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*BLACKWORLD'S
LEGACY REVIVED
THROUGH EVERY
ARTICLE !!!*

Have you heard of S.A.A.B.? What is this organization and who are those intelligent handsome young African American and Latino males who are always sharp and professional? What do they stand for? And lastly, how and where can I join? These are the questions whispering around campus about the men of the Student African American National Brotherhood also known as S.A.A.B.

Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe founded this organization on October 17, 1990 on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University. Realizing the academic, personal issues, and needs of Latino and African American men in our society (most importantly throughout college campuses), he designed S.A.A.B. to combat these dilemmas among these men, as well as making them have succession in the near and far future. With admiring wisdom and availability in every aspect, Dr. Bledsoe exemplifies two of the most important yet unfulfilled words in the dictionary towards minority men of color; passion and success. Those two nouns are character traits that few men of color get the opportunity to embody and accomplish for many societal reasons such as injustice and oppression just to name a few. Dr. Bledsoe, with great perseverance, combated these societal blockades and created S.A.A.B., which has over 150 chapters within universities, colleges, and high schools stretching from New York to California. This national organization definitely produces success and change for the empowerment of men of color.

The mission of S.A.A.B. is to support men of color in excelling academically, socially, culturally, professionally, and in the community. It is difficult to obtain admission into college and even harder to survive based on personal and statistical knowledge. This organization gives males of academic communities the backbone and support that is needed to finish successfully in college as well as after graduation. Although the organizations title signifies brotherhood, it is not a fraternity and never will be. The relationships that are made through this organization are filled with emotion, love and most of all, appreciation for one another. Any word less than brotherhood would not be showing the respect and professionalism that these males have for one another.

The agenda for Stony Brook Chapter of S.A.A.B extends from increasing retention rate in college of African American and Latino males to the recruitment of these males from High School into Universities such as Stony Brook. Through study sessions, developmental seminars, business meetings, social and religious activities, and work with non-profit service agencies, S.A.A.B. makes a difference.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

BLACKWORLD IS BACK! No seriously, we are!

I know everyone is thinking "Didn't you guys say that last year?" or "I thought you all promised last year to be back with some new things." Well everyone, it's a new year and a new chance to create history. I'd rather not dwell on the troubles BlackWorld has faced in the past but like I say, that past is what creates our future. Last year there were some complications, some things that were out of the control of the former e-boards hands. There were also things that were in control of BlackWorld but to be real with everyone, we flopped! But like I stated, it's a new year and I have a wonderful new e-board and new staff members behind me. We are making things happen!

Some people are probably also wondering how I came to be the new Editor-in-Chief of BlackWorld. At one point, I was wondering the same thing! Last year, I joined BlackWorld as a regular staff member because there was so much I wanted to say, but nowhere to voice my views. I am what some would call a very passionate person. I tend to put my all into what I believe, no matter what the topic is. Whether I am discussing civil rights, the treatment of women, or simply deciding on what I want to eat for the evening, I have to make sure it is something I truly believe in. When the opportunity came to take on this new position, I was a bit hesitant at first. Apart of me wondered if I possess all the qualities that one must have in order to run a paper that has such a prominent history behind it. BlackWorld newspaper has been prevalent for over 33 years. 33 years of history, 33 years of honor, 33 years of desire, and 33 years of passion all for this paper. After realizing how important this paper truly is to me, I stepped up to the plate and agreed to carry on this legacy. A legacy many people may not realize exists on this campus. That is one thing I want to change

As the new Editor-in-Chief, there is so much I want for this paper. I want BlackWorld to be a medium for people to voice their opinions. I am a big believer in one's right to say whatever is on their mind, no matter how taboo it may seem to some. Also I want this paper to continue to highlight the sometimes overlooked population on this campus. BlackWorld focuses on campus events as a whole, but emphasizes news that impacts the minority community of Stony Brook (specifically the African American and Latino population). There are also a few new additions to the paper, which includes "Two Words" (Look through the paper and you will see it; it will definitely grab your attention.), a gossip entertainment section, news beyond Stony Brook, a column by one of the staff writers and much more!

Instead of continuing on and on about what I want for this paper, I'd rather show you through the work of myself and the staff members. I'm more about making things happen instead of boasting about wanting things to happen. With that said, I hope you enjoy this issue of BlackWorld. Let the work speak for itself.

Mamusu Tucker
Editor-in-Chief

PS: Stony Brook University has reached its 50th anniversary! Hopefully BlackWorld will be able to reach such an amazing mark. One filled with as much excellence as this University.

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Stress 101 By: Emilio Azukwu

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Theta Kappa Chapter had its first program on Wednesday September 26, 2007. The program was titled Stress 101, which focuses on what most young adults enrolled in school go through on a daily basis. Most students find that stress becomes a part of their daily life and affects how efficiently they can perform different tasks daily. A lot of students that tend to be stressed dictate their life to the point where they feel like they have lost control and this is a major problem in many schools. This was a program that could benefit the campus community and give solutions as to how to deal with stress.

The program began with an icebreaker that asked students why they came to Stony Brook, their favorite food, and how they heard about the program. The icebreaker allowed different students to get a sense of what kind of people were in the room. Then there were four different stations that somehow dealt with stress and gave solutions as to how to deal with different problems. One station asked students to plan a make believe schedule for a make believe student with different situations. This allowed students to see how to organize their own time based on this make believe situation. The next station was where you were asked to make your own stress ball with balloons, rice, and flour. The balloons were filled with rice and flour, and then a knot was tied on a balloon so that the contents wouldn't be spilled.

The third station was where we played a role playing game that involved playing the role of different kind of students that exist on our campus from EOP to regular admission. Then there was the last station which let students discuss the various kinds of foods that are found on campus and how many calories they contain. The amount of calories in the different foods allowed people to know what is healthy to eat. Eating healthy results in a decrease in unnecessary stress that students may face due to bad eating habits coupled with a heavy work load.

This program had a good turnout and many who were present benefited greatly. Members from different organizations on campus were present to support the program as well as gain the knowledge that it had to offer. A lot of students found the program helpful and left with new ways to deal with their everyday stress. Stress is not something that we can completely remove from our lives but as the program shows, it is definitely something that we can learn to cope with and manage.



Success 101: Tips to Make Your First-Year Worthwhile By: Jacqueline Richards

The first year for a student new to college life is a very pivotal time. Here is where the name you make for yourself begins. There are many students who end up dropping out after their first year, whether by choice or force. Many students get quickly involved with the social aspect of campus life; they neglect the academic side. Other students realize it is much more important to have the two coincide with each other. Below are some tips to help you do the right thing.

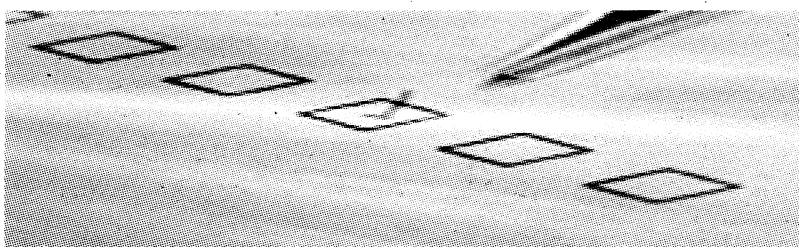
***First things first: your rooming situation.** Chances are coming into Stony Brook you will have a roommate times two in your first year. Things have become so bad that even transfers after their experiences at other schools have had to be tripled. This is a dreaded part of campus life. Cultural tensions may arise and create a hostile living environment. As long as everyone living in a common area is respectful of each other and open-minded, if or when issues do arise, they can be handled appropriately. Be sure to give a voice to any issues you may have because if any problem goes unsolved, they will continue to build up and make for a worse situation when they are discussed.

***Classes-**Having to think about exactly what it is you would like to do with your life post-college is hard enough; without having to keep up with extensive readings and mid-term examinations which only become more difficult the farther you get along in your studies. If you are not a self-proclaimed organizer, it would be in your best interest to become one. It could be as simple as investing in a calendar or daily planner. Set aside hours for studying for every subject. Keep track of which exams are when in order to give you ample time to prepare. Here is also where self-discipline comes in handy. You need to learn when to turn the television off, the cell-phone off and not surf Facebook. As far as textbooks go, try to get discounts on the Internet. Tuition and all other things we have to pay for is enough.

***Being social-**This gets a lot of students into trouble. It is okay to party, as long as you do what needs to be done first. If you have an exam to study for, study first, party later. As far as joining student clubs and groups, go to information sessions before committing yourself to anything. You have time. However, it is important to get involved early if you are interested in acquiring more of a leadership role in the future.

***Meal Points-**They may seem in abundance now but when you have none come mid-November, you will begin to wonder what it is exactly you are spending them on. By all means, if you are hungry, eat something. Do not starve yourself wondering if you have enough points to last you. Plus when you run out of campus points, you go into flex credits. Just be mindful of your spending and you should be fine.

***Employment** Hopefully if you are reading this, you already have one, two if you are one of those workaholics. Some people feel that having a job is not a necessity. Others really do not need one. Campus jobs are competitive but relatively easy to get if you are looking and if you have work-study. There are alternatives to lack of work-study but they are even harder to find. Only go off campus as a last resort. Many places require you to have a driver's license or at least a permit, and a reliable source of transportation. Public transportation, depending on your hours, may not be one. Another downside of off campus employment is that it may be hard to find employers who are flexible with class and study time. Working off campus and going to school is not impossible. Just be careful not to stretch yourself too thin.



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BlackWorld Career Guide! By: Saajida Stacker

What do you want to be when you grow up? You were asked this question when you were a child. Now in college, have you considered what career path your college major will lead you towards? Below are some jobs titles you can acquire with a degree in your major....

*English

Journalist, teacher, librarian, researcher, editor, writer, administrator assistant, critic, etc.

*Chemical Engineering

Microbiologist, physiologist, nuclear engineer, botanist, biochemist, chemical test engineer, etc.

*Journalism

Columnist, editor, critic, photographer, biographer, entertainment agent, journalist, etc.

*Nursing

School nurse, traveling nurse, emergency room nurse, home health nurse, maternity nurse, etc.

*Education

Public lecturer, teacher, academic advisor, market researcher, private tutor, tour guide, etc.

*Mathematics

Treasurer, insurance agent/broker, teacher, math tutor, economist, actuary, engineer, etc.

*Music

Talent agent, writer/music journalist, singer/performer, publicist, music attorney, musician, etc.

*Business

Bank manager, employment counselor, loan officer, payroll clerk, accountant, travel agent, etc.

*Psychology

Psychologist, social worker, marriage counselor, child welfare worker, psychiatrist, etc.

*Contrary to popular belief you can get a job with any major. For example, Denzel Washington (actor) obtained his degree in journalism at Fordham University, Shirley Kenny (Stony Brook's President) went to the University of Texas where she studied English, Michael Jordan (NBA star) majored in math at the University of North Carolina, and Sandra Day O'Connor (former Supreme Court Justice) went to Stanford where she majored in economics.

Do You Know... By: Jacqueline Richards

Written by James Weldon Johnson in 1900, the song came to be known as the Negro National Anthem when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People adopted it as such in 1919. Ironically enough, the poem was first performed as a song in a tribute to Abraham Lincoln, who is still to this day celebrated by many African-Americans. The lyrics resonate with me as a force of resilience in the face of the adversities that come along with being Black in America. The poem means more to me as an anthem because unlike any other, I feel it was written with me in mind and not just coming to possess that meaning over time(or still not).

I believed that America was past the time where Jena 6 would be possible but I am no longer convinced of that, which makes the anthem forever relevant. History is forever repeating itself. That story left me extremely discouraged but the words of the anthem are about faith, pride and remembering those that came before us to create a world safer than it was for them, to live in and succeed without scrutiny. While we still have a ways to go, it is important to acknowledge the strides that have been made for our sake. To the right are the full lyrics to the anthem. Enjoy.

Lift Every Voice and Sing the "Black National Anthem", courtesy of TheBlackMarket.com

*Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the
rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that
the
dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought
us;
facing the rising sun of our new
day begun,
let us march on till victory is
won.*

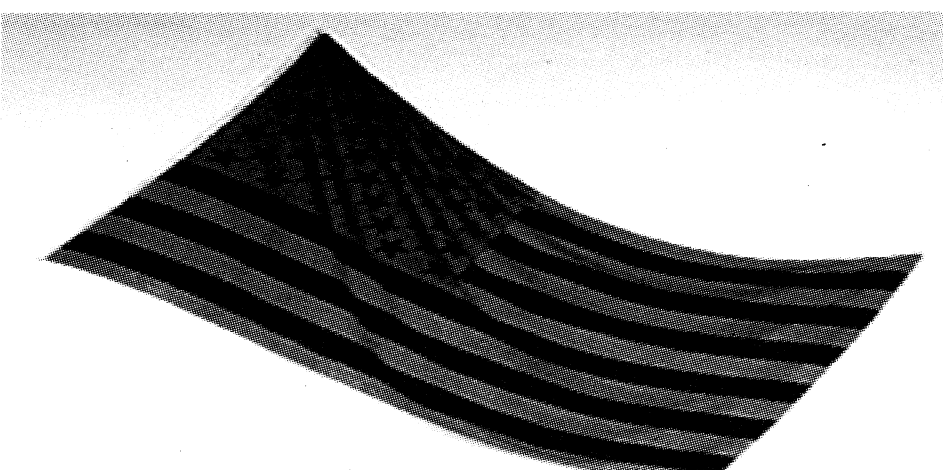
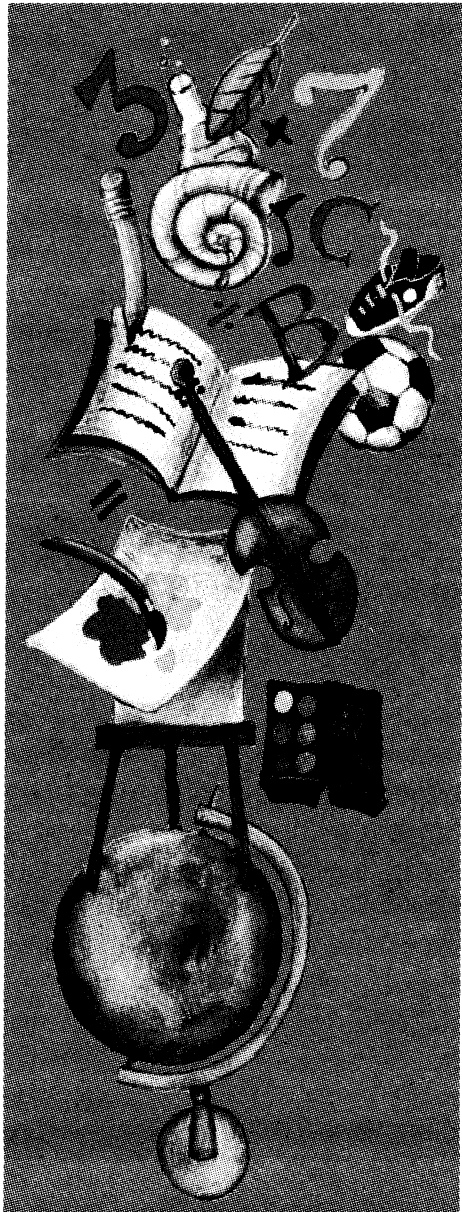
*Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope
unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place
for which our fathers died?*

*We have come over a way that
with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus
far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led
us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we
pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the
places, our God, where we met
thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the
wine of the world, we forget
thee,
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
true to our native land.*

By: James Weldon Johnson
and J. Rosamond Johnson,
1901



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You know you're in SBU when...

1. You get an average 3 hours of sleep a night
2. You wake up 10 minutes before class
3. Your breakfast consists of a coke on the way to class
4. It takes a shovel to find the floor of your room
5. You typically have less than a dollar with you
6. You get more sleep in class than in your room
7. Your idea of feeding the poor is buying yourself some Ramen Noodles
8. You get more e-mail than postal mail.....
9. Your current news is the mini-feeds you get on Facebook
10. High school started before 8am, but now anything before noon is considered "early".
11. Weekends start on Wednesday
12. 6am is when you go to sleep, not when you wake up.
13. You know many different ways to cook ramen noodles or macaroni and cheese.
14. Instead of falling asleep in class, you stay in bed.
15. You never know what day it is.
16. Your underwear/sock supply dictates your laundry schedule.
17. You check Facebook/Myspace every 10 minutes.
18. You talk about beer pong like it's a sport.
19. Your primary news sources are the Daily Show and the Colbert Report.
20. Quarters are like gold.
21. You talk to your roommate on instant messenger when you're both home.
22. You throw out bowls and plates because you don't feel like washing them.
23. You start joining clubs because of the free food.
24. You skip one class to write a paper for another.
25. Care packages rank right up there with birthdays.
26. Anything can be cooked in a microwave.
27. You can't imagine life without your computer/cell phone/ i-pod.
28. A canceled class is almost as exciting as Christmas.
29. You press the automatic door opener instead of simply grabbing the handle when you approach a door.
30. You are no longer thankful that fire alarms are here to protect you.
31. It's illegal to drink in the dorms yet they sell an assortment of shot glasses, beer mugs, tankards, etc. in the bookstore.
32. You admire people's alcohol bottle shrines.
33. You have numbers in your phone with labels like "Sketchy Steve" and "Alcohol Guy."
34. You text faster than you type.
35. You finish reading this and wonder how you can procrastinate next.



By: Shanique Morris

Homecoming Schedule By: Jahlecia Smith

The most anticipated time of the fall semester will be arriving in just a few short days. You got it!! its Stony Brook University's Homecoming. This year many exciting events will be taking place throughout the campus. In the midst of the Homecoming celebrations, Stony Brook University will also be celebrating its 50th anniversary. So as you all acknowledge Stony Brooks 50 years of excellence, come out and enjoy yourselves at any of the many events going on. These are the events planned for this years celebrations:

Monday, October 15

Wolfstock Kickoff
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Stony Brook Union
Come to the SB Union to kick off Homecoming. We will have games, food, and a lot of fun

Wednesday, October 17

Homecoming Carnival
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
SAC Plaza
Sponsored by Student Homecoming Committee

Thursday, October 18

SAB Comedy Show
7:00 pm
Student Activities Center

Friday October 19,

SAB & Red Hot After Hours
Homecoming Party
11:00 pm
SAC, Ballroom A

Friday October 19

Homecoming Parade
7:00 pm
Circle Road to Stadium
Bring SB history to life with your float or banner.

Saturday, October 20

Homecoming Game
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
LaValle Stadium
Football Game: Seawolves vs. Maine Black Bears. See the King and Queen crowned during half time! Free admission for students with SB IDs.

Saturday, October 20

Alpha Phi Alpha Step Show & After Party
8:00 pm
SAC, Ballroom A

Sunday, October 21

Homecoming 5K Run
Race starts 10:00 am, Sports Complex
Registration: 9:00 am to 10:00 am, Sports Complex Lobby.
Pre-registration: \$8 students, \$10 faculty and staff.
Day of Race Registration: \$15.

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The Miseducation of Las Guyaquilenas By:Nathalie Lafleur

On Tuesday September 25th, Sigma Lambda Upsilon hosted a presentation in sac 305 entitled "The Miseducation of Las Guyaquilenas" as part of RACIES WEEK 2007. The presentation focused on the quality of lives of the children in Ecuador. They focused on a foundation in Ecuador called the Carino foundation. This foundation is located in Guayaquil, which is a very poor area in Ecuador. The government funds this foundation. Mothers bring their children there from the ages of 5 months to 8 years old.

In Ecuador 70% of children are malnourished. According to a doctor in the foundation malnutrition is a frequent problem in Ecuador. The causes of malnutrition includes the lack of healthy foods, bad living conditions and young mothers who are not educated on how to feed their children healthy foods.

Zoila Sanchez, one member of Sigma Lambda Upsilon, visited the foundation while in Ecuador. While she was there she spoke to two foundation helpers who were present. They all had different things to say about the children in the foundation and the mothers. One helper noted that the children who come into the foundation are in need of healthy foods, like cereal and milk. When those children are at home, they are not fed properly. They are fed random things like water instead of milk, and fatty foods instead of healthy vegetables.

Another helper also noted that the mothers themselves are not eating healthy when they are pregnant. If the mothers are not eating healthy, there's a risk that the baby will be born malnourished. Even if the baby is born without any obvious health issues, the mother will have malnourished him/her, just by not giving them healthy food to eat. The helper mentions that healthy food is not expensive, but rather some mothers are negligent, meaning that instead of giving their children healthy food, they give them anything to eat.

The doctor at the foundation says that, the children are malnourished because the mothers are very young and they do not know how to take care of their babies. Also the mothers do not have jobs and they receive very little help from the government. Another reason why there is malnourishment is because the living situations are not very good. The people live in poor areas that are not very clean; and since the areas are not clean parasitic worms infect the children. The mothers cannot help the children get better because testing for parasitic worms is two dollars, but the mothers cannot afford to pay that because they are poor. Furthermore because the mothers live in poor areas, they cannot find good quality foods in their neighborhood to feed the children, so even if they wanted to or had the money, finding good quality food is hard.

Another point that they touched on at the meeting was the fact that malnutrition is not just a problem in Ecuador, it is an international problem. It occurs in places like Africa and South Asia. One other interesting thing that was brought up was that malnutrition happens in the United States as well. Fast food restaurants like McDonalds and Burger King, that do not promote healthy eating, dominate the poor neighborhoods in the United States and most of the time that is all some parents let their children eat.

Wolfies Wins SBU approval By:Christine Vargas



Red, red, red. It is Red-hot everywhere. There are sports Jersey's, helmets, and the Wolfie mascot all over the newly renovated Wolfie's Restaurant, located up stairs in the Union. Talk about school spirit. It is a great environment where students can enjoy a variety of music and food like pasta, burgers, salads, and Wolfie's famous buffalo wings with three varying flavors. But is that everything students are gibbering about?

Wolfie's Restaurant is equipped with 6 servers, 2 bus boys, and 2 runners. The facility has about 32 tables and may seat up to 120 people. "We are staffed up, very busy every night," said John Pankovicia, Director for Wolfie's, the Union Deli, and Delancey Street. "Very few people have complained about the restaurant. Some people did not like certain items and exchanged it. We have regular restaurant problems," said Pankovicia.

Since Wolfie's grand opening, it has been packed like sardines. "It's busy, but for the most part I like it," said Allison Godat, a waitress at the restaurant, while rushing anxiously to help her customers. The wait for a table at Wolfie's during nighttime has been irking to some. "We waited like 20-30 minutes", said Dimetri Lales, Senior, Mathematics Major. "Prices were ok, but they could have been cheaper, said Lales."

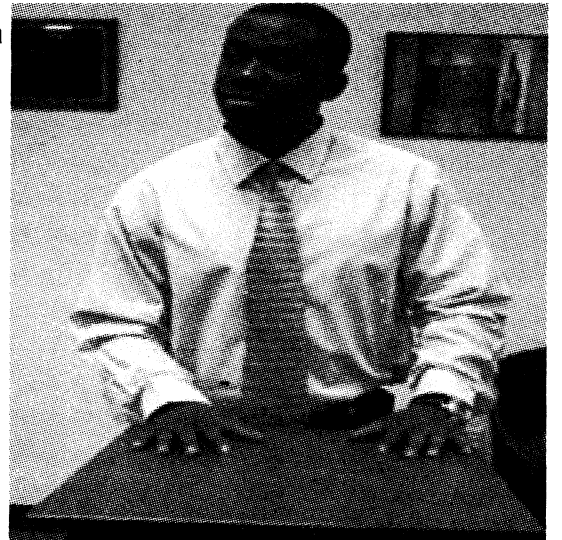
Wolfie's has been compared to the old restaurant End of the Bridge. Michael Tsao, Junior, Business Management Major, furiously said, "The menu is half of what End of the Bridge had." "I don't think they put that much effort into the setting," said Tsao. "The lights are bad and they could have gotten a bigger place with more seating and meal choices. End of the bridge was bigger, had more seating, and the service was better and faster."

Jackie Monroe, Junior, Journalism Major, waited desperately for her food for 25 minutes. After getting her food she finds out that the wings she received had been ice cold. After waiting, uneasily with hunger, for 8 more minutes she received a new plate. "My food was cold but when I finally got new wings it turned out pretty good," said Monroe. "The wait to pay was awful, but the atmosphere was really cool, plus the food was cheap."

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Student Spotlight By: Mamusu Tucker

Currently a senior here at Stony Brook University, Francis Orekoya continues to make a difference on this campus by using his position as President of African Students Union and founder of the clothing line F.Dynamo 1986 as his way to stand out. That is why Francis was given the honor of having the Student Spotlight.



1. What is your full name?
Francis OpeYemi Olumuyiwa Orekoya
2. Major?
Business Management
3. Where were you born and where do you reside now?
I was born in Brooklyn, New York (Bushwick) and I currently reside in on Long Island, New York (Nassau County)
4. Where is your family from?
My family is from Nigeria, we are of the Yoruba tribe to be more specific.
5. Do you feel that (your heritage) plays a big role in the person you are today?
Most definitely, my family is from Nigeria, we are of the Yoruba tribe to be more specific. , I have a lot of morals and a strong faith in God due to the way and the people I was raised by. Even my personality, likes and dislikes, talents and strengths come from being raised in a Nigerian house hold.
6. What was it like for you growing up?
I was (and still am) very blessed growing up. I thank God everyday to have two parents (which is becoming rare in the black household) that made sure I ALWAYS had what I needed. I may not have been given things that I wanted but it was because they (my parents) were teaching me that you have to work very hard in this country to obtain the luxuries of life, or to get anything at all.
7. So tell me a little bit about your clothing line. How did it get started?
I have always loved to draw and I wanted to choose an artistic career that I could support myself with, so I chose to focus on fashion design. From that point my ideas for the company started and they have brought me to where I am today
9. What was your inspiration for your clothing line?
Honestly my inspiration came from a passion of drawing/creating works of art; it's something I want to do forever. I want to use the talents that God has blessed me with to support myself financially and hopefully bless others
10. Where did the name come from?
Originally it was just Dynamo, which was one of my older brother's alias' (I took it from him because he didn't use it that much). Due to a company already having the name Dynamo I added "1986" to the end of it which is my birth year and favorite number. Dynamo 1986 just wasn't enough to me and it seemed like it need something, so I added an "F" to the front of it which is my first initial and that was it. F. Dynamo 1986 just sounds so official to me .
11. You're the new President of African Students Union, what made you decide to take on that position?
Being an African I want this organization to be the best that it can be and I feel that I have the creativity and passion to take it to great heights. There was a point where I didn't want to talk about it; I wanted to be about it so I decided to pursue the position.
12. What can you bring to the position that was not there in the past?
I bring the mind of a business man. I treat ASU like a business not a club, understanding that we have a product/service that must be marketed properly to the public. A business that must make sure that the customer is always happy and that he/she will become a returning customer! We operate under a government, we have a marketing department, advisors, accountants, consumers, an executive board, finances etc. Most importantly we are a business that represents African students, so I make sure we work hard.

World is Back!!!

If you have a desire or interest to contribute to BlackWorld Newspaper and help continue our legacy, come join us as we revive History!

We are seeking new staff writers and have many open editorial positions

**Meetings are held in the Stony Brook Union rm
072 @ 8:30pm Sharp**

HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHTS

By: Jahlecia Smith

MTA proposes new fare increase

The MTA announced on Monday September 24, 2007 its plans to increase the fare to \$2.25. Talks will be taking place throughout December and if the fare increase is approved, it will take effect in late February early March. But wait! Don't be too alarmed, this fare increase may actually result in some riders paying less if they ride the train during off peak hours ...kind of reminds you of the Long Island Rail Road huh? If you ride the train during off peak hours you may be paying between \$1.50 and \$2.00. Unfortunately, this part of the proposal has yet to be approved.

Armed Freshman arrested on St. John's University Campus

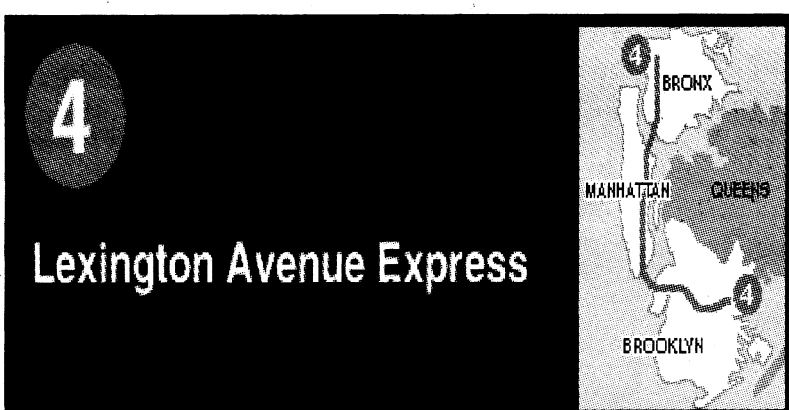
Omesh Hiranman, a freshman at St. John's University was arrested Wednesday September 26, after he was spotted with a loaded rifle. Hiranman was wearing a mask at the time of his arrest. His arrest resulted in a campus lock down as the school sent out text messages notifying the students of the recent events. He bought the rifle last week in upstate New York. In his defense, his parents are saying that Hiranman was reacting badly to the medication that he was taking. He is said to be schizophrenic and has had on going mental illness due to the 9/11 attack. He is scheduled to undergo psychiatric evaluation in November to determine if he can stand trial. No one was hurt during this incident.

Mychal Bell free on Bail

As of September 27, 2007 Mychal Bell is free on bail after serving ten months behind bars for an incident involving five other Black students accused of beating up a White classmate. His bail was set at \$45,000. He is due back in court on Wednesday. But be advised, just because he is free on bail does not mean that the charges against him have been dropped. The judge said the charges still stand trial. Bell will now be tried as a juvenile. A Samaritan by the name of Dr. Stephen Ayers reportedly paid the required 12% of Mychal's bail. Ayers said that he has followed the case and felt compelled to help. He goes on to stress that he isn't helping Bell because he thinks that he is innocent. He said that what Bell did was in "no way right and that he is not condoning his behavior, he just feels he needs to be punished appropriately."

Mos Def wants students to WALK OUT.

On October 1, 2007 Mos Def in conjunction with Talib Kweli, M-1 of dead prez, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (MXGM), THE National Hip Hop POLITICAL Convention, Change the Game, SanKofa Community Empowerment, and other community organizations from more than 50 college campuses are advising all college students to walk out of their classes at 12 noon. They will be walking out in protest of the unfair treatment by Louisiana criminal justice system towards the 'Jena 6'. Their main demand was the immediate release of Mychal Bell, but as of September 27, Mychal Bell has been released from jail on \$45,000 bail. Their other demands include that all charges against the Jena 6 be dropped and for the immediate removal of the judge presiding over Bell's case.



NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

MEGAN WILLIAMS: VICTIM OF CAPTIVITY, COERCION, AND CONTROVERSY By: Basira Lawal



On the 6th year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th another terrorist attack was reported on that date of this year. A young twenty-three year old Megan Williams was held against her will by six Caucasian adults; three men and three women. She was reportedly “sexually assaulted, stabbed, and tortured” for over a week. Although many of us today think racism has been eradicated through the Civil Rights Movement and prominent black leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., it still exists today. As students on the Stony Brook University campus, we fail to see these things because our campus is so diverse. In the case of Megan Williams, one of her kidnappers was reported to have stated “That’s what we do to niggers around here.”

It is rather saddening and astonishing to uncover such extremely hateful words coupled with the crime of hate. There also seems to be no substantial form of amelioration of these racist crimes against blacks. In a nation where we pride ourselves on “Liberty and Justice for all”, we are incessantly forced to deal with direct contradictions of this phrase whose aim we have yet to achieve. This young lady is at the peak of her womanhood and they have attempted at destroying her physically, emotionally and mentally. They have usurped the one thing that levels her status of being a double minority; her pride. Being a woman and black is not necessarily difficult but it is an inevitable task many black women face as a part of their existence in the United States.

Megan Williams underwent extreme torture and humiliation; her hair was “pulled and cut”, she had “bruised eyes”, was forced to consume “dog and rat feces” and was “choked with a cable cord.” This kind of story can bring tears to any woman’s eyes because anyone can be a victim to unfair treatment regardless of the degree of it. However this is at the top of the line; this type of torture and hate was very excessive and inherently evil.

In the Trans-Atlantic Slave trade as well as during slavery times in America, the pastime of many Caucasian men was to pick an African-American woman he thought was suitable to sexually assault for his own pleasures. This idea clearly reverberates in the actions of these six Caucasian adults. To think that there were three women present at the time of this horrendous act, who could not stand up against this, is preposterous. However that is what makes it a hate crime. In the past Winter Study Abroad trip to Ghana, we visited Cape Coast Castle where the same ideas of torture and the sexual assault of women were explored. This is something that has been happening for ages and is still occurring today, in 2007; unfortunately.

Fortunately though, Megan Williams is still alive and confined to the boundaries of the hospital for some time before she can return to her normal life. And I use the word confine because the hospital system in America itself is a system which raises justifiable suspicion amongst the black community in the United States. There is a deep-rooted mistrust for health facilities because of a past experience such as the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment where 399 men were left to die of Syphilis not knowing that they were suffering from it. The Public Health Service used these men as human laboratory animals and told them they were testing them for “bad blood.” One of the doctors reported that “[They] have no further interest in these patients until they die.”

Williams’ case takes us back to this and also the time when Jim Crow laws regulated American life. This continuous subjugation of African-Americans in an effort to prove superiority is still an issue. Comprising 12% of the United States’ population, how much power do African Americans have? And if we possess any power how can we utilize it to put a stop to these blatantly indecent actions against blacks?

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A MOVEMENT THAT WON'T STOP!!!!? By: Saajida Stacker

Come with me as I take a little trip down memory lane and briefly discuss main events that have left primarily the Black and Hispanic communities temporarily damaged and the people in distress. Do you remember in 2005 the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina? I hope we all still remember what took place in the town of Jena, Louisiana with "Jena 6". How do we get away from all of this? What do we do? Should we just accept these injustices and catastrophes as apart of our lives? Do Nothing or Do Something? Does anyone have an answer to the question, what must be done?

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans' residents in 2005. After the Hurricane many thought that the worse was behind them. This was not the case! Many black people were stranded on rooftops and without food for days. Eventually, some help arrived but I guess they started in a different part of town first. The black and the poor were left to be rescued last on the list after the rich, privileged, and even dogs. Imagine being left stranded, not knowing what you're waiting for or how long you have to wait for a rescuer team to save you and your family. What a traumatizing experience to watch dead bodies as they float by you in the water, people crying, and waiting on rooftops. Most of us would say enough is enough, I'm going to take matters into my own hands just like most black people did who started to wise up when they came to the realization that no one's coming or if they decide to come it will be too late. Men, women, and children who were determined to survive were labeled as "looters", "animals", and "refugees" in the media. According to the Information Clearing House website Michael Parenti writes, "By Day Three even the myopic media began to realize the immense failure of the rescue operation. People were dying because relief had not arrived. The authorities seemed more concerned with the looting than with rescuing people. It was property before people, just like the free marketers always want". Now let's be real, what would you do if you were in this situation? Would you just sit and wait peacefully for someone to come?

Jena, Louisiana along with others has also encountered injustices from society. Jena 6 is a name that was given to the six black boys (Mychal Bell, Theo Shaw, Robert Bailey, Carwin Jones, Bryant Purvis, and Jessie Beard) who were arrested on December 4, 2007 for beating up a white student (Justin Barker) at Jena High School. Two of the young men are being charged with second degree attempted murder and the Court's originally wanted to trial Bell as an adult, even though he was a juvenile at the time of the fight. But absolutely nothing was done about nooses being hung from a white tree on the campus of the high school. This act was brushed off as a prank. When black students sat under the tree in protest, According to Advocacy Organizations, "The District Attorney then came to the school accompanied by the town's police and demanded that the students end their protest, telling them, "I can be your best friend or your worst enemy... I can take away your lives with a stroke of my pen." By putting up those nooses the white students were participants in a hate crime. Should they not be put on trial for that? Is this justice? Let me know!

So, I ask what must be done? Should we depend on others to give us justice, to help us when we are in need? I think through the previous examples and many others it has been proven that we can no longer wait for people who don't care about us and don't have our best interest at heart to assist us in dire emergencies. Can we depend on anything/anyone?

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan again called people to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 10th Anniversary of the Million Man March on October 15, 2005. This was a call for millions of Black, Native American, Hispanic, Asian, and White people to come together not just to march but to set the foundation for a movement. This event is called the Millions More Movement. The Millions More Movement was not a day long event and then we go back to business as usual; for it is still continuing to this very day.

What is the Millions More Movement all about? Under the Millions More Movement leaders in education, religion, hip-hop, politics, economics, health, etc. has come together putting their differences aside in order to focus on a common goal. The goal is to improve the lives of those who reside in poor rejected communities. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan states in an interview, "We can no longer depend on a benevolent President to correct our condition, that is a responsibility that we must take on our own shoulders...". He has spoken to many individuals and organizations about this movement and has gotten support from different people who agree that the poor need to do for themselves because there is strength in numbers. Farrakhan states in a letter he wrote, "The agenda of the Millions More Movement [is] to... direct our energy... at the condition of the reality of the suffering of our people, that we might use all of our skills, gifts, and talents to create a better world for ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren".

Members and supporters of the MMM are people such as Rev. Jesse Jackson, Russell Simmons, Erykah Badu, India Arie, Rev. Al Sharpton, Dr. Conrad Worrill, Dr. Dorothy Height, Kanye West, and many others. Under the banner of the Millions More Movement there are committees called Local Organizing Committees (LOC) set up in many states. Bettering our communities is not an over night thing; it's going to take all of those who want to make a change for their future to participate in some way. Therefore, if you want to make a change... don't talk about it, be about it; do something!

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan (Convener of the MMM), Rev. Willie Wilson (Director of the MMM), and other leaders of the MMM in 2005 were starting a protest effort against FEMA because they planned on evicting 150,000 American citizens who were victims of Hurricane Katrina from hotels and temporary housing. The MMM has also assisted with the preparation for the National Protest and Rally on Sept. 20 in Jena, Louisiana. Mychal Bell's father, Marcus Jones said, "I appreciate....the Millions More Movement for everything you all have been doing". Marcus and Melissa Bell were guests of Minister Farrakhan on Sept. 16 at Mosque Maryam in Chicago during a national webcast lecture.

There are nine ministries being developed; some are the Ministry of Education, Health & Human Services, Finance, Justice, Arts & Culture, Agriculture, Technology, etc. The ministries are being developed by qualified persons and volunteers to assist those who may need assistance in these fields. As we have seen with Hurricane Katrina and Jena 6 we can't rely on those who only care about the rich, privileged, and those with power to help us. Therefore we must set up something where we can help black people and others who are often-times cast aside. The Millions More Movement is the answer!

(For more information on the Millions More Movement and how you can participate view www.millionsmoremovement.com 1200http://www.millionsmoremovement.com to attend the 12th Anniversary of the Millions More Movement October 14-16, 2007)

NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

God may be serving time! By: Kristina Negri

"...So Help Me, Me."

Angered by the widespread presence of frivolous cases, particularly a federal case filed against Lancaster District Judge Jeffre Cheuvront, Nebraska State Senator Ernie Chambers decided to file a suit of his own to demonstrate his point that anybody can sue anybody. The defendant named in Chambers' lawsuit was none other than God Almighty.

God, Chambers states, "has made terrorist threats, inspired fear, and has caused widespread death and destruction to millions of Earth's inhabitants." Chambers is seeking an injunction against the deity.

Chambers is a self-proclaimed agnostic. Someone who is agnostic holds that it is impossible for humans to know whether or not an ultimate power, or God, exists. They believe that human knowledge is limited to experience. If Senator Chambers is suing God, doesn't that negate his agnosticism? On one hand, he claims to be skeptical of the existence of God. On the other hand, he acknowledges God's existence by filing suit against him. It seems to me that the only thing Chambers is unsure about is his own philosophical stance.

To make known his existence and defend his reputation by disputing the charges, God responded to the suit filed against him. According to John Friend, clerk of the Douglas County District Court, the first filing from God "miraculously appeared on the counter." In the filing, God argues that he is immune from earthly laws and the court has no jurisdiction in the matter. The filing states that "blaming God for human oppression and suffering misses an important point." According to the response, as read by John Friend, God says "I created man and woman with free will and next to the promise of immortal life, free will is my greatest gift to you."

Although no contact information was included in the filing, the Archangel Michael was listed as a witness.

Senator Chambers states that this whole thing is meant to prove a point of how frivolous some lawsuits can be. I think he definitely takes the cake on this one. If God doesn't physically appear in court, does Chambers win the suit? Will he actually succeed in getting an injunction against God to cease and desist? Or what if God does show up? I'm reminded of the 1977 film "Oh God" starring George Burns, where a man claiming to be God is placed on the witness stand, and as he is sworn in, he says the words, "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me me." Anyway, it might be interesting to see who God's defense dream team would be made up of—the angel Michael, John the Baptist, Johnny Cochran, perhaps. With a case like this, I can't help but to make light of it, it's just so ridiculous.

If Senator Chambers is serious about pursuing this lawsuit all the way, I think he's going to have a pretty tough time coming up with enough concrete evidence to pin all the charges on God. I just hope the next news we hear of this case is not under the headline, "Agnostic Lawmaker Struck Down in a Freak Lighting Storm."

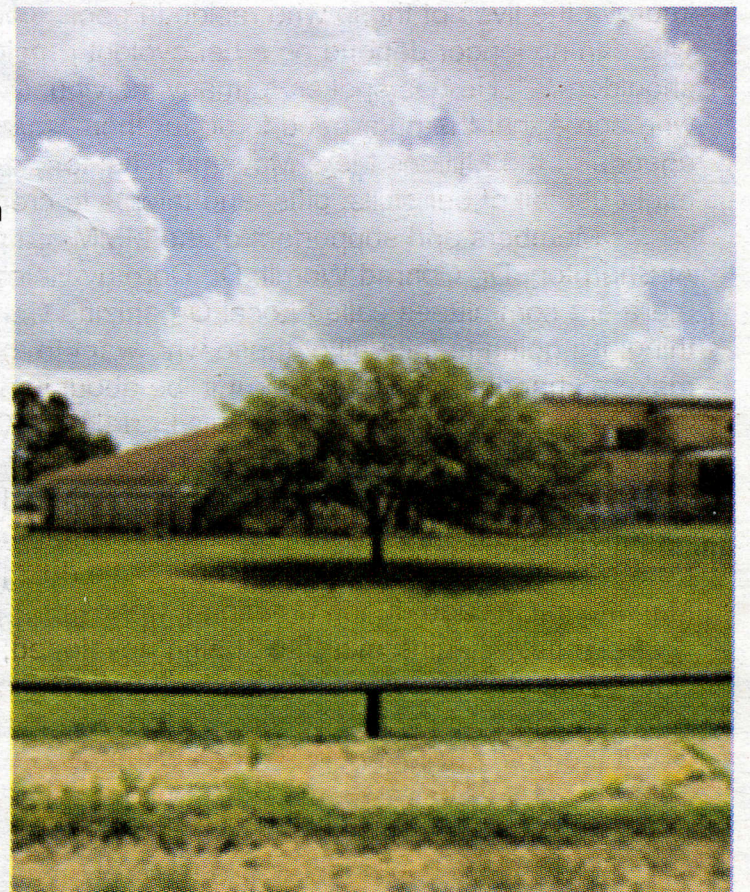
Jena Six Rallies Takes Place Close To Home By: Jahlecia Smith

On September 20, a demonstration in support of the Jena Six was held on Staten Island. In attendance were clergy members, local politicians, and the Staten Island chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The political leaders at this rally spoke out against the inequalities in the justice system. They joined together at Borough Hall to rally against what they call "the double standard of the prosecution of blacks and whites."

In Bergen County, New Jersey, African American leaders and community activists gathered inside Mount Olive Baptist church to protest the treatment of the group of teens popularly referred to as the Jena Six. Protestors at this rally were stressing that "unequal justice is not just limited to Jena. Cases are also present in New York and New Jersey." The residents of Bergen County hope that through song and prayer, similar acts of injustice can be stopped before they occur.

In Brooklyn, New York, hundreds gathered at City Hall to show support for Louisiana's Jena Six. In attendance were religious leaders and community activists. Brooklyn borough president Marty Markowitz said that "this case proves that the ugliness of racism and discrimination still have the potential to divide us... it's time for us to deal with a justice system that only works half of the time for some of the people."

On September 18, at Stony Brook University, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated led a rally to protest the unfair treatment of the Louisiana teens deemed the Jena Six. Samuel Darguin, a prominent speaker on the Stony Brook campus was quoted as saying that "it was not just a rally but a movement." After the initial gathering in the Student Activities Center, the protestors moved outside to participate in a march.



NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

Is the Jena Six Case a Racist Issue? By: Jahlecia Smith

Before you can answer this question you must first look at this case from numerous perspectives. Is this case a racist issue due to the extent of the criminal punishment administered to the individuals? Or is it a racist issue due to the race of the individuals involved? Would this case be considered a racist issue if it were six white males sentenced to jail for attempted murder as a result of a schoolyard fight? Or would that punishment be justified if it were six white students who were beaten unconscious? There is so much controversy surrounding this case that I can only do it justice by starting from the beginning.

On a September day in 2006, Kenneth Purvis, a black student, approached the school's Vice Principal and asked if it was alright for him and his friends to sit under a tree in the schoolyard, a tree that was designated at the school as a "white tree," which was located on the side of the school courtyard where the white students congregated. The Vice Principal said that it was alright and the boys proceeded to sit under the tree. The next day, students arrived at the school to find three nooses painted in the school colors hanging from the tree. Feeling angered and threatened, Bailey and his friends reported the incident to the school officials. The nooses were removed and the school took disciplinary action against the three white students who were guilty of placing the nooses on the tree. The students were originally to be suspended from the school for the remainder of the school year, but the decision was overturned by members of the school board. The punishment was reduced to a three day suspension and the incident was passed off as a prank, as if to say the symbolism behind a noose could be used as material for comedy hour. Outraged, the black student body at the high school staged a peaceful protest. In response, the school called in District Attorney Reed Walters. District Attorney Walters addressed the black students and allegedly threatened them by saying "I can make your lives disappear with the stroke of my pen." In the days that followed, the same young men who sat under the tree soon began to find themselves placed in a series of racially fueled incidents.

One of the boys, Robert Bailey was invited to a party by a group of his white friends. A party that, unbeknownst to him, was reportedly deemed an "all white affair." When Bailey entered the party he was punched in the face by a white male. Bailey said that his attackers even broke beer bottles over his head. The only problem with this accusation was that Bailey did not have any hospital records reporting such an injury. The morning after the incident, Bailey and his friends were leaving a local convenience store when they ran into one of the men that attacked Bailey the night before. They say that the white male went to his truck and pulled out a pistol. Bailey and his friends were able to wrestle the gun away from the white male and reported the incident to the police. The police responded by charging Bailey and his two friends with theft of a firearm and second-degree robbery.

Three days after this incident, tension between the white students and black students reached a breaking point. On December 4, 2006 Bailey and five of his friends, Theo Shaw, Carwin Jones, Bryant Purvis, Jessie Beard, and Mychal Bell were accused of beating up a white student by the name of Justin Barker. Unfortunately, information pertaining to the cause of the fight is very sketchy. But, what is repeatedly reported is that Justin Barker was taunting Bailey about getting beat up at the party. Barker is said to have been hit from behind and knocked unconscious. He suffered a concussion and had injuries to his eyes and ears as well as cuts and bruises. He was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, treated and held for two hours, and released. The same night after the fight, Barker attended a school ring ceremony. In his defense, he said that "he waited four years of High School to attend his ring ceremony and he was not going to miss it." After the fight, Bailey and his friends were charged with attempted murder. Their charges were later reduced to second degree aggravated battery and conspiracy, which, if convicted, could land them up to twenty years in prison. Now coming back to the previous question, is the Jena Six case a racist issue?

If you look at how the Louisiana court system responded to the case, then yes, it is. The punishment dispensed to the six black students did not fit the crime. These boys were initially facing up to life in prison as the result of a schoolyard fight. If you look back towards the incident of the nooses being hung from the tree, the punishment the three white students faced were nowhere close to the criminal punishment they should have received. The noose incident was taken lightly, which the black students saw as a slap in the face. One of the boys, Mychal Bell whose initial bail was set at \$90,000 is the only one of the Jena Six to stand trial as of yet. He was convicted by an all white jury in June and could have faced up to 22 years in prison. Considering the racial make-up of Jena, Louisiana, it is no surprise that Bell's jury took less than three hours to deliberate. The town of Jena is said to be one of the areas "bypassed by the civil rights movement." Blacks only make up about thirteen percent of the total population. Just hours after the recent rally to free the Jena Six, two white men were arrested in the nearby town of Alexandria for dangling nooses from their trucks. Though Bell was initially tried as an adult, the conviction was thrown out because he was a juvenile at the time of his arrest. His case will now be tried in juvenile court. The other five students have yet to be arraigned on their charges. This case has been around for over a year but it just now getting media attention. The media's slow response to the Jena Six case is telling. Most mass media stations are unwilling to tackle the issue of racism. They would rather show us Brittany Spears' latest endeavor than broadcast the unequal treatment in the justice system. And if you're wondering what our president has to say about the race relations in Jena, Louisiana...He is quoted saying that "The events in Louisiana have saddened me. I understand the emotions. The Justice Department and the FBI are monitoring the situation down there...All of us in America want there to be fairness when it comes to justice." He then goes on to advise whoever is elected next year to "reach out to the African-American community." It's good to know that our president is "saddened," but he leaves no doubt that he will not get involved. The war in Iraq has not shifted to Louisiana and neither will his interest.

TWO WORDS

By: All staff members and various students on campus

TWO WORDS, IS A NEW SECTION OF BLACKWORLD THAT WILL MAKE PEOPLE SMILE, LAUGH, THINK, SHED A TEAR, AND POSSIBLY EVEN ANGRY. THE CONCEPT OF THIS SECTION IS TO SHARE YOUR EMOTION ABOUT THE VARIOUS CONTROVERSIAL PICTURES WE ARE GOING TO DISPLAY IN EACH ISSUE OF BLACKWORLD. THE ONLY LIMITATION IS THAT YOU USE ONLY TWO WORDS TO EXPRESS THAT EMOTION. IT MAY TAKE SOME TIME AND THATS THE POINT OF THIS SECTION; TO THINK ABOUT THE PICTURE AND HOW IT EFFECTS YOU EMOTIONALLY. AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, TO EXPLAIN WHY WE CHOSE TO USE THIS PHOTO FOR THE "TWO WORDS" SECTION OF THIS PAPER; THE BLACKWORLD STAFF BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE FACE ALL PARTS OF OUR HISTORY. EVEN THE PARTS THAT PEOPLE CHOOSE TO IGNORE. IN LIGHT OF JENA SIX, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE REMEMBER THE HORRORS OF THE PAST THAT MAKE UP OUR HISTORY AND STILL AFFECT US TODAY.



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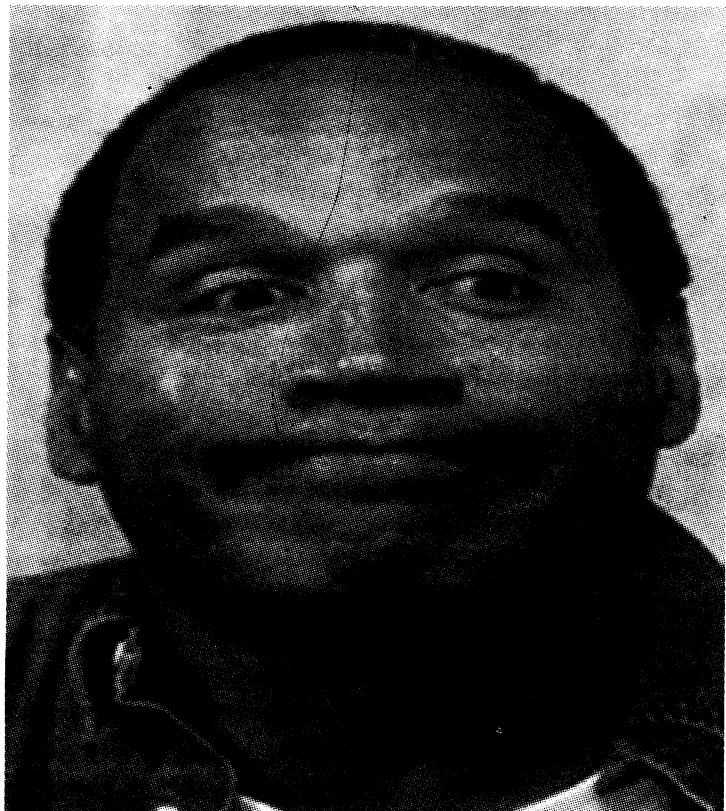
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NEWS BEYOND THE BROOK

I DID IT By: Marc Jacques



On September 16, 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with 11 felony counts following the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia in a Las Vegas hotel-casino. Simpson claims that he did not do anything wrong; he was simply taking back what was rightfully his. He was released on bail and is scheduled to reappear in court in October.

Simpson has run into a brick wall of charges. Among them are two counts of first degree kidnapping with use of a deadly weapon, two counts of robbery with a deadly weapon, and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. He was also charged with coercion and conspiracy to commit a kidnapping and robbery. If he is found guilty for these charges, he may be facing life imprisonment.

Simpson was released on September 19 after paying bail of \$125,000 and agreeing to abide by certain conditions. The court stipulated that he must refrain from communicating to any of the alleged victims, witnesses, or co-defendants. Simpson will be arraigned on the week of October 22 and according to his attorney, Yale Galanter, he will be pleading not guilty.

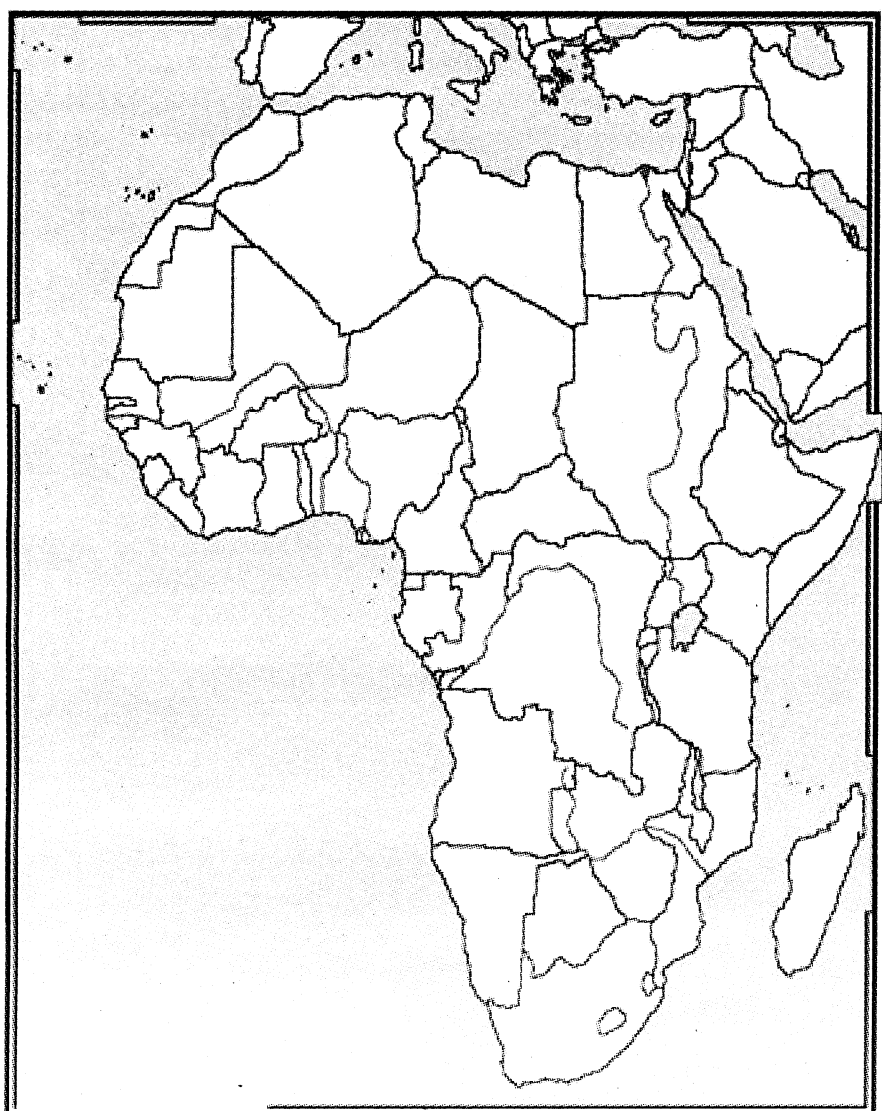
The incident happened because Simpson, who was in town for a wedding, received news of his alleged items being sold by a sports memorabilia dealer, in a room at the Palace Hotel-Casino. Simpson assembled a group of his friends and raided the dealer's hotel room. The group allegedly robbed the dealer at gunpoint. They left with the memorabilia and took some of the dealer's possessions. The event was recorded on an audiotape which contains Simpson shouting to his posse, "Don't let nobody out of this room". He also yells at the dealers for stealing

his things and trying to resell them. Simpson does not deny barging into the dealer's room. Furthermore, Simpson believes that he did not steal anything.

Since his major trial, Simpson has had a few minor encounters with the police, but he has managed to keep his name off the headlines. He started getting the media's attention pending the release of his ghost-written book and because of a court case which resulted with the Goldman family as sole owners of the book. The book entitled *If I Did It: Confessions of the Killer* is what Simpson claims to be a hypothetical description of how he would have committed the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. Ironically and coincidentally, his book became a best-seller the same week as his run-in with the law. That week it climbed to the number one selling book on Amazon.com and at Barnes & Nobles.com. The book has sold so many copies that the publishers have decided to do a second print of an additional 50,000 copies.

Twelve years ago, Johnny Cochran told the jury in the double-murder trial, "If the glove doesn't fit, then you must acquit." Now Simpson is back in court for different charges. The founder of the Choices foundation said Simpson may defend himself by saying, "The theft is fine, if the stuff is mine."

Who really knows their geography??? Put your mind to work and name the countries of Africa and South America



ENTERTAINMENT

BET Enough is Enough By: Charlotta Beavers

There has been heavy criticism leveled at BET (Black Entertainment Television) and the creators of "Read a Book," rapper Bomani "D'Mite" Armah and director Tyree Dillihay. Critics argue that the video portrays Blacks in a negative light, while Armah responds that the video is a parody of hip-hop videos. The debate is heated enough that it has provoked the ire of Jesse Jackson of the "Keep Hope Alive" radio show and Reverend Delman L. Coates of the Enough is Enough Campaign.

"Read a Book" is an animated video in the style of popular rap videos, and as such includes the usual foul language, gun toting gangstas, and women gyrating their behinds. BET, began airing the video this summer, but the debate over its images and lyrics intensified when an unedited version appeared on YouTube. The New York Times reports that Denys Cowan, senior vice president of animation for BET, said in an interview in August, that the video is "meant to be very satirical, and in a real way kind of mimics and mocks the current state of hip-hop and hip-hop videos."

The video begins in the auditorium of a "ghetto" high school with the cartoon figure D'Mite playing "Beethoven's Fifth Symphony" on a piano in front of a Black audience. As D'Mite raps about the need for the ghetto community to "read a book, raise your kids, drink water, buy land, brush your teeth, and wear deodorant," the images depicted in the cartoon are stereotypical images of Black men as criminals, lascivious Black women who jiggle their behinds and get spanked by Black men, and even an image of Africans from the "Dark Continent" dancing around a fire.

Those who criticize the video take offense at the fact that the video implies these images represent the Black community. In a CNN interview, Armah, who states he talks with young people about how hip-hop affects their lives, contends that "Read a Book" should be viewed as a criticism of derogatory hip-hop videos, and not as a representation of Black folks. However, critics raise the issue that the images in "Read a Book" are primarily black images, and the only two white images are figures of authority.

The outrage over the video has led more people to join Coates' in protesting the entertainment industry capitalizing on derogatory and demeaning images of people of color. Coates points to the ties between the negative representations of non-whites, the injustice seen in cases like the Jena Six, and the increasing incarceration of Blacks and Latinos. Enough is Enough targets not only the rap and hip-hop artists, but the sponsors of the shows in which they appear, as well as the corporate executives of the industry. For the past four weekends, the campaign has been holding rallies outside the Washington, D.C. home of Debra Lee, the chief executive of BET. Now the movement is expanding into New York City, and this weekend, on Saturday, October 13, the first rally will be held at a location in New York City that is undisclosed at this time. For persons interested in participating, instructions and details on where to assemble will be available on their website on the day before the rally. For more information please visit <http://www.enoughisenoughcampaign.com>.

BET under Viacom has increased its budget and aims to increase its maturity. Reginald Hudlin, the president of entertainment of BET, is quoted in a Washington Post article as describing the line up for this season as "the largest aggregation of original programming about black life in television history." Meanwhile BET continues to air the controversial video and has not removed the unedited version from the internet. In response, the host of Uprising radio, Aura Bogado, suggests that if BET wants to send a positive message, why not air conscious hip-hop videos.

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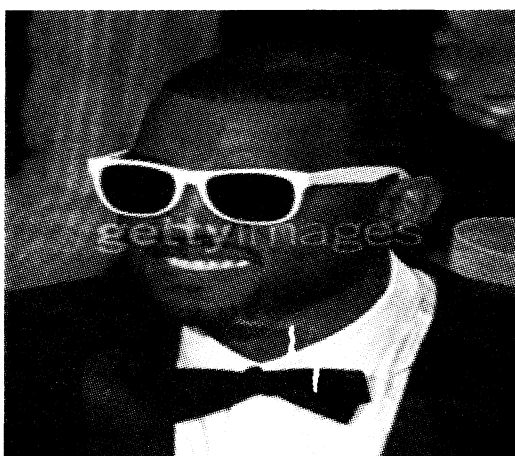
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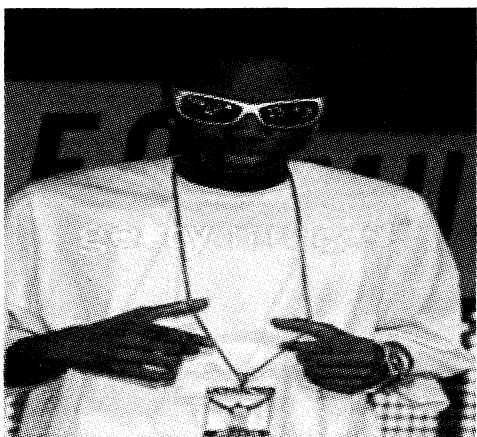
ARE YOU SERIOUS??? By:Lady LD

Has Britney Spears truly lost it? Do you remember the days when Britney was on point? She had the moves, the sex appeal, and the stage presence. She worked with artist such as The Ying Yang Twins, Madonna, Justin Timberlake and Pharrell. She was on top of the world. Lately, it looks like she should be hiding under it. I know she has been going through a lot with her recent breakdown, — like the whole cutting off of all of her hair and going to rehab. You would think that rehab would have helped her get back on track, but it doesn't seem to be that way. She really looks a hot mess. And her MTV performance, *sigh* what a shame. She really looked like she was on something. Maybe instead of planning a comeback, she should have been planning a way to be a good mom and make sure K-Fed doesn't take her babies awaytake her babies away. Oh wait, he did!



Is it just me or does anyone else agree that Kanye West needs to calm his attitude down? Given, Kanye is a talented artist who outsold 50 Cent without lifting a finger. But that "Holier Than Thou" power trip needs to go! Did you see his outburst backstage at the Vma's MTV Music Video Awards? Talking about "I have the number one hit single and I didn't win? I'm done with MTV, f*** MTV." Um Kanye, calm your nerves. Act like you have some sense and stop complaining like a little girlchild.

Um why is 50 Cent getting all cuddly with Ms. Paris Hilton? This is a bit disturbing to me. Isn't she supposed to be back in jail and released an hour later? ? And 50, you're losing your street cred buddy, you really are. Go take your behind to TRL, I think you're starting to fit in there more and more everyday.



Lil Mama made a big no-no! She wore this outfit because she says she is the baby of hip-hop. Hence the baby outfit. She looks more like one of those foil popcorn bags. You know what I'm talking about, the ones that go on the stove. She needs to stop.

Is it just me or is anyone else getting tired of all those Crank Dat songs. I have to admit, I was really into Crank Dat Superman, did the dance and all. But then I find out there is Batman, the Superman, Iron man, and Fantastic Four. And if that wasn't enough, there is Crank Dat Lion King! I'm done, I'm seriously done!



Ok, so I don't like to make fun of people who are actually trying to change..... The thing is, I don't think that's the case with Amy Winehouse. "They tried to make me go to rehab and but I said nnNo, nnNo, nnNo." Well sweetie, you did go to rehab. I think she needed it anyway. I don't really understand her face, maybe they can help with that in rehab too...

*Some people might say I'm hating on these celebrities. Shoot, I guess I am a hater then. It's not fair that I don't get paid or put on television when I do stupid things!

EDITORIAL OPINION

WHY??? By: Kristina Negri

Hello, Black World readers—new, old, or those with a passing interest just taking glance. In making a continued effort to personalize this newspaper and promote communication between the news staff and our readers, we created the “Why?” column. This is a forum where I, Kristina J., will spotlight a particular topic or issue impacting the black and latino community every week. I would love for anyone who wishes to address an issue to write in with their comments. Also, if anyone wishes to simply comment on a previously discussed topic, I appreciate that as well. Any submissions I receive will become the subject of a future “Why?” article. Feel free to identify yourselves in your submissions, or if you wish to remain anonymous, so be it. And just so everyone is aware, I speak my mind. Except for the use of profanity and/or inappropriate language, I will not hold back. If that poses a problem to anybody or anyone who doesn’t like what I have to say and wishes to discuss, write me and I’ll respectfully and gladly address it.

So, ladies and gentlemen, this being the first issue of “Why?” and all, I will choose the topic of discussion. Something that’s been heavy on my mind and heavily publicized right now is the “Jena 6” story. Most of us have heard about it, and most of us know that to call it unfair would be an understatement, but my issue right now is not that case directly. My question to you all is, why in 2007, post-civil rights movements, post-Martin Luther King, Jr., post-Malcolm X, post-Black Panthers, does racism and Jim Crow still persist? Is it just me, or does it seem like America is rather quickly going back to the slave days?

Take for example the “whites only” tree that became the center of the Jena 6 case. What is that about? Since when do we have public facilities reserved for the use of white people only? I thought it was 2007, not 1967. Another example would be rap music. Now this is a very hot and controversial topic. Hip-hop is dying a painful and torturous death. Aside from the few rappers who have something intelligent to say, it’s all about sex, money, drugs, and beefs. If you ever want to lower your IQ, listen to the radio for an hour. The rap industry reminds me of a more advanced form of minstrel shows. Think about it, black men and women performing nonsense lyrics, calling each other derogatory names, not doing anything constructive, but rather contributing to the already negative image of black people in American society. And who’s in charge of all this? Certainly not the rap artist, as they would like you to believe. It’s not the artist who markets and sells the thug image to make money. It’s the record labels, who see that the negative images sell more and get more attention, so they continue to pay these rappers millions of dollars to continue the trend. Let’s get real; how much money do you think the white label executives would get paid if all the rappers were Common and Lupe Fiasco?

The thing about racists that makes me the most angry (and I will keep this short and sweet) is how they try and intimidate us and go out of their way just to let us know that they do not want us here. Now, correct me if I’m wrong, but we did not ask to be here. Am I right? Black Americans are not immigrants. We were slaves; minding our business, chilling in Africa, when one day a bunch of white men kidnapped us and brought us into other countries. So my last question is, why do racists make it so obvious that they don’t want us in their country (that they stole from the Indians, by the way) when they were the ones who forced us here anyway? Just think about it; if some crazy man kidnapped you, forced you into his junky shag van, locked you in the basement, then came down to the basement one day and started yelling at you to get the <insert four letter word here> out of his house because he doesn’t want you there, he’d be crazy right? I’m just saying... Think about it, ya’ll. If you agree, let me know so that I know I’m not the only one.

Got any questions, comments, or issues bothering you? Write in and let me know. Your pet peeve could be the topic of our next issue. The e-mail is Knegri87@yahoo.com. Until next time, keep the faith, make peace, not war, and please, do not make yourself the subject of a Why? issue. Thanks for reading.



POETIC POWER

Lyrics of the Heart

By: Notorious

I pick up my pen,
for the first time in months
I feel as if I have something to write about.
Strange as it may be;
there is something special and beautiful,
it's rare.

Found only between very few people.
The flame of friendship and of love is bright;
Brighter than anything we would know.
Mere mortals do not understand it,
Nor do I.

But I do know that from within;
being protected from all that is out in the world;
is what is happening.

As my pen flows across the page;
I realize how much I miss my baby,
but at the same time I would ask....

Have you ever bothered to realize
how much you mean to me?

I care so much for you inside
and miss you so deeply.

My mind is always curious about
the way things might have been.

As days go by and time goes by,
I look back once again.

All the time I held you in my arms,
I had the whole world right there.

There you were, comforting me with
all of your charms.

Every little kiss from you
was like a dream come true.

This love that I have inside my heart,
it all belongs to you!

It's funny, all those little things

I never thought I'd miss,

like all those conversations we had,
or the first time we kissed.

I guess that's what I'm trying to say,
is I miss and love you more each day!

It hurts me not to see you,
or not to know if you're ok.

I want you to understand
that I loved you from the start.

And I want you to know,
no matter how many miles

we may be apart,
you'll always hold a special place
in my heart.

Really, What Is Love?

Really, what is love?

Do you know?

Is love something that will grow?

When people say love what do they mean?

Love is not always what it seems!

Why love?

Are you just trying not to hate?

Does love start on the first date?

Is love weak or is love strong?

Is love right or is love wrong?

What is love?

Is it a dream?

Or do you even know what love means?

By: Saajida Stacker



Special Announcement

Excuse me excuse me, this is a special announcement to all the unappreciated woman, who've had their emotions tossed and toyed with. It has just come in that there is a wave of heartache, miss treatment, jealousy and envy followed by a front of lies coming from the left and low lives from the right. There is a storm brewing, one where woman will be pushed around for their kindness, lied to because of their own honesty, looked down upon because they contain emotion, and pushed aside because the person doing the pushing just decided they aren't worthy enough anymore. Prepare for this storm, a lot of damage could result from this, it will be fierce. Broken hearts, shattered emotions, fits of rage, damn near destruction of the self esteem. A flood of tears is expected. No estimated time as to how long the flooding will last but it will come. It may take awhile but with every storm comes a clearing. Sunny skies will arise, the sky will be clear. The kindness you wanted to put away because it was ignored will be back. No more wind will be there to push you around; higher walls will be built to secure the area. The heart will be rebuilt. The front of lies will soon be placed behind you. Self esteem will be rebuilt with time. The envy and jealousy will be replaced with motivation as the haters become your motivators to succeed. And that emotion that they took as weakness as an excuse to push you aside, well that emotion is what drove the storm away, bringing in those clear skies and welcoming in anyone who is willing to partake in them whether or not it stays clear or another storm rolls through. Because only the ones truly worthy of all you possess will be able enough and on point enough to handle and shelter up with you through every storm that may come through.. This has been a special announcement, brought to you by Lyrically Driven...

-Mamusu "Lyrically Driven" Tucker



“What’s your Flavor?” By: Sarah Demezier

Imagine you are on the back of the bus on your way home and there is a couple holding hands. Your immediate reaction would probably be “How cute?”, but what if the couple consisted of a Black male and an Asian female, would you still say “How cute?”, or would you stare in disbelief? Many people usually react by staring because they are not used to seeing people of different race or culture dating. Shouldn’t our society, as diverse as it is, be able to accept interracial dating? Sadly that isn’t always the case.

Miscegenation is the “mixing” of different races whether the individuals are married or sexually involved. Interracial dating, which is related to miscegenation, has become a very big issue in today’s society, restricting many people to date within their race. Going back into history interracial dating wasn’t favored and was a very serious offense. Anti-Miscegenation laws were enforced in the United States, predominantly in the south, in the year 1913. Although they were later declared unconstitutional in 1967 many states in the south still continued to punish those who married someone out of their race. When these laws were in effect anyone found guilty of miscegenation were often imprisoned.

Although college is usually a place where you can find interracial dating, it wasn’t always that way. Bob Jones University in South Carolina banned interracial dating on campus in the 1950’s. The main reason for this ban was because they believed that God separated us by race for a reason and that we should remain that way. That ban was later lifted and now it is much more common to see people of diverse cultures dating. In this generation the center for interracial dating is in college. College is where you are introduced to many cultures and because of the amount of diversity you are bound to date out of your culture. Even though it is more common to date someone of a different race on a college campus, it is less common that it will lead to marriage. Anti-miscegenation existed because of the many factors that hinder it to be supported. Factors such as religion but the most significant one is culture.

Culture is a part of everyone and since there are so many different kinds of beliefs and values it is harder to compromise between individuals of different cultures. For example, a Muslim female is dating a Hispanic male who eats pork. She doesn’t eat pork because of her culture but his staple diet is pork. There is no real way to compromise since her religion is very strict. On Tuesday night in the Union Auditorium the sisters of Epsilon Sigma Phi hosted “Dating outside the Lines,” a presentation on the affects of dating outside of one’s culture. This very informative session focused on clearing up the many myths of interracial dating.

The five myths are very much known to many as true but in fact they truly are just a figment of our imaginations. Myth one, there are many interracial marriages. In actuality there are far less interracial marriages, statistics show that in the year 2002 out of 57,919 marriages only 1,674 were interracial. Myth two, interracial dating is only between whites and black, not true because 30%-40% of the time it can be between a Hispanic and Asian. Myth three, you can’t be racist, you can still be racist against someone even if you are dating out of your race. Myth four, I found very funny, that interracial dating is a trend related to fashion. I doubt that anyone dates someone out of their culture as an accessory. The last myth, myth five, it attracts a large amount of protest. Although people may not approve no holds rallies about it. The only people that are more subtle about miscegenation are family and those within your race. By hearing other people experiences with interracial dating, I learned that the main factor that hinders interracial dating and miscegenation is culture. We tend to feel too comfortable within our culture that we fear leaving our comfort zones. We are afraid that we will lose our culture if we date outside of our cultures. There is a fear that if we marry that person we could possibly lose our values and languages. Although it is a challenge I think it is worth taking the risk, so next time you see someone of a different flavor, take a sample.

Games

Word Search

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With major support from the presidential administration and undergraduate administration, S.A.A.B. plans to fulfill its mission successfully on the Stony Brook Campus. Making history on October 2, 2007, SUNY Stony Brook University had its official Chapter instillation program of the first S.A.A.B. chapter within the entire Northeast region, which includes the SUNY system. Stony Brook University is the first in the SUNY system, as well as the first in the state of New York, to have a S.A.A.B. chapter. The driving force of this idea of developing this phenomenon on this campus came from one of Stony Brook's most ambitious, understanding, and nonetheless influential faculty members, Cheryl Chambers. She is the Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs and is distinguished not only by her administrative title but by her encouraging words of wisdom and sense of positive hospitality that only a few can embody. She is a dedicated woman with a passion and a vision that will make Stony Brook University a utopia of academic success and diversity. Along with Cheryl, the Coordinator of Intramural & Sports Clubs David Hariston, the Academic Advisor/Counselor of the AIM/EOP Jarvis Watson, the Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority Life Andy Auguste, and the Administrative Staff Assistant of Diversity & Affirmative Action dept. Anthony Ferrantino are all substantial components of the driving force lead by Cheryl Chambers. They all embody the characteristics of what S.A.A.B. has to offer and play a major contributing role not only through S.A.A.B. but also through the entire campus in their own way. Without these motivators with their hard work and determination, a majority of what the campus community is involved in from day to day would not exist in the successful way that it has now. From sports to sororities, these individuals make it happen and should be admired for their success, being of the minority race in America but not on the Stony Brook campus and in our minds.

Now in answering the question on who are these intelligent handsome young African American and Latino males who uphold the S.A.A.B. pride are members of our own student body. Emmanuel Alonzo, Adeel Anwer, Jackson Georges, Demarey Drummond, Eric Connor, Anthony Curry (myself), Adal Regis, Ryan Clunis, Edgar Suarez, Justin Lawrence are the founders of the first Stony Brook University S.A.A.B. chapter. All of these men embody the characteristics of being influential members of our Stony Brook community and their own race. I know I can speak for all of my brothers when I say that S.A.A.B. is in our hearts not only because of the sense of satisfaction and love we receive on campus but also for the vision and mission that S.A.A.B. will always uphold. We will strive to infiltrate the Stony Brook community with S.A.A.B.'s mission of success mentally and physically for the shocking statistics of both African American and Latino males on this campus.

"I am my Brothers Keeper and Together we will Rise

From all at BlackWorld, Thank you and hoped that you enjoyed our first of the semester issue. With great humbleness and gratitude we appreciate you taking the time out to read our hard work. Look out for the next issue because we are and i repeat OFFICIALLY BACK!

