugenia Hawkins during her senior year in high school. Her family moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts where she attended Cambridge English High School.

Brown returned to North Carolina in 1901 after accepting a teaching position at Bethany Congregational Church in Sedalia, NC when she was 18 years of age. Unfortunately, the American Missionary Association closed majority of the one and two room "schoolhouses" and left Brown of out employment.

Regardless of the situation Brown was determined to stay in the community and transform the educational environment for African Americans.

After the end of her teaching career with the American Missionary Association, Brown established the Palmer Memorial Institution in 1902. The institute

was originally an agriculture and manual training facility, which later expanded into an accredited preparatory school. More than 1,000 attended the Palmer Memorial Institute.

Charles Wadlington, author of "Charlotte Hawkins Brown & Palmer Memorial Institute" delivered a presentation about Brown the Institute as a part of the lecture Heritage Lecture Series sponsored by the African American Cultural Center and the African American Heritage Society.

Wadlington informed the audience about the stern rules at Palmer Memorial Institute. There were separate female and male residence halls, and females and males sat on separate sides of the room at various functions.

After a devastating fire at the Institute the Palmer Memorial closed its doors in 1971.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown served 50 years as the head of the Palmer Memorial Institute and she died in 1961.

Sports & Entertainment

Keke Wyatt: Twenty years in jail?

Faith Pearl Leach
Staff Writer

R&B singer Keke Wyatt is facing up to 20 years in jail for allegedly stabbing her husband on Christmas Day. Wyatt, who's enjoying entertainment prominence with her two hit singles "Nothing in This World," and "If Only You Knew," was indicted on one count of second degree assault by a Shelby County Grand Jury in Shelbyville, Ky., on March 25, 2002. The charges stem from Wyatt's arrest, which occurred



when police responded to a domestic violence call on Dec. 25 and found Rahmat Morton with stab wounds on his chest, arms, hands and back. Doctors at the University of Louisville Hospital removed part of a steak knife from his back. A formal arrangement of charges will be presented, and Wyatt will then be given the opportunity to plead at a court appearance on May 9, 2002.

Sales of her album "Soul Sista" skyrocketed after it was released that Wyatt was indicted. When asked about the charges against her, Wyatt had no response for the press. A criminal indictment is not a determination of guilt, only that there is enough evidence to go to trial.

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marches, involved pooling of funds from the various communities, a flow of continuous cash inside our neighborhoods and the establishment of schools. Do you think we would be further along in our communities today? The way I see it is that we are in a race, and if two people are racing and one has a considerable head start you can't expect the person in the lead to assist you and bring you to their status. If there is help it will only be to the extent that the person ahead can stay ahead and not give ground. There needs to be a paradigm shift in the black community, from one of trying to gain acceptance to economic and social empowerment. We are people of strong convictions and faith; "good works" must follow

NBA Playoffs Preview

By Troy Neal

The NBA playoffs start this Friday and the match ups are set. New Jersey and Sacramento are the tops seeds while Indiana and Utah are in the eight spots. The Lakers are the third seed in the west but are still favorites to win it all. They have won it for the last two years and are looking to three-peat. This year's favorite for MVP is Jason Kidd. He has lead the Nets to their best record in years. New Jersey coach Byron Scott is also a favorite for coach of the year. On the west side Sacramento's signing of Mike Bibby along with their core players of Chris Webber, Doug Christie, Vlade Divac and Predrag Stojakovic really turned out beneficial.

They accomplished their goals of finishing ahead of the Lakers and obtaining home court advantage throughout the entire playoffs. The hometown Hornets formerly of Charlotte once again make the playoffs. Not many have real high hopes for the Hornets chances but as many say "at least they make it to the playoffs every year." They are looking to relocate in New Orleans. A big surprise in the east besides New Jersey is Detroit. Great play from Jerry Stackhouse along with the surprising efforts of Ben Wallace, the Pistons turn out to be a force to be reckoned with. The Pistons clinched the central division title for the first time in twelve years. They have not been able to do this since the days of Isiah Thomas. Their coach, Rick Carlisle, has the highest winning percentage of a first year coach in Piston his-

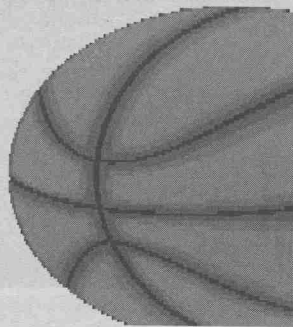
tory. Back to the west, The Utah Jazz are not the same caliber team anymore. Karl Malone and John Stockton are still the backbones of this team and that is where their problems lie. The team still plays with focus on Stockton-to-Malone. This hurts them because like Ewing is his last days as a Knick, you can not have the same go-to-guy for 15 years. Malone is the go-to-guy and Stockton is his provider. The Jazz are in the eight seed and maybe a first round exit will show them that a change is needed. The other teams in the playoffs are Orlando, Boston, Philly, Toronto, Dallas, Minnesota, Portland, San Antonio, and Seattle.

Round 1 East

1. Nets vs. 8. Pacers
4. Hornets vs. 5. Magic
2. Pistons vs. 7. Raptors
3. Celtics vs. 6. Sixers

West

1. Kings vs. 8. Jazz
4. Mavericks vs. 5. T'Wolves
2. Spurs vs. 7. Sonics
3. Lakers vs. 6. Blazers



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Your time probably has become overwhelmingly busy. You might even feel stupid at times. However, it will not last long for bad moments only come to prepare your for the good times. It is only a test of life for life has many. Do not let anything back you down. You have to live for you. That's reality.

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Sports and Entertainment

Da return of the Hip Hop Lounge Still the Nycest source of Hip Hop

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

Hip-Hop in the motherland What up hip-hop heads? It's been a while since the last Hip-Hop Lounge article. I know all of y'all have

been in anticipation of the next article, well Hip-Hop

Lounge is back. This week we are going worldwide to examine the influence of hip-hop within the motherland of Africa. I ran up on a website entitled www.african-hiphop.com. The website gives the goal of "unifying everybody who's inspired by hip hop and by the cultures of Africa and of African origins." The website was formerly named "Rumba-Kali Home of African Hip Hop," and began in 1997 with intentions of being a platform for discussion while presenting information of hip-hop from Africa.

There are many different styles of hip-hop represented throughout Africa. Each country having a unique style of what they feel represents hip-hop culture. Since the creation of the website, hip-hop music and culture has expanded rapidly not only in Africa but all over the world. In that time there have been many Pan Afrikan hip-hop festivals held at various places throughout the world. About half of the songs

are written and performed in English, the other half written and performed in the native languages of the artist. The crew called "X Plastaz," are the featured the group on the website this week. They consist of two emcees and one singer from Arusha, Tanzania. Their latest single and video is entitled "Ushanta," and is considered groundbreaking for Tanzanian hip-hop.

Hip-Hop started in the Bronx, N.Y., and has spread worldwide. American culture is very influential to the entire world, and hip-hop is one example. Worldwide, hip-hop is influenced by American hip-hop. This influence plays a big part of defining

what hip-hop should be. This can be both good and bad. Good in the sense that hip-hop is not only expressive of American culture, but of other cultures also. This can diversify hip-hop and generate other creative ways of enjoying and expressing hip-hop. This could also be bad depending on what type of American hip-hop music will be represented to the world as hip-hop music. If only mainstream hip-hop is noticed then the world will be convinced that hip-hop is mainly about cars, girls, guns, etc., as opposed to being inclusive of those but not limited to that. Even though mainstream hip-hop is sometimes ignorant and can become redundant, hip-hop is more diverse than that. We as the American hip-hop audience must take into consideration of what we promote as real hip-hop because our decisions influence the rest of the world.

Holla, Troy "T-Nyce" Neal...the one and only



One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure

By Andrew "2-3" Seed

What do you do with a person you give a multi-million dollar contract to that isn't satisfied? You trade them, which is exactly what happened to a number of big name players in the NBA last week. Critics will argue for hours on who got the better deal and so forth, but these are the facts. The two major deals that got everyone's attention were the Chicago to Indiana and Dallas to Denver deals.

It is well known to all that Nick Van Exel has wanted out of Denver for months now. So much so that he was even willing to forgo the last two years of a contract that would pay him \$26.5 million! Plain and simple, he was just tired of losing. He finally got what he wanted and was traded from Denver to the West-leading Dallas Mavericks. Even though his playing time will be slightly less, he has a chance at a championship. Players often say, as they get older it isn't about the money, and they just want to win. Let's hope this was the case in his predicament because \$26 million is a lot of money.

Two years ago Indiana was in the NBA finals and Jalen Rose was hailed as the golden child. But now he's playing for the Chicago Bulls. Internal bickering between Rose and legendary player Isaiah Thomas led to the trade. Since December Rose's playing time has decreased as well as becoming the second and third option on the team. Team president Donnie Walsh stated that Rose was not on the trading block. But he was sent with Travis Best, Norm Richardson, and money to Chicago for Ron Artest, Ron Mercer, Kevin Ollie, and Brad Miller. The Bulls got a proven scorer and leader for a very young team. The Pacers got some much-needed muscle in the frontcourt.

The Mavs got a much-needed scoring punch in their push for a playoff run, and the lowly Bulls have won three straight. But only time will tell who got the better of the trades.

Trade Info:

Mavericks Nuggets

Nick Van Exel
Juan Howard
Raef LaFrentz
Donell Harvey
Traiq Abdul Wahad
Tim Hardaway
Avery Johnson
1st Round Pick

Bulls Pacers

Jalen Rose
Ron Artest
Travis Best
Ron Mercer
Norm Richardson
Brad Miller
1st Round Pick
Kevin Ollie

More Nubian Events

First Annual Poetry Open
Saturday, Apr. 20, 2002
8:00 p.m.
Durham Arts Council Theatre
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Run For Respect 2002
Saturday, Apr. 20, 2002
10:00 a.m.
Centennial Campus

What Happened To Black Radicalism?
Thursday, April 18, 2002
7:00 p.m.
African American Cultural Center room 357

African **A**merican **C**ultural **C**enter

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
LIBRARY/GALLERY HOURS: 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. (M-H) 9:00 A.M. (F)

Opinions

My People

Umar Muhammed

Yes, African Americans are my people, but why do we do some of the things we do? Why do we buy what we want and beg for what we need? At first glance and without much thought, this question seems judgmental. But I don't see it that way at all. To some the question has no merit, to the others who may see some validity in it only reflect as far as "Yeah, I buy the Jordans with my own money," but turn right around and say, "Momma, I need some new bed linens, mine are old." I want to challenge those that do see some validity in the question presented above to think of broader examples of this, and to those that don't see any merit in the question, open your minds. I guess it is only fair that I express my feelings regarding the question.

Even before answering the question and presenting an example, I must say that the idea and logic that the question presents is very disturbing to me. The question has two contrasting ideas about Black folks: one is that as a people we have the means and ability to care for ourselves; the other is that we appear unmotivated to use those means and abilities to actually care for ourselves. The problem and challenge here is one of identity. We don't realize the damage that is done to our commu-



nities when we continue to ask others for the things that they have and use the accumulation of those things as a measuring stick of success. This identity crisis would not exist if we knew ourselves because we would see the greatness that was in us even before slavery. We were kings and queens, founders of rich civilizations, and people of faith. In many cases Africans were the civilizing agents around the world. Other civilizations would come to Africa to see what black people were doing with tools and resources. Our ancestors were doctors, engineers, judges, heads of state, and so on. We cannot expect to begin to stop begging for our needs until we connect and relate back to when we were great. Too many of us have a warped view of our history and Africa. That single factor is the primary cause of African Americans' current problems in this country.

I truly believe that even though the Civil Rights movement gave us equality in the eyes of the law, it did not address the inequality in the hearts of the people. We were no longer 3/5 of a human being on paper but continued to be such today, even in our own minds. Again, we worked for the things we wanted, but beg for our human rights. Imagine that the Civil Rights movement, instead of protests, sit-ins, and

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Letter to the Editor:

When I viewed the Nubian Message, I understood what Ivory Harris and Antoine Clark were saying deeply. I felt that it was just me that felt those same ways around campus, but their opinions let me know I was not alone with that feeling. It seems to be blown out of proportion how it is always said, "What is the racial climate like on campus?" or "Blacks repre-

sent just 10 percent of the minority on campus." True we are 10 percent on campus, but what percent are we really on campus? That is the percentage of us on campus, but we probably intermingle and really be around most of our own roughly five percent.

I see African Americans on campus when I may walk by going to classes, on the brickyard, in the library whatever and I am always contemplating a lot rather to speak

because of the fear of being ignored or watching a fake smile. It is sad how we do our own around campus. My main focus and point is summed up with one question: "If we are not close with the little percent of us on campus, how can we complain about a racial climate with other races, when it appear to be a major problem with ourselves?"

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If you have an opinion, state it. If you have an idea, share it. If you have a talent, use it. If you have a faith, believe it. The only person that can stop you from doing anything is you. You have the power; just use it for your benefit. You just have to do what you got to do.

We have the tendency to complain and whine, telling ourselves and each other that things cannot be done. We see problems but are scared to act on them. We dream of a world that is problem-free but we are afraid to face reality. It is easy to talk about it, but it is kind of hard to be about it.

The struggles of life slap us in the face daily. You might be a little short on money. Your work may seem to pile up on you. The Transportation Department might even give you a ticket. Your roommate might have a funky odor from time to time. Hey, this is reality.

People may give you dirty looks. Your teacher may tell you that your best is not good enough. Your boyfriend may drill a hole in your soul. Your girlfriend may have spent all your money. Your greatest strength may weaken from time to time. Your biggest weakness may attempt to get the best of you once every other week. Hey, this is reality.

Complaining does not solve anything. It is a waste of energy. Whining gets on people nerves. Worrying only tenses up your body. Making a scene about it only pushes people away. Stand up and move forward. Do what you have to do to fix the wrong and delight in the right.

You have to stand and walk the walk. The only thing you can do on your knees is pray. I want to encourage you. The things that were easy probably have become difficult.

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