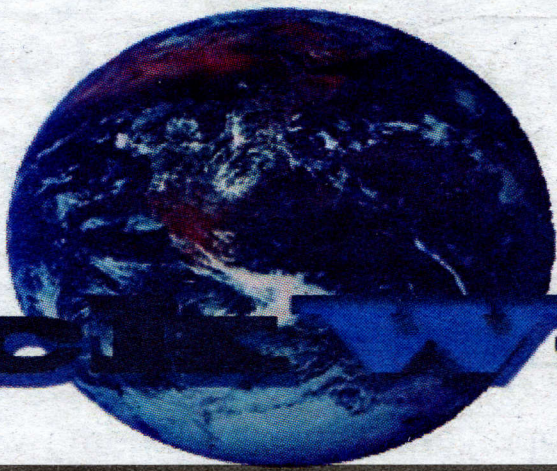


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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

By Jahlecia Smith

BLACWORLD is back with a special extended issue for the Fall semester. I hope your semester is going well. To provide a little 4.0 motivation, think of each semester as a blueprint for your academic career. For incoming freshmen, transfers and returning upperclassmen, my advice to you is to set your goals high and work hard to achieve those goals.

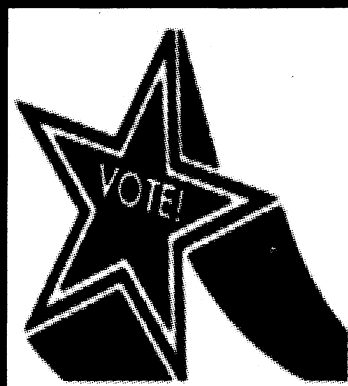
Now, with all this talk about the election, I am hoping that many of our readers are political savvy. I mean, it is great to walk around with the Obama t-shirts and the McCain bumper stickers, but make sure the candidate your promoting represents you.

Are you voting for Obama because he plans to raise taxes for the top 20% richest Americans or is it because he feels we are wasting billions of dollars a month with the war in Iraq? Does McCain has your vote because he proposes that we make a switch towards nuclear power? Or is his plan for Iraq more appealing?

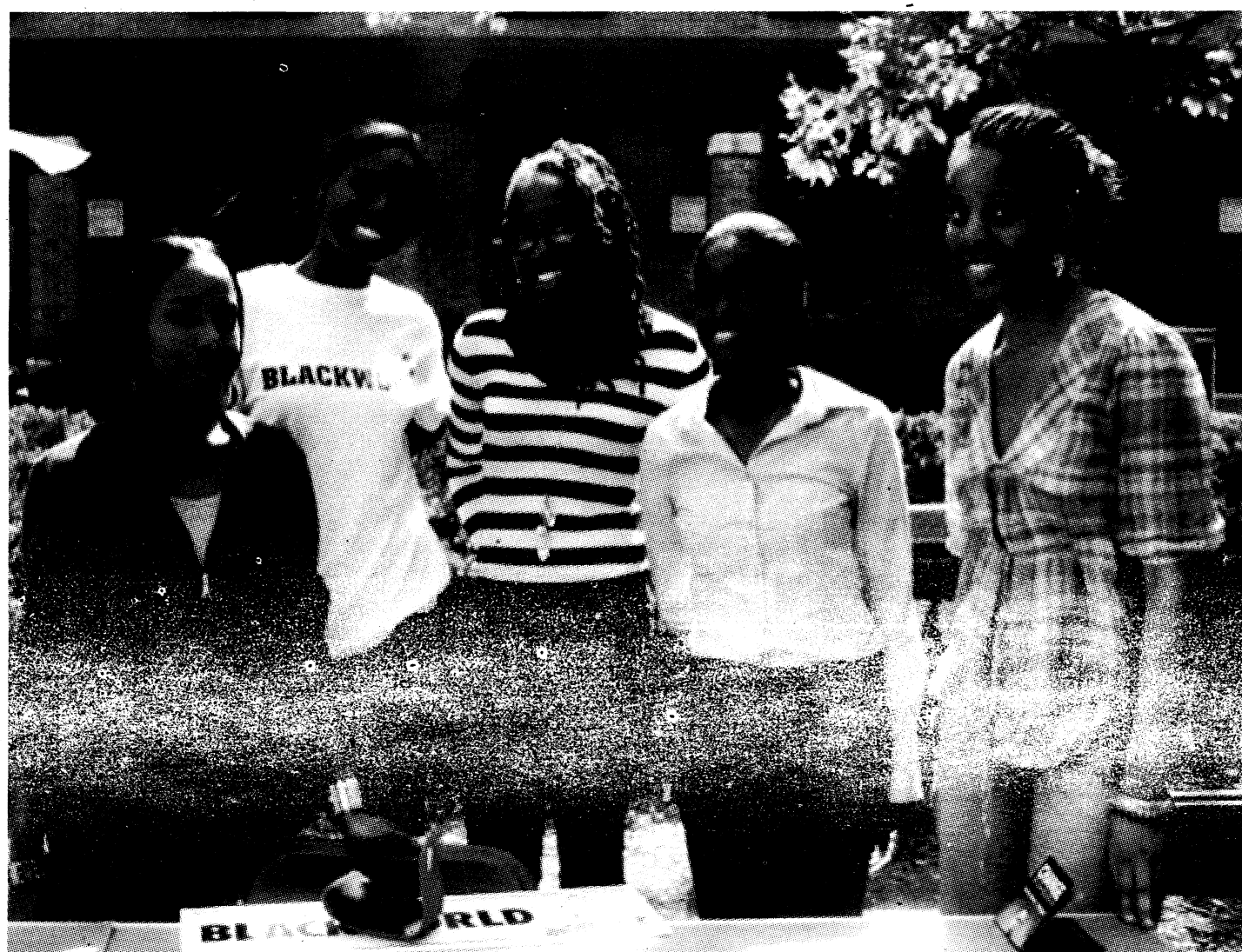
Remember, the vote for President comes with some extra baggage. With the Obama vote, you inherit Joe Biden and, with the McCain vote, Sarah Palin. It is equally important to know the history of these Vice Presidential Candidates. Sarah Palin and her bridge to nowhere and Joe Biden and his \$342 million request in earmarks will also have a say in your future.

So when November fourth comes around and its time to vote, just a little advice. Before you head to the polls, do not forget to leave the political paraphernalia at home. And, when its time to finally vote for either "The Change We Need" or "The Change is Coming", make sure its a "change" you can live with for the next four years of your life.

"This is food for thought...you do the dishes"-Jay Z

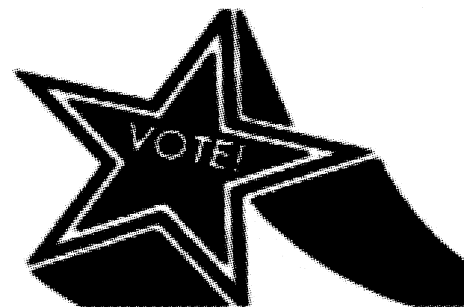


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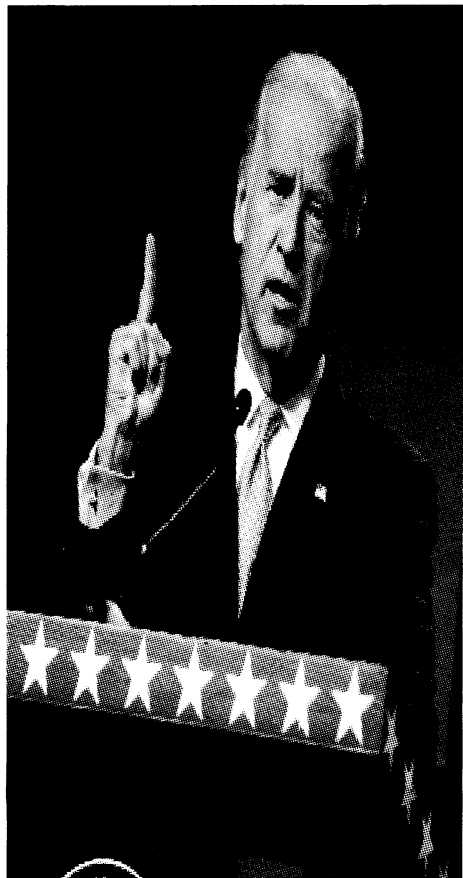
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DO YOU KNOW YOUR VICE'S VIRTUES?

By Jahlecia Smith



JOE BIDEN

Experience:

Biden has represented the state of Delaware in the United States Senate since 1972. He is a recognized leader in foreign policy. He is also the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, and a member and former foreman of the senate judiciary committee.

Abortion:

Biden is Pro-Choice. He believes that we should not provide public funding for abortion. In April 2007, he accepted the catholic view that life begins at conception. He also is a strong believer in embryonic stem cell research. In reference to prevention methods, he thinks that \$100 million should go towards pregnancy and contraceptive education for teenagers.

Budget and Economy :

Biden proposes that we can save pentagon spending by getting the troops out of Iraq . He also believes that we should invest in new programs and end tax cuts. Biden thinks that there should be a tax increase for people who make over \$250,000 a year. He says that GOP is to blame for the current distress of our economy.

Civil Rights:

Biden voted "No" on constitutional ban of same-sex marriage. In April 2007 he said that civil unions are ok. In June 2002, he voted "Yes" on adding sexual orientation to the definition of hate crimes. In July 1995, he voted "No" on banning affirmative action hiring with federal funds.

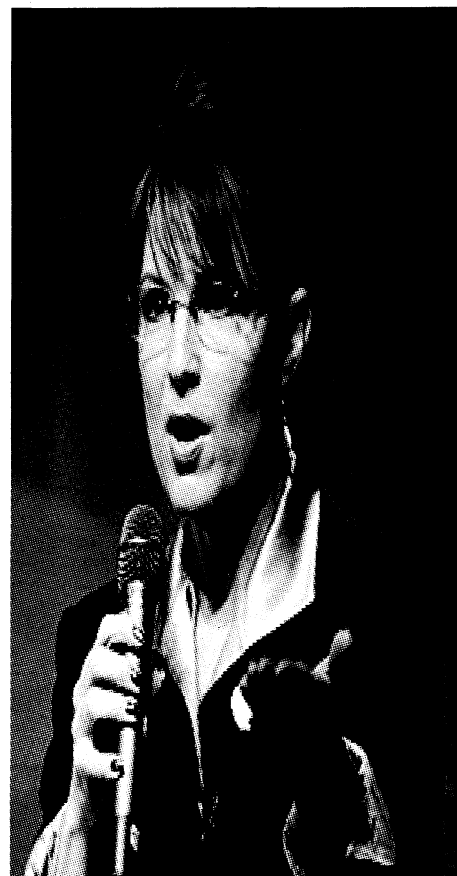
Health care:

Biden believes that we should modernize, simplify and expand health insurance. In October 2007, he proposed that the government help medical students find ways to finance their tuition. Biden also thinks that we should rethink healthcare by focusing on prevention.

Education

Biden believes that the government should hire more teachers and pay them to teach smaller classes. He also thinks that teachers salary should be performance based. In September 2007 he proposed a \$3000 tax credit for college for anyone making under \$150,000 a year. In November 2007, he laid out a \$30 billion five year plan for education.

Election time is upon us. The next presidential election is only a few days away. Are you ready to make a decision that has the potential to change your life? John McCain and Barack Obama have been campaigning for months, but how well do you know their running mates? Are you more swayed towards the Obama/ Biden team or is it the McCain/ Palin team that has your vote? Many voters are caught up in the mass media representation of the Vice Presidential candidates that they fail to look into what are the VP candidates views on some of the major issues in this upcoming election. A question many voters have yet to ask is, "Does Joe Biden or Sarah Palin have what it takes to be the next president of the United States ?" Prepare as Biden and Palin have a face off on some of the major issues in the Election '08.



SARAH PALIN

Experience:

Palin became the youngest and first female governor of Alaska in 2006. In 1992 she was on the Wasilla city council. She became mayor of Wasilla in 1996. In 2003, she was appointed to the Alaska and Gas Conservation Commission.

Abortion:

Palin is Pro-Life. She opposes use of public funds for abortions. In July 2006, she said that the only exception for abortion is if the mother's life is in jeopardy. Palin also opposes embryonic stem cell research, as well as explicit sex-education programs. She cut the funding of programs that provided support for teenage moms in Alaska.

Budget and Economy :

Palin believes that we can reduce general fund spending by \$124 million. She is also a firm believer in free market capitalism. Palin blames our current economic situation on Wall Street corporations, who she says betrayed the trust of the people.

Civil Rights:

Palin vetoed a bill denying benefits to gays as unconstitutional in August 2008. She is a firm believer that marriage should only be between a man and a woman. In August 2006, she said it was okay to deny benefits to homosexual couples. In June 2008, Palin recognized June tenth to celebrate the end of slavery.

Healthcare:

Palin believes that healthcare must be market and business driven. In January 2008, she said that doctors should manage healthcare not bureaucracies.

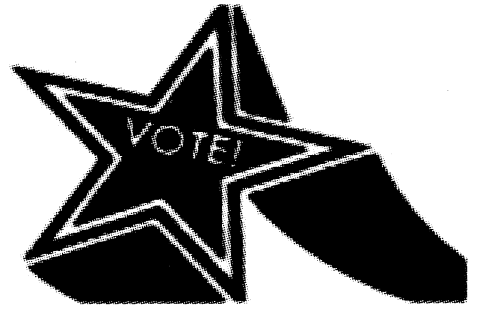
Education:

Palin supports charter schools and home schools. She is not a supporter of private school vouchers. Palin also supports teaching creationism alongside evolution in schools. In reference to early education programs, she believes that these programs should target at-risk groups.

***This is just a brief synopsis of the Vice Presidential Candidates' views. If you are interested in finding out more about what are their views on issues that are important to you, visit www.onthissues.org for more information.**

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ENOUGH ABOUT BARACK AND JOHN, WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT OUR POTENTIAL FIRST LADY?

By Saajida Stacker



Name
Michelle LaVaughn Robinson-Obama

Born
January 17, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois

Education
Princeton University eaned a B.A. in Sociology, minor in African-American studies. Graduated 1985.

Harvard Law Scho - Graduated 1988.

Family Background
Fraser Robinson (father) worked as a city pump operator and Democratic Precinct Captain.

Fraser struggled with multiple sclerosis, a limp, and crutches.

Marian Robinson (mother) stayed home with her children until they went to high school and later became a secretary.

Michelle shared the living room with her brother Craig which was sectioned off by a divider to allow them their personal space.

Childhood Accomplishments
Michelle skipped second grade.
She entered a gifted program in the sixth grade.

Professional Career
Joined law firm of Sidley Austin as an Associate dealing with marketing and intellectual property.

Assistant to the Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daly.
Assistant Commissioner of planning and development.

Founded Public Allies Chicago which allowed young adults to acquire skills in leadership training for public service careers.

Joined the University of Chicago as Associate Dean of Student Services and established the University's first community service program.

Residence
Barack and Michelle live in a historic \$1.6 million home on Chicago's South Side (home was purchased in 2005).

Personal Information
While in high school Michelle was discouraged by Advisors when she informed them of her decision to apply to Princeton University. She applied anyway and later graduated from Princeton with honors.

When she applied to Harvard Law School, college counselors tried to persuade her towards a different field of study/educational institution.

Michelle's parents did not attend college.

Barack Obama and Michelle Robinson attended the same law school and ended up at the same Chicago law firm while they didn't know each other.

Barack joined the Chicago law firm as a summer intern and Michelle was assigned as his advisor.

At first when Barack asked her out she refused but eventually gave in and she agreed to go to dinner and see a movie (which was "Do The Right Thing") with him as their first date.

They married on October 18, 1992, and waited seven years before the birth of their first child Malia (1999) and Natasha (2001).

Michelle is in the bed at 9:30pm many nights and wakes up at 4:30am to run on a treadmill.

A Quote From Michelle Obama

Name
Cindy Lou Hensley-McCain

Born
May 20, 1954 in Phoenix, Arizona

Education
University of Southern California earned a B.A. in Education and M.A. in Special Education.

Family Background
Cindy is the daughter of a multimillionaire Anheuser-Busch distributor

Cindy is the heiress to her father's company, Hensley & Co. of Phoenix.

Childhood Accomplishments
Cindy rode horses as a child and at 14 years old she was voted Junior Rodeo Queen of Arizona.

She became a cheerleader at Central High School.

Professional Career
She taught at Agua Fria High School in Avondale, Arizona.

Founded the American Voluntary Medical Team (AVMT).

Served on the Board of Directors for non-profit philanthropies.

Served as chairperson of Hensley & Company, the Anheuser-Busch beer distributorship founded by her father in 1955.

Residence
John and Cindy have a condo in Phoenix, Arizona, a condo in Arlington, Virginia, and a ranch with creek-side cabins in Sedona, Arizona. Cindy also has a condo in La Jolla, California, two condos near San Diego, California, and two condos in Phoenix.

Personal Information
Cindy met John in Hawaii while vacationing there with her parents.

In 1980 Cindy and John got married after he divorced his first wife in 1979.

There is a 17 year age gap between John and Cindy.

In 1994 Cindy admitted to her painkiller addiction and stealing the drugs from her own nonprofit medical relief organization. She agreed to pay back AVMT and attend a drug treatment institution.

She suffered a stroke due to high blood pressure (2004).

Cindy suffered from a minor wrist sprain when a supporter shook her hand at a fundraiser.

John and Cindy have seven children- Meghan (1984), John IV (1986), James (1988), Bridget who was adopted from Bangladesh (1991), Doug, Andy, and Sidney from John's first marriage.

A Quote From Cindy McCain
"There's a difference between being on stage and being with people ... and I prefer to be with people."

Interested in writing for BLACKWORLD?

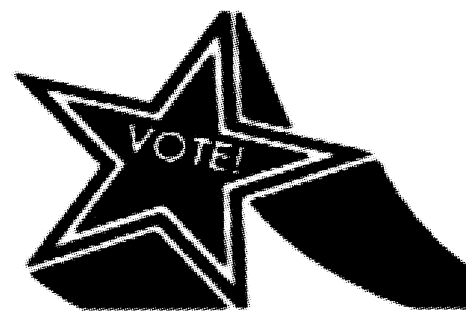
Articles, letters, and poetry can be submitted to BLACKWORLD newspaper, Room 072 in the Student Union or emailed to blackworldnews@gmail.com

Meetings are held Mondays at 8:30pm!



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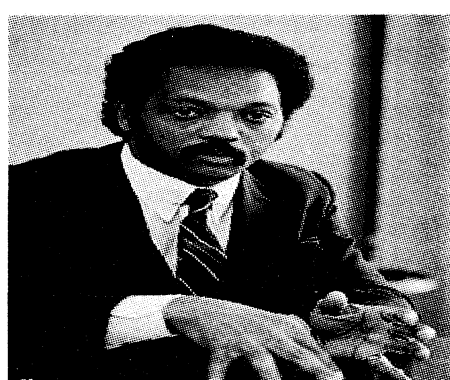
DO YOU KNOW . . . By: Jacqueline Richards

OTHER BLACKS THAT HAVE RUN FOR PRESIDENT?

This presidential election has proven itself to be historic, one of many firsts. The greatest of these is Barack Obama becoming the first Black chosen to be the presidential nominee of a major party. At times, people are not careful about their wording and confuse this with Obama being the first Black ever to run for president, which is not true. There have been several others who have made presidential bids. Depending on how one measures success, all the campaigns served their own purpose in respect to the candidate as well as the time in history; even if in the end the candidate did not become President.



Shirley Chisolm was the first Black woman to seek nomination from the nomination for the Democratic Party when she ran in 1972. Chisolm was the first Black woman elected to Congress and founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. She was born in Brooklyn, New York and was well known for her advocacy of people belonging to the poor-working class, specifically striving to improve inner city life through education and employment programs.



Reverend Jackson ran for the Democratic Party nomination in the Presidential elections in 1984 and 1988. Jackson's campaign was ironic because he did not think he would win. He desired more to transform the national debate, to change what issues were considered more important than others. In the end, he exceeded many expectations in regards to his performance in the primaries.



Lenora Fulani ran as an independent in 1988 and 1992. She became the first Black independent woman to appear on the ballot in all 50 states. Fulani founded the Castillo Cultural center, later to become the All-Stars Project right here in New York City and has other bases in Chicago, New Jersey and other states. The All Stars Project is a youth organization geared towards enhancing development for children outside of school through educational and performing arts activities.



Alan Keyes sought the Republican Party nomination in 1996, 2000 and 2008. Keyes served in the Reagan administration in 1984 and has made several bids for the U.S. Senate, unsuccessfully. He has since severed ties with the Republican Party and formed his own party, America's Independent Party.



Carol Moseley Braun sought the Democratic Party nomination in 2004. Braun is a Senator from Illinois and entrepreneur. It is said that she and Shirley Chisolm were outstanding candidates for president, but their campaigns were severely undermined because they were women.



Reverend Al Sharpton sought Democratic nomination in 2004. He, along with Jesse Jackson, is probably the most visible among the Blacks listed. Sharpton is known most for his presence in the Black community in times of injustice, like the Amadou Diallo case, and more recently, the Sean Bell Case. While many disagree with his tactics and question his motives, others respect the efforts he makes to stand beside Blacks in times of need.

It is likely that there are more Blacks that have made bids for presidential candidacy but have run in "minority parties." For example, in the current election Cynthia McKinney, former United States Representative from Georgia, is running in the Green Party.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS: THEN AND NOW

By Sarah Demezier

Republicans and Democrats of the past did not always have the same beliefs as present day Republicans and Democrats. What may surprise many people is that the Democratic party was not always as popular as it is today. The Republican and Democratic parties always had different views, even before the constitution was written. But before there were Democrats and Republicans, there were Federalists and Anti-Federalists.

After the United States gained their independence from Great Britain, both the Federalists in the north and the Anti-Federalists in the south struggled to find a sufficient way to run the country. The Federalists wanted a strong centralized government with a national bank while the Anti-Federalists did not. Anti-Federalists

split into two parties called the Democrats and Republicans in order to bring down the Federalists from power. They fused both parties into the Democratic - Republican Party and won popularity in the north and the south when Thomas Jefferson and James Madison became the party's leader.

The Democrats later dominated the south and the Republicans gained popularity in the north. Andrew Jackson, who was the seventh president of the United States, was a part of the Democratic Party and was one of the many democrats that brutally maintained slavery. On the contrary, Abraham Lincoln, who was the sixteenth president of the United States, strengthened the Republican Party in the north which caused an even bigger rift between the north and the south. After the Civil War and the

Emancipation Proclamation was addressed declaring all slaves to be free, popularity for the Republicans increased among the African American population.

Republicans believed in traditional ways of government such as government involvement, and did not seek to change them. Democrats believed in individual problems and that the government should not interfere with its citizens. These viewpoints have completely changed over time with various presidents, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt who helped recover the country's economy with a series of reforms. He was a democrat and according to the principles in which the Democrats followed he dared to break the barriers. The Democratic Party became a lot more involved in the lives of its citizens. The Re-

publicans on the other hand still believed in the traditional ways of government but later on developed the concept of "individual responsibility, limited government involvement and providing freedom necessary for individuals to pursue their goals" (Student News Daily).

Under the Bush administration, the once popular Republican Party's image has been tarnished and has led to some distrust among Americans across the country. As this year's presidential election is approaching, we will be able to determine whether Democrats can uphold their popularity or whether the once popular Republicans can regain the trust of its citizens and continue to occupy the white house as it has for the past eight years.

STUDY ABROAD- SOMEWHERE!

By Saajida Stacker

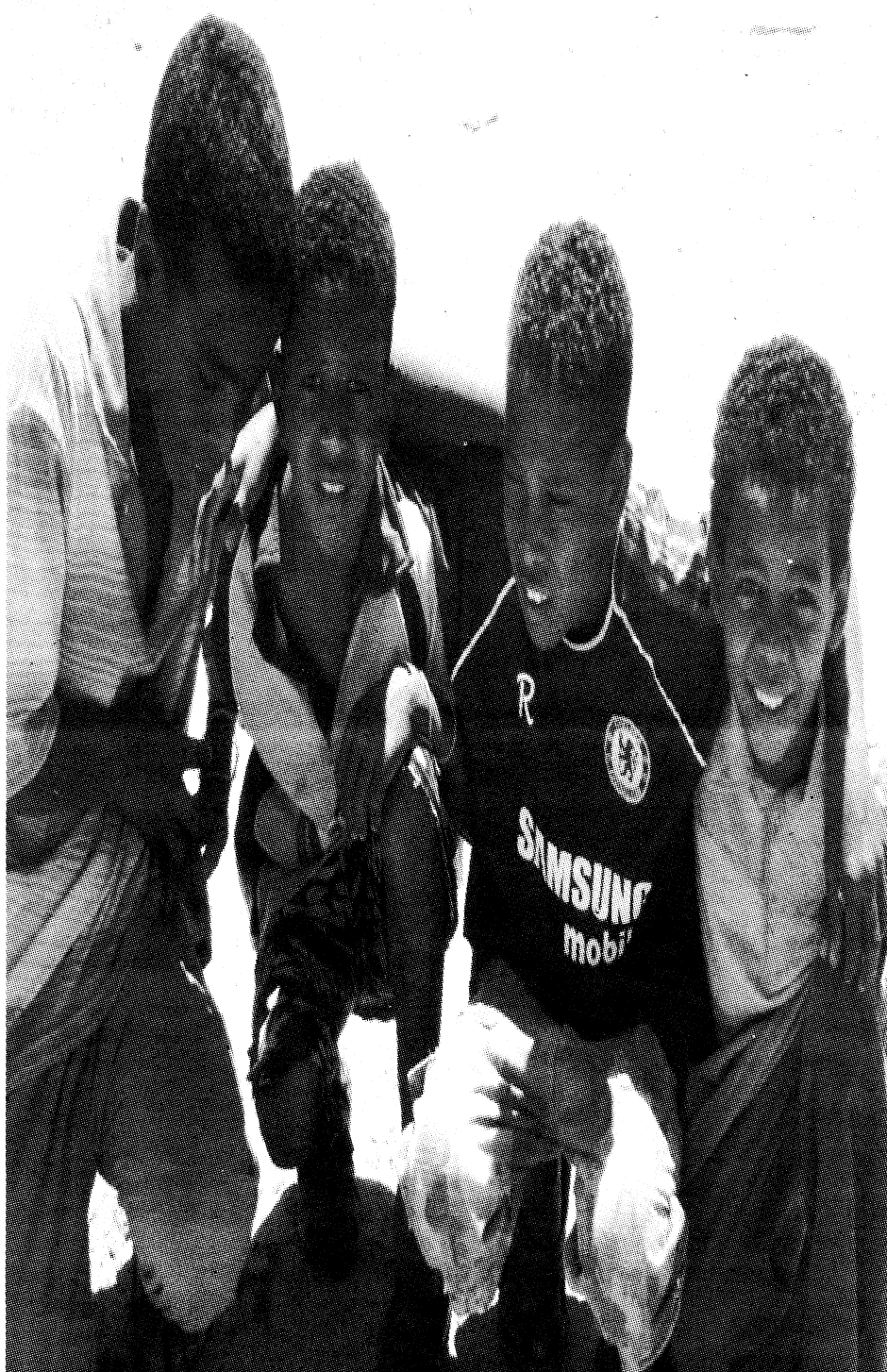
How many people do you know who have lived in America all of their lives and have never traveled abroad? I have come across many people who have not traveled outside of this country and do not have the desire to do so. One thing these people do not understand is they are robbing themselves of the opportunity to expand their minds'- and once a mind is expanded it is never the same. I feel traveling is pertinent because each individual should see how people from other parts of the planet Earth live. Most of us get so caught up in the way we see the world that we do not stop to consider that other individuals from different countries may see the world differently. We need to step out of our comfort zones and experience what the world has to offer. If given the opportunity to travel you should take advantage of it because there is so much to learn about other cultures, religions, foods, laws, and ways of life in general. Visiting other countries allows you to open your mind to new perspectives. Everyone does not have the liberty to live like people in America do. Traveling abroad will allow you to appreciate the standard of living that you enjoy compared to other countries who may be less fortunate. Most countries are extremely different from America and the only way we will find this out is if we travel.

So far I have been to about 11 States within the United States but that is nothing compared to traveling abroad. Although it is nice to go on a vacation to the next borough in New York or down south for the summer; the benefits of traveling abroad far outweighs vacationing within the United States. Traveling abroad allows you to see sites different from that of your hometown. I have been blessed to go to Windsor, Canada and Egypt, Africa. Like most, ever since I was a little girl I would rely on looking at pictures and reading about Egypt in textbooks because I never thought I would actually visit this country. This helps me to see that our dreams are not far from our reach- we just have to be willing to work towards achieving our goals.

I was ecstatic when my Aunt Deidre mentioned this program to me called African Genesis Institute- D'zert Club (www.dzertclub.com) which allows many, but especially those from Black and Hispanic communities the chance to travel to

these places as both Students and Group Leaders for free. The D'zert Club's program is, "A proactive, 3 semester, educational and cultural program for African American youth between the ages of 7 and

tioned as a Group Leader for students between the ages of 7 to 14 years old. Being apart of this club has definitely been one of my major accomplishments. Students read and were tested on all the places we visited



Some of the boys from the Nubian Village in Egypt wanted to take pictures for those in America to see.

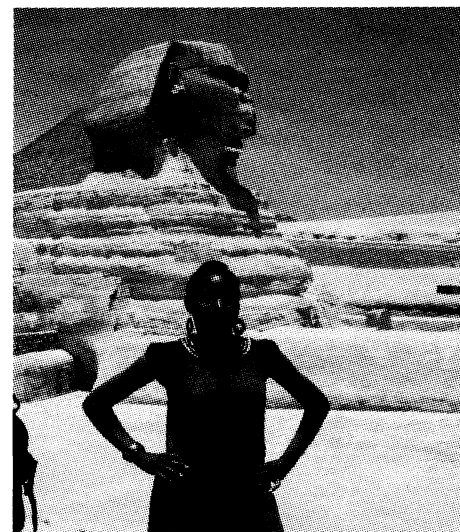
14 focused on developing an understanding and awareness of the African experience in America. Over this 27-month period students are exposed to their rich and extraordinary ancient African history through bi-monthly classes, seminars and field trips. At the end of the program the students sojourn to Africa for the Teen Summit 1000 where they examine the land of their ancestors and share their culture and lifestyle with African youth. The trip to Africa is sponsored by the D'Zert Club and is absolutely free to the students serving as the graduation reward for those who complete the program."

There is a 2 year commitment to this program where you go under a course of study and participate in selling raffles to help sponsor your way on educational trips. Because I joined and struggled through my own ignorance and laziness, I have been blessed with the opportunity to be apart of this nonprofit organization where I func-

tioned as a Group Leader for students between the ages of 7 to 14 years old. Being apart of this club has definitely been one of my major accomplishments. Students read and were tested on all the places we visited

We saw so much on this educational sojourn. The Students and Group Leaders were housed in the best 5-star hotels such as Hilton Pyramids Golf Resort Hotel and Isis Island Hotel. A buffet for breakfast and dinner were available everyday as an option. We visited the famous Pyramids of Giza, traveled inside one of the pyramids, saw the sites of Her-Em-Akhet, went to the Imhotep Museum, rode camels, went shopping, had a dinner cruise on the Nile River, and interacted with the people from the Nubian village.

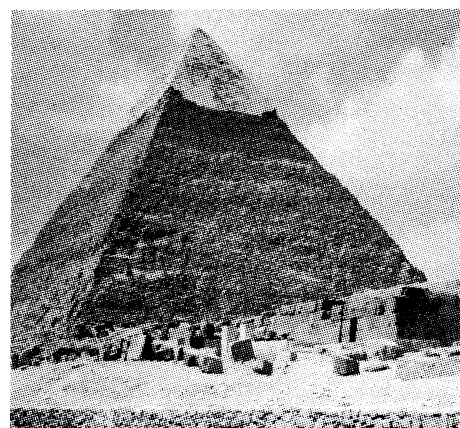
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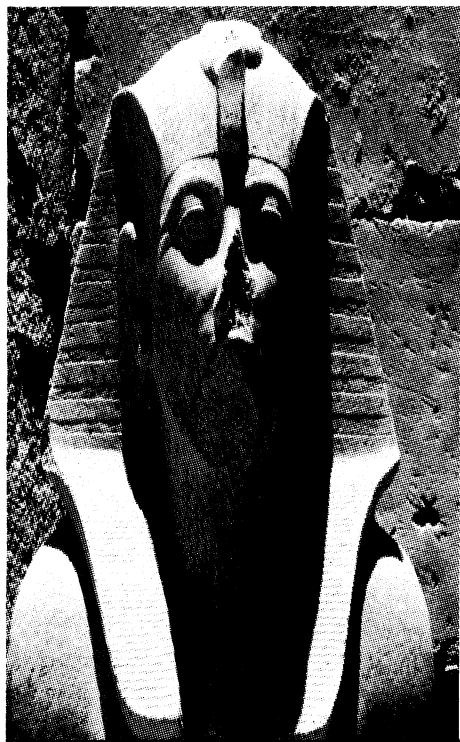
Black World Staff Writer, Saajida Stacker with a Sphinx in Egypt.

to provide African-American youth with a correct historical perspective of their roots and culture thus enabling them to assume their predestined role as leaders in the 21st century. With recent reports documenting the rise in violence, drug abuse and pregnancy among African-American teenagers, and statistics showing that African-American males between the ages of 13 and 15 are being identified as the new predators and major perpetrators of crime in America, this program and annual sojourn to the motherland is intended to be a foundational stone in the character building process of our young people."

No matter what path you take towards studying abroad you should take it because this will be an experience that you will not be able to stop talking about. You can visit different countries through the D'zert Club (www.dzertclub.com), the Study Abroad department (www.stonybrook.edu/studyabroad) at Stony Brook University, or through other organizations- the bottom line is that we should all take advantage of these opportunities. There is more to life than what we see! Traveling is such an enjoyable experience and it's also a part of a learning process. Through travel we learn about other people's way of life, culture, religion, and customs which will allow us to be better equipped with the knowledge of truths instead of stereotypes. Also, the longer we stay in a different country we can pick up on the natives' mannerisms and languages which are beneficial because it not only challenges our minds' to learn something new but it also can assist us in the future when interacting with other people from different backgrounds. We should be willing to find out how our neighbors live. We should learn to respect one another and this can be accomplished after we understand each other's differences



Pharaoh Khafre's pyramid from the Pyramids of Giza. The Pyramids of Giza are said to be the largest of the original Seven Wonders of the World which is still intact.



Statue of a Pharaoh.

FRESHMEN 101

Syllabus
Course: Freshman 101
Instructor: Sarah Demezier

Course Description:

Welcome to Freshman 101, a non-credited course that will guide you through your first year at Stony Brook University and will help you in the following years to come. Do you think that you know what it takes to survive in college? Here are some helpful tips from an event called "I wish I knew that when I was a freshman," which was hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.:

Tips

- Go to all your classes. Just because you have autonomy does not mean you should forget why you are attending this university.
- Be punctual. Some professors may not be strict on their attendance policy but many others are.
- Don't join every club and organization
- Don't party to much, balance your social life as well as your academics.
- Don't spend all your money too soon.
- Don't tell your business to everyone. Just because we are in college does not mean people do not gossip.
- Don't skip any classes unless it's an absolute emergency because you will miss out on a lot of material.
- Don't drink if you are underage.
- Pay all bills in a timely fashion. (Especially school bills).
- Don't get caught up in the glitz and glamour of campus life.
- USE shower Shoes!
- Network; when the time comes for graduation and you need a letter of recommendation this can work to your advantage if you know people.

Office Hours:

- GO! It can be the difference of you getting a C or a B+.
- Talk to your professor. Let them know who you are.

Roommates:

- Be considerate if you have roommates and talk to them if you have a problem so it does not become a bigger issue.

Ex: A current sophomore spoke to some freshman about her experience with her roommate last year. She told everyone a story about a particular night that had the entire room drowning in laughter. Her roommate had a boyfriend who was considered the third roommate, since he was always there. He was not a student, which was against the rules of having a guest, and used the girlfriend's key when she went home, even with the other roommate in the room. One night him and his girlfriend got drunk and he passed out on the other girl's bed. When the girl tried to get him off he would not budge. When he finally moved off the bed, she decided to go to bed but when she was sleeping she heard a familiar sound of someone peeing not in the bathroom but all over her books!

Just because you are a freshman (especially if you have a roommate who is an upper upperclassmen) do not be intimidated to approach them.

Campus Safety:

- Campus Police are all over the place so if you are in some type of danger, do not be hesitant to get in contact with them.
- You can call them from your room phone by dialing 333. From a cell phone dial (631) 632-3333.

Other safety services:

632- Ride: Campus Police drive you to your room from any place on campus if you feel like you are in danger or if you do not feel safe walking alone. It is not a taxi service so do not abuse the privilege.

632- Walk: RSP walks you from wherever you are to your room if you do not feel safe walking alone.

DO NOT walk around at night alone, even if you are a male. Always walk with someone.

Final Exam:

December-just Kidding! No Final exam but one final thought:
 Remember that you are here to obtain a degree. Use your time wisely and enjoy your time here at Stony Brook University.

The Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program filing period for the 2009/10 academic year is now open. Application deadline is November 17, 2008. For application materials and additional information about the program, please visit the web-site at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/resources/mgsp.shtml>

To compete for a scholarship, you must:

- be a full-time City employee
- have a bachelor's degree by the start of the fall 2009 semester
- be willing to pursue a graduate degree on your own time
- meet other requirements, as explained under Eligibility Requirements.

Scholarship

Information

Harvard University announced over the weekend that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's President Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only 10 percent of the students in Elite higher education come from families in lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough. We are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution."

If you know of a family earning less than \$ 60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. The prestigious University recently announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free...no tuition and no student loans!

To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1581.

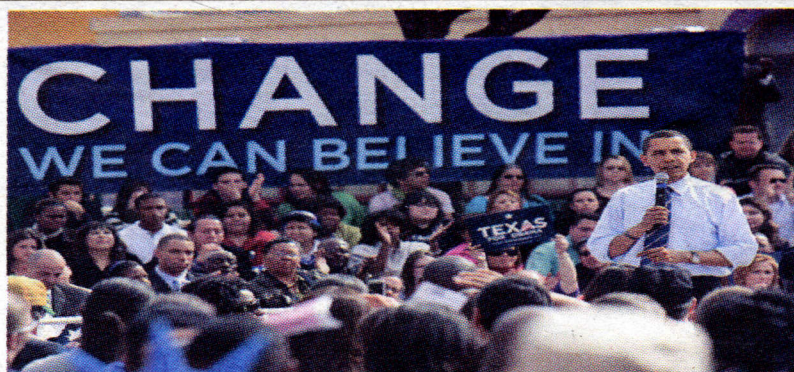
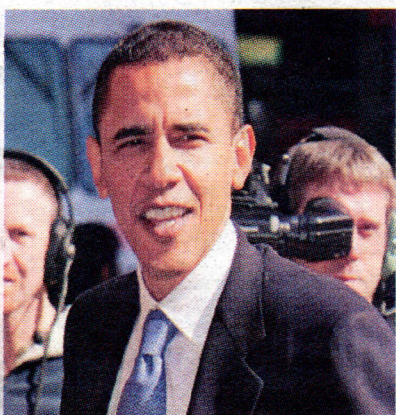
Dear Lambda Sigma Members:

If you are an alumnus/alumna of Queensborough Community College who has now completed your Bachelor's degree and works full time for the City of New York, you may be eligible for this scholarship!

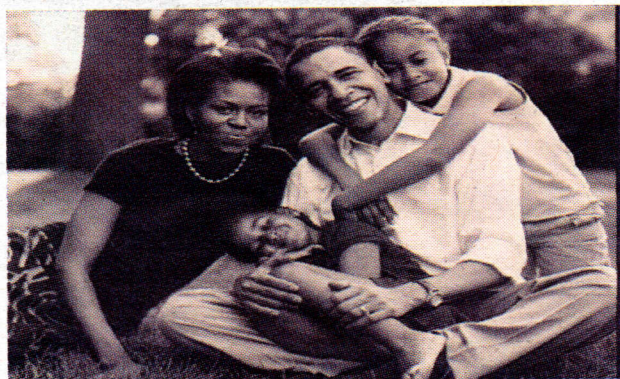
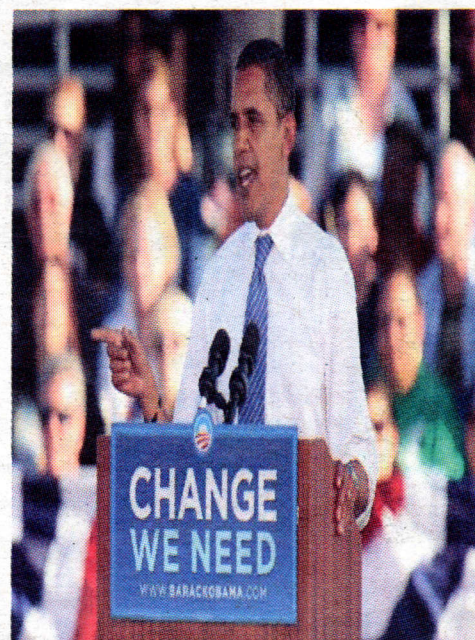
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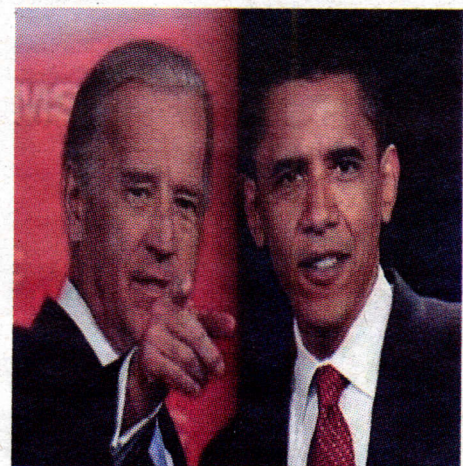
-Professor Tai



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."



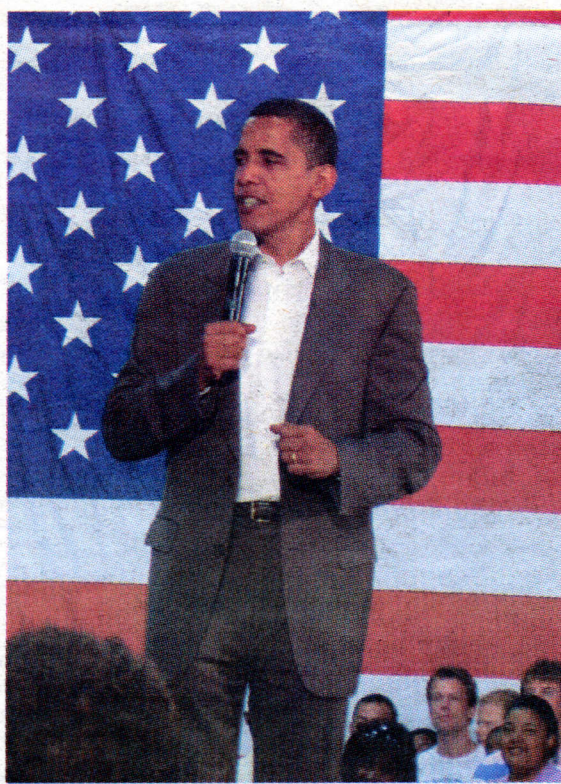
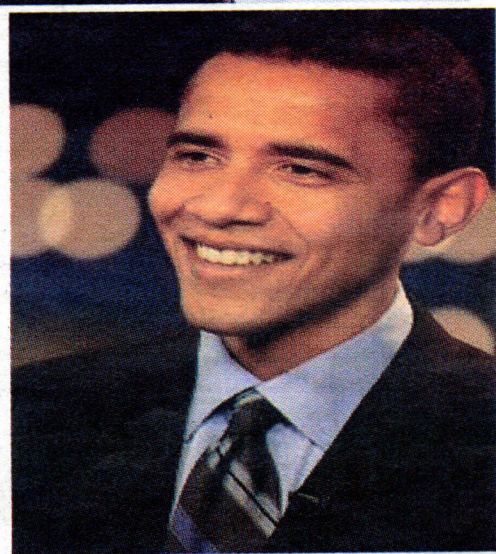
"It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get to where we are today, but we have just begun. Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today."



"Hope – Hope in the face of difficulty. Hope in the face of uncertainty. The audacity of hope! In the end, that is God's greatest gift to us, the bedrock of this nation. A belief in things not seen. A belief that there are better days ahead."



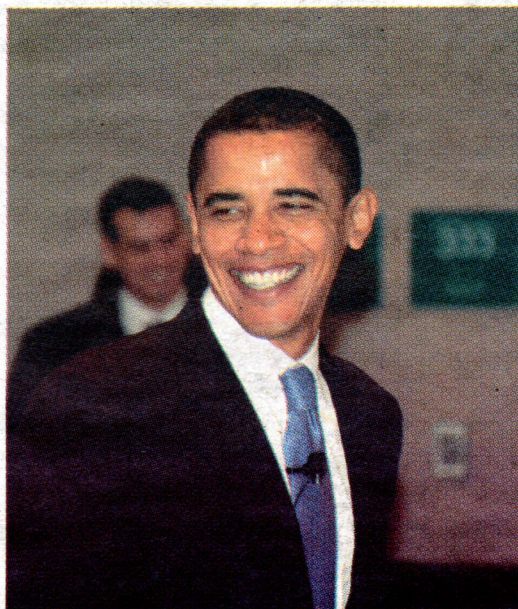
"Race is still a powerful force in this country. Any African American candidate, or any Latino candidate, or Asian candidate or Woman candidate confronts a higher threshold in establishing himself to the voters"



"The true test of the American ideal is whether we're able to recognize our failings and then rise together to meet the challenges of our time. Whether we allow ourselves to be shaped by events and history, or whether we act to shape them."

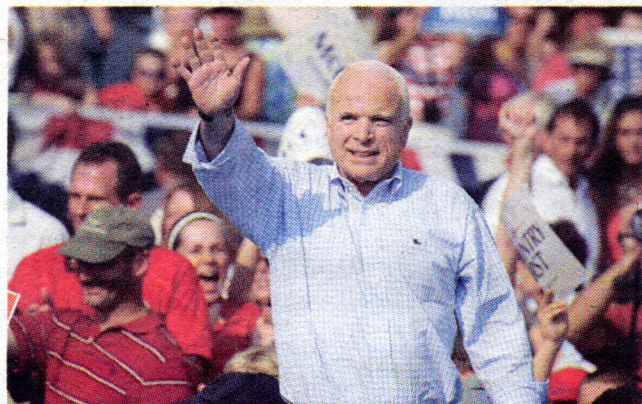
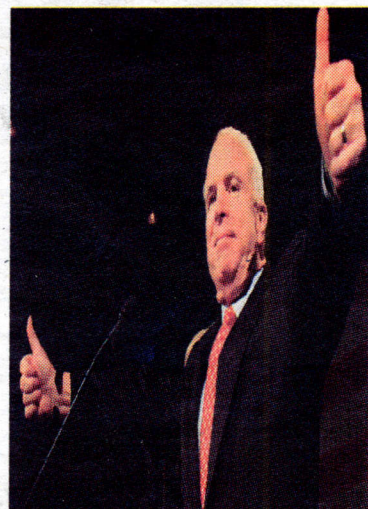
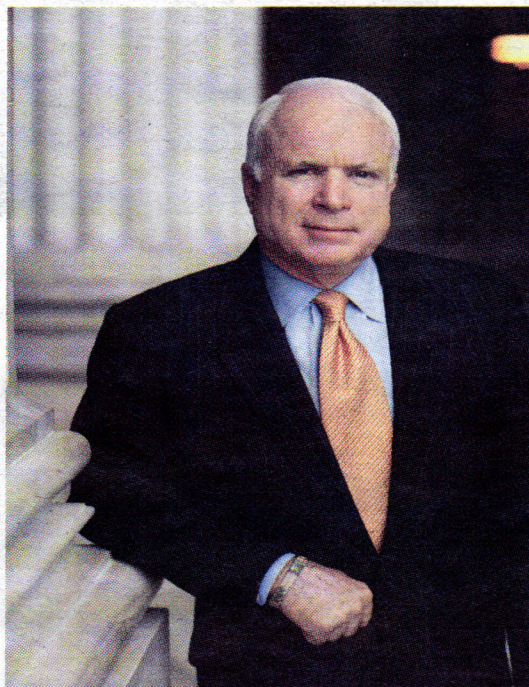
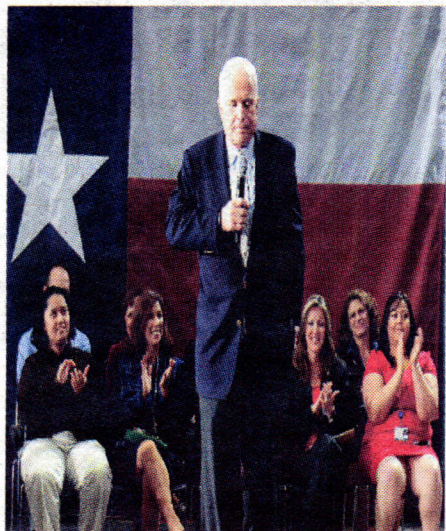


"I don't oppose all wars. What I am opposed to is a dumb war. What I am opposed to is a rash war."

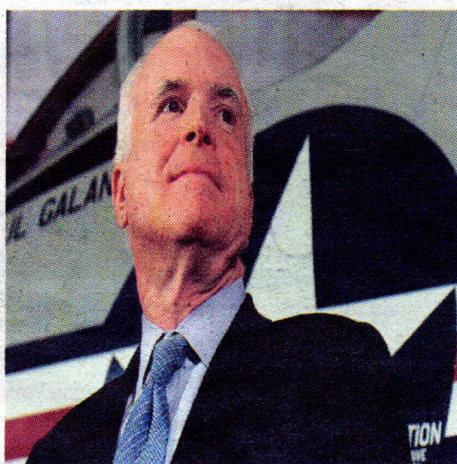


"We have to acknowledge the progress we made, but understand that we still have a long way to go. That things are better, but still not good enough."

"I am a Republican. I'm loyal to the party of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. And I believe that my party, in some ways, has strayed from those principles, particularly on the issue of fiscal discipline"



"This foundation of our economy, the American worker, is strong but it has been put at risk by the greed and mismanagement of Wall Street and Washington"



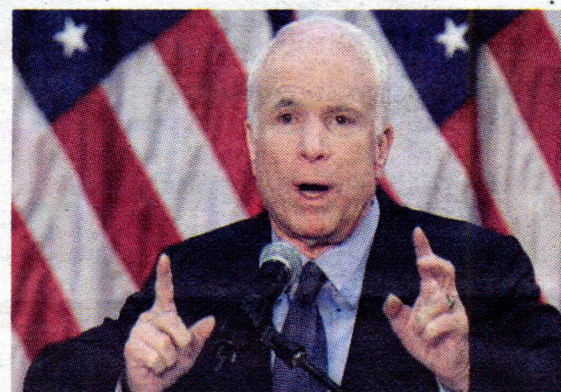
"We cannot forever hide the truth about ourselves, from ourselves."



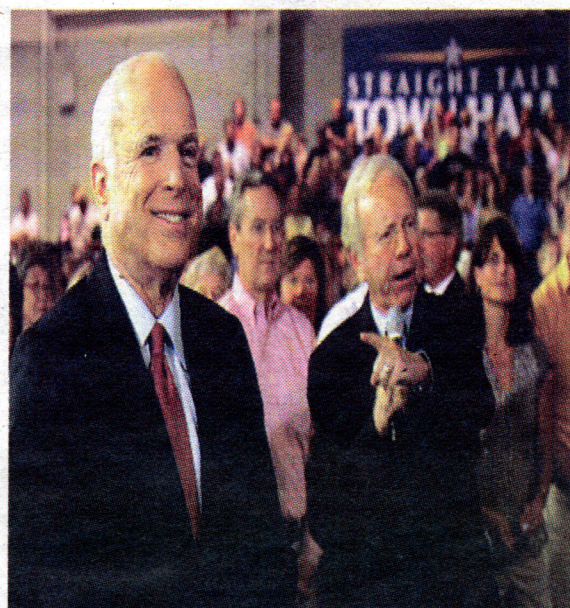
"Americans are very frustrated, and they have every right to be. We've wasted a lot of our most precious treasure, which is American lives."



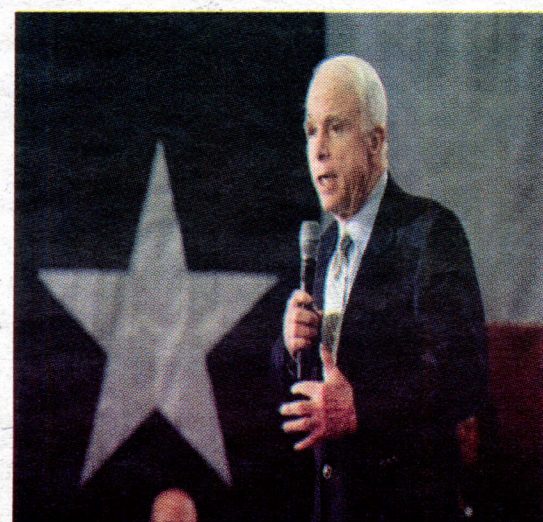
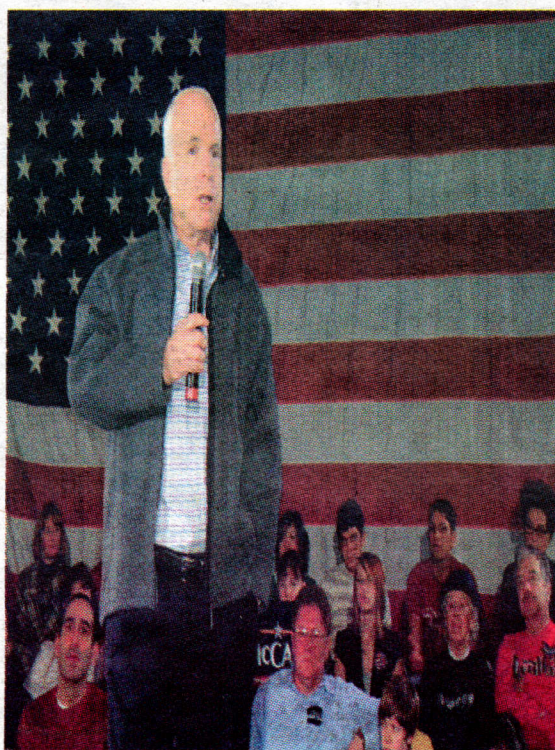
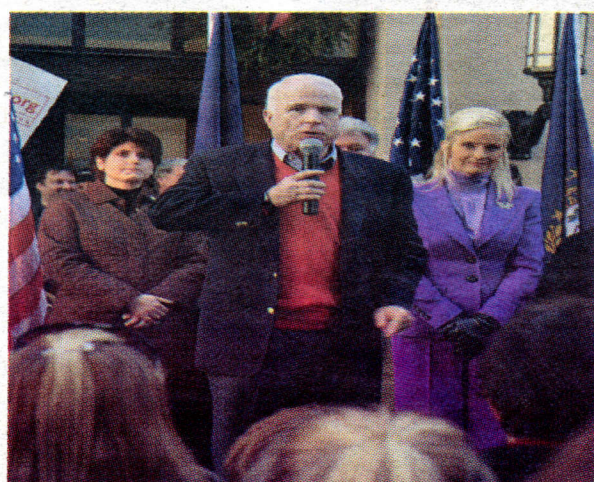
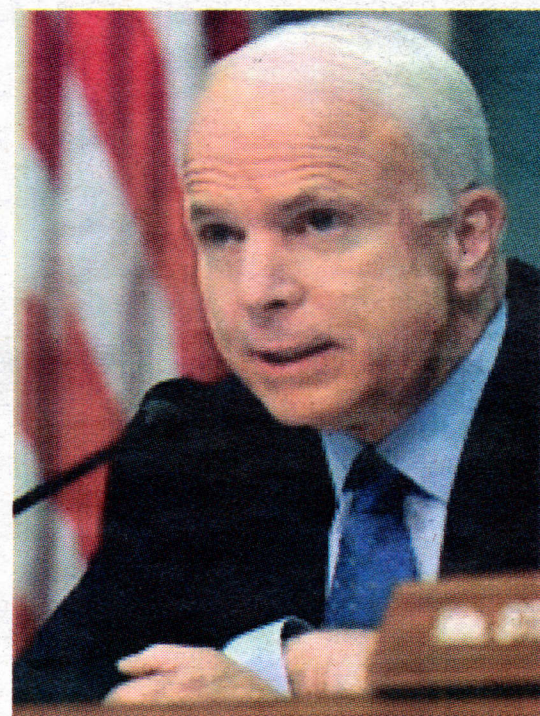
"We are taught to understand, correctly, that courage is not the absence of fear, but the capacity for action despite our fears."



"Our nation has both an obligation and self-interest in facing head-on the serious environmental, economic and national security threat posed by global warming."



"I am fully prepared to be commander in chief... I don't need on-the-job training".



FIND YOUR INNER DIVINE SELF

By Nicole Ukpabi

Ever feel after a long week that you just want to relax and free your mind? To not be bothered with school and extra obligations that life has thrown upon you? You should find yourself and find a place where you can be you without hesitance or worries. There are many ways to find your center, that is to live and trust in what the powers benign gave you:

1. Pray. The halls of church are popular, for many reasons. When slaves were shackled and bound against their will, they used songs of praise to get through their hardships. Church is often overlooked, and people often believe that they are not "good enough" or "holy enough" to partake in this ritual. That's nonsense. If there is one thing that the Bible preaches is that "We are all God's Children." No one is too good to hear what the Lord has to say, and if you think you are, you're wrong.

2. Talk. Someone out there wants to hear you, and I know it is less frequented by the community, but if you are dealing with a serious issue, you should definitely talk to a therapist. Don't bottle all your troubles inside, thinking that you are playing the "victim" card if you allow yourself to cry once in a while. You need to, or else the traumatic event you thought you locked away will fester itself in self-destructive activities or worse, high-blood pressure.



3. Listen. When I say listen, I mean sit down and take in the words of soothing jazz music. Jazz is a genre that is often overlooked, and there are many forms. I suggest going to lounges in your hometown and enjoying the sounds and the mellow vibes rather than always listening to over-repetitive, uninspired music on the radio. Go outside of your comfort zone, and explore your roots.

4. Rejuvenate. Yes, I said it. Go to a spa. It is often thought that spas are only for booji, sophisticated folks, but everyone could benefit from it. The environment doesn't have to be too stuffy, it could even be that place downtown that just opened up. Just as long as said place provides the basic holistic remedies (facials, steam baths, etc), it would be fine.

5. Volunteer. Get over yourself, the world does not revolve around you. There are people less fortunate than you, and they make do with bare essentials. There are many things you could learn from participating in a soup kitchen, visiting a battered women's shelter, or donating food and clothes to someone who appreciates it. You would learn to look outside yourself, and a part of you might even feel foolish for complaining about trivial matters that others would be blessed to deal with.

6. Create. How do you create? You use whatever talent you are blessed to have and share that talent with the world. What are you good at? If you can write, you could express your thoughts in a journal or a poem. If you can sing, raise your voice so the world could hear your pain. If you can rap, spit about the injustices of the world. If you can dance, thrust and shake off what's got you shook. If you do art, throw paint from each direction on a canvas until you don't have anymore energy left. The point is, to find out what you're good at and harvest it.

With all that said, don't waste time! Give yourself the rest that you deserve and don't feel an ounce of guilt about it. After all, if you don't take care of yourself, how can you possibly attend to others?

JUICY GOSSIP? TRY JUICY CAMPUS

By Sarah Demezier

These days it is all about the he said, she said and what the gossip is on campus. From word of mouth to other innovative ways of spreading rumors and gossip has found its way to the mass communication system of the world, the internet. "X and Y were definitely messing around," or "Z is hot," are among the gossip on a new popular website called juicycampus.com. Within the site are rumors of scandalous affairs, revelations of sexual encounters and even comments to go along with the "juicy" information. The site has spurred a mixture of emotions within its readers and even worse the individuals being written about.

This recent popular website has received more than its share of student fans that check the website on a regular basis as if it is Facebook. Some topics have caused the student population to either take these posts to heart or have a sense of accomplishment in having more "haters" to rely on. The website has not only served the population here at Stony Brook but almost every university or college in the United States.

"Juicy campus is just a whole



bunch of false statement to rally up comments on the topic at hand, and frankly most of the things on the site are not even factual," stated Georganne Pierre, a sophomore. Based on the definition of gossip, conversation about other people or personal events, students on this site take some posts to the extreme. Such posts like C-Step vs. EOP, has created an even bigger rift between both programs. Categorizing certain Greek organizations into who is best looking, who students can label as sluts and defacing the reputation of many well known and prominent organizations on this campus are among the damages that juicycampus.com has inflicted.

The first amendment states that one of our basic freedoms is freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is the most controversial freedom and many opposers of this amendment are fighting to place restrictions on how we exercise this freedom. This is one of those controversial situations where the question of restrictions apply. "Gossip is for high school and that is where it should stay," stated an unnamed source on the website. Should there be a limit to how far these posts go?

**If you have any comments about the website or this article please send feedback to
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STONY BROOK HAS GONE GREEN!

By Sarah Demezier

Biodegradable utensils, plates and green bags to match, are among the few changes in response to the Stony Brook's going green campaign. The "Go Green" campaign is a promotion to rally our university into protecting our environment from the harmful products, such as plastic. Bursar's Green Bill, a method designed to eliminate the usage of paper bills in the mail, has been highly recommended to students as a way to conserve trees and aid the environment. Besides the new residential halls and the newly renovated dining hall in Roth, the environmental friendly attitude on campus has hopefully added a positive effect on campus life.

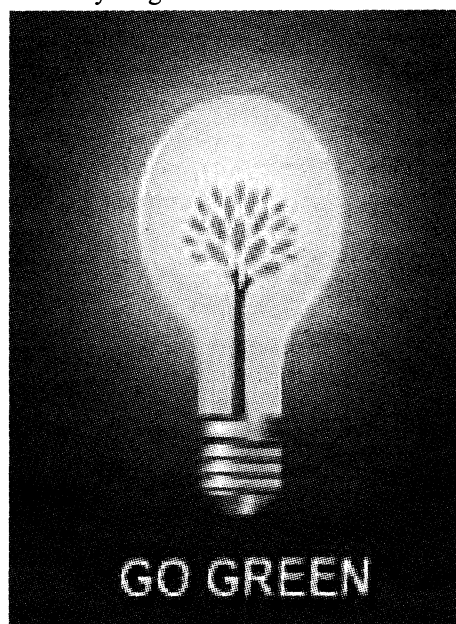
The "Go Green" campaign started with a collaboration of different departments in the university from Bursar to Campus Dining. It was implemented this summer 2008 with the introduction of the Green Bill on the Solar System, giving students the option of either receiving paper bills via postal mail or receive email notifi-

cations. Bursar came up with the idea of the Green Bill because they "had a high volume of return mail and wanted to lower it." "People are computer savvy," said Michael Weissman, who works in the Student Accounts Office. With the technological advancements of communication, the internet serves as the main source of communication these days.

The environmental impact of the Green Bill helps to save massive amounts of unnecessary paper due to the high volume of return mail and updates. The Green Bill completely de-registers you from receiving bills in the mail and because of the plastic windows on the envelopes it makes it difficult to recycle. Mr. Weissman, along with Mr. Floyd Haynes, who lives in Suffolk County and worked for Bursar for the past eight years, helped facilitate the idea.

The Green Bill went live on the Solar System Aug. 8th, "we didn't advertise it on Aug. 8th so it just showed up on Solar. Without information on the idea 2000 stu-

dents enrolled for the Green Bill," stated Mr. Weissman. Students like Michelle Pizer, president of the environmental club said, "so many people pay for their bills online they might as well view the bill as



well."

But Bursar is not the only department on campus that participates in the environmental friendly attitude. With its biodegradable plates, utensils and "Tray-less Brunch"; Campus dining has set the pace for a more environmental friendly atmosphere here at the university as well. Ms. Pizer, along with the environmental club has pushed for the change for several years. "This action by Campus Dining marks a move in a new direction. If we can get Campus Dining to do this then much more is achievable," answered Ms. Pizer.

Through observation some students seem to like the idea because the "containers are bigger," and others either hate the idea of a tray less brunch or don't seem to notice at all. Although Stony Brook is not the only university to implement an environmental friendly campaign, it has placed a setting stone for an eco-friendly institution with even more ideas in the near future. Be aware of your surroundings and participate in helping our environment.

EVENTS AT THE

Stony Brook

Career Center

Technical Female Emerging Leaders at Intel

Start: 11/04/2008 - 4:00pm

Come learn about Diversity at Intel! On November 4th and 5th, they are hosting two diversity-focused web-based chat events and then launching a two-week Virtual Career Fair from Nov. 7—Nov. 21. Hear the perspectives and experiences of three technical females who are emerging leaders at Intel during our first event.

Building Bridges with Mentoring Programs

Start: 11/05/2008 - 1:00pm

End: 11/05/2008 - 2:00pm

Be a Mentor! Offer support, guidance, and assistance as the mentee faces academic challenges, goes through a difficult experience, or works to remedy existing problems. Attend this comprehensive workshop led by experts in the mentoring field that are designed for students of all majors. This event will be held in Wang 102.

Federal Jobs Career Day

Start: 11/07/2008 - 10:00am

End: 11/07/2008 - 4:00pm

If you have always had an interest in working within the federal government, but were unsure of how to navigate the application process or unable

to find the right contacts and connections, then this special event is definitely for you!

The first-ever Federal Jobs Career Day at Rutgers University is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 7, 2008 from 10:00a.m. until 3:00p.m. and will be held on the New Brunswick campus at the Rutgers Student Center Multipurpose Room and Main Lounge. No pre-registration required.

For more information, visit: careerservices.rutgers.edu

Employer Primetime: NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board

Start: 11/06/2008 - 11:00am

End: 11/06/2008 - 3:00pm

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent and non-police mayoral agency. It is empowered to receive, investigate, hear, make findings and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers which allege the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language.

Learn more about the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board by stopping at the Career Center!

Explore Your Future Weeks:

Engineering-Wang 301

Start: 11/10/2008 - 5:30pm

Counseling-Wang 301

Start: 11/11/2008 - 5:30pm

Science-Wang 301

Start: 11/12/2008 - 5:30pm

Arts-Career Center

Start: 11/13/2008 - 5:30pm

Learn about opportunities in engineering. Our specialized panels will give you first-hand accounts of what it's really like. This is your chance to network with active professionals.

Workforce Diversity Job Fair

Start: 11/13/2008 - 8:00am

End: 11/13/2008 - 11:00am

The Workforce Diversity Job Fair is the only Long Island job fair catering to the workforce needs of diverse populations!

Students, mature workers, and bilingual individuals welcomed! This fair will take place at

Crest Hollow Country Club
8325 Jericho Turnpike
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For more information, contact Keisha Walker at (516) 570-6645 or kjwalkerulli@yahoo.com

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Security
Social Services
Technology
Travel & Transportation

NY Women In Communications 2008 Communications Career Conference

Start: 11/15/2008 - 8:30am

End: 11/15/2008 - 4:00pm

Don't miss this once-a-year, career-building opportunity to meet and network with professionals and luminaries in the communications industry. Featured Speakers: Debbye Turner Bell, Yikes! I'm a Grown Up contributor for CBS News' The Early Show Kate White, Editor-in-Chief, *Cosmopolitan*.

HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CONTINUE TO WAR

By Donnie Malloy

Over recent years, the Dominican Republic has gone to extremes to remove Haitian workers who have overstayed their Dominican welcome. Many of these workers are brutally exploited and then rounded up and deported. They are beaten, robbed

ocean not only around them but between them.

To most Dominicans, Haitians represent a people who carry in their blood a pride for being black; a pride that led them to victory over three European superpowers France,

their lives for freedom. Dr. Francois Duvalier would use, this pride shared among Haitians to gain popular support of the people in 1957 by simply uttering the words "Black Power," which many Haitians wanted due to the large number of whites and light-skin blacks who were in control of the country. Haitians wanted economic equality and felt Duvalier would deliver but he turned out to be the total opposite of their expectations and many began to leave Haiti in search for better economic opportunities.

Haitians have worked the sugar fields in the Dominican Republic for a half of century, living in areas with no electricity, no running water and no medical care. They began their migration to the Dominican Republic in large numbers when Dominican President Joaquin Balaguer, a U.S.-trained Trujillo lieutenant, concluded the first formal agreement on Haitian migrant workers in 1966 with U.S.-backed dictator, "Papa Doc" Duvalier, who both profited from the labor carried out by Haitians. Moreover, Haitians migrated in large numbers because Dominican citizens refused to cut sugar cane labeling it a lower class job for Haitians. When the Dominican sugar industry underwent privatization these jobs suddenly disappeared reducing the need for Haitian labor. Dominicans citizens wanted Haitians removed from the country at that point but many Haitians have been living there for several years and had families to support (many Dominicans would migrate to the United States as a result and also for better economic opportunities). The Dominican civil code which

Those who were deported were giving no opportunity to prove their legal status and were prohibited from returning to their homes to notify their children or to gather personal belongings. These workers are simply taken to the border and released. The Haitian government is also unaware that these workers will be dumped at the border. But the So-called "democratic" rulers of the Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) and Dominican Liberation Party (PLD) have also played the race card



and sometimes shot dead. Their real crime? Being Haitian or just being Black. These conditions have been denounced as "modern day slavery" by human rights advocates. However, it is not unusual for the Dominican Government to take these drastic measures to remove Haitians who have been living in the Dominican Republic for years and Dominican citizens of Haitian descent. Many feel the deportation of these black workers are part of a plan to clear the bateys out of fear that those very workers will spill into the general Dominican population.

To fully understand the current Dominican Republic and Haitian conflict, you must first understand the 31-year reign, which began shortly after U.S. Marines concluded their first invasion (eight-year occupation) of this country and groomed Trujillo to lead the newly established National Guard. Rafael Trujillo ruled the Dominican Republic with an iron fist from 1930 until he became no longer useful and the CIA had him assassinated in 1961. Trujillo was best known for his efforts to "whiten" the Dominican Republic when he ordered the Massacre of 30,000 Haitians on the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti in 1937. Trujillo gave Haitians living within his borders 24 hours to leave the Dominican Republic before he authorized the massacre. Dominican soldiers were told to kill whoever was caught crossing the borders that could not pronounce words with the letter "r" which indicate that they were not indeed Dominican. Trujillo ordered the massacre solely because the victim's skin was dark, even though Dominicans were just a few shades lighter. Moreover, Trujillo blamed Haitians for the slow economic improvement of his country as he received financial backing from the United States. He later apologized for the massacre and agreed to pay \$29 for every officially identified body. This event divides the two nations so deeply that there may as well be an

Britain and, Spain. Moreover, these black slaves stood up to their masters which eventually led them to freedom a few years after colonists in America won their freedom from Britain (America never accepted the Haitian Revolution because it was slaves who won it). However, despite the economic hardships Haiti has faced since the Revolution, these blacks, who are descen-



dants from slaves, who won their freedom in battle never lost their pride of being black. It's the one thing all blacks living in Haiti honor, share and celebrate each and every year in respect to those who gave

grants citizenship to all those born on Dominican soil was now being denied to the children of Haitian parents. Many were deported.



when mass deportations of Haitians and Black Dominicans were kicked out the country in 1991 under Joaquin Balaguer's regime due to allegations that Haitians were the primary cause of inflation and unemployment problems, then again 1997 and 1999 under PLD Current President Leonel Fernandez who was used to block Dr. Francisco Peña Gómez who many opposed because they claimed he was of Haitian descent.

In 1995's Presidential election President Leonel Fernandez was characterized as a white and true Dominican, base on the color of his skin (although mulatto) because his opponent Dr. Francisco Peña Gómez a so-called "Haitian and support of the poor," was darker. Dr. Peña Gómez was attacked unmercifully, accused of not being of Dominican heritage. Finally, amid an illness (cancer), they accelerated his death. But his opponent's goal was to paint him as a black, bad for the country's worldwide image. Moreover, the PLD used the media to carry out their racist ventures by printing photos of Dr. Peña Gómez as a very dark skinned individual with big pink lips (typical black stereotype) as a method to prevent him from gaining popular support of the Dominican people.

While Dominicans cannot be expected to support Haitians who fled the economic hardships of Haiti, the exclusion of Haitian and black Dominicans from the public arena is a direct violation of these workers and citizens' human rights. They do not wish to invade the Dominican Republic but rather seek an opportunity to better their lives, much like the millions of Dominicans who enter the United States of America.

THE ORIGIN OF RACIAL CLASSIFICATIONS

By Nicole Ukpabi

People need to know that the idea of "race" came about as a "scientifically-sound" excuse to put people (White Anglo-Saxons) above others (Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Indians, etc.). It was used to right the injustices of the world, to say that non-Whites do not have the same mental capacity as Whites, so that they cannot govern themselves. However, people's outer differences are a result of environmental adaptation and variation of the human species. For example, people who live below the Equator in warmer temperatures will have more melanin (hence darker skin) than those who live above the Equator, therefore the former is more prepared to face the sun.

The rise of the Atlantic Slave Trade and European colonization during the Age of Discovery gave incentive to creating groups among humans. The Europeans used classical sources from the Greeks and Romans, of which some stated that the climate determines the appearance and character of groups, and their own interactions to form their judgments that physical differences between groups was linked to inherited intellectual, moral and behavioral qualities. Of course, the "European" race was considered the best behaved, the most morally sound, and the brightest model that others should follow. Now, if only they had people who call themselves scientists to back them up.

Carolus Linneaus, known as the "father of modern taxonomy" (the science of classifying organisms) was also a pioneer in defining the concept of human "races". He said that Homo Sapiens are split into the categories Americanus, Asiaticus, Africanus, and Europeanus. They were based on place of origin first, but later he would describe people in offensive terms of skin color. Native Americans were reddish, stubborn and angered easily. Africans were black, relaxed, negligent. Asians were yellow, avarious, and easily distracted. Europeans were white, gentle and inventive. People like Francis Galton would use Darwinian concepts to explain that the Western world was far more advanced, physically and mentally, than those that they conquered and oppressed because they "looked different" and had different lifestyles. Samuel George Morton claimed that he could judge the intellectual capacity of a race by the cranial capacity. He claimed that whites had larger skulls than Blacks and Native Americans, therefore they had larger mental capacities. According to Georges Vacher de Lapouge, the Jews (they would now consider themselves "White") were considered mediocre in comparison to the "Aryan" race.

These racist ideologies were the inspiration behind the eugenics movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The mentally ill, Native Americans and Blacks in the United States were sterilized against their own will, often without their



knowledge while they were in a hospital for other reasons. The plan was to wipe out others that the eugenicists and those in power deemed unfit and low-class, because those "kind of people" were thought of as a threat to the "well-being" and "national health" of society.

Forced sterilization has for the most part ended by the 1960's, but the ideas behind it are far from gone. Many minorities are victims of mental slavery and believe that "White is better" in terms of looks, status, speech, and education. People that would never be considered white before World War II (like the Irish, the Jewish, the Italians, Middle-Easterners and Arabs) are classifying themselves as such because they want financial success in America and they don't want to be looked down upon by the "Yuppies" in power. "Passers"(people that look white, but actually have "other" heritage) are faced with a color complex because a part of them feels like a sell-out for not representing their "hidden" lineage. However, they also feel superior because they are "white" enough to enjoy the "White privilege" and socialize themselves even more like "White" people to fit more securely in the application box. Some people within non-Black ethnic groups, like Asians for example, would allow their children to marry whites, but not Blacks, even though both groups are not from their own culture. Then there are ignorant people that would see a Black person studying and caring about his or her future and say that he or she is "acting White". Since when did having a work ethic and a moral code become a Caucasian trait? In fact, some Caucasians tend to be lazy because they have the "White privilege" and connections to fall back on, so they do not have to worry about their future.

This needs to stop. "Races" don't exist. We are all one human race with variations but those variations do not make us any superior or inferior. But racism does exist, and that is something that needs to be broken down and dissected, because we are all equal in capabilities and functions. Any economic and health disparity seen between ethnic groups is a result of discrimination and racism, that puts the needs of privileged folks above others. For example, it is unfair to say "Blacks are prone to criminal activity, and low intelligence" when not considering the fact that Black children are often ignored in the education system and that the press is more likely to put a Black prisoner in the papers before a White prisoner! Races don't exist, and they never did, but the ideology behind it is still present and this is what we have to work to erase.



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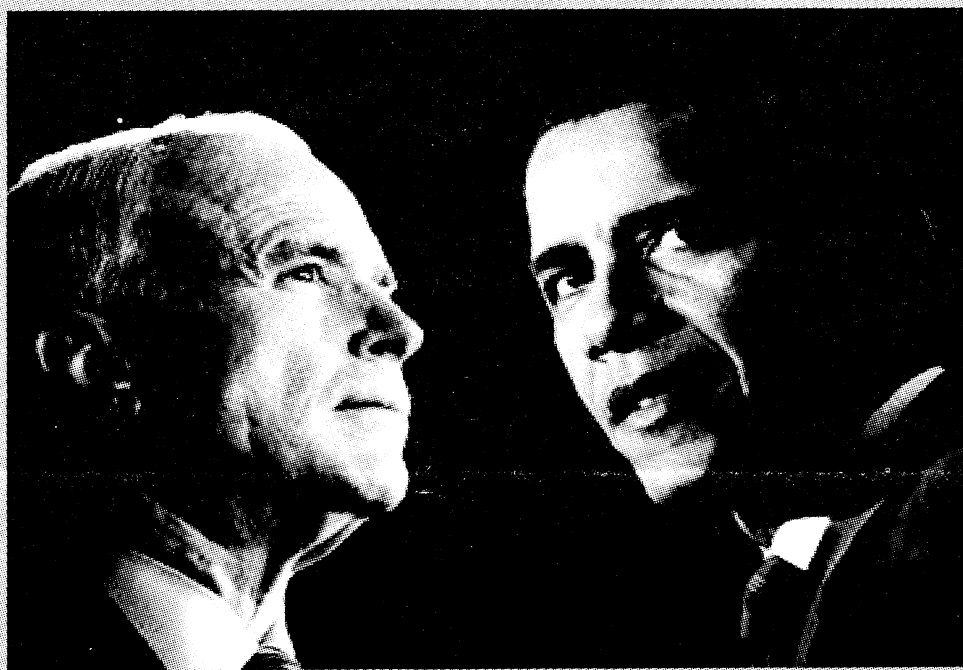
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OUR VOTE DOESN'T EVEN COUNT!

By Saajida Stacker

Does our vote really matter? I do not know anymore! I encourage everyone to vote and regardless, I am going to vote for whom I think should be the next President of the United States of America but I wonder- will this even matter? When I came across some information about the Electoral College, I realized that most people (like me) are ignorant to the way in which the voting and election process works. Is the President really nominated by the people of the land? Well, when I went to the www.archives.gov website and went to the "frequently asked questions" of the Electoral College section, I read a lot of information about the Electoral College that I did not know previously. Also, years ago one of my professors told the class, it is not the people who choose the President but it is members from this group called the "Electoral College" that determine who will be the next President of the United States. It's a crazy thing because after we vote in November, the members of the Electoral College use those votes to see who the majority of the people from America voted for. But the Electoral College are the ones who will make the final decision and vote among themselves in December for who they will actually put into office as the next President of the United States of America. They have this kind of authority because it is said that the members from the Electoral College has America's best interest at heart- even though we (the people) tell them point blank who we want to be the President by who has the most votes. I mean think about it- how did George Bush Jr. get into office? According to the Electoral College Box Scores 2000-2004, "George W. Bush received fewer popular votes than Albert Gore Jr., but received a majority of electoral votes"... Many of us were told that the people of America choose who will be the Commander in Chief but by coming across this information makes me ask- are we being deceived? Ask yourself- who are the members of the Electoral College? Who votes the Electoral College members into office? Why are the Electoral College members given so much authority to be the ones who decides or votes on who becomes the next President? Lastly, that leaves me to ask- Does Our Vote Really Count? No matter who we vote for, the ultimate decision of who will be the next President of the United States doesn't lie with us; it's determined by a selected group of people who we don't even know!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO...



VOTE!

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008.

YOUR VOICE...

YOUR VOTE...

ELECTION 2008

Little Grone Gurl

Treated as uh grone gurl

Tell her, “go head little
momma”

As she shakes it with friends

She thinks it’s ok cause
she’s

dressed up-made up like
mommy

Hoop earrings, baby stilet-
tos-fur coats

Showing her baby fat
chubby legs

Menarche has yet to happen

Growin up too fast-way fast

Thinking men not looking

“She’s only a little gurl”

But crazy sick men are

feeling her and want to feel
on her

Father now becomes

Sugar daddy

Looks at her and sees the

you at your youth

kisses of love turn into

kisses of lust

Alone struggling to get

Papa off

Her protector

Violates her

Innocence lost

In her silence

Acting out-part of her

is broken-stolen

can be repaired but it’s

gonna take

a hell of a lot

To cure-her pain

Your baby gurl is

Not a grone gurl

Just a

growin gurl

-Saajida Stacker

A TASTE OF BRAZIL

By: Nicole Ukpabi

Quindim is a dessert inspired by the heavy use of eggs by the Portuguese and the combination of coconut and sugar by the Africans in the Northeast part of Brazil (where coconuts were abundant and sugar was a major industry). The word Quindim comes from a Bantu language, and originally meant “the gestures, demeanor, and humor characteristic of human girls”. Here is the recipe:

- * 1 cup granulated sugar
- * 1 cup shredded coconut
- * 1 tablespoon butter
- * 5 egg yolks
- * 1 egg white, stiffly beaten

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 350f.
2. In the bowl of your electric mixer, combine the sugar, coconut and butter.
3. Gradually add the egg yolks, one at a time.
4. Lastly, fold in the beaten egg white.
5. Pour the mixture into a 9-inch pie plate.
6. Place this in a roasting pan and fill with boiling water to half way up the pie dish.
7. Bake for 30 minutes or until set and golden brown.
8. Turn the pie out on a serving dish.
9. You want to present it upside down (ie. the browned coconut will form the base).
10. Refrigerate.



WAKE UP CALL

Finally. My bed never looked so...so wonderful, so comfy so...oh I think I’m in love. I slid underneath my covers and my eyes fluttered closed...this is the life.
“BROOKLYN!!”
I jumped up out of my sleep and looked for my phone...the time read 3:47am...Only one person would have the audacity to call me this late...
“Yes Tiana”
“You sitting down”...
“Am I sitting down? I’m actually laying in my bed about to experience the best sleep of my life. What do you want? I’m tired”
“Well... So you know me and Mimi went to the clinic the other day rite?.. And um...”
“Wait ,wait ,wait, hold up. Who is pregnant?”
“Dang girl let me finish. So we went to the clinic...”
“We established that already. What happened?”
“Well, you remember how I used to talk to that boy James right? The one I had met in the movie theater?”
“That dusty boy wit the big ears?...Yea I remember him but I’m still not seeing where this is going”
“Well...um..I heard from Keema that he had HIV. I didn’t sweat it at first because you know how Keema is, you can’t trust nothing that girls says”
”HIV ? Wow T. Are you serious? That’s crazy, why would she lie about something like that?”
“Um actually, she wasn’t lying”
“She wasn’t!?Oh man...So how did you find out he had it?”
“My test came back positive...”
For the first time in my life I was speechless. I didn’t know what to say. I could hear Tiana’s muffled cries through the phone and I hurt for her. I mean, being told you have HIV is like stamping an expiration date on your life.
“Wow T... that’s crazy”

Right then I wanted to shoot myself in the foot. Who says that after someone tells you something so drastic.
“That’s crazy?” That is something you say to someone your not really close to, not someone you grew up with and you practically consider a sister.

“T? T? You still there?”
“Yea” she whispered

I’m mute,

Nothing 2 say,

Legs paralyzed,

Nothing 2 do.

Thoughts!

Emotions!

Expression!

Evolution!

Transformation!

My psychic reads
voices,

Silence,

My pen speaks,

Nothing to say,

I’m mute.

-Saajida Stacker

-Jahlecia Smith

BLACKWORLD..



YOUR WORLD!!!