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The 22nd annual Sisterhood Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Merry Monk on Feb. 11.

COE Career Fair

The College of Engineering sponsor a career fair on Wed., Feb. 12 in the McKimmon Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Clark Lecture

Dr. Opoku will lecture on the Wisdom of our Ancestors on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in Witherspoon room 125

Rhythm and Rhyme

Fanatics presents an R&B and spoken word event on Fri., Feb. 14th starting at 7 p.m. in the Talley Ballroom.

Krimson and Kreme

Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Theta will be having their annual Krimson and Kreme week Feb. 11 - 15.

Statewide Anti-war march to Raleigh's Capitol

Jennifer Chamberlain
news editor

RALEIGH, N.C. -This Saturday students from around the Triangle will have the chance to participate in a statewide march to the capitol to protest the proposed war on Iraq. Many Americans are becoming increasingly uneasy with the presence of war becoming more imminent.

Students from all triangle-area colleges are planning to meet at N.C. State's Belltower at 10 a.m. to get motivated before they proceed to march to the state capitol. The pre-show will lead students downtown "in the spirit of hip-hop," said Amir Reavis-Bey, a protestor. There will be hip-hop, themed chants, drums, freestyling and beat-boxing.

"We're just trying to spread the word to campuses throughout the Triangle and community," said Reavis-Bey. People are encouraged to wear red, green or black. There will be a big general banner, but protestors are asked to bring their own signs and drums."



Students participating in anti-war march in Washington D.C.

staff photo by Amir Reavis -Bey

One of the most direct impacts of a war for students will be the draft. It is sometimes assumed that the registered military will cover all facets of combat in times of war, however, the government must ensure that the military has more than enough able soldiers prepared for combat.

As of 2001, the Selective Service registration is a requirement for obtaining federal benefits including student loans, job training, government-oriented jobs, and citizenship for male immigrants. It informs young men

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Technology may curb U.S. oil use

(NAPS)-New technologies may help drive down oil and gasoline costs in the U.S. Research is currently being done on hybrid motors that make vehicles burn gas more efficiently, as well as on new types of materials that make oil-heated houses less expensive to heat. However some of the most promising research focuses on improving petroleum itself.

The U.S. may someday be able to use a type of crystal grown on the International Space Station (ISS) to extract more gasoline per barrel of oil than it ever has before. That could reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil and save Americans money at the pump. In fact, it's estimated increasing the amount of gasoline derived from a barrel of oil by just one percent could save America \$400 million annually.

The earth-grown variety of the crystals, called zeolites, is already used to produce virtually all the gasoline in the world. However, when grown on Earth, the crystals are extremely small-approximately two to eight microns in size, or about the size of microscopic bacteria. The microgravity of space lets scientists grow crystals 200 to 1,000 times larger-and

with zeolites, the bigger the better.

"Larger, more perfectly formed space-grown crystals tell us more about the way the crystal is made and how it works," says former Space Shuttle crewmember Dr. Albert Sacco Jr. Scientists can use that knowledge to "get more" from zeolites than they could in the past.

For example, NASA expects space-grown crystals will eventually lead to cleaner fuel in addition to cheaper gas.

The organization is currently looking at ways to use zeolites to turn hydrogen into usable fuel for cars. Companies have invented engines that burn hydrogen, but so far, there is no way to safely store and transport the element. Hydrogen is the most abundant element in the universe and it burns completely pollution-free.

"The International Space Station is the most sophisticated lab ever built," says Sacco. "The discoveries we make in space will have some important down to earth benefits."

For more information visit
www.spaceflight.nasa.gov.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

StudentSpotlight

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Kristen Ricks

Marcus Gibbs
staff writer

Kristen Ricks exemplifies the phrase "doing it all." She is the current president of the Society of African American Physical and Mathematical Scientists, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a member of the African American Student Advisory Council and a participant in intramural basketball.

"Being a student at N.C. State has broadened my vision of the world," said Ricks. She is trying to help other students achieve what she did and also help them learn more about their culture. By being a good model for future minority PAMS students, Ricks is leading by

example and giving students encouragement by making them believers of their own success.

The college senior decided to join SAA-PAMS because the organization treated her as if she was family when she first arrived at N.C. State and she wanted to do the same for other students. In four years of being a member of SAA-PAMS, she has been a dedicated student in the field of applied mathematics. The aspiring financial planner and consultant admits that she has grown to be more assertive in being part of different leadership positions since stepping foot on campus for the first time.

U.S. News Briefs

NEWS FROM THE U.S.

Jennifer Chamberlain
news editor

Bush issues high security alert

The Bush administration recently raised the national security alert level from yellow to orange, the second highest level, indicating there may be future terrorist attacks on the nation in the coming weeks. The alert is was issued because of thoughts that Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida may attack.

Americans were told to be more alert and prepared. Red is the highest color on the alert system.

U.S. education improving

President Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education bill is catching on slowly in most states. The bill, which requires assessment tests for kindergarten through twelfth grade students, nationwide standards in math, reading and science, and specially trained teachers in every classroom among other things, was passed last year.

The bill has a 12-year timeframe in which all public schools have to have implemented all the steps of the bill. Although some of the deadlines have already arrived, many states are struggling to keep up with the demands. Some teachers think that they're

preparing for tests so often that they don't have time to introduce new material to students.

North Carolina has completed 26 of the 40 requirements thus far, making it one of the top states to fulfill "No Child Left Behind" standards.

Xavier University recently decided not to air

Xavier reneges Farrakhan's speech

Nation of Islam leader, Louis Farrakhan's "Saviours' Day" speech, which will address President Bush's proposed war on Iraq. The speech will be telecast via satellite to colleges and universities nationwide.

"This message will contain guidance and warning for the government of the United States, the American people and black people in particular," Farrakhan said in a news release on the Nation of Islam's website. Xavier believes the speech will be "too divisive." They feel that their curriculum and goals are to support diversity and cultural awareness, but feel that Farrakhan's speech will be alienating people instead of unifying them.

Farrakhan's speech is set to air in over 100 locations in the United States, Canada and England on Feb. 23. N.C. State will be airing the program in the McKimmon Center at 1:30 p.m. Prices are \$10 for the general public; \$7 for N.C. State students, and children under 7 will be admitted for free.

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that failure to register for the military before their 26th

birthday means they may never receive federal benefits. In addition to that, failure to register for the draft is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The Student-Youth protestors are planning on being lead to the capitol by motorcycled escorts.

The bikers are there to symbolize the oil aspect of the impending war. They are

sending out the message that Americans don't want to go to war over oil. In an effort to show feminist progression, march organizers plan on having women speak into the bullhorns to motivate the crowds.

Reavis-Bey encourages anyone who wants to participate to come out. "Let their voices be heard. Stand up against war. We do have a vote."

Caribbean News Briefs

NEWS FROM THE ISLANDS.

Chasda Clendinen
guest writer

Islands are in the orange

On Feb. 7, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that the security level was raised to orange. Orange is a High Condition level, declared when there is a high risk of terrorist attacks.

Acting Police Commissioner Bruce Hamlin issued an alert advisory to all police chiefs stating that they should take whatever necessary procedures needed to protect the three islands' communities.

In the advisory to police personnel, Hamlin said, "As a U.S. territory having the largest oil refinery in the western hemisphere and a substantial tourism industry, we are vulnerable and must be mindful that as the threat level increases, we must take all

precautions to ensure our safety and that of our entire community, to include our visitors."

Port Authority has heightened security at all of the territory's ports of entry. Police officers will be patrolling established marine checkpoints and the two airports in St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Hamlin listed six safety steps to Virgin Island police officers and requested that it be read and distributed in roll calls. The steps include informative roll calls regarding adequate equipment such as bulletproof vests, two officer patrols when possible, advising of officers regarding national and local homeland security updates, awareness of chemical and biological warfare agents used by terrorists and reviewing of communications procedures.

STAND FOR SOMETHING!

Join thousands in North Carolina and across the world who are standing against an aggressive war

Student Youth March for Peace

February 15

meet at the Belltower @ 10 a.m.

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Farrakhan Speaks AMERICA

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The championship match was highly competitive. SMA got on the board first then SAAC answered back with another correct answer. The atmosphere was tense as both teams were knotted at 40 points. In the end, SMA came out victorious, winning a hard fought first place position after finishing second last year. The SAAC, YBE, NSBE, Delta/Kappa and CHASS-MAS finished second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

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SMA wins black history bowl

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Hayes to speak at Heritage Lecture

Robert White
managing editor

On Monday, Feb. 17 the African American Heritage Society Dr. Floyd Hayes, III will be giving a heritage lecture. His topic will be, "The Philosophy of Franz Fanon: Colonizing and Decolonizing Black Minds."

In an interview, Dr. Hayes talked about why he wants to address this topic. Hayes talked in depth about the history of the slave mentality among African Americans. Though he noted that there were rebellions throughout American history, it was during the Black Power Movement that black people began to challenge this inferiority complex.

During the Black Power Movement of the 1960s, black people, particularly students, began to challenge the power structure and liberate themselves from the inferiority complex which began during enslavement. African-American students challenged professors black and white, he noted.

As a professor, now Dr. Hayes believes he has seen a regression in the power blackness and pride that he saw as undergraduate and graduate student. In this lecture he wants to deal with libera-

tion from that mentality. Hayes believes the heritage lecture series is good for students because it helps them in "gaining understanding of themselves and the decisions about what they want to do with their lives and it's consistent with the ongoing struggle to improve the life chances for black people in America"

Dr. Hayes, who is an associate professor in Political Science and Africana Studies, will talk about Franz Fanon and how his ideas on the colonization of African minds relate to us today. Fanon was a psychiatrist from Martinique who fought in the French-Algerian War.

Fanon received international acclaim through his books, "Wretched of the Earth," and "Black Skins, White Masks." These two texts were very influential during the Black Power Movement. Hayes believes Fanon's work is important because he deals with black alienation and how that relates to decolonization.

The African American Heritage Society has lectures and activities on the Monday of each week. The lecture will be cosponsored with Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding and the National Society of Black Engineers.

CHASSNet brings employers to student

Jennifer Chamberlain
staff writer

RALEIGH, N.C. - Last Thursday, approximately 375 students gathered in the Caldwell lounge for the 6th annual CHASS-Net Career Fair. The event offered students in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from a variety of companies and organizations on the possibilities of future employment. With 4,000 students, CHASS is the second largest college at N.C. State.

The career fair "enabled students to network, make contacts and get experience" with speaking to employers, said Woody Catoe, Assistant Director of the University Career Center with specific responsibility for CHASS students.

Some companies, like Enterprise Rent-A-Car, were taking resumes and setting up interviews on the spot. Others were looking for interns or giving input for future consideration. Still others were just giving out informa-

tion on their organizations, in hopes that students will remember them when they graduate.

Career fair organizers tried to make sure the whole spectrum of CHASS majors was covered, although there did tend to be a number of sociology, sales and law enforcement positions at this year's fair. The companies that attend are usually extended invitations, but some express interest after attending in previous years and want to come back.

Catoe said a lot of company representatives stated on their evaluation sheets "they were very impressed with the students at N.C. State." Student evaluations also indicated that they thought the career fair was a success. About 300 students registered and filled out evaluations, but Catoe believes more students attended but did not sign in.

The Career Center will be sponsoring an Engineering Career Fair tomorrow in the McKimmon Center.

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Reliving Black History Month

Jennifer Chamberlain
news editor

Scholar and historian Carter G. Woodson is known as "The Father of Black History." In a time where blacks were seldom if ever named in history books, Woodson was one of the first advocates of black history.

Woodson was born in 1875 to a poor family of former slaves. He often had to miss going to school to help work on the farm. Yet by the time he was 17 his self-learned education was pretty equivalent to a public education. He then worked as a coal miner to put himself through college. He was educated at various schools to get his BA, MA and PhD.

Woodson was disturbed by the portrayals of blacks in history books. White historians had either left blacks out of history or falsely portrayed them in ways that implied that slavery had many benefits to black people. Woodson didn't want blacks thinking they had no past, but instead wanted them to have pride in their roots. He actively worked

to change the image of blacks in history.

In 1915 he started the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which attempted to uncover the history of blacks all the way from Africa. Woodson also wrote textbooks, taught at colleges and authored many books, including his most famous *Miseducation of the Negro*.

In 1926, he founded Negro History Week during the second week of February. Some say he chose that week because it marked the birthdays of two men who helped abolish slavery - Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. It's also been said that Woodrow chose February because although slaves were freed in January of 1865, many didn't find out until February.

However, many important events that paved the way for African Americans happened in the month of February. To name a few: Quakers first protested slavery - 1688, Langston Hughes born - 1902, NAACP founded - 1909, Greensboro Sit-in - 1960.

Reflection Eternal for your mind

Amir Reavis-Bey
staff writer

In the lyrics of Talib Kweli's song, "Four Women," featured on Talib Kweli and DJ Hi-Tek's debut LP entitled "Reflection Eternal," Kweli states "... She lived from nigger to colored to Negro to black to Afro then African-American right back to nigger." Kweli rapidly reminds African-Americans of their strength as a people and their ability to endure and rise above extreme adversities and how they must continue to move forward and not reverse. In the commentary for his book titled, "Nile Valley Contributions to Civilization," renowned historian Anthony Browder addresses the issue concerning the relevance of the names used to refer to people in America of African descent. The names mentioned in Kweli's song are

and have been society's standards to refer to African-Americans along with numerous other names that are too horrific to mention. Browder draws attention to the fact that Americans of African descent have been called "any name except a child of God."

The first dehumanizing name "nigger" has an early 1500s origin which derived from the word black used by the Portuguese during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Unfortunately, many ignorant and uneducated members of the "black" community claim to have altered the spelling and pronunciation of the word "nigger" to "nigga" to be used as a name to refer to themselves. Ironically, these same individuals deem it is fair to refer to themselves using this term, but surprisingly are upset when others who do not look

like them use it. Although people say it is just a word, it is very important for people to choose the right words to express how they view themselves. Words are not chosen at random and they all have a meaning and purpose.

Inciting his readers to think, Browder poses the question referring to the use of the term "colored" for a person, "What color is this 'colored' person? Red, green, black, or white?" Reflecting on this question it can be easily concluded that the use of this word is inappropriate because it sounds very conflicted and has no meaning in relation to a people. It is frightful to mentally relive what it was like to check a box labeled "Colored" on a job application or a government form. In addition, Browder breaks down the usage of

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Graduate school opens doors

Marsheda Barnette
staff writer

The option of going to graduate school may be stuck in the back of your head right now. Maybe you are so sick of undergrad life that you want to enter the work force immediately after graduation.

Whatever the case may be, you should realize that going to graduate school opens doors that were otherwise closed. On Jan. 29, 2003, Phi Beta Sigma and Delta Sigma Theta invited students who are interested in going to graduate school to a seminar that gave valuable information on admissions, financial assistance, and a first hand view of life as a graduate student.

To get things going, Dr. David Shafer, Interim Assistant Dean of Graduate School, gave a presentation of the types of graduate degrees that are available and the process, from searching good schools and departments, to the application, to financial assistance during studies. Then, a panel of five graduate students answered questions about their experience. There were four N.C. State

graduate students: Beverly Clark, III, Physics; DaJuanica Holmes, Operations Research; Tiffany Bailey, Chemistry; and Cranos Williams, Engineering and Signal Processing. The fifth panelist, Aviance Jenkins, is a third year law student at Wake Forest University.

The seminar focused on encouraging students to try graduate school. Even if your grades aren't too good, there may be other things that you are doing that could aid in your admission into a graduate curriculum.

They also taught that the money is out there for students if they are willing to put themselves out there to receive. We as a people should strive to want better for ourselves instead of complaining about how much time it would take to get out of school. It is okay if you do not want to continue your education after graduate school, a very small percentage do because just like undergrad, graduate school isn't for everyone. For more information go to <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/grad/> or email david_shafer@ncsu.edu.

Hip-hop uncovered

Amir Reavis-Bey
staff writer

On Thursday, Jan. 6, Avent Ferry Complex hosted a discussion on the topic of hip-hop conducted by the co-founder of YBE, Troy J. Neal. The discussion began with an open floor allowing participants to state their relationship with hip-hop and their opinion on the current state of the hip-hop industry. Many of the participants felt that hip-hop is in a current state of emergency. Right now there are a lot of so-called artists out there who are making songs over "hot" beats but are not saying anything. And to make things worse, the media is pushing this form of hip-hop and people are listening to it. Participants questioned who is at fault. Many participants felt that the industry is to blame.

The industry only wants to put out rappers to represent the African-American community who have gold teeth in their mouths, are thugged out and have nothing intelligent to say. Yes, communities worldwide listen to this hip-hop music, but African-Americans cannot afford to adopt these images into their lifestyles. People of other cultures can afford to pretend to be thugged out because when they reach a certain point of maturity in their life, society is going to accept them regardless. African-Americans cannot afford to pretend; they must break away from these negative images.


There are two different kinds of hip-hop listeners. There is the person who just listens to the commercial hip-hop on the radio, and then there is the Hip-Hop Head. The Roots put it best when they said, "Hip-hop, you the love of my life." For anyone that is a true Hip-Hop Head, he/she has a heartfelt identification with the Roots' statement. Many of the students of N.C. State have been raised by hip-hop culture and hold it dear to their hearts. For them, hip-hop is a love, a need just like the air they breathe. Hip-hop grants its listeners highs elevating their spirits to another level. On the other hand, there are people who listen to commercialized hip-hop.

What is commercial hip-hop? Commercial hip-hop consists of a "hot beat" accompanied by rappers who are not saying anything that stimulates the listener's mind. In other words, talent is not a prerequisite to make a commercial hip-hop song. A good example of commercial hip-hop is when people listen to a hip-hop song on the radio and say, "I don't care about the words, just the beat." The lyrics of these commercialized songs usually focus on being iced out, hoes, b****es, and to put it simply, has no message. People say, "Oh, they're just words, it doesn't matter." On the contrary, it does matter. Whether listeners want to admit it or not, they are mentally absorbing

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Until lions have their own historians, tales of the hunt will always glorify the hunter. • Akan Proverb



Expressions

If I...? Would You...?

If I held you with loving appeal
Would you think it was for real?
If I kissed you in a different way
Would you love me more everyday?
If I were to show you that you were my key
Would you stay or abandon me?
If I told you that I love you
Would you tell me it too?
If I brought you the sun
Would you bring me the moon?
If I caress your body all night
Would you hold me tight?
If I...?

-Chasda D.S. Clendinen

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the words being played before them. For some strange reason people are entertained by commercial hip hop's simplicity. The promotion of this kind of music is defacing hip hop.

Who is at fault for the promotion of commercial hip hop? Is it the listeners, rappers, industry, media or all? Many discussion participants felt that listeners are at fault because industry would not produce the music if people did not listen and purchase it. Others felt that the rappers were responsible for projecting the negative images heard in commercial hip hop. Several participants felt that the media was to blame because they play the same old ten commercialized hip hop songs all day on

the radio and television. One participant sounded like a media prisoner when she said, "I have no choice, but to listen to what they [the media] play." That is a false statement. As human beings, everyone has a choice. If one does not like the music played on the radio and television, he/she can obtain the music he/she wants to hear. There is a lot of quality hip hop out there and it is very attainable.

Whether you are a hip hop head, a commercial hip hop listener, or a hip hop media prisoner, make sure that you are listening to the music that most appeals for you. Do not accept what is given to you. Instead, explore the beautiful art of hip hop music. Although, they are underground, there are plenty of artists out there keeping hip hop alive.

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the term "Negro." Negro is another unjust name used to reference Americans of African descent, thus, meaning "a person unworthy of respect in the white man's world."

In the 1960s, the term "black" came into popular existence and instilled a great sense of pride in many individuals due to the nationalistic mindset associated with the Civil Rights Movement and Pro-Black Era. For several years to come, the term "black" was deemed acceptable, but as time passed many Americans of African descent realized the word black did not fully serve its purpose as a name for themselves. Browder emphasizes that the naming of a people should connect them to a land mass. For example, people from France are French, people from Italy are Italian and people from China are known as Chinese. Here's a very interesting question, where are niggers, coloreds, Negroes, and blacks from? If someone knows, they should share the answer with the rest of the world, because there are no such places as Niggerland, Coloredland, Negroland or Blackland.

In 1989, at the African-American Summit held in New Orleans, La., Americans of African descent officially named themselves more appropriately as "African-American." African-American is more appropriate because it draws a connection between a people and a land mass. For some strange reason a poll taken by the Joint Center for Political Studies in 1990 reported that 72 percent of African-Americans still preferred to be called "black," 15 percent preferred "African-American," two percent preferred "Negro," and the remaining 11 percent had no comment.

Repeatedly throughout history, people of African descent have been issued names to keep them lost and unidentified. Shedding light on how Americans of African descent have been brainwashed with ideals of self-hatred, Browder explains how the media continuously misrepresents Americans of African descent. A good example that Browder uses is Edgar Rice Burroughs' highly acclaimed novel "Tarzan, the Ape Man." Full of absurdity, the tale is about two whites, "Tarzan and Jane" who live in the

jungle with unclothed, African cannibals who wish to hunt down and cook "civilized" white people for meals. Setting the record straight, Browder states that this depiction is ridiculous and is completely far fetched. In reality, Tarzan and Jane would have probably died of skin cancer due to the climate and the lack of melanin in their skin, a black person has a greater chance of being eaten in Milwaukee, Wis. than in any African country, and furthermore, relative to size Africa has less jungle than all of Europe.

Everyday, society is continuously exposed to examples that depict Africa in such horrid and sub-human ways that causes African-Americans to have negative views towards themselves, their native culture and their land of origin.

Currently, the term "African-American" is accepted by many Americans of African descent, but in reality African-Americans are truly "Africans in America." Browder proves this point with various examples. He wrote, "If a German Shepherd were born in Baltimore, Maryland, it would still be called a German Shepherd. If a French Poodle was born on the moon it would still be called a French Poodle. Malcolm X once stated that 'if a cat had kittens in an oven, you wouldn't call them biscuits.' What then would one call an African who had been enslaved, transported across the Atlantic Ocean and renamed 'Negro?' Give that question a second to digest.

Perpetuating ignorance, many individuals that are mentally lost and full of self-hatred commonly call their fellow African-American brothers and sisters "African" as a verbal insult or a personal invitation for a physical confrontation. Unfortunately, it is very easy to walk outside of the door of one's home and hear people heave such "insults" in addition to negative comments in regards to the dark pigmentation of people's skin. Yet, these same people claim they love themselves and are proud to be black. They need to stop misrepresenting their race and learn to love themselves.

In closing, Browder states "...The name that a people call themselves must provide them with an understanding of their history by connecting them to a land mass, a language, a culture, a religion, a philosophy and so on. If a people's name fails to accomplish these simple tasks, then their name is useless."

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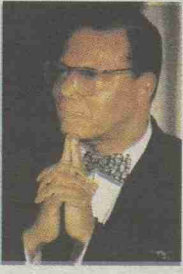
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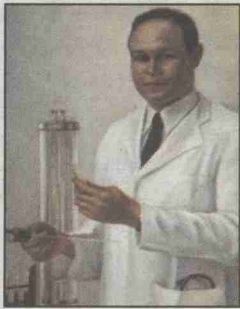


Health & Beauty

Black history tribute

Afton Dixon

staff writer



This is Black History Month, and it is time to pay tribute to someone in the field of medicine. Here is a medical pioneer that deserves to be recognized.

Dr. Charles Drew was born June 3, 1904. He attended Amherst College where he was the starting quarterback. He was also a baseball player, track team captain, and a national high hurdles champion. He was given the Howard Hill Mossman Trophy for being the most athletic during his four years at Amherst.

In 1928, he began medical school at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. While attending medical school he did blood research with a British professor by the name of John Beatrice. He interned at Montreal General Hospital and was a medical doctor there for two years.

During that time he continued his research on blood. Collecting and storing blood for transfusions was a major interest to him. He received his training at Howard University. This opened the door for him to study at Columbia University's Medical School.

Dr. Drew discovered that plasma could be substituted for whole blood. He also discovered that plasma lasts longer than blood and is less likely to be contaminated.

In 1940, he received his Doctor of Medical Science Degree from Columbia. This was during the World War II era, and he was chosen as the medical supervisor for the Blood for Britain project. This helped many wounded soldiers in England.

Following this project he was named the director of the Red Cross Blood Bank for the United States. He was also appointed the position of the National Research Council director. He was in charge of blood collection for the U. S. Army and Navy.

On April 1, 1950 he was driving to Andrew Memorial Clinic in Tuskegee, Ala. to give a lecture. He fell asleep and drove off the road. It was speculated that the closest hospital to him would not admit him because he was black.

He was then rushed to a black hospital. He did not receive medical attention quickly enough, and he died due to massive blood loss. Thanks to his genius he has saved the lives of millions.

Something in the chocolate

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No food can drive as many people crazy as the ever sweet and delectable chocolate. To some, just the mention of the word can have them watering at the mouth. But some folks say not to eat chocolate because it will irritate your skin. On the other hand, people suggest eating it in order to ease cramps. There is a multitude of uses of chocolate besides it just being a tasty snack. But are these uses really valid?

The thing that does have certain health benefits is pure cocoa. We do not get pure cocoa in our Hershey bars. We get 20 percent chocolate and 80 percent other stuff. On the positive side, chocolate is full of antioxidants, which supposedly protect against heart disease and possibly cancer.

Chocolate has a tendency to put you in a good mood. The tasty candy also has certain substances in it that does ease menstrual cramps. It is another myth

that chocolate is helpful in soothing a sore throat.

There are some risks associated with eating chocolate. This food contains high levels of sugar and fat. Like other products with high levels of sugar and fat, you should avoid eating too much chocolate.

Another bad side effect of this feel-good product is migraines. People with migraines claim that chocolate can be a trigger to their headaches. So if you suffer from migraines, chocolate may not be your best friend. There is a low level of caffeine in chocolate but not enough to give you that caffeine high you might be searching for early in the morning.

Even though chocolate may have some negative side effects, it is still the most popular candy and food flavoring out there. With the ability to perk up any mood, chocolate should be your food of choice the next time you get a little down. But please do not over do it. The fat and sugar can add extra pounds that not so many people need.

African clothing impacts fashion

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For decades upon decades, America has been one of the most prominent forces in the fashion industry. It seems that year after year, people native to the United States along with those from other cultures wait to see and mimic what America wears and deems fashionable. However, a culmination of cultures and ideas - not just American - are presented on fashion runways. It is so that American fashion has been really inspired by those of other cultures and countries for many years and continues to do so.

European design, for example, has always impacted the fashion trends of other countries. It has surely been a strong influence for the United States. From their casual wear to extravagant evening wear, Europe has set a number of trends including the bias cut and asymmetrical hemlines, poof skirts, plunging necklines, and lingerie-inspired clothing.

Paris, particularly, offers fashion several trends and ideas with their flamboyance in mixing textures, prints, and styles of clothing. America, and surely other countries, borrow many of the same visions for fashion success. Other Parisian trends adopted by other countries include romantic

clothing as well as attire imitating menswear.

Milan, an enchanting city in Italy, opts for total glamour. Making a poetic statement in fashion, Milan uses both bright and muted colors in their charming silhouettes. The Bohemian look, one of Milan's favorite styles, has become a big hit in the United States, with velvets and satins colored like precious stones and garnets trimmed in lace and fur.

Also being represented in fashion is Africa-inspired clothing and design. Filled with a combination of pride, history, celebration and love for and of the nation, the vibrant colors of red, purple, yellow, blue, and so many others are united together with the splendid designs and details that are deeply rooted in African heritage. Both African American men and women enjoy wearing the clothing that represents their cultures.

We often see in magazines, on television, and several other media the impact and influence the African culture has on not only the fashion industry, but also in society. From the brilliant colors and rich design, we not only see the clothing and head dress, but also the tribal motivated jewelry. Like the numerous styles of Europe, Africa has had its influence in the American fashion industry as well.

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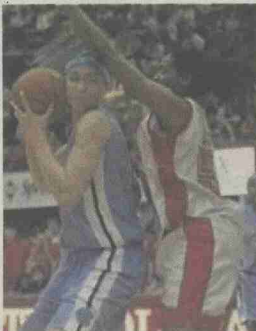
Welcome to Atlanta

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The ever-so confident Pack stepped onto the court with visions of upset in their eyes. They gave the Tarheels little credit for being the number seven team in the nation, or for being the best rebounding team in the ACC. The Pack had upset on their minds and their intent was obvious with the onset of the first half. An impassioned N.C. State (9-12, 4-6 ACC) put forth their best effort but eventually fell victim to the Tarheel women (20-2, 9-1 ACC).

During the first half, the Pack women upped their perimeter game and made crucial outside shots. Senior Amelia Labador poured in a career high of five three-pointers, contributing to her 20 points. The race remained close the entire first half, but the Pack held the halftime lead at 36-35.

The Pack came out after halftime



Kaayla Jones defends a UNC opponent in Friday night's game. courtesy of gopack.com

with an offensive explosion, eventually upping their lead by 10 after only four minutes into the half. The Lady Tarheels refused to be quieted by this "upset-minded" Wolfpack team (theacc.com), and came back on a run of their own. The Tarheels evened the score 50-50 with 9 minutes to go. N.C. State used another run to up the score 58-50. They held the

lead until the two-minute mark.

Tarheel freshman La'Tangela Atkinson took the game into her hands by scoring two consecutive lay-ups, one of which she turned into a three-point play. Atkinson's baskets tied the score with 1:40 left in the game. UNC's Leah Metcalf stole a Wolfpack pass, and put it up for another made UNC basket. Down, the Pack attempted to come back but faltered in the end.

The Wolfpack women had much to be proud of at the end of the game. For the second time in two weeks they held a top 20 team to its lowest scoring percentage of the season with their stifling defense. UNC made 23 out of 66 attempted shots the entire game, and Amelia Labador, Amy Simpson, and Carrise Moody all made it into double figures. The 66-63 Tarheel victory made only the sixth defeat of the Wolfpack in 29 years by the Tarheels.

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Atlanta was the place to be on Feb. 9. People from every corner of the globe met for a glimpse at the best of the NBA.

The All-Star game this year may have been one of best in the history of the game, despite the all-time low score in the first half.

The slam-dunk contest left viewers in awe as Jason Richardson performed a "lob-and-catch, between the legs, left-handed reverse" and gained a perfect score (espn.go.com).

The game itself, however, was the most memorable event. Despite all of the controversy, Vince Carter relinquished his first string position and gave it to Michael Jordan. Jordan was also honored by songbird Mariah Carey who sang "Hero." He also took this opportunity to thank the fans and to play a one-on-one game with Phoenix Sun's Shawn Marion. The All-Star game would be MJ's final game.

The game was a close one, going into double overtime with two game-tying free throws by the Los Angeles Lakers'

Kobe Bryant. Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves was the star of the game, scoring nine points in the second overtime round and 37 points total.

"It was a fun ending any way you look at it," Jordan said. "It was a competitive game. Obviously, I would've liked to have won the game with me making the [winning] shot or my teammates making the shot. [But] it didn't happen that way" (espn.com).

Other key players in the game were the Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal and Steve Francis for the west coast, and Allen Iverson and Tracy McGrady for the east coast. McGrady was the key player in the third quarter with 17 points to put the east coast over the top with a 93-86 lead.

Although the east held the leading spot during the third quarter, the west coast came into the lead in the second overtime. The final score was 155-145, with the west taking home the victory.

The WNBA will also have an all-star game for the best of the best in women's basketball. The game is to be held in New York City.

Has the King of Pop

flopped?

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sports & entertainment editor

The "King of Pop" was interviewed on Feb. 6, and brought utter and total embarrassment to himself. Now that he has realized it, he is filing formal complaints against the British interviewer, Martin Bashir. Bashir was made famous for his interview with the late Princess Diana and was also the one who interviewed Jackson.

During the interview, which took 8 months to assemble, Jackson admitted to sleeping in the same bed with children. Even after the scandal Jackson faced in 1993 of molesting a 13-year-old

boy, he still allows little children to sleep over with him at the Neverland Ranch. Jackson elaborated, "Everyone who knows me will know the truth, which is that my children come first in my life and that I would never harm any child."

As far as his own children are concerned, Jackson admitted to keeping their faces hidden from the public for fear that they may be abducted. The three children, Prince Michael I, Paris, and Prince Michael II (the infant that was dangled over a hotel balcony in Berlin), are rarely seen in public. In the interview,

Jackson admitted that when Paris, the only daughter and middle child, was born, I snatched her and just went home with all the placenta and everything all over her. Got her in a towel and ran." (ABCNEWS.com).

In addition to all of the media attention that Jackson has been receiving lately, "Dateline," which airs on NBC, is putting together yet another series on the entertainer. The special will involve a look at Jackson's career as well as the numerous alterations to his face over the past 40 years. Dateline will air this special on Feb. 17. In response to the show, Jackson's brother, Jermaine Jackson, commented that the NBC producers told a "vicious and blatant lie" to lure the

family into the interview. There are serious debates and concerns from the family, but NBC still plans to air the special.

The 44-year-old performer is currently working on a worldwide children's charity event. As for his future, Danyel Smith of "Vibe" magazine states, "No one will leave Michael Jackson hanging in the wind. Some other major label will sign him if Sony doesn't re-sign him when his contract runs out."

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