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Dixon to lead student diversity

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In August, the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs brought a familiar face to help with student diversity at N.C. State. Dr. Karrie Dixon is the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Diversity. Dixon is formerly a lecturer and academic adviser in the Communications Department here at N.C. State. Dixon was appointed to this position by Dr. Jose Picart, the Vice Provost for Diversity and African American Affairs.

In this new position, Dixon has to create a strategic communication plan and a diversity webpage. Dixon will also serve as a liaison to student organizations on campus and work closely with committees such as the African American Student Advisory Council (AASAC) and the African American Cultural Center Committee. The position will also require her to work with pre-college programs such as the Guy Bluford Saturday Program for Academic and Cultural Education (SPACE) and the Legislative College Opportunity Program (L-COP).

"My role in this position is student focused," said Dixon.
"I have an open door policy. If I am in my office, and I am available, I will meet with any

student who stops by to visit me," said Dixon in regard to her availability. Dixon also recommended that students set an appointment to insure she will be available.

"I hope that she can accomplish the goal of bridging the gap between the students and her department. I have faith that she will accomplish that and have a healthy student influence to her department," said Shonda Tabb, a senior in africana studies.

Dixon surmised that it was her background as an alumna and former lecturer at N.C. State that helped in her appointment to the position. Dixon earned both a bachelor of arts in communications in 1997 and a doctorate in higher education at N.C. State in 2003. She also noted her background in public relations and marketing helped her secure the position. As an undergraduate, Dixon interned at Segmented Marketing Services, Inc as a project manager assistant.

"My definition of diversity centers around the importance of creating awareness, knowledge and respect for individual and group differences," said Dixon.

Dixon said she will work with all student groups in order to develop programs.

Dixon explained that her short term goals for the position were to "increase



Dr. Karrie Dixon, Assitant Vice Provost for Student Diversity
Dr. Karrie Dixon

effective conversation about diversity" and the development of the diversity website. According to Dixon the website will serve as a resource to highlight the diversity activities of administration, student organizations and students. In the future, she wants to develop and implement the strategic communication plan. The plan is a marketing program that will use local media and mailings to get information to the off-campus community about diversity events at N.C. State.

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Hip Hop gets political

SHAUN WILSON
Staff Writer

P. Diddy said it better than anyone: Vote or die.

As the presidential election approaches, Sean "P Diddy" Combs and the entire hip-hop community are trying their hands at what seems to be an insolvable conundrum: Getting young Americans to vote.

To solve this problem, numerous organizations have been formed to motivate young Americans to vote in what may be the biggest election since 1992.

Perhaps the two most recent notable organizations are Citizen Change and the National Hip Hop Political Convention. The two groups are working to empower over 42 million Americans from the ages of 18 to 30. The "forgotten ones," as they have been called, represent 25 percent of the voting population, according to the US Census.

Although Combs's method for summoning youth to the poll may seem unorthodox, it is nonetheless as effective as other methods. The "Coalition of the Willing," consists of celebrities such as Ashton Kutcher,

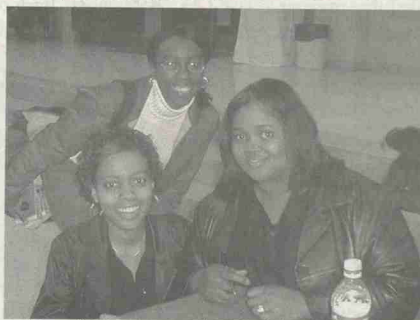
50 Cent, Mary J. Blige and Jay-Z. The aim of the "coalition" is to convey the message of "Vote or Die!" to youth across America.

Change has also enlisted the aid of MTV, BET, and Clear Channel to launch its "tour de force," which plans to hit college campuses, television and radio waves.

Not straying far from his fashion savvy, Combs and Citizen Change have partnerships with top fashion labels such as Tommy Hilfger, Phat Farm and his own label, Sean John to design shirts with the "Vote or Die" slogan. These shirts help to reinforce Citizen Change's mission, "to make voting hot, sexy and relevant to a generation that hasn't reached full participation in the political process."

In addition to increase youth voting percentages, the convention wants to increase the number of black politicians in appointed offices.

A convention organizer Angela Woodson mentioned to the press that there were no African Americans in the Senate.



Students talk to activist and rapper Sister Souljah at a book signing.
File Photo

Bakari Kitwana, one of the founders of the convention, said that the intentions of the convention are much broader than the upcoming elections.

The convention, which focused on creating a political plan for the hip-hop community, has a five point agenda: education, economic justice, criminal justice, health care and human rights.

Close to 3,000 gathered for the

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Quota System at State: True or False?

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Columnist

In the wake of our campus celebration of the landmark *Brown vs. the Board of Education* Supreme Court case, there lingers mixed emotions about the presence of people of color in institutions of higher learning. Verbally and non-verbally expressed are the pervasive questions of minority's presence at colleges and universities nationwide, not because of academic merit or scholarly talent, but because of the color of their skin. Remember a time when the color of one's skin would shut the doors of educational opportunity to those like myself? Many believe on both sides of the argument that I am where I am today, a black female at a predominantly white male institution, only due to some looming "quota" that must be filled. FALSE! As I have said in the past and will continue to say, "my people and your people will perish due to a lack of knowledge." It was in 1978, that *The Regents of the University of California vs. Bakke* decision recognized the effects of race-based admissions policies and ruled that undergraduate institutions and professional schools could not "reserve seats for underrepresented minorities." However, race could be factor among many other objectives to assess applicants so long as it was not the main factor taken into consideration for acceptance. This decision caused an uproar of reproach from the white community claiming reverse discrimination, leading to the 1995 decision to prohibit the use of "race, religion, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origins" during the admissions process in the UC system. These decisions swept the country with public outcry of whites claiming discrimination was placing their chances at risk if race-based admissions were to become the norm in undergraduate admissions. The black community realized that their chances of acceptance at certain institutions were slim to none,

if there were no affirmative processes in place to allow them even "equal consideration" for admission. This did not hit close to home to the UNC system until the case of *Podbersky v. Kirwan* of 1994 in which the University of Maryland was ruled to no longer use "race based scholarships to attract black students." This ruling was backed by the Supreme Court to extend to Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia. The infamous *Banneker Scholarship* case caused a ripple effect of federally and legally documented abolishment of race-based admissions, including the UNC system of which NC State is a part of. Race based admissions arguments always lead back to the white community's plea to "abolish affirmative action policies." This always brings laughter to those of us in the black community who know the facts. When affirmative action is enforced in admissions processes, many times it becomes "class-based admissions" meaning that they consider low-income students with high test scores whom the American public would presume to be smart inner city black kids. Wrong again, this "class-based" form of affirmative action primarily benefits lower class white and Asian-American students. What about affirmative action policies in the workplace after graduation, don't they help African American students get jobs? Wrong again, the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action in corporate America are white women! Don't mistake my bluntness for blindness, affirmative action has allowed deserving, fully-qualified African Americans opportunities in both the corporate and academic arenas that the "good old boy" system would never have allowed. But, its not that minorities want an unequal chance of admissions, we just want have an "equal opportunity of acceptance to any institution in this country." Its like starting a race 200 meters behind your opponent, try starting 200 years behind....

Five Things Black Couples Should Know

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1. First of all, you must love yourself.

Before entering any relationship, take inventory of your inner self. Are you happy? I have found it very difficult to love someone else, without first loving myself. Most of us refuse to tolerate anyone treating us the way we do ourselves. It is all about our confidence and trust in ourselves. How can we believe in or trust anyone, if we do not believe in or trust ourselves? If we take the time to love and take pride in ourselves, then and only then will we be able to love without limits.

2. Communication is key

What reconciles our differences in relationships? What brings us close and creates a bond between us? It is communication, and it is a very important factor that could make or break any relationship. On a daily basis, take the time to ask your partner how his or her day went. Be concerned. Whenever an issue arises, address it at that very moment at which it arises. You may not believe it, but it will benefit the relationship in the long run. Do not be afraid to communicate your hopes and your fears. You may not know it, but it is very beneficial for your partner to know what is on your mind. This gives him or her the opportunity to address any problems and fix it! Did you know that just by talking, a lot of stress is relieved? I bet you did. So talk up! Your boyfriend or girlfriend is waiting to hear from you.

3. It's between the two of you.

Naturally, most of us have the urge to vent to others, after a problem arises with our partner. There is nothing wrong with discussing your feelings to others. The problem lies where we tend to over disclose our relationship

issues. This could present a problem between you and your partner, especially when this "innocent" disclosure turns into rumors. Be very careful of how you discuss relationship matters with others. To most, issues within a relationship are sacred, and should be handled with care. Avoid the "drama" by simply discussing your feelings, concerns, and wants with your partner, not the "outsider."

4. AIDS is slowly destroying our community

We must remember that if we are going to be sexually active that we must protect ourselves. Our community is becoming more and more overwhelmed with the AIDS epidemic. According to the Center for the Disease Control, the 2000 Census reported African Americans account for 39% of the estimated AIDS cases; 347,000 of the 886,000 cases diagnosed since the discovery of the epidemic. Also, according to the 2002 Census, African Americans accounted for about 21,000, or 50 percent, of the more than 42,000 estimated AIDS cases diagnosed among adults in the United States. These statistics should be enough for us to become an advocate for AIDS prevention. So with that in mind, stay strong, healthy, and remember to protect yourselves and each other.

5. No matter what faith you hold, prayer can help you through

Through all the issues that us as African American couples face, there is a peace in knowing that things will be better. Now I know that some of you may not believe in the art of prayer, but trust me, it does work. If your strong in faith, praying as a couple could bring you closer together, and could establish a bond between you that can fight any adverse situation.

OPTIONS IN ELECTION 2004

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Columnist

As the 2004 elections draw closer, the television has become littered with ads informing Americans why we should vote for the respective candidates, or rather, why we should not vote for the other. As of today, both parties have had ample time to establish their standings on issues affecting Americans and have had a chance to present these issues at the conventions held in their honor. The Democratic Convention, which was held earlier in the year, took place in Boston, Massachusetts and allowed Kerry and Edwards to both bash Bush for his rule over America, or lack thereof, and to establish some ground issues. Likewise, the Republican Convention, which was held in New York City, allowed President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney to reassure Americans that we were currently in good standings and that another four years in office would be beneficial to the country.

Both conventions were saturated with supporters, flashy

designs, special effects, and camera crews. Issues ranging from abortion to medical care, to the war on terrorism, were all discussed briefly. An issue that has raised many questions and made the African American community more aware of the election than years previous is the issue concerning civil rights. Just as presidential candidates before them have had to tackle this issue, Kerry and Bush must find a way to include the minority populations in their race to victory. As it stands now, Kerry has the majority approval of African Americans; not only are a large number of African American democrats, but Kerry has taken it upon himself to include the African American population in his campaign. In addition to speaking to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Kerry also spoke to the National Urban League. These two prestigious African-American based civil rights groups have contributed a lot to the success of African Americans and now stand in full support of the Kerry/Edwards campaign. Bush, on the other hand, denied his invitation to speak to the NAACP due to the fact that the

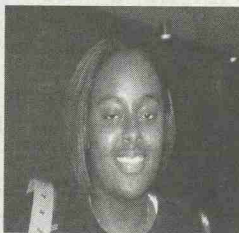
NAACP spoke against his policies as President. However, he did manage to speak to the National Urban League. Also, Senator Trent Lott (Republican-Mississippi) hurt Bush's chances of re-election earlier in the year when he made the racially charged comment stating that the country would have been better if Strom Thurmond had been the president. This comment was seen by African Americans as extremely racist due to the fact that Thurmond was a segregationist, believing that segregation was the key to everything. Although Lott apologized and stepped down as the majority leader, African Americans still viewed him as a segregationist and no longer supported the Republican Party. The question now is...with the current election and the current standings, under which presidency will African Americans do better? Should we continue under the current presidency of Bush or shall we vote John Kerry into office?

In my personal opinion (as this is an opinions article), I believe we as African Americans will be more successful under the Kerry/Edwards regime. Regardless of issues, the major-

ity of African Americans support the Democratic Party due to past democratic presidents; for instance, John F. Kennedy was a democratic president under whose presidency Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was made a national holiday. Kennedy also did much for the African-American race by presenting the need for a revision of the Civil Rights Act of 1963. Following Kennedy, former Democratic President William J. Clinton (served in office from 1992 until 2000) established many programs to help African Americans as well as many other minority groups. During the Clinton/Gore presidency, the number of unemployed African Americans dropped from 14.2 percent in 1992 to 8 percent in 1999, the lowest level on record. Other record breakings include the low level of child poverty in African Americans. African-American poverty being at a low level, the wages of African Americans being raised drastically, and this rising numbers of African Americans owning homes, just to name a few. According to

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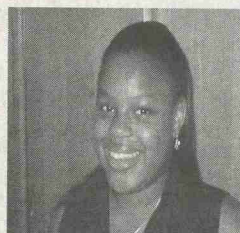
Whats On Your Mind ?



ASHLEIGH GATLING
Freshman, Accounting

"I think that the troops overseas should come home because they are dying daily."

"Bush is not focusing on what he can do. He focusing only on what Kerry is not doing."



TICOLA CALDWELL
Sophomore, Psychology

"I think we're in a rut, and Bush isn't the one to get us out of it."



SANAILE DUBOSE
Sophomore, Transition Program

"I feel that the government is not doing their job by giving job opportunities for minorities."
"They need to do more to support the community so we can have a better tomorrow."

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What is Hip Hop?

XAVIER KING
Culture Editor

Exactly what is Hip-Hop? Some would answer the question that hip-hop is exclusively black culture, what we do and how we do it. Hip-Hop is about the intense kind of aspiration that comes from having little. It's about the ambivalence of having a lot but knowing others don't; hip hop is about holding and rhyming into a microphone (Vibe Story of Hip Hop). Not only has the sound of hip hop bounced heads for generations, but the culture of hip hop is seen on a daily basis. Whether it is white tees, du-rags, baggy jeans, or the way you tilt your hat, hip-hop is becoming an entity that has carried followers for years because of its understanding of having nothing and the possibility one day making it.

The recent spotlight of hip hop culture has been shown on mainstream television, as seen on the Fox network, *The Meth and Red Show*. It shows everything from the way we eat to the way we dress. Clothing has become a major result from hip hop culture. More than ever artists are coming out with clothing lines that displays what they think hip-hop is and pushing it to new levels with their creativity.



Breakdancer performs at Nappy Luv. File Photo.

Many of its consumers believe that hip-hop makes them who they are.

"Hip Hop is a part of Black culture and what makes Hip Hop is music and even fashion. It has become a part of everyday life because of its popularity heightened by celebrities particularly music artists," said April Flow, a sophomore in sociology.

Consumers like Flow are into hip-hop culture

because they feel a sense of understanding and connectivity to the clothing line and hip hop itself.

The alteration of our language from standard English has also been a way for us to connect and converse, as well as creating meanings that bonds only those that can relate and understand the black experience.

"When I hear the word hip-hop I instantly think of rhythm and beats. The word brings back memories of the old school rappers as well as the new. Hip-Hop is being able to express yourself musically through lyrics, beats, dance, the way we speak, and clothing," said Tennille Wilks, a sophomore, in biochemistry.

The essence of hip-hop is the beauty of hip-hop; there are no constraints with this art form (*The Hip-Hop Years*). As Hip-Hop has branched out into the clothing industry, film industry and help with the evolution of black language it has ultimately in all aspects help to unify black people with black culture.

A Panther in Africa

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A Panther in Africa shown last Tuesday at Witherspoon Cinema is a film, which gave a glimpse of Pete O'Neal, a former Black Panther's life in Tanzania, East Africa. On October 30, 1969 in Kansas City, Missouri he was convicted for carrying a 12-gauge shotgun over state lines. One year later, O'Neal fled the charge, feeling his life was threatened, and for over 30 years, he has lived in Tanzania, East Africa.

This film showed the positive side of Pete O'Neal, a panther, who today is a community organizer. O'Neal feeds 20-30 Tanzanian people, daily and opens his home to a countless number of study abroad students. O'Neal commented in the film, "sharing and building a community can change a person's heart and soul."

Neal's wife, Charlotte (artist, poet, and writer) spoke about the life she and O'Neal live in Africa. When asked by a student why she began her movie tour showing her and her husband's life in Africa, she replied, "it was not planned, and it grew organically. I always liked to speak on our work: I think we need all of the positive role models we can get."

O'Neal felt that his case will make dramatic turns for the better soon in the US while living in exile in Tanzania, but changed his mind in the film saying "the negative label on Black Panthers by the Government and the many former black panthers locked up for crimes they did not commit, informs him that the guilty verdict will stand." An example is his friend and fellow Black Panther Geronimo Pratt, who served 24 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. Geronimo was released out of prison and got a financial settlement to pay for the time he served as an innocent man. Geronimo and his wife now

both live in Tanzania, not far from O'Neal and his wife Charlotte.

O'Neal spoke regarding the negative label in which Black panthers often had in America as "just black men with leather coats and guns." Charlotte pointed out that both Black Panther men and women had the mindset to walk together, concerned for the cause and fight against racial oppression." Charlotte admitted she is sad to see that there are not many student protests or people coming together organizing and trying to address the need for social change. Pete O'Neal was a man dedicated to change against racial oppression of the Black community and the consequence for that dedication is his exile in Tanzania, East Africa. Pete and Charlotte O'Neal are two unrecognized heroes who both dedicate their lives for the cause of black liberation for African and African-Americans over the world.

The New Look of the ACC

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There are a lot of mixed emotions concerning the expansion of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The ACC has not invited any other team to join the conference, since the admittance of Florida State in 1991. The Miami Hurricanes and the Virginia Tech Hokies are the two newest teams to join the ACC. This simply means that wolfpackers will see more exciting games and that N.C. State athletes will have more competition in the upcoming seasons. There are wonders if the two teams will improve the conference's notoriety or downplay the elitism of the conference in sports like basketball.

One of the main reasons that the conference sought expansion was to get three more teams to make it possible to have a football conference championship game. With the Hurricanes and Hokies already admitted to the ACC there are only eleven teams in the conference. There will not be a conference championship game this season, but there are talks of another team joining next year. The next team to join the conference is presumed to be the Boston College Eagles. With these teams joining the ACC, the conference will be split into two divisions of six teams. The way that the quest for the conference championship will go about is that the top team of each division will play for the title of conference champion. In the past, the conference champion was the team who finished with the best conference record. With the new conference setup, there will be an outright ACC champion.

This expansion was meant to help out the college football aspect of athletics. What about the other sports? Some sports will experience the level of competition these two teams are bringing before the football and basketball teams will. The Hokies and the Hurricanes have proven to be football powerhouses over the past years. In baseball they've also been impressive, particularly the Hurricanes but the teams are not as well

known nationally as they are in football.

"I think the two teams will bring more competitiveness to the conference," said wolfpacker Court Brown "it's the best conference there is."

"It's kind of weird to see eleven teams now. Miami and Virginia Tech will have their bad years like every other team, but I don't think they are going to make the conference look bad," said Rosa Muniz, a long time wolfpack fan.

While most people think the two new teams will improve the conference's football program, will it higher the notoriety of the other sports?

In being one of the top basketball conferences in the nation, there are concerns that the newly admitted teams will weaken the conference's elitism. In football, fans will discover that the two teams will live up to their billing. The Hurricanes are currently 5th in the nation and the Hokies are one of the teams that seek to crack the top twenty-five in the next few weeks. The same two teams are barely mentioned in the same sentence as the nation's elite when it comes to basketball.

In putting all the questions behind, the mystery will lead to exciting seasons for all sports programs. Whether the two teams will help or hurt the conference's notoriety, they will heighten the level of competition in the ACC. The new teams will get the Wolfpack to reach a level of competitiveness that might have been unattainable in their minds. On the same note, the older ACC teams can better the sports programs of the newly acquired Hurricanes and Hokies. All there is to do now is to roll out the welcome mat and make the new teams part of the ACC family.

La fiesta Del Pueblo

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The prismatic rainbow of colors present everywhere, mingling with the mouth watering aromas of varied Latino cuisines and blanketed nicely with smooth musica salsa is just one image that describes La Fiesta del Pueblo. La Fiesta del Pueblo took place September 11th and 12th at the N.C. State Fairgrounds, celebrating its 11th year anniversary and its second year residing at the fairgrounds. Originally created to exhibit Latino arts and culture, La Fiesta has expanded to provide critical information that non-English speaking Latinos may not find easily accessible. This information ranged from political party information, birth control options, diabetes prevention, smart banking and much more. Another goal of La Fiesta is to promote understanding of the Latino culture to the non-Latino attendees at the event. People from all backgrounds could be seen walking around enjoying the food and music as well.

For a mere dollar admission fee along with its proximity to campus, this event was perfect for a curious yet broke college student. Many N.C. State students were in attendance and volunteering at the festival.

Live performances by local Latino bands, artists, and dancers were in full force on Saturday the 11th. Flamenco, salsa, meringue, bachata, and even tango dances were performed to fresh, live music that included drums and maracas. An art gallery displaying art from local and national artists had various media ranging from surreal paintings to clay pottery to portraits by elementary school children. The booths outside were impressive as well. Several stands contained original hand crafted jewelry, while some would even make a customized piece on the spot for a customer. Just about every other stand contained plentiful paraphernalia that represented just about every Latino nationality. There were Puerto Rican jerseys, Peruvian purses, Argentinian hats, Mexican scarves and various national flags to hang wherever one desired.

"I even saw a steering wheel cover that had Mexican flags and the words 'Vivo Mexico' on it!" said LeBrandi Johnson, a junior in CHASS.

Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, a Democrat from Texas, was in attendance at the festival both days to speak to the crowds. He is a strong advocate for issues concerning Latinos as well as the downtrodden that others fail to notice. A massive yet unrecognized accomplishment of his includes the use of the Matricula Consular Identifications by foreigners that allow non-citizens to open bank accounts in

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Students walk to fight AIDS

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Staff Writer

All walkers ready, set and help the fight against AIDS.

On Saturday, September 11, 2004, groups around the Raleigh area gathered to walk for AIDS awareness. The AIDS walk began at noon with registration, followed by the walk. Those participating in the fundraiser were asked to walk one mile, and if they could, a three mile distance. The main goal of the walk is to inform the residents of Raleigh about the severity of the AIDS epidemic and to raise money for research purposes. The annual event included information tables, music and food to ensure that the walkers were ready for a day of contributing to the struggle against AIDS.

Attending this walk was an eye-opening experience for most of the people who participated. The walk gave those who have lost loved ones to the disease not only a chance to reflect, but also an opportunity to aid others in fighting the awful virus. People who have never known anyone with AIDS had a chance to interact and speak to those that have been living with this deadly virus.

"The walk was very touching. While there I met someone with AIDS. I didn't even realize how AIDS affected the community until I was there," said Krystal Smith, a sophomore. She then added: "You don't get that feeling until it actually hits home. As a person, I wanted to give back to my community and help with such a great cause."

"I agree with Krystal. We all have to do what we can, while we can do it. Though I am not directly affected by AIDS or know anyone with it, I still think that I should help. If one of us is infected then in turn we are all affected," said Delina Mehin, a NC State student.

The staff at the AIDS Walk stressed the importance of annual check-ups and HIV testing. Extremely high rates of HIV and AIDS are reported in minorities, particularly the African-American population. Through polls and research, the AIDS Information Resource has concluded that the African American population of North Carolina makes up two-thirds of this deadly virus. As of the year 2000, AIDS/HIV has jumped to an amazing 36.1 million people living with this virus worldwide. Preventive methods such as condoms reduce the risk infection through sexual intercourse although abstinence is the only sure method of prevention through sex. Sharing needles through drug use greatly increases chances of infection.

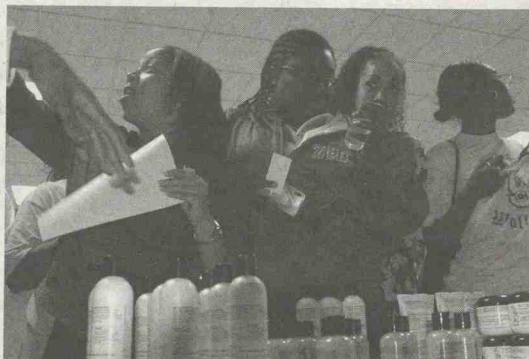
New Student Orientation Recruiting Students for 2005 Orientation Counselors

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Program teaches hair care



Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta look at hair care products.
Tiffany Key

ASHLEY C. TAYLOR
Staff Writer

On Thursday the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc hosted their featured program, "Loving Our Hair, Through Care.", which took place in the African American Cultural Center. This program was filled with questions and concerns about the care of Black hair.

At the start of the program, gift bags filled with hair care essentials were given to the first 20 people that entered. Ashley Corpening and Erica Jones hosted the program. The two hosts led a game called "The Do's and Don'ts of Hair Care" to invoke audience participation. This was an informative game where members of the audience were asked to answer questions for hair care prizes. After several rounds of this game, a huge discussion of hair was brought to the forum, lead by professional hair stylists, Alexia Meadows and Christina Bobbitt. The topics that were discussed in this forum were that of breakage, dryness, types of relaxer and even hair weaves. With several questions raging from the audience, the stylists were able to answer those and dispel the myths of black hair.

Many people that came to this program left with more knowledge regarding proper hair care. "I attended this program tonight to learn more about how to treat my hair and to maintain its health. Tonight I have learned there are many ways to keep my hair up, seeing as though I am a freshman and I am not able to get to my beautician on a regular basis," said Shakiria Howie, freshman.

The members of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. were pleased with the turnout and hoped that those in attendance would apply the hair care knowledge they learned from the program. "Hair is an important part of being an African American woman," said Ashlee Canty of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. "The reason why my organization, Zeta Phi Beta, Sorority, Inc. decided to do such a topic for Blue and White Week is to explore the myths of hair care. Not everyone knows what do for their hair and this program was just to give everyone help in case they needed it or just wanted to be informed".

Some Common Myths about Hair Care

1. Hair will not grow back thicker if shaven
2. There is no such thing as growing dandruff
3. Using egg in your hair will help build protein
4. Using heavy oils are great for your hair

What to Do With Your Hair

1. Don't use product for extended period of time, change up every now and then
2. Olive oil is a good deep conditioner
3. Always communicate with your stylist
4. Always refresh braids every month or when it starts to look bad

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U.S. financial institutions. It was reported on the El Pueblo website that he is, "one of the reasons U.S. financial institutions remain able to accept such cards, resulting in billions of dollars being deposited into the U.S. financial services system and transferred to foreign countries as remittances"

There was even fun for the kids at heart in Ninolandia, the Kid's Patio, where kids could climb upon ballon structures, get their faces painted, and embrace several famous cartoon characters like Curious George and Ronald MacDonald. Harris Teeter and Pepsi were sponsors this year for the children's section. Overall, La Fiesta was definitely well worth the dollar admission price. For more information see www.elpueblo.org or email me at nrun2000@aol.com.

DIXON

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Dixon gained experience in implementing diversity programs as a graduate student at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The retention program called Strategies for Academic Success at UNC-G, the program featured a diversity component that helped students adjust to the college environment.

Dixon explained that her position differs from Picart's position because Picart oversees leadership and management for the entire office of Diversity and African American Affairs. Picart is liaison to the alumni, faculty and staff senate. Picart will also coordinate all campus diversity programs.

The office is also in the process of hiring for other administrative positions such as the Assistant Vice Provost for Diversity Programming and an Assistant Vice Provost for Gender Affairs. Picart will fill in for those positions until they are filled.

Dixon said she looked forward to working with student groups at N.C. State.

"Well she already has strong ties within the community. With that background it makes her a stronger leader with in the administration in promoting diversity," said Lock Whiteside, III a junior in political science.

"My focus is on creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students," said Dixon.

OPTIONS

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the article African Americas Stick By President Bill Clinton, of "The Oakland" Former President Bill Clinton has been added to the ranks of favored presidents among African Americans, only to join former Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

However, the Republicans do not seem to be focusing as strongly on African Americans as do the Democrats. Bush has declared that he believes affirmative-action is not good and believes that people should be allowed into college based on merit and not race. In this aspect, he does a good job and shows some interest towards the minorities of America. On the other hand his doings for African Americans over the span of his four years in office is very minimal. As a matter of fact, since Bush was voted by the Supreme Court to be President, his only goal has been to ensure his re-election. Evident with the start of this so called "War against Terrorism", Bush seems to care more about international policies than taking care of home. Many of the programs Bush has initiated or has tried to initiate, such as tax cuts, prove only beneficial to the rich; this population of affluent leaders do not include African Americas as we are one of the races with the highest poverty rates in America. In the end, Bush stands to represent the wealthy few rather than the majority poor.

All in all, which president will deliver us as African Americans? Although I can not tell you who to vote for, I must urge all African Americans to, first and foremost, vote. Registration is easy and is free. Secondly, you must find out which candidate stands for what you stand for. Look at both parties and view their platforms and make your decision. Because of past democratic success with African Americans and current actions taken by Kerry/Edwards, coupled with the disapproval by African Americans towards Bush and the Republican Party, I say with confidence that African Americans would be better off putting John Kerry and John Edwards into office for the 2004-2008 Presidential Term.

HIP HOP

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convention in Newark, New Jersey. At the convention, delegates were required to register 50 people to vote.

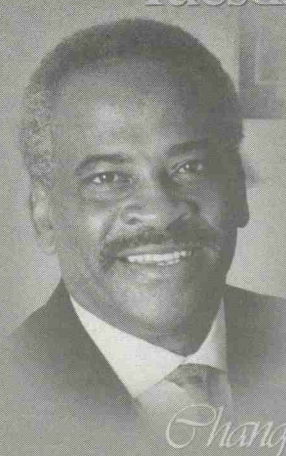
Kitwana believes it will take four to six years for political change in addition to forming coalitions with white hip-hop fans.

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