

BLACK BEAT

Northwestern Univ.

An up-to-the-minute BLACKBOARD supplement

October 5, 1984

Welcome to the first edition of BLACKBEAT. BLACKBEAT is a biweekly newsletter designed to measure and record the pulse of Northwestern's Black community. As a supplement to BLACKBOARD, the quarterly Black student news magazine, BLACKBEAT will provide the entire NU Black community with a common ground of information and expression.

BLACKBEAT will be a vehicle through which the executive board of For Members Only (FMO), the Black student alliance, can keep the Black student body informed. As a link in the chain that binds us all, BLACKBEAT will be a podium from which all Black students may freely speak our views. BLACKBEAT welcomes letters, poetry submissions, editorial cartoons and announcements from all Black students and organizations who have something to share.

Finally, BLACKBEAT will be, for us, an alternative to the historically notorious insensitivity and inaccuracy of THE DAILY NORTHWESTERN and other all-campus publications. BLACKBEAT, along with BLACKBOARD, will serve as a positive socially responsible, politically committed outlet for the Black community. BLACKBEAT is accurate. BLACKBEAT is quality. BLACKBEAT is ours. Welcome to your world.

Yours in unity,

Valerie Boyd
Valerie Boyd
Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to our first issue. It is important that you understand that we consider ourselves a family here. Every event that we sponsor is carried out with this premise in mind. If we begin to believe that we are all brothers and sisters then perhaps we'll begin to act accordingly. As I suggested at the Ritual, let's try to bathe ourselves in the glow of Black Love, let's rejuvenate ourselves through the power of Black Unity.

Only as a family can we secure and maintain our goal of academic and social freedom, and become truly united, as Marcus Garvey said, under one God, one Aim, one Destiny.

In the course of pursuing your goals on this campus, it shall be necessary to interact with students of other nationalities and beliefs. This is not to be condemned; it is reality. However, what does a man do at the end of a long day of working and interacting with different peoples? He comes home to his family where he gives and receives the love and guidance he needs to go out and continue the struggle day by day. I would sincerely like for you to keep this in mind as you continue to confront and, hopefully, conquer the challenges that Northwestern presents. At the end of the day, come home to us, your family.

With Love and Unity,

Jabari Asim
Jabari Asim (Roland Smith)
FMO Coordinator

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YOUR FMO OFFICERS:

Coordinator Jabari Asim (Roland Smith)
 Legislative Vice Coordinator.....Ayton Taylor
 Administrative Vice Coordinator.....Bridgette Cartwright
 Legislative Treasurer.....Cheryl Coffey
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If you are interested in becoming the FMO Recording Secretary, call an officer at 492-3122.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prince EZ-Lee (otherwise known as Lee Cross) invites you to listen to

STREET BEAT

Sunday -- Thursday 12-2 a.m.

Friday 10 p.m. -3 a.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

on WNUR 89.3 FM

for "fresh" Hip Hop, House Music, Dance Mixes and contemporary R&B at its finest.

BLACKS IN COMMUNICATIONS

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 For more information, call
 Kimberley Crews at 492-9154.

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 All writers, editors, artists, photographers and other
 interested people are encouraged to attend.
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--Carole Freeman

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It is important that you be aware that For Members Only (FMO) participates in Joint Jazz and Joint Speaker Accounts.

Participants in the Joint Jazz Account are the Activities and Organization Board (A&O), FMO and the Jazz Alliance. FMO agreed to the provisions of this document because we saw it as a vehicle through which we could effectively program at least ~~some~~ Black musical entertainment on this campus. We felt it necessary for FMO to begin to take more responsibility for securing programming for the Black community because A&O has done such a poor job in the past. In order for Black students to continue to have some say-so in campus entertainment programming the Joint Jazz Account must be maintained.

FMO agreed to participate in the Joint Speakers Account with A&O and Associated Student Government (ASG) for the same reason. A&O, which claims to be the all campus programming board, has historically and consistently failed to come up with anything remotely resembling satisfactory speaker programming for the Black community at Northwestern. Through use of the Joint Speakers Account, FMO has attempted to fill the programming void caused by A&O's inadequacies.

It is the opinion of the 1984-1985 FMO Executive Council that FMO has made substantial and visible efforts during the past school year to attempt to satisfy the programming needs of its constituency through the use of both Joint Accounts. We cite as examples the Gil Scott-Heron and Bobby McFerrin concerts, which were produced under the auspices of the Joint Jazz Account. We cite as further examples lectures delivered on campus by Dick Gregory, Dr. Josef Ben-Jochannan and Haki Madhubuti. All of these lectures, which were well-attended by FMO members, were made possible by the Joint Speakers Account. We maintain that such events are but a few examples of FMO's attempts to satisfy the programming needs of its constituency. In addition, we contend that **no one is more qualified to determine the programming needs of Black students than Black students themselves.**

Apparently, the ASG Finance Committee disagrees with us. The committee has proposed that the funds allocated for the Joint Accounts be transferred to A&O with the recognition that, as the all campus programming board, A&O is most qualified to spend the funds. The ASG Senate has already passed legislation approving this ludicrous proposal. This means that a virtually all-white student government association (ASG) has decided that a virtually all-white programming board (A&O) is better qualified than FMO to effectively plan and implement programs designed to meet the needs of Black students.

If this legislation is allowed to stand: **NO MORE DICK GREGORY**
NO MORE GIL SCOTT-HERON APPEARANCES

FROM NOW ON: SANTANA, RAY CHARLES

We, the officers of For Members Only, unanimously conclude that the aforementioned legislation is absolutely unacceptable and **MUST NOT STAND**. We hope that you will support our position.

Finally, FMO is an organization that is open to **all Black students**. If you do not understand why we do things a certain way, express yourselves. (Call us at 492-3122, or stop in and see us at the Black House.) We believe in what we are doing, but we are not all-knowing.

Sincerely,

The 1984-1985 FMO Executive Council

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FMO: WE ARE FAMILY

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FMO regretfully announces that senior football player Jim Bobbitt will miss the remainder of the season because of a leg injury. A captain of the defensive squad, Jim is an active member of Black Athletes Uniting for the Light. He finishes his career as the Wildcats' fourth-leading tackler in history. We wish Brother Bobbitt a speedy recovery.

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* SISTERS NEED NOT WALK ALONE *
* FMO Escort Service Monday - Friday 6 p.m. - 2 a.m. *
* 492-3122 *

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. present the Fifth Annual Robert Cooke Willis Memorial Scholarship. Applications available at the Black House and the NSBE office. If interested, call 492-0474. The deadline for applications is October 31, 1984.

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If you or your organization have scheduled events for November, please call Essie Williams at 492-3612, so she include your event in the November African-American Student Affairs calendar.

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The Department of African-American Student Affairs is sponsoring a
Holiday Bazaar
Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8
If you are interested in participating, call Jerre Michelin or Essie Williams at 492-3610.

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FMO Tutors Available By Appointment

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| Harry Craan
Chemistry A01-A02
492-3122 | Phil Neely
Calculus B14-1, B14-2
869-5957 |
| Sidney Anderson
Physics
492-3122 | Dominique Raymond
French
492-9178 |
| John Thomas
Chemistry A01,2,3
Calculus B14-1,2,3 | |

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If you are interested in tutoring children at the Henry McNeal Turner Ethnic Day School, Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m., call
Angela Davis 492-9176
or Toyia Scrutchings 492-9502

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH

The AFRICAN-AMERICAN THEATRE ENSEMBLE (AATE)

PRESENTS

HAPPY ENDING and DAY OF ABSENCE,
2 one-act plays

By Douglas Turner Ward.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 8PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 8PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 2 2PM

SPREAD THE WORD.

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Come appreciate another season of fine performances at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Theatre, 1655 Foster Street in Evanston.

The 1984-85 season opens Saturday, November 17, with "Freeman," a play by Phillip Hayes Dean. The play is directed by Ernest III Rayford and is about Freeman, a young, idealistic Black man who gets caught between reality and his dreams when he seeks political office and community change.

Scheduled performance dates are: Saturday, November 17 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, November 18 at 3 p.m.; Friday November 23 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 25 at 3 p.m.

Advance tickets sell for \$4.50 for students and senior citizens. Regular adult tickets are \$5. Group ticket packages are available. For more information, call 328-4540.

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All announcements or contributions (poetry, favorite quotes, etc.) for the next issue of BLACKBEAT should be submitted by Wednesday, November 14. Drop submissions in the BLACKBOARD mailbox at the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Road, or call Valerie Boyd at 492-3122.

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Because I am Black,  
I am resilient.

I swallow poison  
and vomit upon the world

And sing, and create, and do  
all in defiance of You.

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As you may have heard or read by now, the new Speakers Account legislation has been approved by the Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate. The new legislation allocates \$3000 to For Members Only for speaker programming. We would like to think of this allocation as representing a return on the \$5 entertainment fee that each Black student paid for Fall Quarter. This is the first time in our history that we have received such a large amount of speaker programming funds, and we can attribute it directly to the overwhelming support we have received from our constituency regarding the joint account issue.

We would like to extend our warmest and sincerest thanks to the entire Black student body for your positive feedback during our petition drive. We received 485 signatures; our goal was merely 400. We have learned from this experience that collective action can result in positive gains for Black students at Northwestern.

The FMO Executive Council has come up with some suggestions concerning possible speakers to invite for a winter quarter appearance. Please choose the **one** suggestion that most appeals to you. If none of the choices appeal to you, please feel free to write in your suggestion. Remember, this is **your** \$3000, and we would like to spend it in a manner that pleases you. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

The 1984-85 Executive Council  
For Members Only

Please make one choice only and return to your dorm representative or to the FMO mailbox at the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Road.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lerone Bennett, Jr., historian and Senior Editor, **EBONY** Magazine

\_\_\_\_\_ Julian Bond, activist and politician

\_\_\_\_\_ Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, actors-cultural artists

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## BLACK LIBERATION MONTH FEBRUARY 1985

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1985

**SPEAKER:** Julian Bond, Georgia State Senator  
**PLACE:** COON AUDITORIUM, LEVERONE HALL - 2001 Sheridan Road  
**TIME:** 3 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### THURS, FRI, & SAT - FEBRUARY 14, 15 & 16, 1985

**THE ISLAND - BLACK PLAY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA**  
**PLACE:** WALLIS THEATER  
**THEATER INTERP BUILDING - 1979 Sheridan Rd.**  
**TIME:** 8 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1985

**PAUL ROBESON FILMS**  
**(SPONSORED BY BLACK GRAD. STUDENT ASSOC.)**  
**PLACE:** TO BE ANNOUNCED  
**TIME:** TO BE ANNOUNCED

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1985

**UNITY BANQUET**  
**SPEAKER:** Gimbu Kali  
**ENTERTAINMENT BY Shirley Crabbe**  
**PLACE:** PARKES HALL - 1870 Sheridan Road  
**TIME:** 3 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1985

**TRIBUTE TO BLACK MEN**  
**PLACE:** LOUIS ROOM - NORRIS CENTER  
**TIME:** 7 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1985

**FMO FILMS**  
**PLACE:** HARRIS HALL - ROOM # 107  
1881 Sheridan Road  
**TIME:** 6 - 8 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1985

**SPEAKER:** James H. Cone, Theologian and Author  
**(SPONSORED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT AFFAIRS)**  
**TOPIC:** "BLACK THEOLOGY AND THIRD WORLD THEOLOGIES"  
**PLACE:** McCORMICK AUDITORIUM  
**TIME:** 7:30 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1985

**FIRESIDE ON NAPRAPATHY**  
**TOPIC:** ALTERNATIVE HEALING METHODS  
**PLACE:** 1914 Sheridan Road  
**TIME:** 7 PM - FREE ADMISSION  
**SPEAKER:** Sharon Jenkins, N.D.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1985

**NATION OF ISLAM PRESENTATION**  
**PLACE:** BLACK HOUSE - 1914 Sheridan Road  
**TIME:** 7 PM - FREE ADMISSION

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1985

**NCE 13TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**  
**PLACE:** TO BE ANNOUNCED  
**TIME:** 8 PM

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

**AASA BROWN BAG LUNCHEON**  
**(SPONSORED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT AFFAIRS)**  
**SPEAKER:** Rev. Brenda Piper, Assistant Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Evanston  
**TOPIC:** "RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BLACK CHURCH AND COMMUNITY TOWARD ONE ANOTHER"  
**PLACE:** 1914 Sheridan Road, 1st Fl. Conf. Rm.  
**TIME:** 12:00 NOON - FREE ADMISSION

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985

**ECONOMICS DEBATE**  
**DEBATERS:** Professor Marcus Alexis  
Northwestern University  
**AND**  
Professor Walter Williams  
George Mason University  
**TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

### THURS, FRI, & SAT - FEBRUARY 14, 15, & 16, 1985

**OUT'DA BOX**  
**PLACE:** McCORMICK AUDITORIUM, NORRIS CENTER  
**TIME:** 8 PM  
**FOR TICKET INFO CALL:** 492-3079 or 492-3509

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1985

**FMO FILMS**  
**PLACE:** HARRIS HALL - ROOM # 107  
**TIME:** 6-12 PM - FREE ADMISSION

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The Mary Wong Comedy Troupe  
 (A four-man African-American comedy team)

10:30PM The Gathering Place Friday, Feb. 15, 1985

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**For Your Information:**

From 1880-1925 a Black person was lynched every two and a half days. Victims were hung, roasted over slow fires, shot, mutilated with knives and burned alive. Source: Ralph L. Crowder, THE BLACK COLLEGIAN Magazine, Jan./Feb. 1985

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**The African Pledge**

- We Will Remember the Humanity, Glory and Sufferings of Our Ancestors
- And Honor The Struggles of Our Elders;
- We Will Strive to Bring New Values, And New Life To Our People;
- We Will Have Peace and Harmony Among Us.
- We Will Be Loving, Sharing and Creative.
- We Will Work, Study and Listen,
- So We May Learn; Learn So We May Teach.
- We Will Cultivate Self-Reliance.
- We Will Struggle to Resurrect and Unify Our Homeland;
- We Will Raise Many Children for Our Nation;
- We Will Have Discipline, Patience, Devotion, and Courage;
- We Will Live As Models, To Provide New Direction For Our People:
- We Will Be Free and Self-Determining;
- We Are African People....
- We Will Win!!

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We would like to thank everyone who accepted our invitation to the Unity Celebration. Your presence helped make it a worthwhile event. Anyone who is afraid of unity is afraid of freedom. Without freedom there can never be peace. Consequently, it's clear that events such as the Ritual and the Unity Celebration are steps in the right direction. And, if you happened to miss it, unity is something that can be practiced everyday. Try it and you'll find it to be surprisingly painless. We would like to thank the following people for their efforts to make our Celebration a success:

Rita Martin      Mrs. Jerre Michelin  
Nancy Laplanche      Mark Arnett  
Randy Flagg      Gimbu Kali  
Mrs. Essie Williams

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THE NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY ENSEMBLE

Invites You to Experience

**"PERFECT PEACE"**

Its 13th Anniversary Concert

Saturday, Feb. 23, 1985      8:00pm

Alice Millar Chapel

Tickets \$3.50 at the Door

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FMO PRESENTS

**"RICHARD PRYOR LIVE IN CONCERT"**

and

**"ASHES AND EMBERS"**

A film by Haile Gerima

Friday, March 1

6 - 12pm

Harris 107

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DON'T MISS

The BLACKS IN COMMUNICATIONS 1985 MEDIA CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2  
10AM - 3PM  
Norris Center

FEATURING

OPRAH WINFREY, hostess of AM CHICAGO  
Sharon Morgan, vice president of Burrell Advertising  
Lynn Norment, Associate editor of EBONY Magazine  
Walli Muhammad, Editor of the AMERICAN MUSLIM JOURNAL

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FMO will provide free transportation to INTERNATIONAL SAVIOUR'S  
DAY 1985, SUNDAY, FEB. 24

1:00 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

For more information, call the Black House at 491-3122

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The New Black House Numbers are

491-3610, African-American Student Affairs

491-8096, 491-3122, FMO

491-2993, Garvey-Shabazz Library

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MEMORABLE QUOTES

"The secret to any people's greatness is in their self-knowledge,  
past and present." - Haki Madhubuti

"There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action."  
- Goethe

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

"Some feel it is better to be a slave than to risk the dangers  
of being free."

"If we are afraid of conflict, then anyone who is not afraid of  
conflict is our master....Anyone who is willing to use violence  
can make anyone who is afraid of violence his slave."

- Rev. Albert Cleage, Shrine of the Black  
Madonna, Detroit

"There will always be those who will risk the uninformed amuse-  
ment of their contemporaries by resurrecting what we stood for."

- Ishmael Reed, Mumbo Jumbo

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Candidate petitions are available at the Black House.

Candidate petitions due April 15.  
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FOR MEMBERS ONLY PRESENTS:

DOUGLAS TURNER WARD

Director and Founder of the Negro Ensemble Company,  
and Director of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play,  
A Soldier's Play

Monday, April 8, 1985

2:00 PM  
Theatre Interpretation Building  
1979 Sheridan Road

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All men interested in performing in the  
**Tribute to Black Women,**

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McCormick Auditorium

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Since 1981, U.S. investments in South Africa have grown from \$2.3 billion to \$15 billion....Five new honorary South African consulates have been opened here since 1981. And the United States failed to cast a single affirmative vote on the last 38 United Nations General Assembly resolutions to condemn South African apartheid -- it abstained five times and voted no 33 times.

From 1981 to 1982, U.S. corporations shipped to South Africa approximately \$1.7 million in "non-military" arms and ammunition, including 2,500 "shock batons," whips and electronic sensors. South Africa is also the third largest recipient of U.S. nuclear technology, totaling over \$2.2 million.

SOURCE: "Amandla! The Rallying Cry Against Apartheid," **Black Enterprise**, April 1985, p. 60-61+, by Frank Dexter Brown.

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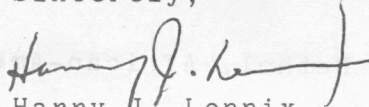
First of all, I would like to thank you for electing me coordinator of For Members Only. I appreciate all of the support and interest shown during the election, and I hope for this same enthusiasm during the coming school year.

In this spirit, the new cabinet is desperately seeking any constructive input that you can offer. It is only with your support that we can successfully address your needs and wants during our term of office.

Next year, we are planning to have an advisory council made up of a cross-section of students, and not limited to any specified number. Indeed, I encourage your involvement with this group, as well as direct communication with the new FMO executive council.

We hope the 1985-86 school year will be one of positive progress and active involvement with For Members Only and its satellite organizations. Thank you once again for your spirit.

Sincerely,



Harry J. Lennix

FMO Coordinator 1985-86

**1985-86 FMO Officers:**

- Harry J. Lennix, Coordinator
- Jean Brown, Legislative Vice-Coordinator
- Angela Davis, Administrative Vice-Coordinator
- Ethel M. Hillman, Legislative Treasurer
- Camille Minton, Administrative Treasurer
- Kyra Snipes, Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary -- To Be Appointed

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**FMO PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

**MAYOR HAROLD WASHINGTON**

(speaking in commemoration of the May 3,4 Agreement)

**Friday, May 3 6PM 104 University Hall**

**FMO COURSE FILE**

FMO is presently updating its course file for the 1985-86 school year. Please contribute your old exams. All exams will be photocopied and returned to you; anonymity is assured. If you would like to contribute to the course file, or have questions, call Cheryl Coffey at 492-9229 or Camille Minton at 492-1134.

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Are you feeling good from your head to your shoes?

Get A New Attitude!

Come to the AKA Health and Beauty Day, May 3rd, 11am --4pm at Norris Center for

-hair cuts

-manicures

-facials

-health information

and more.

There's a 50¢ donation.

Attend Career Seminar, May 4th, 2-4pm

at Coon Auditorium

Seminars conducted by professionals in the fields of:

-Law, Marketing, Finance, Computer Science, Engineering, Advertising, Fashion, plus more.

Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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Kathleen Bethel, African-American Reference Librarian, recommends:

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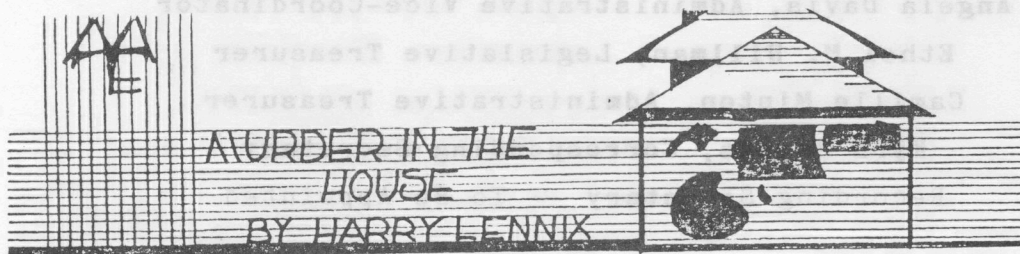
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**Directory of Financial Aids for Minorities 1984-85**

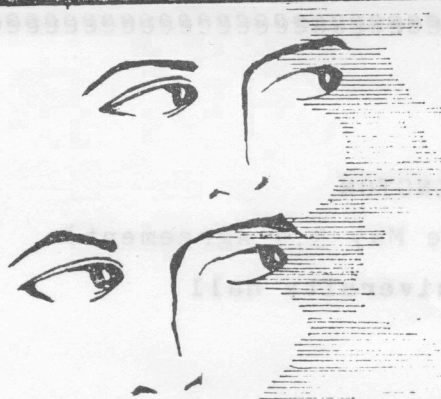
By Gail Ann Schlachter. "A listing of: Scholarships, Loans, Grants, Awards and Internships Designed Primarily or Exclusively for Minorities; State Sources of Educational Benefits; and Reference Sources on Financial Aids."

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MURDER IN THE HOUSE

BY HARRY LENNIX



THE JOHNSON GIRLS

BY TONI CADE BAMBARA  
ADAPTED BY VALERIE BOYD

FRI. + SAT MAY 3 + 4  
McCORNICK AUDITORIUM  
8 + 2pm \* 2 \* FREE

DIRECTED BY SHONA TUCKER.

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# BLACK BEAT

Spring Quarter, No.3

Northwestern Univ.

An up-to-the-minute BLACKBOARD supplement

May 20, 1985

Brothers and Sisters,

We hope you will take the few minutes necessary to read our special edition on apartheid. Throughout the year, we have taken pains to include meaningful information concerning this crucial issue. Information is absolutely essential toward expressing an intelligent and thoughtful opinion, and we are very concerned that our constituency has all the information it needs. Much more information is available at the Black House and informational meetings are forthcoming. Please stop by to check out the bulletin board in the first floor conference room and sign our divestiture petition as well.

Sincerely,

*Jabari Asim*  
Jabari Asim (Roland Smith)  
FMC Coordinator 1984-85

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## RONALD REAGAN SPEAKS ON APARTHEID...

"From our beginning, regard for human rights and the steady expansion of human freedom have defined the American experience. And they remain today the real, moral core of our foreign policy. The United States has said on many occasions that we view racism with repugnance....Because we care deeply about the people of South Africa and the future of that nation, we ask that the constructive changes of recent years be broadened to address the aspirations of all South Africans....We pledge here today that if South Africans address the imperatives of constructive change, they will have the unswerving support of our government and people in this effort."

-President Ronald Reagan, excerpts from speech made on Dec. 10, published in **Africa Report**, Jan./Feb. 1985.

## MEANWHILE....

### U.S. CONTINUES "CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT" WITH SOUTH AFRICA

Since 1981, U.S. investments in South Africa have grown from \$2.3 billion to \$15 billion....Five new honorary South African consulates have been opened here since 1981. And the United States failed to cast a single affirmative vote on the last 38 United Nations General Assembly resolutions to condemn South African apartheid -- it abstained five times and voted no 33 times.

From 1981 to 1982, U.S. corporations shipped to South Africa approximately \$1.7 million in "non-military" arms and ammunition, including 2,500 "shock batons," whips and electronic sensors. South Africa is also the third largest recipient of U.S. nuclear technology, totaling over \$2.2 million.

SOURCE: "Amandla! The Rallying Cry Against Apartheid," **Black Enterprise**, April 1985, p. 60-61±, by Frank Dexter Brown.

Between August 1 and September 20, the official death toll was 80, 65 of whom were shot by the police. By the end of October, 131 had died, according to the South African Institute of Race Relations. The death toll continues to rise. --Excerpted from "Apartheid Under Siege," **Africa Report**, Jan./Feb. 1985.

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**JESSE JACKSON SPEAKS ON "CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT"**

"This policy of cynicism and callousness has the United States in an official partnership with the racist apartheid regime in South Africa. Corporate greed, in the search for the maximum return on investments, has found in the racist apartheid system, with its brutal denial of human rights, a favorable climate guaranteeing the highest profits in the world. An American Government that pretends to be outraged by the human rights situation in Poland is apparently quite satisfied with the brutal denial of human rights in Pretoria....

"The present United States partnership with apartheid is a violation of our national morality. Choosing dollars over dignity not only in South Africa... but elsewhere around the world, is leading us as a nation down the road to moral suicide." -- Excerpted from **The Black Scholar**, Nov./Dec. 1984.

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"South Africa owes its existence to the support it receives from the United States, Britain, France and West Germany. Reagan's policy of so-called constructive engagement is one of extending friendship to racist South Africa.... Rather than exerting pressure on South Africa to change its racist policies, the U.S. says it should find ways of talking to them, seeking peaceful solutions. But the Reagan position, in fact, embraces South Africa as a friend and an ally."

--David Ndaba, of the African National Conference, **The Black Scholar**, Nov./Dec. 1984.

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Africans make up 72% of South Africa's population. Whites make up 16%; Coloureds and Indians make up the rest of the population. The average monthly salary in 1980 for a Black manufacturing worker was \$308; for whites, it was \$1,273. In the mining industry, the average monthly salary for Blacks was \$175; for whites, it was \$1,056.

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**SOUTH AFRICANS APPEAL FOR BLACK AMERICANS' SUPPORT**

"We will appeal to the Black people in this country to take their place as the leading force of the anti-apartheid movement in this country. We appeal to them to follow in the footsteps that have been laid down already by Chief Albert Luthuli who in a joint declaration in 1962 called for an economic boycott of racist South Africa....We are confident that sooner than later the Black Americans will become the **vital** force of all anti-apartheid activities in this country...." --David Ndaba, African National Congress.

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**N.U. HANDS OFF AFRICAN LANDS !!**

Northwestern University invests in the following companies, which give financial support to South African apartheid:

- Abbott Labs
- American Hospital Supply
- Ford Motor Company
- G.D. Searle
- General Motors
- International Business Machines

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# BLACK BEAT

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September 20, 1985

What's up!

You are reading the first edition of BLACKBEAT, the newsletter supplement to BLACKBOARD, Northwestern's Black student newspaper. BLACKBEAT is designed to keep you posted on the very latest happenings in the Black community at Northwestern. Both publications are under new leadership, and exciting changes are being planned.

New sections are being added to BLACKBOARD, which will call for more writers and typists. Layout artists and especially photographers will also be needed for the new look. And last but not least, circulation representatives will be needed. In short, students with interest and/or experience in any of the above areas are welcome to join our staff.

For students who feel their responsibility to BLACKBOARD is not to help in publishing it, but to read it, then we want your input in a different way. If you've read something in BLACKBOARD you disagree with or if you've got a thought of your own, send a letter to the editors. BLACKBOARD will continue to be your forum.

Thank you for your continuing support. Talk to you soon!

*Kimberley D. Evans*  
Kimberley D. Evans

*David C. Rudd*  
David C. Rudd  
Co-Editors-in-Chief

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**YOUR FMO OFFICERS:**

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- Legislative Treasurer ..... Ethel Hillman
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- Corresponding Secretary ..... Kyra Snipes
- Recording Secretary ..... Sylvia Stein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ritual

"Seperate Branches, Solid Core"

Sunday, September 22  
Louis Room, Norris Center  
7:30 p.m.

Spread the word...

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Northwestern Community Ensemble

will hold auditions

September 23-27

For more information, contact Harvey Carey at 492-1154

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THE BLACK STUDENT CONVOCATION

sponsored by Northwestern Black Alumni  
and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Sunday, September 22, 1985

4:00 p.m.

Jeanne Vail Chapel

1870 Sheridan Road

For more information, contact Charles Talbert at 328-3533

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All writers, editors, artists, layout designers, photographers,  
typists and others interested in joining the staff  
of BLACKBOARD

contact David Rudd at 492-0828, Kimberley Evans at 492-9139 or  
call the Black House at 491-8096.

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STREETBEAT

Sunday - Thursday 11PM - 2AM

Friday 11PM - 3AM

Saturday

12PM -5PM (around the football game) and 7PM -10PM

featuring:

Hot-mixers: Sweet M.D., Larry Meyers, and T. Chablis: weekends (Fri. and Sat.)

Julio E. and Hard Rockin' H.C.: Sundays

Rockin' Rob: Mondays

The "I": Tuesdays

Tina B.: Wednesdays

Carmen Hudson: Thursdays

also: West Coast Kev and Maurice DuBois

direct Streetbeat questions to: Meredith Johnson, producer: 492-0441 or 491-7101

!!!!!! HOT FLASH !!!!

During the past week, a salesman representing University Rentals Iceboxes  
refused to accept the patronage of a Black student saying that he "doesn't  
rent to Black students." Does University Rentals deserve your dollar?

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Mark your calendars: African-American Student Affairs Open House, 1914 Sheridan Road  
Sunday, October 13, 1:00 P.M. Remarks by Professor Leon Forrest, Chairperson of  
African-American Studies Department.

Spread the word...

(over, please)





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IN CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S LIFE

Wed. Jan. 15. Remarks by President Arnold Weber;  
Dean Karla Spurlock-Evans; Chaplain  
James Avery...also, Northwestern Community  
Ensemble and Millar Chapel Choir.  
Millar Chapel, 8PM. (A CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE)

Fri. Jan. 17. Meaning of King's Life for Students:  
Panel discussion with Professors Leon Forrest and  
James Pitts, Dean Spurlock-Evans...NU Daily  
columnist, Jean Brown.  
Film: King: Montgomery to Memphis  
Harris Hall, 107, 7:30PM.

Sat. Jan. 18. Film: King: Montgomery to Memphis  
Tech Auditorium, 2PM.

Sun. Jan. 19. "A Celebration and Appreciation of  
Martin Luther King's Life." Hear:  
Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor of Chicago's Trinity  
United Church of Christ, and,  
Eleanor Holmes Norton, former director of the  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.  
Pick-Staiger, 8PM. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha  
Fraternity, Inc., and King Commemoration Committee

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The African-American National Congress, in observance of Dr. King's  
birthday, will hold a march on January 20, at 12PM down Michigan Avenue.  
For more information, contact Mr. Marrell Haney, president of the  
organization, at 779-5743, or 443-7668.

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Make sure to tune in to "First World Report," F.M.O.'s radio outreach program  
on WNUR, 89.3FM. The first show is scheduled for Jan. 23, from 6:45PM to 7:15PM.  
The show will air five times this quarter, each show will air on Thursday  
evenings.

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The editors of Blackbeat and Blackboard invite any announcements, personals,  
letters to the editors, requests, concerns, or comments. If you have any,  
please leave them in the Blackboard mailbox in the Black House on the first  
floor, next to the water fountain. We want to hear from YOU!

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Auditions for Out Da Box!

Yes, you can be in the most outrageous show in town! Stand-up comedians,  
rap-masters, certified crazy people, and so on come and sho' yo' stuff!

January 14, Black House

Call Dorcas, the director, 491-3456 for info.

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Randi Taylor plays two hours of gospel music every Sunday morning from 7AM to 9AM.  
Call in and request the latest from Vanessa Bell Armstrong, The Hawkins Family,  
The Winans, and more at phone 866-WNUR. Each show carries a scriptural theme.

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ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\*\*\*

Are you interested in a position on the 1986-87 Executive Council of

FOR MEMBERS ONLY?

- \*Coordinator\* \*Legislative Vice-Coordinator\* \*Administrative Vice-Coordinator\*
- \*Legislative Treasurer\* \*Administrative Treasurer\* \*Coordinating Secretary\*
- \*Recording Secretary\*

If you are interested, come to the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Rd., for a petition and description of the positions available. Petitions will be due Friday, April 4; speeches will be held on Tuesday the 8th at 7PM; Voting will be held on Wednesday the 9th.

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A&O and FOR MEMBERS ONLY PRESENT:

AN EVENING WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

Tuesday, April 22, 1986 at 8PM in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall  
Tickets, \$9.50/\$10.50 reserved, available at the Norris Center Box Office

In conjunction with the concert, there will be an ALL CAMPUS PICNIC sponsored by S.T.A.R.T., F.M.O., BLACK GREEK COUNCIL, A&O, AND I.F.C., Sunday, April 20 from 12 to 5PM in the South Quads. Come for FREE food, drinks, and live entertainment featuring THE JOHN RAY BAND, and several other live acts. volunteers are needed to help organize this event. Please call the Black House, 491-8096, to find out how you may help.  
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Interested in a group trip to a CONFERENCE on INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION for MINORITY STUDENTS at the Circle Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Friday, April 4? Talk to Dean Spurlock-Evans, 491-3611.

The Seventh Annual Tribute to Black Women  
"In Love and Appreciation"

Sunday, April 6 Norris Center, Louis Room

All men who want to participate should call Oscar Joseph, 491-5031, or Titus Hughes, 866-8984 for more information.

African-American Student Affairs Proudly Presents their Annual  
"Musical Evening With Our Elders"  
jazz concert with local musicians  
Friday, April 11, 7PM, Norris Center McCormick Auditorium  
FREE ADMISSION

Volunteers are needed for the BLACK HOUSE SPRING CLEANING. Those interested should come to the House and sign up, refreshments will be provided during the cleaning. Remember...IT'S YOUR HOUSE!!

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PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT MATERIAL AID for a FREE SOUTH AFRICA sponsored by the African Student Association, and the Anti-Apartheid Alliance. The program will benefit the Solomon Mahlangu College in Tanzania. The college needs ALL school supplies, papers, pens, pencils, clothing, educational toys, or cash donations.

WHEN? Friday, April 4 7:30PM WHERE? Louis Room  
HEAR A SPOKESPERSON FROM THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS

WHAT ELSE? "SAFARI" A live reggae band will perform at a party held from 9:30PM to 1:30AM for \$3, or \$2 and an item.

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Since February, a focus group of alums has been working with the Department of African-American Student Affairs to establish an NU Black alumni organization. While great progress is being made, remain on the look out for future news and activivites sponsored by the organization.

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MAMAY 2 AND 3, AATE PRESENTS:

"DON'T BOTHER ME, I CAN'T COPE"

7 and 10PM shows in the McCormick Auditorium  
\*\*\*\*\*for information and tickets, call 491-2300\*\*\*\*\*

FLEETWOOD-JOURDAIN COMMUNITY THEATRE  
presents

"PURLIE"

April 26 and 27, May 3 and 4, 10 and 11

produced by GLORIE BOND-CLUNIE      Featuring PRESTON CROPP and LISA MONTGOMERY

READERS, READERS, READERS

The editors of BLACKBOARD and BLACKBEAT urge you to submit letters to the editors, 25¢ personals, announcements, or any other communications. Place them in the BLACKBOARD mailbox on the first floor of the Black House, next to the water fountain. Thank you.

The seventh annual...  
"In Love and..."  
Sunday, April 6...  
All men who want to participate...  
Titus Hughes, 808-3344 for more information.

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African-American Student Affairs...  
"Medical Evening With Our Editors"  
a jazz concert with local musicians...  
Friday, April 11, 7PM, Morris Center, McCormick Auditorium  
FREE ADMISSION

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volunteers are needed for the BLACK HOUSE SPRING CLEANING. Those interested should come to the House and sign up, refreshments will be provided during the cleaning. Newsletter... IT'S YOUR HOUSE!!!

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# BLACK BEAT

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September 25, 1986

## URGENT !!

The fate of the African-American Studies Department was addressed at FMO's Open Forum held Wednesday evening in Harris 107.

This summer, steps were taken by CAS Associate Dean Robert Sekuler, to reduce the status of the AFAM Department to that of a program. This would take budgetary and curriculum control away from the department and strip it of its ability to hire and keep Black professors.

When the department was established through the May 3rd and 4th Agreement of 1968, Northwestern committed itself to building the department by hiring five tenured professors and four on the tenure tract. Presently, there are only two full time professors, Leon Forrest and Carlene Edie. Northwestern has never reached its goal of having a nine-professor department. It is evident that N.U. is undermining the department and the long range interests of African-American Students.

In our effort to stop this action we have begun the circulation of petitions and we urge you to write letters addressed to:

Associate Dean Robert Sekuler  
College of Arts and Sciences  
1918 Sheridan Road  
Evanston, IL 60201

Your support is critical. We the members of FMO cannot allow Northwestern to renege on any of their commitments. This is a crucial moment for Black students to show solidarity.

FURTHER STRATEGIES WILL BE PLANNED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
HARRIS 107  
7:00 P.M.

PETITIONS DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 BY 5:00 AT THE BLACK HOUSE  
IN FMO'S MAILBOX

LETTERS DUE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 IN THE BLACK HOUSE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o "Self Respect & Self Love" rap session, Friday, September 26, 7-8 p.m. Black House
- o FMO OPEN FORUM, Sunday, September 28, 7 p.m., Harris 107
- o Black Undergraduate Law & Business Society Election Meeting, Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. , Black House

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### TONIGHT

African American Theatre Ensemble meeting 6 p.m. - Black House

Party 10 p.m. - Foster Walker basement - proceeds will pay for a full page Daily ad to address the AFAM department issue

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THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE THE MANY BOOKS LEFT BY THE LATE PROFESSOR WILLIAM EXUM. THE OFFICE IS OPEN FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION EVENTS SPONSORED BY ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. AND THE KING COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE:

THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 8 P.M.-- CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT ALICE MILLAR CHAPEL WITH N.U. PRESIDENT ARNOLD WEBER AND THE NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY ENSEMBLE

FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 7:30 P.M.-- PANEL DISCUSSION: "PERSPECTIVES ON THE KING ERA" WITH PROF. CHARLES PAYNE, PROF. LEON FORREST AND FANNIE RUSHING AT FISK HALL, RM. 217

SUNDAY, JAN. 18, 8 P.M.-- KING FORUM AT PICK-STAIGER AUDITORIUM WITH DR. MARY FRANCES BERRY, FORMER U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSIONER AND CO-AUTHOR OF LONG MEMORY, AND VERNON JARRETT, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES COLUMNIST

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CHICAGO RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING MAYORAL PRIMARY CAN DO SO FRIDAY, JAN. 16 FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. AT THE BLACK HOUSE, 1914 SHERIDAN RD. IF YOU MISS THAT DAY, CALL CHERYL COFFEY, 492-9229, OR DAVID RUDD, 492-9121, TO FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM. CHERYL AND DAVID ALSO HAVE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, SO CHICAGO RESIDENTS WILL NOT HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THE CITY TO VOTE. REMEMBER,

REGISTER TO VOTE!!!!

THERE IS PRESENTLY AN OPENING ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF FOR MEMBERS ONLY. IN THE RECORDING SECRETARY POSITION. THE RECORDING SECRETARY IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING THE MINUTES AT COUNCIL MEETINGS. PETITIONS FOR THE POSITION ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BLACK HOUSE, AND ARE DUE BACK ON JAN. 22.

be informed be informed be informed

THE FOLLOWING ARE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

CALVIN HOLMES, SHANNON MOORER, ROD CUMMINGS, CHERI ANDREWS, MAUDI DIBINGA AND ANGELA DAVIS

for you for you for you

ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS, PERSONALS, HELP-WANTEDS, LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITORS OR ANYTHING ELSE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE BLACKBOARD MAILBOX NO LATER THAN JAN. 22 FOR APPEARANCE IN THE JAN. 30 ISSUE OF BLACKBOARD, THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT NEWS MAGAZINE. ANYONE INTERESTED IN WRITING FOR THE ISSUE OR FUTURE ONES (BLACK LIBERATION MONTH IS COMING SOON) SHOULD CONTACT KIM EVANS, 492-0446, OR DAVID RUDD, 492-9121.

attention sisters:

THE BLACK WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS TUESDAY, JAN. 20, 7-9 P.M. AT NU'S WOMEN'S CENTER, 2000 SHERIDAN RD. TO SIGN UP, CALL 491-7360. CO-SPONSORED BY AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT AFFAIRS AND THE WOMEN'S CENTER.

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May 15, 1987

## Indestructible Black Consciousness Week is here!

IBC Week, the annual activity-filled spring quarter occurrence, will be a week of educational culture as well as fun diversions. IBC began years ago as a month of spring quarter activities designed to raise the consciousness of a dormant Black community. It was first called NGC, or Nigga's Go Crazy, week, but was changed to IBC in 1979 because the implication of Black students "going crazy" didn't exactly enhance its popularity among whites. The compromise, to develop better ties with Associated Student Government, was a name change. The schedule for this year's IBC Week follows.

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| <b>Monday, May 18</b>    | <i>"Racism in the '80s,"</i> rap session held at the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Road. 7:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Tuesday, May 19</b>   | <i>"Liberation and Continuation,"</i> a discussion with Steve Cokely. Black House. 8:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday, May 20</b> | Unity Night at "1999", Norris University Center. 8:00 p.m. Free admission.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Thursday, May 21</b>  | <i>"African Origins of the Religions of the World,"</i> with Dr. Ben Jochannon. 7:30 p.m. (Location to be announced.)                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Friday, May 22</b>    | <i>"Coming Full Circle."</i> NAYO Dance Troupe Spring Performance. McCormick Auditorium, Norris University Center. 7:00 p.m. \$2 admission.                                                                                               |
| <b>Saturday, May 23</b>  | Blacks in Communications Annual Media Conference. Representatives from print journalism, radio, advertising, TV, public relations and other fields will offer advice on the roads to success. 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Norris Center. Free. |

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## Eat Drink and Be Merry before Finals Week!

The annual FMO Memorial Day Picnic will be held Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m. on the lawn, front porch, steps and everywhere else of the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Road. Basketball and volleyball tournaments are scheduled. For information on how to help, contact Muadi Dibinga or Angela Davis at 491-8096.

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The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha and The Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha invite you to a party and pledge show featuring their 1987 Spring Lines  
Saturday, May 16 10:00 p.m. Blomquist \$2.50 w/NU ID \$4.00 w/o NU ID

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Marcie Vargas at Zenith Electronics is interested in hiring a student for a summer position in finance and marketing. If you're qualified, call Ms. Vargas at 391-8587.

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### The Men of Alpha Phi Alpha present "The Beach Party"

A lakefront party and athletic competition held to raise money for the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. The party will begin at noon Saturday, May 23, at South Beach, and will feature sports competitions between Black greek organizations from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The beach fun will continue through the evening when the Alphas host a party that night (location unannounced).

Contribute to the fund-raising activities by purchasing a T-shirt this week at The Rock, the Foster-Walker Complex Saga and other locations. Co-sponsored by WGCI-FM Radio and Quartet Copying.

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Students are needed to help deliver the FINAL issue of Blackboard for this school year. No one will want to miss this one!!! It will be distributed Thursday, June 4. If you'd be interested doing this very simple task -- picking up the publications, taking them to you dorm's mailroom, and sorting -- PLEASE call Kimberley Evans at 492-0446.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to AATE's (African-American Theatre Ensemble) workshop. It's everything you want to know about us. October 1, 1987 8 p.m. McCormick Auditorium, Norris Center.  
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Most people can handle the trivial,  
but few can handle the reality.

FIRST WORLD REPORT

The talk show for sophisticated minds.

--For more information, contact Cheri Andrews at 491-8096 or stop by the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Rd.

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Now that you've made it this far, why don't you reach back and help someone else along the road? IDELE can be that resource for helping to motivate others to achieve excellence.

IDELE is a community-oriented organization. We tutor Evanston youths and help them to expand their cultural horizons.

So if you have a big heart, and a little time, come to the organizational meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, 1987. 6pm, Black House \*\*\*this meeting will be brief\*\*\*

Contact: Michele Mangham, 492-0188, or Dana Carter, 492-9130

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Those interested in broadcast, print journalism, advertising or radio should tune into BLACKS IN COMMUNICATIONS (BIC). BIC, in conjunction with BLACKBOARD, the Black student newsmagazine, will sponsor a trip to CBS to talk with WBBM-TV's vice-president and general manager, Johnathan Rodgers on October 8 or 9. Those interested should call David Rudd, 492-9124 IMMEDIATELY. For more information on the programs and opportunities in BIC, call Tracie Fellers, 492-9478, or Diedre Searcy, 492-0292.

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If you missed the first meeting of ONE STEP BEFORE, the Black undergraduates' professional health organization, call Larry Myers, 492-0822.

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THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY: Advertising's View of Black Women

A slide show presented by Brenda Verner, Ed.M. Harvard University, will be seen Thurs. Oct. 8 at 8 pm in Harris Hall, Room 107. This program shows early images of Black girls, proceeds through adolescent images and concentrates on psychological effects of being viewed through the "mammy-domestic" stereotype despite more positive images of Africana women in today's advertising. A very important program. Sponsored by the Department of African-American Student Affairs, 491-3610.



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## **Blackboard Newsmagazine**

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**Thursday, Nov. 5**

**8:30 p.m.**

**1914 Sheridan Rd.**

**The Black House**

**New writers & layout artists  
welcome!!**

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**The  
Black Greek Council  
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## **Greek Scene**

**Saturday, Nov. 14 9 p.m.**

**McCormick Auditorium  
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**Party follows in the Louis Room**

**Costs: \$3 for Scene & party**

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**Win Big Bucks...with the BGC Raffle!!**

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The Department of African-American Student Affairs  
presents its 10th annual

## **Christmas Bazaar**

**Friday, Dec. 4 10 am to 4 pm**

**Proceeds benefit student conference travel and  
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Students or organizations wishing to participate should  
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## **Welcome to Chicago!!**

*First in a series of two columns*

While you are in school, you'll need to get away. Don't worry, you're in luck because Chicago has a thriving Black community, where African-Americans are on the move socially, economically, politically, culturally and academically. Take time during your sojourn at NU to enjoy all that Chicago has to offer.

The DuSable Museum of African-American History (740 E. 56th Pl.) and the South Side Community Art Center (3831 S. Michigan Ave.) are wellsprings of social and cultural activity. The Center for Inner City Studies (700 E. Oakwood) and the African-American Book Center (7524 S. Cottage Grove) are gathering places for the city's intellectual community. CICS, the southside campus of Northeastern Illinois University, and the Book Center, affiliated with the Institute of Positive Education, provide forums for Afrocentric discussions.

Black theatre in Chicago is teeming with creative energy. Catch the performances of the ETA Creative Arts Foundation (7558 S. South Chicago), the Chicago Theatre Company (2850 N. Clark), the Black Ensemble Theater Corporation (1655 N. Burling), and the Kuumba Theatre (343 S. Dearborn). College theatre groups at Malcolm X College, Kennedy-King College, Chicago State University and Columbia College are often vehicles for good productions.

Whatever your interest, Chicago covers it, and each of these places is accessible by public transportation. The Chicago Transit Authority provides free route maps to help point you in the right direction. However, be aware of the city's curves and turns, and appear streetwise. Quench your thirst for knowledge of the city first by reading the Chicago Daily Defender, the city's major Black newspaper, which is among the oldest of the nation's Black press. **BB**

**- Kathleen Bethel**, African-American Studies Librarian, Northwestern University Library

*(The next column will explore a night on the town in Chicago.)*

## News Round-Up

*A glimpse at the summer's news items*

### Garbage or News?

#### **Student Writers Demand Freedom of Speech**

Last June, when many Northwestern students were worrying about final examinations, the writers at a free weekly newspaper in Chicago were fighting for their constitutional right to free speech.

New Expressions, a newspaper produced, written and operated by Chicago-area teens, and the administration at Lane Technical High School in Chicago, were in conflict over the use of the paper by Lane Tech's students.

According to Roberta English, New Expressions' managing editor, school officials claimed that about 1,000 copies of the paper were thrown on the grass, littering school grounds. In response, the school's Principle and Problems Committee cancelled the paper's distribution for the remainder of the year and reduced this year's order from 3,000 copies to none.

The staff of New Expressions said their First Amendment rights were being violated, and several locally and nationally known educators, journalists and judicial scholars rallied to its support.

This fall, Lane Tech's principal, Maude Carson, and English ended the debate and reached a compromise: English and a school representative would bring 1,500 copies to the school and survey the number of students who wanted a copy of the paper.

New Expressions would then be able to distribute that number of copies plus 50 more each month. The survey will be done once a year.

#### **NU Divestment at an Impasse**

Despite the creation of an Anti-Apartheid movement at Northwestern, several sit-ins and a short-lived shanty, no action concerning divestment from companies with business in South Africa has been taken in the recent past, according to a University spokesman.

Charles Loebbaka, manager of media relations at Northwestern's University Relations, said that as a result of a report on divestment issued two years ago by NU's Board of Trustees, the university decided against total divestment.

Instead, the university will review each investment and company individually, said Marilyn McCoy, vice president of administration and planning. McCoy implements any policies on education dealing with divestment, and she oversees a subcommittee that reviews investments.

Loebbaka said that the subcommittee uses the "Little Report" in determining its decisions. Published by the Arthur D. Little Company, the report analyzes companies in South Africa and puts them into categories according to the company's equal employment opportunities policy.

According to Loebbaka, all companies in which NU holds stock have had a good report. Presently, he said, there are no investments in companies which have been criticized. **BB**

- *News Round-Up compiled by Yvonne D. Hawkins*

## **Need a Job???**

**Check out the Internship/Job Board**  
**First floor, Department of African-American**  
**Student Affairs**  
**1914 Sheridan Road**

## **Oh, What A Homecoming!**

From a showing of the classic film "Casablanca," to the comedic antics of Jay Leno to the final football play at Dyche Stadium, Homecoming '87 was a fun-filled week of activities for Northwestern students, families and alumni.

The Homecoming parade, marshalled by WLS-TV (Channel 7) sportscaster Tim Weigel, kicked off the weekend's activities. Twenty-one student groups participated in the parade, including local high school marching bands, NU cheerleaders and Ladycats, and the Homecoming Court. Lisa Bing, CAS '88, was on the Court, having captured enough votes to be among the top five women competing for a spot. Also during the parade, members of the 1962 Wildcat Team were honored for being ranked No. 1 in the nation.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held their annual Homecoming Ball, this year titled "Love is a House," at the O'Hare Hilton. Presentations by fraternity members, their sweethearts and BEST (Black Entertainment, Style and Talent), highlighted the evening. Alpha Sweetheart Denise Houser, CAS '89, was honored for outstanding dedication to the fraternity. **BB**

- *T. Anjanette Levert*

## **A Tradition Revived**

"So what are your impressions of NU?" Several students recently gathered at the Black House, 1914 Sheridan Rd., to answer this question at a fireside sponsored by For Members Only.

That question stimulated a great deal of lively discussion among the nearly three dozen people at the fireside. "It was interesting to listen to the perspectives of freshmen and compare those to my own as a freshman," said Kerry Gray, CAS '89.

Students discussed everything from their most memorable event of freshman year, to the professors they have come to like and dislike. More serious topics included the level of Black awareness present in the Northwestern community. Many agreed that students underuse the Black House with its resources and networking avenues.

Seniors recalled that throughout the years, the Black House has spawned copious informal and spontaneous "rap sessions." Maudi Dibinga, FMO coordinator, said such discussions were "a good opportunity for upperclassmen to reminisce about the good 'ole days." Dibinga added that "as an icebreaker, this fireside was successful."

This quarter, FMO has sponsored four rap sessions on topics including African-American identity and the Jesse Jackson campaign for president. For more information on FMO programming, call Muadi Dibinga or Shannon Moorner at 491-8096. **BB**

- *Tanya Edmonds*

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COME SEE AND HEAR FOR YOURSELF EXACTLY WHAT MINISTER LOUIS FARRAKHAN HAD TO SAY ON MAY 30, 1988. WE SHALL BE SHOWING THE VIDEO TAPE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

Sunday, October 16, 1988 at 4:00p.m.

Tuesday, October 18, 1988 at 7:00p.m.

THE TAPE WILL BE SHOWN IN THE BLACK HOUSE WITH AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOLLOWING.

## DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!!!!

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THE ILLINOIS ALLIANCE OF BLACK STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS WILL SPONSOR THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, October 28 thru Sunday, October 30, 1988

THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE HELD AT CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY, OPERATION PUSH AND AT THE CHICAGO HILTON. THIS WEEKEND SHALL BE ONE WHICH YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO MISS. JUST NOTE SOME OF THE SPEAKERS AND ACTIVITIES.

Reverend H. B. Taylor; a reception with KEY political figures in Chicago; a breakfast with Reverend J. Jackson; lectures by Lou Palmer; Steve Cockley, and others; and a speech by Minister L. Farrakhan.

Also you shall have the opportunity to meet and interact with blacks from other universities.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT DANIELLE CARTER AT 491-3610 or 492-0584.

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At the Open Forum on Wednesday, October 12th, we heard a lot of good ideas and suggestions. However, it takes a lot more than JUST TALK!!! We need COMMITMENT!! It takes a team effort: a team composed of active and dedicated members. Remember that before you can walk a mile, you have to crawl an inch.

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To My Fellow Black Students:

I feel that it is about time that I address some issues that we face on this campus. It seems as though we have been the source of constant concern. So I say to you:

"DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!"

(Granted) Things have not been a "bed of roses" for our organization, financially, structurally and culturally. We are working diligently to improve our image, but we cannot do it alone. If you find that things are not going right, then let the Executive Council know. Do not grouse and complain amongst yourselves and most of all do not be afraid to approach the Council with your concerns. When we are petty amongst ourselves, we create an open target for attack. We cannot think of everything. We are students just like you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT.

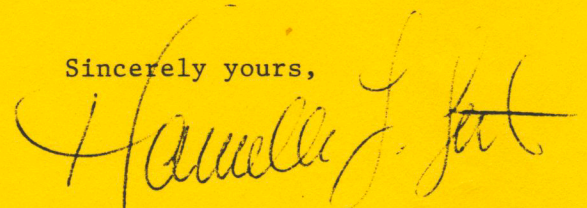
We are a minority on this campus. We have to work a little harder and a little longer in order to prove ourselves. We shall always be belittled and "kicked" by those who feel that we do not deserve our "forty-acres and a mule." But by working together as a unified body, we can endure any type of name calling and animosity that others have for us simply because we are African-Americans. Heaven only knows that there are always those who are looking for that weak link within our community.

For Members Only has a lot to offer each and everyone of you. We need your support and belief in our organization and our race. Most of all, do not lose faith.

FOR IT IS THE AFRICAN-AMERICANS WHO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES WHO WILL SUCCEED.

Please help us to help our organization to help our race.

Sincerely yours,



Danielle L. Carter  
FMO Coordinator

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| 6 Unity Celebration                                   | 7 BULLBS<br>COLLINS BYRD (Kellie)<br>3 X. MURRAY (BMA)<br>BLACK HOUSE 7:00 p.m. | 8 Election Day                                             | 9                                                                                    | 10 Civil Rights Movement<br>"How For Have We Come"<br>SART 7:00 p.m. Black House | 11                                       | 12 NU vs. Purdue<br>FWR on 89.3 F.M.<br>Boys & Girls Club           |
| 13 FMO Film Fest<br>4:00 p.m. Black House             | 14                                                                              | 15                                                         | 16 12-1-88<br>"Health Issues in the Black Community"<br>FMO 7:00 p.m.<br>Black House | 17 Men's Basketball                                                              | 18 ARTS' Fall Production, McCormick Aud. | 19 NU vs. Illinois                                                  |
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Welcome back to the final quarter of the school year. We hope that your Spring Break was both enjoyable and restful; that you are ready to tackle those books, because we know that everyone is going to make all A's!!!

**Seniors:** We would like to let you know that we are proud of you for making it through this institution - alive! We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

**Elections:** Applications for the 1989-1990 Executive Council are now available in the Black House. The Executive Council consists of the following positions:

Coordinator  
Legislative Vice-Coordinator  
Administrative Vice-Coordinator  
Legislative Treasurer  
Administrative Treasurer  
Corresponding Secretary  
Recording Secretary

Completed applications should be returned to the Black House by **April 28**. There shall be an Open Forum on **Thursday, April 13th at 8:00p.m.** to answer any questions that you may have about the Executive Council and FMO in general. The candidate debates shall be held on **Thursday, May 4th at 8:00p.m.**, with the elections being held on **Friday, May 5th**.

\*\*If you are interested in helping with the Election Committee, please leave your name and number at the Black House.

**Upcoming Events:**

Reverend James Bevel  
7:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 14th  
McCormick Auditorium

Tribute to Black Men  
7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, April 16th  
Louis Room, Norris Center

Spring Leadership Conference  
10:00-4:00 p.m.  
Norris Center



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT POLITICS? WOULD YOU LIKE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN A MAYORIAL CAMPAIGN? WELL...

REVERAND JOHN NORWOOD WILL BE AT THE BLACK HOUSE TO DISCUSS

"EVANSTON POLITICS"

Sunday, January 29, 1989

5:00 p.m.

1914 Sheridan Road

P.S. Free Pizza and Drink.....

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COME AND VOICE YOUR OPINIONS...LET YOUR THOUGHTS BE HEARD!

OPEN COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 29, 1989

7:00 p.m.

1914 Sheridan Road

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PETITIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BLACK HOUSE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE TREASURER FOR FMO. A DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION IS POSTED IN THE BLACK HOUSE. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE PETITION IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

THIS COULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE WORKINGS OF FMO AND TO WORK WITH A GROUP OF DYNAMIC INDIVIDUALS.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask !!

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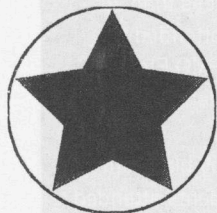
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## Is Apathy Dwindling on Campus?

BY ROBERT SAMUELS

**A**s more than 100 students, faculty and administrators gathered for nearly three-hours at the Office of African American Student Affairs on Tuesday, May 27, to express their discontent with Northwestern's response to hate crimes, FMO coordinator Tracy Carson expressed her disheartenment with the "enormous amount of apathy" sweeping the Black community.

"How can we expect people to care about us, if we don't care about ourselves?" said Carson, a Weinberg Junior. "Don't get mad only when people write 'nigger' on your doors, get mad when people don't come to support events."

The case for Black student apathy is clear this year, Carson said. There are 544 black students at NU, but only five black students attended For Members Only's Spring general meeting, 12 showed up to the

"No Place For Hate" forum and 50 black showed up to FMO's annual comedy show.

"There was a time when Black students felt more camaraderie with each other," remembered Ava Greenwell, a 1984 Medill graduate.

"More Black students showed up to more race-interested events. Students would also greet fellow Black students, even if they did not know them personally, on the street as a tacit symbol of connectedness through being Black at NU," she added.

"You wouldn't even think about walking down the street and not saying 'hello' to a Black person," said Greenwell, associate dean of the Medill School



**BLACK STUDENTS DO** the "bunny hop," a popular line dance, at the NPHC-sponsored patio show. The event brought students together for fun, relaxation and community. *Photo by Robert Samuels*

of Journalism. "I find it shocking today when Black students just pass me by."

But changing times have allowed Black students to be more comfortable at a primarily white institution, said Medill freshman Nekoro Gomes. Also, their devotion to broader issues might result in their absence at many black-interested events. The issue (See **APATHY** page 2)

### MISSION STATEMENT

*BlackBeat* serves as the Black student news supplement to *BlackBoard* magazine. It's goals are:

1. to increase awareness of issues affecting Black students at NU
2. to be objective, or ruthlessly subjective when necessary
3. to guarantee good reporting, writing and news analysis in a timely fashion
4. to engage dialogue between NU's Black community and the larger campus on pressing issues regarding race and culture
5. to cover issues that other campus publications cannot cover, due to publication dates or lack of diversity in newsroom

# APATHY



STUDENTS GATHER AT the Black House with friends to study, play cards and relax. The motto (and challenge) of the year has become: Make the Black House a home again. Photo provided by Courtney Stepp

is not necessarily about Black apathy or complacency, Gomes said.

"I don't think being Black should be the most common denominator for making any friendship," Gomes said. "Things like the Black House are just cool places that foster

community. But now, some people can get that community from their dorms. Black students are involved in other activities."

Students also sighted problems with administrators, the unavailability of the House on weekends and the lack of resources as contributing factors on their choice not to spend time in the Black House.

"We all need to come back to the Black House," said Fatimah Simmons, a Communication senior. "If

the printer had some paper, I'd be here all the time."

Yet, some students said there is a resurgence of community between Black students since the incidents at Ayers' College of Commerce and Industry. On Friday, May 30, more than 50 students gathered outside the Black

House's porch for an NPHC-sponsored "patio show."

Unlike Tuesday, there were no detestations or protestations. Instead, students were dancing the "Detroit Shuffle" to the symbolic hip-hop anthem "We Ain't Never Scared," which some students said was the dawning of reunited Black community.

A few days later, Communication junior Allison Tucker said she came to the Black House late at night to study for her finals and said she was surprised to see the amount of Black students in the corridors.

"There are more people in the Black House now than I've ever seen in my life," said Allison Tucker, a Communication junior. "I guess people are trying to rebuild a community and bring this (House) back to the center."

## THE HARD FACTS

- 5 of 44 black students attended the last FMO general meeting
- Less than 100 black students registered to vote in the FMO elections
- Of those 100, less than 20 attended the FMO Election debates
- 50 black students attended the FMO Comedy Show

Provided by FMO Exec

## Questions surround Blake-Tolles controversy

BY ROBERT SAMUELS

*Some senators fear the Blake-Tolles controversy will spark a "race war" within ASG next year.*

The last Associated Student Government meeting ended on a heated note Wednesday, May 28, 2003, as Medill Junior and former FMO coordinator Mike Blake accused Executive Vice President Bryan Tolles as a racist.

Equating his actions to the Jim Crow south, minstrel shows, and lynching, Blake said Tolles deliberately stripped Black student groups of spots in Senate because "Black students were over represented."

While Blake continued his allegations, Tolles left the room and murmured, "fuck

you." Tolles, a Weinberg sophomore, allegedly kicked a trashcan, causing a thud to be heard in the Senate room, a few seconds later.

Blake also said Tolles shouldered NU's chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists' attempt to become an ASG-recognized organization. Although NABJ President and Medill sophomore Alexis Wiley sent the application for NABJ to become a T-status group early, Tolles told Wiley he received the organization's application after its deadline, Blake said.

But Tolles' committee was reviewing the application

of another group the same night he talked to Wiley, Blake added.

Tolles denied Blake's allegations and said in a June 1 letter to the Daily Northwestern that he is helping to plan the first New Student Week multicultural barbeque.

Some senators have said they fear the Blake-Tolles controversy will spark a "race war" within ASG next fall.

# CCI's Black Students Speak on Race Relations

BY SHAYLA REAVES

After a second wave of racial epithets in Ayers College of Commerce and Industry, Northwestern students have increased action towards "no tolerance" legislation. Black residents of CCI have used the incidents to reflect on race relations in their residential college.

In February, Jonathon Milam and his roommate Lilai Gebremedhin found the word "nigger" on their door, while other Black students found "bitch" and "slut" written on their doors and drawings of black-faced caricatures. On May 27, the pair found the word "nigger" and a drawing of a Black man being lynched their door.

Milam said recent hate crimes caught students by surprise.

"I didn't have any problems with race relations at CCI prior to February," said Milam, a McCormick Freshman. "The biggest adjustment was getting used to all the Black people."

Milam moved from 600 Lincoln to CCI in November because of CCI's study environment and friendly atmosphere.

"The dorm itself was more diverse and the people were friendly," Milam said. "There were also more people and places to meet people."

Some students at CCI said the incidents of vandalism changed their view of the dorm, causing them to become more aware of issues dealing with racism and diversity.

"There was a time when I'd say that meetings on handling diversity and more interactions between different cultures could do it," said Marissa Jackson, a Weinberg freshman. "Now I feel that people are so set in their ways that they just don't want to change. Diversity is the biggest

buzzword in society today. If it hasn't hit you yet, I don't know how it can anymore- it's 2003."

Students said they noticed social groups in CCI were mainly cliques, formed on similar interests. Some of these interests included race, others were based on academic major and alcohol abuse, Jackson said.

"People tended to hang out with people they felt comfortable with," said Gebremedhin, a McCormick freshman. "Sometimes they happened to be people of the same race or ethnicity. I had a broad group of friends and tried to diversify, but I also had friends who chose to mostly hang out with the Black community."

But the most recent incidents of vandalism in CCI frightened some students because the drawing alluded to an act of violence. Such an act had to prompt the university community to act, said Weinberg freshman Benediccta Omene.

"It wasn't just racial epithets this time," said Omene, who had the word "bitch" written on her door in February. "There were also threats to someone's life, like the lynching picture. It wasn't just that someone hated you because you were Black. They were saying they wanted to kill you because you were Black."

After a meeting between Vice President for Student Affairs William J. Banis and Associated Student Government President Michael Fong and For Members Only Coordinator Tracy M. Carson, Banis sent an email to NU undergraduates that denounced the incidents as "racist acts."

NU vowed to take measures to deter future incidents including a \$1,000 reward, increased police surveillance of CCI and adding a

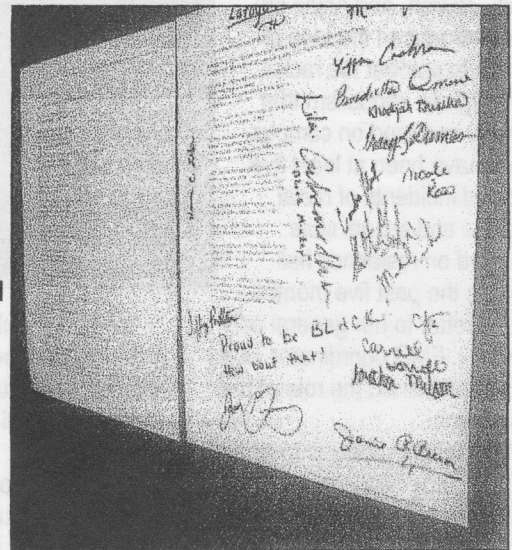
"new policy on civility, mutual respect and violence" to the student handbook, Banis wrote in a June 5 e-mail. The FBI is also investigating the incident's possible connection with white supremacy groups.

The increase in university involvement has heightened awareness of issues regarding race and culture, Omene said. After police started questioning students in the residence hall, Omene said she discussed the issue with her concerned Chinese roommate.

"At first a lot of students in the dorm were passive about the issue," Omene said. "They didn't take the issue as seriously until university police started questioning people and taking people down to the police station."

Despite an increase in surveillance by University Police, few students said they feel the precautions will deter future incidents.

"What can we do?" said Carnell Jarrell, a Weinberg Junior who had the words "black monkey" scrawled on his door in May. "You can't stalk me, sit around my room and wait for something to happen."



ONCE DEFACED WITH racial slurs, Carnell Jarrell's door now stands with messages of pride and support from the community. Although the FBI has been called in to investigate, there have been no known developments. Photo by Shayla Reaves

# Applications for task force drafted

BY MALIKA BILAL

Members from Northwestern student groups, the Coalition of Color and Associated Student Government have chosen 11 students to serve on Northwestern's Hate Crimes Task Force.

Attendees at the For Members Only emergency meeting regarding the hate crimes against Black, Jewish, and Asian students introduced the idea to Senate to combat the racial and religious vandalism that recently occurred on campus. There have been at least five reported incidents of racial, religious and sexual slurs scrawled on residence hall doors in the past five months.

In a letter to her general constituency, FMO coordinator Tracy Carson explained the role of the Task Force.

"(Its) responsibility is to ensure that the University adequately addresses our concerns in a timely fashion," Carson wrote. "They are also required to research events and potential solutions to problems relating to incidents of bias and hate crimes."

Rainbow Alliance Senator John Hughes initiated discussion of the task force. After listening to students concerns following hate incidents in February, Hughes

said he realized student efforts were fruitless, partly because students were disorganized. Hughes said he thinks university administrators might have dismissed FMO's proposal for action because they were not indicative of the entire NU community.



With the backing of ASG and other student groups, Hughes said administrators would notice FMO has broad support from the student body.

"There has been a lot of division," Hughes said. "FMO would create this task force to follow up and follow through on recommendations. Hopefully, everyone will agree on the analysis of recommendations."

Together, the presidents of Alianza, the Asian Pacific Advisory Council, Hillel Cultural Life, Muslim-cultural Students Association, South Asian Student Alli-

ance, ASG and the ASG senate made up the committee in charge of recruiting students interested in joining the task force. They chose the students based on answer questions such as, "If you were an administrator, how would you have addressed the recent 'incidents of bias' and 'hate crimes' that have plagued our campus?"

Some students said they feel the task force is a good idea, though the committee must use care to ensure they choose the most qualified applicants.

"I feel that [the task force] is imperative to increase awareness of diversity on campus," Chiamaka Florence said, a Weingberg freshman.

Although students said they realize the task force will not prevent hate crimes, Co-President of the Muslim-cultural Students Association Asiya Bari said the force would be effective with the help of top University officials, such as University President Henry Bienen.

"If it (hate crimes) were to happen again, the affected community would know the entire university was behind them," Hughes added.

## 2003-2004 Hate Crimes Task Force

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Congratulations!!

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### For Member's Only - Fall 2003 - Important Dates to Remember

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday, September 1, 2003     | Labor Day                |
| Friday, September 19, 2003    | New Student Orientation  |
| Sunday, September 21, 2003    | Ritual                   |
| Monday, September 22, 2003    | Family Reunion           |
| Tuesday, September 23, 2003   | Black Student Experience |
| Wednesday, September 24, 2003 | Classes Begin            |

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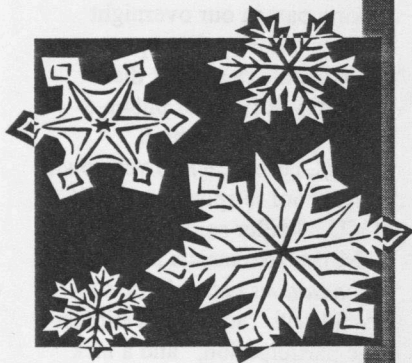
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## DISAPPEARING ACT OR A MATTER OF FACT?

*The Lowdown on low Black student enrollment*

BY CARRIE M. BROWN

**W**ith the recent

resurgence of last year's hate crimes

against minorities at Northwestern, many are questioning the university's commitment to diversity. At the For Members Only (FMO) General Meeting on Nov. 6, university admissions staff answered questions from students concerning recruitment practices and

acceptance of Black students to NU. Yet even with current dialogue, a wealth of misinformation still exists.

**True or False?**

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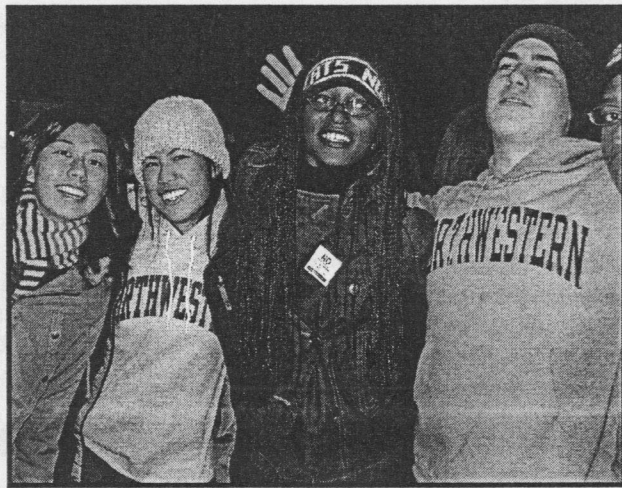
—>Black students make up less than 10 percent of the total Northwestern undergraduate population.

**True.** NU's 474 Black students make up 6.8 percent of the total undergraduate population.

—>The percentage of Black students enrolled at Northwestern has declined steadily over the years.

**False.** The percentage of Black students at NU has remained fairly consistent over the

years, between 5 or 6 percent since 1987. In 1968 Blacks made up 4 percent of (see ENROLLMENT, pg 2)



—>Less than 100 Black Students who were admitted to NU last year enrolled.

**True.** Of those accepted, 89

*NU students were all smiles after the rally against hate held at The Rock on November 17, 2003. Photo By Shayla Reaves*

## A Tour of Real World Northwestern

BY AYESHA MCADAMS-  
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**W**elcome to "Tour NU: Campus Life," a special look at student

life at Northwestern University. Before we get started, I ask that all individuals stay with this group, place your money in your shoes and give your credit cards to me. We'll be travelling by streets that have recently been the scenes of some muggings on

campus. As prospective members of our community, we encourage you to remember that NU is a part of a larger community in the real world. Students here were recently caught unaware and were rudely awakened, (see REALWORLD, pg 3)



# POETIC POLITIKING

BY MALENA AMUSA

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 19, hip-hop pioneer KRS-1 pronounced the real days of political hip-hop dead.

Nearly 500 students sat intently in Ryan Family auditorium as KRS-1 and three HBO def poets kicked off "A Poetry Jam," sponsored by FMO and the Arts Alliance.

But before these lyrical geniuses waxed knowledge of true hip-hop on their younger audience, Dominique Price, a Weinberg junior, had already done his part in resurrecting hip-hop's most cherished tradition: performing politically charged verses for the masses.

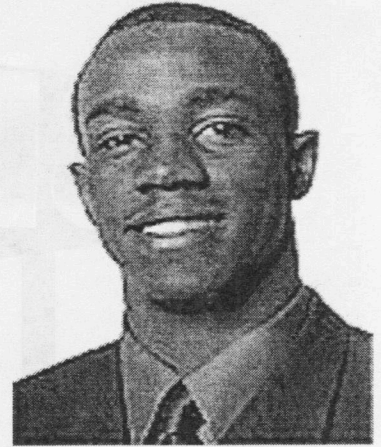
On campus, this Kentucky native and NU football player, has proven in many ways the importance of poetry as a tool of change. He is most recently acclaimed for mov-

ing crowds to deep thought and rancorous applause at Café Noir--NU's bi-yearly poetry jam.

This quarter, Price had the rare honor of opening "A Poetry Jam" after winning a spoken word competition at Café Noir. He and two other students were selected from a host of student poets for their intense monologues on racism, Black history and faith. But Price defines himself apart from many poets.

He attributes his increasing popularity to his "different" style that combines political criticism and humor.

In his winning poem, "The Racist NU," Price shocked Café Noir attendees with his fearless criticism of recent religious epithets found on campus property this quarter.



Poet, sociology major and NU football player, **Dominique Price.** Photo Compliments of the Official Athletic Site of Northwestern University

"The difference between now and before is there is none / Except for they don't scream nigger to our faces anymore/ (see POLITIKING, pg 3)

## ENROLLMENT:

the total NU undergraduate population.

—>Most of the Black males on campus are football players.

**False.** Forty-five of NU's 96 football players are Black, or roughly 45 percent. Looking at the total NU undergraduate Black population, Black football players make up fewer than 10 percent.

—> Most Black students at NU come from Chicago.

**False.** While there are many Black students from the Chicago-land area, NU also attracts a large number of Black students from New York, Ohio, California and Detroit.

Data aside, many Black students on campus want to know if the university is doing all it can to attract the best and the brightest Black students in the country. According

to admissions officer Melda Beaty, the office is willing to, "recruit outside of the box for African-American students." The staff wants to go places, "we've never been to reach the students we need to reach."

**"Don't be mad or surprised when you're the only one left here."**

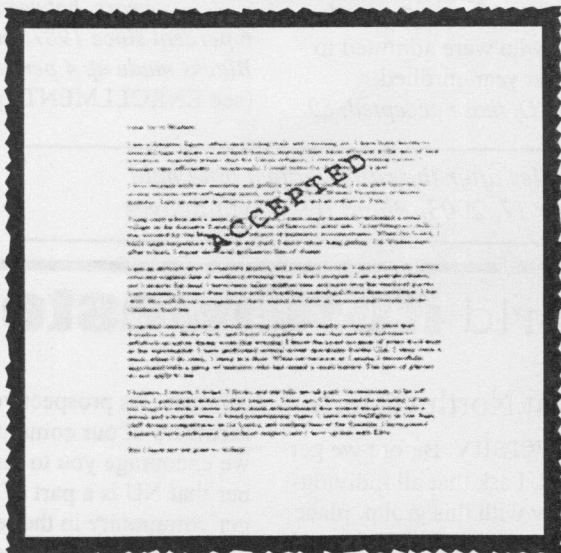
In the meantime, there is a place for NU student involvement in the recruiting process, according to Weinberg senior and admissions work study student, Pia Miller.

Miller said the student Am-

bassadors program is offered in coordination with undergraduate recruitment. It serves as a liaison between admissions staff and Black students. Involvement in the program means "taking part in our overnight visits as a host, calling prospective students to answer their questions during our phone-athons, visiting area high schools, going back to your own high school to speak on behalf of NU," Miller said.

Miller also insists that the *Ambassadors* can only be successful with "active and enthusiastic participation," and a lack of participation only decreases minority numbers on campus.

"Do your part," Miller said. "Otherwise, don't be mad or surprised when you're the only one left here."



## POLITIKING:

They use Sharpe's to whisper nigger on our doors/ Cause they believe racism is permanent," he said. Price even questioned student's nostalgia surrounding the hate crimes. "Get it? Nah just sit it up on the shelf wit your joysticks from Atari/They be like I love your poems but sorry."

Price said he was inspired to write critical pieces after reading the works of poet and fellow Kentuckian, Frank X. Walker. But although political edginess defines Price's style now, he said *love* was his first calling. In fact, he discovered his passion for poetry after

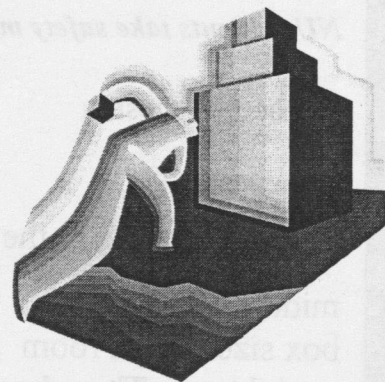
writing numerous love poems to his high school sweethearts. "Next Café Noir, I'm coming with something political, and then I'll flip it on you," he said jokingly. "It's really going to be about love."

But no matter if Price is speaking about social hypocrisy or love, he promises to deliver unique poetry, straight from his heart.

"When I do something in public, I want to send a message."

***"Next Café Noir, I'm coming with something political, and then I'll flip it on you,"***

And as a poet and future sociologist, Price is sure to help hip-hop reclaim its roots of verbal mastery and political controversy.



tino student Jaime "Xander" Saide, students united for the "Stop the Hate" campaign that culminated in a landmark rally. *The Daily Northwestern* reported that 500 people attended the rally, including journalists from professional media groups. This happened shortly after The Rock was the scene of a copycat attempt to exemplify

the White Man's Burden in an anti-affirmative action bake sale hosted by the Objectivist Club.

Anyway, so racial tensions were passionately high on that cold night. Students were speaking passionately, contradicting each other about why diversity matters, Saide cried passionately... then some days later, Saide told the authorities he made it all up.

This is our final destination: Norris University Center, home to NU's annual Diversity Conference. It happened the weekend right after the rally and about 50 people showed up, but mostly minorities. Just imagine, after all of that, minorities talking to minorities about the value of diversity. But there is a new student campaign called,

"Be the Change." Speaking of change, I hope you haven't changed your decision to attend NU.

Well, this tour must come to an end. But before you leave, I want you to remember this: Northwestern is going to prepare you for the real world; a place that will only-surprise those who walk through it unaware.

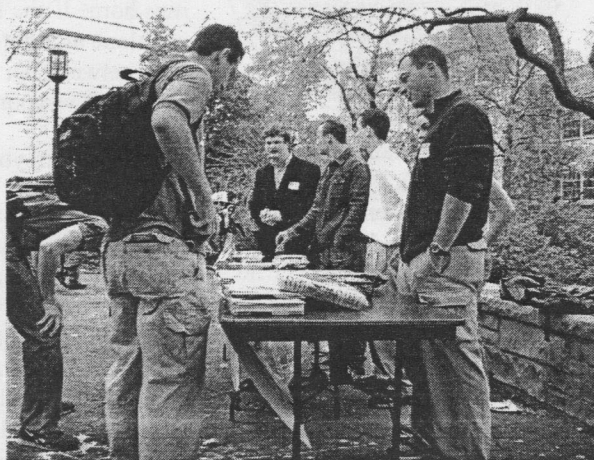
## REALWORLD:

but more on that later.

I will be your tour guide today. Just so I won't have to explain later; if you see a student wearing all black just act like they aren't there, that's the point. Also, if you happen to notice anti-Semitic graffiti on the walls of any of the buildings, just let me know and I'll report it to *The Daily Northwestern*. Oh, and at night, don't be alarmed by the non-students driving golf carts and escort service vans. They're here for our safety.

We are now leaving the African American Student Affairs Center, lovingly referred to as the Black House. Black students received it in the 1960s after protesting unequal treatment and low Black enrollment. Protesting continued earlier this quarter when students met with some folks from the university administration to discuss why there were only about 85 Black freshman enrolled at NU this fall.

Ah. Tradition.



The Objectivist Club-NU was cited for misconduct after holding an anti-affirmative action back sale on October 31, 2003. Photo by Nekoro Gomes

Welcome to The Rock, the location of this quarter's most controversial events. I am sure most of you have heard about the hate crimes and "incidents of bias" that were committed against Black, Jewish, Muslim and Latino students since Spring Quarter of last school year. Well, after reported hate crimes intensified to a climactic violent attack against La-

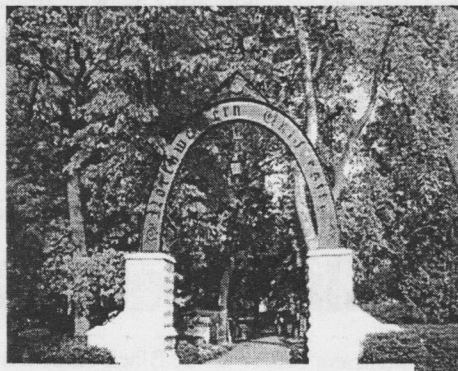


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# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LITTLE THINGS

NU students take safety matters into their own hands

BY NICOLE L. JOSEPH

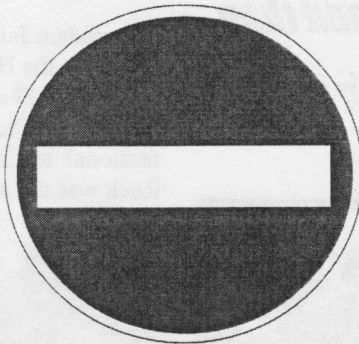
Standing in the middle of your gift box sized dorm room at eight on a Thursday night, you debate over what has recently become a very serious issue.

Beyonce's "Baby Boy" is blaring three doors down because your neighbor just can't let it go; your room is freezing and your friends, who live in your suite just arrived home. You already know that studying in your room tonight just isn't going to happen. But you still can't decide if a few good hours of studying (or people watching) in the library's core is worth the risk of getting your wallet stolen, let alone having a gun pointed at you.

So what do you do?

After some debate, there's a good chance you'll decide not to let these moronic offenders keep you locked in your room after daylight, which, with the rapidly approaching winter, seems to mean around 2 p.m. So you pack up and leave your dorm to find a better study space—thinking you're safe

and sound thanks to the sudden appearance of several empty little golf carts and frequently-running campus transportation. But you step outside; the shuttle is nowhere in sight and like many other students on campus, you take matters into your own hands and use minor tactics to assure your safety at night.



"When I do talk on the phone (at night), I'm constantly telling people where I am and who is around me," said Keona Childs, a Weinberg junior, who always carries a pocketknife to feel safer.

Weinberg junior Gabrielle Parker said the recent robberies have kept her from going out alone for "frivolous reasons." And while walking home at night, she keeps herself from appearing unaware of her surroundings by not talking on her cell phone and by constantly scanning the area around her.

"I'm the sort of person that's

always been cautious," Parker says. "The robberies showed us that you can't take anything for granted."

One thing students do appreciate now more than ever is the campus escort service.

"They have vans now and it's great -- the wait is shorter," said Jacqueline Azpeitia, a Weinberg Junior. But once out the car, Azpeitia tries to walk in well-lit areas and keeps her cell phone ready to dial 9-1-1 in the case of an emergency.

For some, the use of makeshift weapons makes them feel safer.

Yolanda Hare, a Communications Junior, said she practically runs home if she finds herself walking alone at night and sticks her keys between her fingers to use as a makeshift weapon if necessary.

But back to you... still walking?

Being held up at gunpoint is a frightening reality on our campus. However, your quiz on Friday is probably also a frightening reality, and it, amongst other things, will keep you from staying locked in your room after the sun sets. So when you do find yourself in such a situation, take the advice of your fellow NU students, and take as many personal precautions as possible to protect yourself.

## BlackBeat's Mission Statement:

BlackBeat serves as the Black student news supplement to *BlackBoard* magazine. Its goals are:

1. To increase awareness of issues affecting Black students at NU
2. To be objective, or ruthlessly subjective when necessary
3. To guarantee good reporting, writing and news analysis in a timely fashion
4. To engage dialogue between NU's Black community and the larger campus on pressing issues regarding race culture
5. To cover issues that other campus publications cannot cover, due to publications dates or lack of diversity in the newsroom

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