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Ebony Harlem

awards voting will take place during Pan Afrikan Festival events. Voting locations are on the African American listsery. Get to the locations and vote!

Pow Wow

N.C. State's 13th annual Native American Pow Wow will take place on Harris Field outside the Witherspoon Student Center on April 5.

ESSENCE magazine's

former editor in chief, Monique Greenwood, will be speaking on April 8 at 3:30 p.m in the Walnut Room (4th floor) of the Talley Student Center.

For more information check the African American listserv: www.ncsu.edu/msa/aasa/w eeklyevents.php

Black Panther Co-founder speaks to students

Marcus Gibbs

Yesterday, the co-founder of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale, spoke at Talley Student Center Ballroom. The audience listened attentively as Seale touched on various issues concerning the Black Panther Party and various methods they used to promote social as well as racial equality.

staff writer

"The assassination of Malcolm X inspired me to create the Black Panther Party," said Robert George Seale, as he was called at birth. He established the Black Panther Party in October 1966 with his friend Huey P. Newton. Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination spurred a large amount of people to join the Black Panther Party in 1968.

The Black Panther Party was built on 10 principles. This foundation, called "The Ten Point Plan" set out to determine the destiny of African Americans and other oppressed peo-

ple, lower unemployment, end robbery of black communities, bring about decent housing, create education for the people, bestow free health care, end police brutality and murder of African-Americans and other oppressed people, end wars of aggression, emancipate political prisoners and foster justice, peace and community control of modern industry.

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Seale told N.C. State students and faculty not to accept all of the things that we heat about him or the Black Panther Party. He said that Ronald Reagan started calling members of the organization hoodlums and thugs and the media followed what the politicians believed. Seale even chastised the movie "Panther," saying it "treats Huey Newton and I like some hoodlums with guns."

He also spoke of the common misconception that the Black Panthers were against Bobby Seale

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First black business discount card hits the market

Co-Founder of the Black Panther Party, Bobby Seale

Anthony Quinones www.gbenterprises.com

Philadelphia, PA - Qball Enterprises is introducing a discount card, called the Unity Card, designed to promote African-American businesses. The card will promote their business and increase their customer base by offering shoppers special discounts, of their choice, on products and services. This will generate a significant increase in their sales and profits while providing huge savings for consumers.

Unlike traditional advertising, where companies pay an expensive up front fee hoping that it check or money order or at www.qbenterprisdelivers consumers, there is no charge for businesses to participate in the Unity Card Discount Program. The only obligation is to honor card- American businesses increase profits and market holders with these discounts when they make purchases at participating businesses.

be prominently displayed in the Our 9608 or visit www.qbenterprises.com.

commUNITY section of the website, www.qbenterprises.com, and it will be affiliated with other distinguished African-American busi-

nesses from across the country For the introductory price of \$10, consumers can purchase the Unity Card and use it for discounts of up to 50 percent off at participating African-American businesses. They will save thousands of dollars at their favorite stores and websites. Memberships are good for one year. To find out which businesses honor the Unity Card, check the Our commUNITY section of our website. Cards can be purchased by mail by

The goals of the program are to help Africanshare, save consumers money and, most of all, unify and strengthen African-American com-When a business signs up, the business will munities. For more information call (267) 456-

ACAAGS 21st honors banguet underway

Jennifer Chamberlain news editor

The Association for the Concerns of African American Graduate Students will be holding its 21st annual honors banquet April 9 at 6 p.m. in the McKimmon Center. The banquet will honor African-American undergraduates, graduate students and faculty.

Our goal is to "honor and encourage African-American undergraduate and graduate students," said ACAAGS president Jamila Simpson. The organization strives to provide a network and outlet for current African-American graduate students. Another goal is to get undergraduates to attend graduate school as

well as interact with current grad uate students and N.C. State fac intry

Simpson has added a new touch to the ceremony this year Upon entrance all graduate stu dents will receive a pin made of Kente cloth, and each guest wil receive an address book and per their place setting Undergraduate students will late be instructed to network with people with Kente pins, and perhaps get their contact informa tion.

African-American undergraduates with more than 30 credit and a 3.0 or greater GPA will receive an academic certificate Banquet

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Youths talk first and then listen, the elderly listen and then talk. • Nilotic proverb

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U.S. News Briefs

Tough times ahead for war

On Sunday, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, stated that he did not know when the war will be over, but he was confident about ensuring Iraqi liberation by war's end. The next few days will be even testier for the allied troops. Rumsfeld informed the nation that the war will become more challenging as the troops move in closer to Baghdad and approach Saddam Hussein's top Republican Guards.

The Iraqi vice president warned the allied troops that there will be more suicide attacks, which will make the troops' mission that much more difficult. The Iraqis have been initiating suicide attacks for a few weeks that have resulted in various deaths of allied soldiers. Rumsfeld does not see the situation as much of a threat, though making the mission more difficult, he sees the suicide attacks as no major event that will change the outcome of the war

War cancels school trips

Schools from North Carolina to California

Bobby Seale

peaceful protests. Seale denied that they were against peaceful protest but sometimes had no choice. We're "not talking about a right to violence, we're talking about a right to self defense.

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The Black Panther Party was not all about police shootouts and militant, violent voices. "We were grassroots community organizers." The party brought a lot of good to the 48 cities where there were chapters. They started free preventative health clinics and free sickle cell anemia testing for over one million African-Americans. Seale also started a program "Free Breakfast for Children" which fed grammar school children five days per week. Seale also talked about a benefit The Black Panthers sponsored which registered African-Americans to te, tested for sickle cell anemia and gave away 10,000 bags of groceries all in one.

Contrary to popular belief, the Black Panther Party was not only for the advancement of African-Americans. They dealt with all oppressed races ----Native American, Latino, Asian and even poor white people. Seale reminded the audience that the slogan of the party was "All power to all the people." Sometimes shortened to "Power to the people."

Seale touched on the leadership methods used by the Black Panther Party. Learning from the past, Seale recognized that a multi-leader organization would benefit his organization. Seale believed that with a number of leaders in the party, if someone were to get assassinated the organization could continue. Unlike when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X were assassinated.

Seale has two books in print right now, "Barbeque'n with Bobby Seale" and "Seize the Time." "Barbequing with Bobby Seale" is a book

have cancelled trips to Europe and parts of Asia due to the risk of being entangled in possible Iraqi attacks. Also, trips within the United States have been put on hold because the major metropolitan areas that most tourists visit are the likely targets of a war attack. Most trips to Washington, D.C. have suffered the same fate as the others due to its high risk of being a target of Iraqi attacks. Since allied forces are attacking the Iraqi capital, many American citizens believe that they may want to do the same to this nation's capital.

Most parents were relieved that the trips were cancelled, but some reacted differently. The other parents wanted their children to go on the trips, so terrorists will not think they've scared Americans out of their normal lives. School administrators justify their actions by stating that they are adapting to a world that has recently seen the destruction of the World Trade Center and the sniper attacks. Many of school administrators encourage in-state trips, but also warn the schools to be cautious of possible terrorist strikes and that going on trips in high tourist areas would not be very good at this time

of recipes and ideas for barbecuing, and "Seize the Time" was written by Seale while he was imprisoned, and it explained the "Ten Points."

Questions and Answers

Q: What would you say to the youth of today if they wanted to explore ways of showing their views like you?

A: I could tell them what to do simply because we are living in different times, I couldn't tell them to go out and curse out a judge like I did, they just have to know what is right and what is wrong and work from there

Q: What were the main goals of the Black Panther Party when it was first established?

A: We wanted to base the Black Panther Party on the Ten Point Plan.

Q: What is the talk about the New Black Panthers, are you affiliated with them?

A: I'm not affiliated with the New Black Panthers, there is no such thing. They are prejudiced people who use our name and are using our logo of the pouncing panther and we will sue them until they stop using our name.

Q: What year did the Black Panther Party Begin? A: October of 1966.

Q: You have a few books out, what are they?

"Barbeque'n with Bobby Seale, "Seize the A: Time

Q: The Black Panther Party had over 2,000 charges of felony arrest in a five year period and 95 percent of the cases were won by the BPP, what was the method of their success?

A: Eighty-five percent of the arrests were on bogus charges, and 15 percent were actually legitimate, and of that percentage we won 95 percent of the time



Tony Caravano **Jamie Pendergrass James Reid** Voice your choice!

Banquet

from page 1 The sophomore, with the highest GPA will also be awarded. They will honor faculty and staff who have worked to encourage students to go into or excel in graduate school. Students don't have to be African-American to be in ACAAGS.

banquet, ACAAGS' primary events include participating in "Feet for the Fight," a 5K run/walk for prostate cancer and addressing issues that concern African-American graduate students. Simpson is a Chancellor's Liaison where she informs the council on issues such as African-

American graduate retention, recruitment and bringing current African-American graduate students to recruiting fairs.

The first 19 years showcased a reception followed by the banquet, which gave recipients more time to interact and network, however because of budget restraints the last two years have had to omit the reception. The graduate school helped coordinate and fund the banquet for 19 years but decided last year against it. Some colleges will pay to have both their undergraduate and graduate students attend.

"If they stop funding us we'll have to look for outside funding like alumni, businesses and car

washes," said Simpson. She feels that the ceremony needs to be a banquet as opposed to just a reception because it's more formal and they want to make the students feel special about their achievements

Simpson names Tracey Ray, director of multicultural student affairs, as being integral to the organization. She used to be member of ACAAGS when she was an undergraduate.

Simpson encourages graduate students of all races to join ACAAGS. To get more informavisit their website tion www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/acaags.

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by our side as we continue to make our journey to true consciousness

Besides the annual honors

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Student faces possible charges after incident with public saftety

Robert White managing editor

On January 11, as long lines formed outside of Talley Student Center for a campus party, bus driver Mustapha Coulibaly made his routine stop outside the student center. Coulibaly wanted to get some water in order to take his vitamin C. Coulibaly was sick with the flu and fatigued from driving. Coulibaly was employed by Connex for almost a month, and it was his second day driving night service bus B from 6:50 p.m. - 2:48 a.m. At 10:45, Coulibaly approached the vestibule of Talley Student Center and asked Lieutenant Larry Ellis for permission to get water from the vending machines. The night of January 10 Coulibaly had asked the same officer if he could get some water, and was not denied access to the building. That night Ellis told him that it was the second time that he had come to the student center. "This is the second time in 48 hours," Coulibaly responded. Next, Coulibaly proceed to ask him why he could not let him in.

Ellis replied that there was a party going on at that time so he could not let him in. "All I want is to buy some water and go," responded Coulibaly. Then Officer Ellis asked him whether or not he wanted to go to jail. Mustapha replied no. Next Ellis reminded him if he did not leave, he would. Coulibaly responded, go ahead then, and Ellis radioed for backup. Coulibaly reminded Ellis about the agreement his company {Connex} had with N.C. State to have access to Talley Student Center for their needs for the bus drivers' needs Ellis told him he did not care about that. Next Coulibaly said he reminded Ellis that he was a student. Then Coulibaly said that Ellis asked him, "What was he going to do?" and "Do you want a piece of me?" Coulibaly responded

backing away from him that he did not want a piece of him and of Campus Police Lieut point Coulibaly says the patrons who were in a line outside of Talley Student Center laughed at Ellis. Next Sergeant Jeff Sutton and Police Officer David English arrived. One of the officers told Sutton to leave but when Coulibaly asked again about getting some water Officer Sutton handcuffed him. Coulibaly was lead to the officers' car and was searched and asked about his bottle of vitamin C. Ellis told him that his Coulibaly's boss had been contacted and told that the situation was under control. Ellis issued Coulibaly a citation for resist, obstruction and delay, which is a misdemeanor, for which he was cited for not refusing to leave the premises when ordered, according to the Campus Police report.

In the months following in the incident Coulibaly was suspended from driving.

Coulibaly also sent an email to the African-American listserv asking for witnesses to come forward

He also talked to several administrative units on campus including Student Legal Services and Minority Engineering Programs. Coulibaly talked to Randall Colby, manager of reservations and event management for Talley Student Center. According to Coulibaly, Colby told him that the Student Center is not supposed to deny access to any student prior to 12 p.m. The only person that helped him, Coulibaly noted, Dr. Tracey Ray, director of Multicultural Student Affairs. Ray helped Coulibaly file a complaint and attempted to get him a lawyer but was ultimately not successful

In the wake of the event, Coulibaly also talked to assistant director

ant Colonel John Daley about the situation. reminded him that patrons for the party were watching them. At that Allegedly he was told that if he wrote a letter of apology to Ellis, Ellis maybe could talk to the district attorney about getting the charges dropped against him dropped. Coulibaly decided not to write the let-

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In a separate interview with Campus Police Colonel Chief Tom Younce talked about the statements that Coulibaly made. The reason that Coulibaly could not get in the Student Center that night was because the officers thought that crowd that night was rowdier than the one from the party the night before. Officers Ellis, English and Sutton were not assigned to the party but they were doing a routine shift and asked to help. Younce went on to talk about why Coulibaly was issued a citation. Younce said that normally people are taken before a magistrate and have to post bond in that situation. Younce also noted that before Coulibaly came to the Campus Police station, Campus Police hired a private investigator Bruce Marshburn to look into the case into the case and he concluded his investigation March 30. As far as Officer Ellis asking Coulibaly if he wanted a piece of him, Chief Younce had this to say, "If the statement had been verified disciplinary action would be taken.

Regarding Mustapha Coulibaly, his court date is set for April 2. If found guilty he could face up to 60 days in jail. He currently has no witnesses and no lawyer. Coulibaly posted another statement to the listserv asking any witnesses to come forward and help him. When asked what he wants out of this case, he said, "I just want justice to be served."

Peggy McIntosh unleashes the knapsack of white privelage



Peggy McIntosh

courtesy•Digital Collegian

Mary Garrison staff writer

Thursday, March 20, acclaimed writer and educator Peggy McIntosh spoke at Witherspoon Student Center. McIntosh is the author of "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack", an essay taking a closer look at cultural advantages and disadvantages in the United States. Her discussion at Witherspoon examined privilege systems and inequalities that minorities and women are affected by in America. McIntosh took a critical look at how privilege systems undermine democratic affairs and create a society where certain groups are placed at automatic advantages; while others are placed at automatic

dissection of men's power systems and the privileges men have over women. Based on her women's studies background, she carefully analyzed the many ways in which whites are granted certain advantages over people of color.

Her essay begins, "Through work to bring materials from Women's Studies into the rest of the curriculum, I have often noticed men's unwillingness to grant that they are over-privileged, even though they may grant that women are disadvantaged." She expressed that just as men have many advantages over women and do not recognize those advantages, whites have advantages over blacks and many do not acknowledge them. By not recognizing these advantages, the systems of racial inequalities continue because people do not realize that those advantages exist.

"For the most part whites are unaware of their unfair advantages and therefore have no desire to change the situation because they do not see a problem," affirmed McIntosh. "It seems to me that obliviousness about white advantage, like the obliviousness about male advantage, is acculturated to maintain the myth of meritocracy, the myth that democratic choice is equally available to all."

McIntosh simplified these advantages by creating a list of personal everyday privileges she has over blacks and other minorities. The list those who work in efforts to promote equality. You can bring about includes shopping alone without being followed or harrassed, turning change through your support. It's empowering."

disadvantages. She bases her analysis of white privilege systems on the on the television or opening to the front page of the newspapers and finding people of her race widely represented and taking a job with an affirmative action employer without having coworkers on the job suspect that race was the qualification she fulfilled.

> McIntosh admitted that she remained in a state of oblivion until she began to listen to the troubles and difficulties of her black counterparts. Finally, she sat down and came up with as many reasons as she could explaining how white privilege in America creates certain advantages for whites and disadvantages for blacks. She came up with those 46 reasons and recorded them in her publication "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" in 1986.

> When asked why people in positions of privilege should want to change those privilege systems, she responded, "It feels so good to stop being hated and mistrusted. It is inspiring to work towards a closer community that you would want, in the future, for your children." She states that the only way to make change is to "recognize these advantages and work against them to gain equality for all people. Judge people by their own individuality, not by the blanket statements of race."

> Finally, when asked what Blacks and people in positions of disadvantages can do to better themselves and their situation, she affirmed, "Thank those who are working for social change. Praise and support

A home without a mother is a desert . • Eritrean Proverb



4th Annual African American Business Forum And Summit is a success

D. Morton Glover www.BmoreNews.com

Baltimore, MD - Four years ago, Visionary Marketing Group president and CEO LaRian Finney (www.visionarymarketinggroup.com) implemented a vision of bringing together Baltimore-based businesses for the sake of discussing and resolving issues related to African American business.

On March 20, this vision has led to unexpected business opportunities for a number of entrepreneurs, Further, these business people hail not only from Baltimore, but from Washington, DC, Prince George's County (America's wealthiest black county), and even as far away as Los Angeles, California.

In short, this 4th Annual African American Business Summit, co-sponsored by Turning Point Magazine, was a "total success" according

> ...business collaboration is much needed in the African American community -Sharon Pinder

to Finney.

"I believe that we effectively provided timely information, a wealth of business and networking resources, as well as compelling inspiration to move forward in business," he stated.

This summit represented Turning Point

Magazine's first time being involved in the annual event.

According to Pat Means, publisher of Turning Point Magazine, "This event gave entrepreneurs needed tools and resources that will help them survive and succeed in this tenuous economy."

Means, who traveled cross country to be present, added, "I was very impressed with the quality of the event hosted by Visionary Marketing Group and look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with this very progressive company." She added, "We clearly need more summits like this if we are to move the African American business community to the next level business opportunitics." "So, to have him

Sharon Pinder, Executive Director of Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich's Office of Minority Affairs, also attended the summit. She said of the day-long activity, "This forum provided the perfect venue for business people to network together and also reiterated that such business collaboration is much needed in the African American community."

An established entrepreneur herself, Pinder added, "My message to attendees was two-fold: first, I expressed to them that I truly understand their plight for I've actually walked in their shoes and am very familiar with the challenges they face; secondly, as head of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, I let them know that there is a strong push for the much-needed reform of the state's Minority Business Enterprise program and that the Ehrlich-Steele administration is highly committed to that end."

Another attendee and business owner, William Hopson, said that the event featured some key governmental procurement officers whom gave attendees a "real" view of the procurement process and how to navigate what can be "difficult waters."

"Too often, black business people do not have access to people like James House," said Hopson, CEO of Icetech (www.icetech.net).

House, procurement officer for the US Department of Agriculture, was a featured presenter at one of the day's workshops.

"So, to have him present was really a blessing. Mr. House's workshop afforded these business people with an up-close and personal view of the whole procurement process, something we all need to know more about if we are to expand our businesses."

Many who attended said that they were incredibly inspired by the event keynote speaker, Gloria Mayfield Banks.

Banks is among Mary Kay's elite top 20 salespersons in the world out of one million reps. Further, she is the number one African American rep.

Full of life and vigor, Banks spoke about taking control of one's own destiny and being willing to do the necessary work to achieve a successful end.



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A simple sight of you And I am tempted to touch. I long to hold you so much. My heart whispers hello, But you walk past me Pretending what we had never existed. Tears of loss fall like autumn leaves For I am again dead, A stranger to your heart

But I still feel it

Love burns me eternally. Thoughts of you draw thin lines in my world of sanity. Burde ar allow it is all the came

close my eyes and all I see is you. touch you, my lungs breathe you. The feeling is so real, But the reality is stifling. Each time I open my eyes find myself in a room of hollow laughte tanding alone.

I have tried to fight it, But I can't fight the truth. My heart will not allow any form of denial for what I feel. The feelings are so strong. They fight me back, Pinning me to the wall Until there is nothing more I can do, Nothing at all.

My mind comprehends You told me to let go, But my heart is deaf And still doesn't know.

2nd Annual Afric <mark>an Diaspora Film</mark> Festival:African Women & Film		New Books in the African American Cultural Center
Karmen Gei *Both films will be shown at 7 Karmen, "She who wreaks havoc," and her prison inmates use dance and music as a weapon offesistance against dehumanizing regimentation. FOR MATURE AUDIENCES	p.m. in Witherspoon Cinema Tuesday, April 1 Guest speaker: Dr. Maria Pramaggiore	(919) 515-1397 Boom 218 Witherpoon Student Center 9:00 a.m 9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Friday 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m. Sunday Lion's Blood: A novel of slavery and freedom in an
Flame Flame is the story of two close friends whose involvement in the Zimbabwean liberation struggle lead to very different outcomes	Monday, April 7 Guest speaker: Dr. Kenneth Vickery	alternate America - <i>Author: Steven Barnes</i> A love of my Own - <i>Author: E Lynn Harris</i>

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This first formally trained African-American historian's doctoral dissertation, published in 1895, "The Suppression of the African Slave Trade to The United States, 1638-1870," became the first title to be published in the Harvard Historical Studies. Who was this historian?

A real family eats the same cornmeal. . Bayombe Proverb



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Women are the bomb

Evan Rogers

With Oprah Winfrey gracing the cover of "Forbes" magazine's annual list of billionaires this month, it has become quite clear that women are on the rise. In a year that saw overall membership shrink for a third consecutive year [from 487 to 476], Winfrey's net worth somehow managed to reach a mind-boggling figure of \$1 billion. To put that in perspective, only two of the 37 women on the list (Winfrey and The Gap co-founder Doris Fisher) are self-made. Even more telling is the fact

guest columnist

that Winfrey's entry as a black woman has come only two years after BET founder Robert Johnson became the first black billionaire in history. In contrast, it took several decades for Fisher to join the ranks of America's firs billionaire, John D. Rockefeller

The profitability of Winfrey's huge media empire, Harpo, Inc., is just the tip of the iceberg. All across the country, women are ascending the cor-

porate ladder, making more money and reaching unprecedented levels of financial security. Study after study has shown that women are moving into the professional and managerial class at a rate faster than men. Likewise, the ratio of women to men on our nation's campuses has become increasingly one-sided. So what does this all mean? Well, on the surface, it means that women are inching closer and closer toward economic equality. But there's a problem.

Does anyone recall a point in the history of American popular culture where women have been degraded, demeaned and disrespected on a larger scale than in the present? Think about that. In 1851, Sojourner Truth was asking, "Ain't I a woman?" If she miraculously rose from the dead. is there any reason to believe that she wouldn't be asking the same question today? A lot has changed over the past 150 years, but the tradition of what feminist scholar/intellectual Bell Hooks calls a "white supremacist capitalist patriarchy" is most certainly evident in the cultural representations of women in the year 2003.

Whether on TV, on wax or on the Internet, I would argue that the degradation of women has somehow moved into the mainstream. To varying degrees, rap videos, consumer magazines ("Teen," "Elle," "Vogue," etc.) and shows like "Joe Millionaire" could all be considered as anti-

thetical to what the women's liberation move ment of the '60s and early '70s was all about. This is problematic because the more notable and less radical feminist movement (late '60s to the present), which gave rise to organizations like the National Organization for Women (NOW), has fallen short in its objective of raising mass consciousness regarding the social implications of pop culture.

I'm glad to see that women are finally starting to "get theirs," but if the feminist movement's definition of "getting theirs" simply means moving

> world instead of changing it, then I'm just not down with that. I don't believe in cenorship, but when Busta Rhymes make a song hoot about lapping ("Make in Clap") and get

the same amount of airplay as Norah Jones, then we most certainly have a problem. Of course, booty clapping is an everyday aspect of life (for some), but one-would expect that mainstream media would hold itself to a different standard. In the case of "Make it Clap," it was primarily distributed by Radio One, Inc., which owns and/or operates 36 stations in 14 of the top 20 black radio outlets, including Raleigh's own K97.5. What is surprising is the fact that Radio One's founder and chairperson is not a white man but a black woman by the name of Carol Hughes.

The old premise that if women just get to the top, then everything would be all right is not panning out. We all know that women are the bomb, but more emphasis should be placed upon the personal, social and cultural challenges faced by women as they relate to a male-dominated power structure, because a woman's definition of beauty is just as political as her stance on abortion and economic equality. So, there are a few more female millionaires. Big deal. I'd rather see our women celebrated for being exceptional housewives if it meant that they would be respected across the board. Most girls have not "gone wild," and very few women will have even half the entrepreneurial success of Oprah Winfrey and Carol Hughes. Women are the bomb, but it goes much deeper than their bra size and economic prosperity

Strength of Fear Crystal Stallings opinions editor

Jpinion

Amazing to me, the stagnant and infiltrating power that fear seems to have on us as people. Fear takes hold and immobilizes our thoughts into congealed molds of indecision, doubt and apprehension. Don't get me wrong, some fears are definitely deemed acceptable. I mean like the simple fears of just dying and going to hell is one thing, and the fear of God, but the fear that hinders your progress as a purposeful and gifted creation is unhealthy. Fear keeps us from reaching our destiny and keeps us from making the next move in achieving our dreams. Being afraid keeps us from not accepting the truth and not listening completely to one another. Fear causes us to act irrationally and to think illogically. Fear makes us take things out of context and controls the moment through confusion. Why is it so?

The fear of knowing and understanding truth paralyzes us from coming face to face with ourselves. Which only allows us to keep up the charade of happiness, sanctity, and 'everything is okay.' The funny thing with fear is that it creeps into other areas of our lives without us even knowing. Our fear infiltrates into our relationships and seems to transform our roles

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within them. We start to ignore the signs and compromise our true selves to transfer the guilt that fear brings. Fear only keeps us from not know who we are as an individual and as a people. Nobody knows what makes us afraid except a dark force and ourselves. This is only a test of courage.

When will we realize it is okay to be afraid some times, but to entertain fear to the point of denial and concealed truths and hidden lies is solely wrong? Fear keeps us from seeing our true identity in the reflection of someone else's perception. Fear keeps you from receiving the gifts that God had naturally and uniquely set up for you to receive. Fear keeps love from becoming reality and causing joy to be second hand fulfillment. Fear is knowing the outcome and not even daring to try or attempt. Speaking of which, then that's when the power of faith shows up. Faith can unlock some serious things, but that's a whole 'nother article. I challenge you to deal with your fear by accepting what you can do to change it and what you can do to alter the outcome. Fear starts in the corners of your mind left open for doubtful thoughts. Change comes in the process of what you tell the mind to do.

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Is safe sex a new topic?

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Sex is not a new topic and many individuals still shy away from its realities. Sex is everywhere. Its message is petceived in media, movies, music and even casual conservations. Since this is the case, let's talk about it.

Safer sex means protecting yourself and your partner from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Notice the term "safe sex" is not mentioned. No sex is safe because there will always be a risk to get infected. The only 100 percent sure way that an STD can be prevented is to not have any sex that exposes you to someone else's body fluids. This is called abstinence.

Condoms are an effective means of birth control and barrier against body fluids such as semen, blood and vaginal fluids. These fluids can contain germs that cause HIV infection, AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes, chlamydia, hepatitis B, and genital warts. They do not only protect one partner during sex but the other partner as well. However, the use of condoms is not a new present-day idea.

Condom use is traced back around 1000 BC with the ancient Egyptians when they used a linen sheath for protection against diseases. In the 1500's in Italy, Gabrielle Fallopius claimed to have invented a sheath



made of linen, which he tested among 1100 men using it. Neither of them became affected with syphilis. Later in that century, the condom was recognized to prevent pregnancy. It was also improved by being soaked in a chemical solution then dried prior to use. These were the first spermicides on condoms.

In the 1700's condoms began to be made out of animal intestines and they were very expensive. They were reusable, which through present day research proves, raise the risk of getting infected. You should never reuse a condom.

In 1844, condom became stronger as Goodyear

and Hancock began to produce condoms made out of vulcanized rubber. In the 1880s the first latex condom was produced but they was not use widely until the 1930s. In the 1990s, condoms were made thinner, well-lubricated, more pleasurable, and to better protect both partners.

When a condom is used correctly, it is very effective. However, they can fail. They can burst, tear, slip off and expire. Statistics show that two out of 100 condoms are defected from manufacture. They are not 100 percent safe but they are reliable physical barriers against transmission. Take time to read the back of the condom box before use.

Vaginal intercourse and anal intercourse are not the only types of sex that can be performed. There are three types of oral sex: fellatio, cunnilingus, and anilingus. Many believe that these types of sex are safe but research show that the are not. Individuals are still prone to get affected with STDs.

The low risk of becoming infected with an HIV or STDs from fellatio can be reduced even more using unlubricated latex condoms. For cunnilingus or anilingus, plastic food wrap, a condom cut open, or a dental dam can serve as a physical barrier to prevent transmission of HIV and many other STDs.

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by Keon Pettiway BAKED BANANAS GABON ◆****☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Yield: 8 portions

Step 1: Cut 8 BANANAS in three uniformly diagonal pieces.

Step 2: Beat: 1 EGG lightly with 2 Tbs. ORANGE JUICE.

Step 3: Dip bananas in egg mixture, then in 1/2 cup BREAD CRUMBS.

Step 4: Heat 1/2 cup VEGETABLE OIL in a saute pan.

Step 5: Saute the bananas only until they begin to brown lightly.

Step 6: Place on a cookie sheet pan with a spatula and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.

Serve 1 banana per guest in compote dishes topping each with: 3 Tbs. SOUR CREAM sprinkled with 1 Tbs. BROWN SUGAR.

There are many variations which can be tried using the basic recipe above. Bananas may be dipped into the egg mixture, then in shredded coconut and baked for five minutes Or you may use chopped peanuts instead of coconut. Or you may want to blend cracker crumbs with curry powder and cayenne pepper and proceed as above. All of these work well as accompaniments to any meat dish or may be used as dessert.

Heart disease increases in African American women

(NAPSI)-Learning a few facts could help African-American women avoid one of the greatest threats to their health. Heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death for African-Americans, affecting them more than any other group. Yer many African-American women are unaware that they may be particularly vulnerable to the conditions.

A recent survey conducted by the American Heart Association found only three percent of African-American women knew heart disease and heart attack are the most serious threats to their health. To help raise awareness within the African-American community, the American Heart Association launched a program called "Take Your Heart and Health Into Your Own Hands." As part of this campaign, African-Americans are encouraged to participate in hearthealthy activities throughout the year.

The campaign also includes posters, radio public service announcements and a special stroke-education video featuring stroke-survivor and actor Robert Guillaume.

The American Heart Association survey also revealed that African-American women are less likely to know the warning signs of a heart attack than are women from other ethnic groups. "This is a knowledge gap we want to close," says American Heart Association President Robert Bonow, M.D.

"Knowing the warning signs of heart attack and stroke-such as chest pain, trouble breathing, numbness of the arm or a sudden and extreme headache-is the first step in making a difference. Just as important is taking action to reduce heart disease risk factors. This means stopping smoking, lowering high blood pressure and high cholesterol, exercising regularly, losing weight or maintaining a healthy weight, and controlling diabetes."

The American Heart Association has several free, national programs and activities that African Americans can participate in. To find out more, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit the website www.americanheart.org.

African-American women have the highest death rate from heart disease and stroke of any ethnic group. Few know their risk. The Nubian Message is still accepting

The Nubian Message is still accepting applications for 2003-2004 positions. Application deadline has been extended to April 10th. Applications are available in room 372 of the African American Culture Center. nubianinbox@hatmail.com as 515.1468

Satisfying your arms

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With warmer weather approaching, many students are making their way into the gym in order to "get right." However,

beautiful bodies won't just appear overnight. They have to be worked on and developed. Let's focus on the biceps and the many different ways in which you can make them bigger or toned up.

For the fellas out there who want to have big biceps, curls are to become your new best friend. There are many different types of curls that an individual can do, including regular curls, hammer curls, dumbbell curls and reverse curls.

For regular curls the equipment you need is either a straight bar, free weights or an EZ curl bar. With the straight bar, hold it and curl it toward your chest. Be sure to pull it away from your body slowly in order to build mass, and do not lean forward.

In order to do hammer curls, you'll need free

weights. For this exercise, start out in the normal curl position. Twist your wrists inward at like 90 degrees so that your palms are facing each other. From here, curl the weight up and out to shoulder height. Almost like you are forming an arc. Hammer curls work the biceps with a lot of intensity. When done with the set, carefully lower the free weights back to your sides.

Dumbbell curls use free weights also. Like hammer curls, this is also an intense set. The underhand grip is the primary method of gripping the bell, but for variation and to add more stress, try an overhand grip. Press your arms against the sides of your body to keep them in position. Use arm strength to curl the bells in an arc up toward your chin. When the dumbbells are halfway up, twist your wrists so your palms face upward for the rest of the movement.

Reverse curls require the use of a straight bar or free weights. For this movement you hold the bar with your palms facing downward, and curl the bar upward, making sure to have a slow return to your starting position. Do not to lean forward. The reverse curl is good to use in order to hit the biceps at a different angle, and it helps to build mass.

The jaws have nothing to chew if the feet do not walk. • Bakusu Proverb



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