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Black History...You Should Know Some
Aneisha Davis

I thought that it would be interesting to include some black facts in our newsletter because many of us do not have the privilege of taking African American Studies courses. Well just because UT doesn’t really focus on that department doesn’t mean we as a people have to be lacking in our knowledge. College is supposed to be an institution of higher learning and sometimes it is. We just want to provide everyone with the opportunity to learn a little additional black history. Just take time to glance at a couple of the facts that we have listed below. If you are really intrigued, we have also provided some links to help you facilitate your growth in the knowledge of black people.

Sometimes it just feels good to have some new knowledge. Hope we helped to give you that feeling.
Aneisha

- March 10  Hallie Quinn Brown, women’s right activist, born, 1854. Okay, if you are anything like me, you probably looked at Hallie Quinn Brown and said, “Who is that?” I did, so I thought it would be nice to give a little bit more information about this remarkable woman. I found this information at: http://voices.cla.umn.edu/authors/BROWNhallie.html

Hallie Quinn Brown was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1845, the daughter of two former slaves. Her father, Thomas Arthur Brown, became known as “Mr. Brown, the walking encyclopedia.” Brown’s mother, Frances Jane Scroggins, was also well educated; she was an unofficial advisor and counselor to the students of Wilberforce school, a private, coed, liberal arts college. Both Thomas and Frances were actively involved with the Underground Railroad. Her parents’ commitment to the cause would later influence the organizations Brown founded and participated in.

Brown’s family moved from Pittsburgh to Canada in 1864 and then to Wilberforce, Ohio, in 1870. In Ohio, the author experienced her first all black school at Wilberforce University. Brown graduated in 1873 with a Bachelor of Science degree. After graduation, she began teaching on the Senora Plantation in Mississippi and went on to teach on several plantations during her life. Her efforts focused on improving the literacy levels of black children who had been denied the chance during slavery. Several years later she moved onto Columbia City Schools and then to Allen University in Columbia. Brown served as the Dean at Allen University and was appointed principal of Tuskegee Institutes in Alabama from 1892-1893, where she worked with Booker T. Washington.

Brown began traveling in 1894 as a lecturer and public speaker for African American culture and temperance. Her travels stopped in 1899, but not before she spoke before Queen Victoria on African American culture and temperance. She spoke at the 1895 convention of the World’s Women’s Christian Temperance Union in London and was a representative for the United States at the International Congress of Women in 1899.
In addition to her speeches, Brown authored several prose collections. Brown’s works commonly address the topics of historical importance and social change, often using African American vernacular to stress these messages with the goal of helping to educate. As Susan Kates writes, “Brown recognized that social change could only come through an educational venture” (Kates 69). Using African American vernacular, Brown displays the importance of her heritage and her effort to explain the difficulties blacks faced with language.

*Bits and Odds: A Choice Selection of Recitations*, contains a variety of poems and short stories. In the short story “Apples,” Brown writes, “Well, you know dat de apple tree was the sacred vegetable ob de garden ob Eden till de sly an’ insinuvating seaserpent crawled out ob de river...” Here, Brown uses African American dialect as she describes the biblical story of Adam and Eve, not only to show the importance of her heritage but also to educate people of other ethnicities as to the struggles with language some African Americans had. *Bits and Odds* contains several pieces of literature contextualized by historical events. For example, Brown includes a poem entitled, “The Black Regiment: The Battle of Port Hudson, 26, May 1863,” by George H. Bakers. This poem reminds readers of the role black soldiers played in the civil war. Baker writes, “Oh what a shout there went from the black regiment.” Kates writes, “The inclusion of such selections indicated Brown’s commitment to keeping this history alive for black and white audiences alike” (Kates 65).

In *Elocution and Physical Culture*, Brown places her emphasis on teaching and describing the rhetoric of speech. Brown states, “Breath is life, breath is speech. It is the chief source of power.” Author Jane Donawerth comments on her attitude: “Brown is surer of her right to claim this power...and I think her claim is her strategy for social change.” Brown traces the origins of speech through motherhood and folktales reflecting the importance of heritage in Brown’s life.

In *Homespun Heroines*, Brown tells the life story of 60 black women. She writes in the introduction, “This book is presented as an evidence of appreciation and as a token of regard for the history-making women of our race.” Within this collection, Brown includes a description of significant events in each of the women’s lives along with things they have accomplished and a photograph of each woman. Every article begins with the birth of a distinguished woman and concludes with a statement about the life each has led. Brown presents the information in a factual manner, but uses a narrative style, making the book both educational and enjoyable to read. Josephine Turpin Washington comments in the foreword, “The result is a work which not only furnishes useful information, but what is even more-inspires to finer character growth and racial development.”

*Tales My Father Told* is an attempt to preserve family history and to present a particular moral viewpoint.
Brown’s lifetime spanned an era when African Americans had to face daily attacks on their heritage. These same individuals were regarded and referred to as being lazy, inefficient, weak and inherently immoral. Brown tries to break these stereotypes. In this particular book, the characters are used to illustrate her father, Thomas Brown and how he had helped many struggling individuals. Her father is depicted as a quietly courageous and eminently principled man who assisted women to freedom and equality. The women he assists to freedom are concerned foremost with the preservation of their virtue, and insist on their human right to liberty. Many of Brown’s books are educational as well as entertaining for her readers. Her concern for the intellect of her people, her culture, her commitment to her religious belief, and her dedication to present a more accurate image to the less then complimentary view of black individuals in the twenties, are all quite evident in her work.

In 1893, Brown was the principle promoter of the organization of the Colored Women’s League of Washington D.C. She also founded the National Association of Colored Women that same year. She became the 7th National President form 1920-1924 and acted as its honorary President until her death in 1949. During the time she served as the President of the N.A.C.W., she pursued two major projects: One was dedicated to the maintenance of Fredrick Douglas’ home as a memorial in Washington D.C. and the other the establishment of the Hallie Q. Brown Scholarship Fund for the education of women.

In 1900 the A.M.E church elected Brown as the Secretary of Education. She was the first woman to serve as a “daughter of the church.” Brown acted as a powerful force in the fundraising for Wilberforce from 1903-1910. She served as the President of the Ohio Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs in 1905-1912. Brown was active in Republican politics during the 1920’s and addressed the party’s national convention in 1924. That led to campaign work among African American women which was backed by President Coolidge.

Brown’s legacy continues through her scholarship fund for the education of women, the Hallie Brown Community House in Minnesota, the Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library in Ohio, and through all of her greatly respected and admired speeches and books. Hallie Brown was an author of an earlier time, but her work is now becoming of renewed interest to many individuals.

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• Elocution and Physical Culture (1910)
• Bits and Odds: A Choice Selection of Recitation (1880)

Here are some more facts. If you find any of them interesting, look these people up. It is amazing the world of knowledge that lies like a book at people’s feet. Don’t be one of those people who never open it up. Okay, so I am through preaching about the importance of educating yourself.

• March 11 Lorraine Hansberry opens A Raisin in the Sun at Barrymore Theatre in New York, 1959

Extra Fact: The first Raisin in the Sun starred Sidney Poitier. The remake of this famous play featured Danny Glover.

• March 12 Benjamin Banneker, along with Charles L’Enfant, commissioned to lay out Washington in the District of Columbia, 1791.

• March 13 Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin, based on the ideas and plans of one of his slaves, 1794
  o Fannie Lou Hamer, activist, dies, 1977

• March 14 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church founded, 1821
  o Quincy Jones, composer and musician, born, 1933. Hey, you are not on your job if you do not know about Quincy Jones. He has been around for a while, but hopefully you all at least know about Q’s Jook Joint …right?

• March 15 John Lee, first Black commissioned officer in the US Navy, is assigned, 1947

• March 16 John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish founded Freedom’s Journal, the first Black newspaper, 1827. You already know I have nothing but love for these two gentlemen. It gives me hope that one day UT will have an official black newspaper.

Additional facts found at: http://www.seditionists.org/black/thisweek.html

Also check out: 1001 Things Everyone Should Know About African American History Jeffrey C. Stewart (Editor)

Scholarship Information is available at http://members.tripod.com/Irucka/scholarships.html
Why WAKE UP!

You may have asked yourself why I call the section that I write in the Black Student Alliance (BSA) newsletter -- WAKE UP!, well the reason is because of the song, Wake Up Everybody by Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes. [1]

I hadn’t heard that song in some time before I heard it on the “orientation” day of the 2001 James & Grace Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership (BCNCL) [2] Summer Leadership Institute, for which I was one of the participants in the inaugural year. That song really touched me and helped me to understand that we must (re)awaken ourselves to the world/universe around us, so as to change ourselves to change the world/universe. Well, it reawakened feelings/emotions/thoughts/ideas/so on that had been in me for some time, but were at that time dormant or maybe I just wasn’t fully realizing them and their potential.

Through about 10 days of interacting with people in the Detroit Summer program [3], discussions with Grace Lee Boggs and other Board of Directors of the BCNCL and other people in the Detroit area, and discussions with the other participants in the Institute, I came away with more questions about humanity: what does it mean to be a human being in this current day and age? How does one know that one is a human being? Over the course of time since that summer I have been reflecting, reading, contemplating, listening, and so on and thus other questions arose due to the experiences I had in Detroit that summer of 2001.

When we reevaluate the human potential, should we also reevaluate how we look at healthcare, education, and other social systems? Should we redefine how we categorize/label ourselves, such as should we still use a static word like race (non-changing/evolutionary and stationary) or should we use dynamic terms like ethnicity and/or culture (changing/evolutionary and non-stationary)? Or should we even label ourselves in the first place? Should we strive to be inmates/enslaved (slaves)/consumers/robots/subjects of a territory (COLONY)/nation/country/Empire or should we strive to be citizens/people of the world? Chuck D. of Public Enemy [4] spoke at the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus a couple of years ago and said that he is teaching his children to be worldly people – should you strive for that and should you teach your children to strive for that goal as well?

How can we distinguish between our Needs and Wants? How do we ultimately change ourselves to change the world? Why should we even care about these and thousands of other questions in this, the so-called richest, most powerful nation Empire in the world? [Though in reality only about 1% of the people in this country Empire have that immense wealth and the imaginary economy itself is currently dead, although many of us may not know that and true power comes not from hypocrisy and irresponsibility, force, fear, retaliation, destruction, military might/spending – militarism/terrorism, threats, and so on; but from within. Thus, true power is based on responsibility, compassion, giving, love, respect, dignity, sincerity, humility, peace, justice, and so on. As well, the reality of the situation is that the people inmates/robots/consumers/enslaved “people” (slaves) within the Empire’s...
stronghold in the United States of America have become the most arrogant, wasteful, ignorant because of our arrogance, individualistic, materialistic, violent, and hypocritical ever in human history. If you want to know why we are the most violent in the world, then check out Michael Moore’s [5] film, *Bowling for Columbine* [6], for which he has won numerous awards worldwide, including an Oscar for Best Documentary.}

As well I came away (from my time in Detroit) truly knowing that there were others out there struggling with questions and with answers and with ideas of new ways of living and interacting with each other.

I can’t forget the visits/tours around the de-industrialized city of Detroit, Michigan, (the demise of industrial capitalism/imperialism within the Constitutional Republic of the United States of America can be found there). On those tours, I saw both the despair and hopelessness of people as well as others that were full of hope and energy and empowered to change the way that Detroit was and plan a new future. So there is even hope for us in East Tennessee that we can make this area a better place for all of us to live in.

Ask yourself why I have chosen to speak out as an inmate in this Empire, when we are in a time of inflicting *War MASSACRES* and TERRORISM on Life worldwide. Though in Reality, we have not stopped being at War with the people of the world beginning way back when in the 1760s/1770s up to the present day. If the US/UK {Australian/Canadian/Russian/Israeli/French/German} [Anglo colonial forces] continue to massacre people in Vietnam, Korea (northern and southern), Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Western Sahara, and various other fictive “states” whose borders were created by the various members of the Global Elite/”international power structure,” then there may very well be Mutually Assured Destruction [MAD] [7] if the countries that have nuclear weapons use them and retaliate against other countries that have them or don’t have them. If you are interested in learning more, then read articles about the possible plans for the Anglo colonizers to bomb NUCLEAR power plants in Korea [8] in the northern section which will of course have drastic effects on the southern section that we are supposedly trying to protect through killing and terrorizing people on a daily basis and on people in the northern section and throughout the whole world too.

In these times of great despair and tyranny, it takes courageous people to stand up and follow their conscience and seek a new way based on peace, justice, and diplomacy, not idiocy, lunacy, MAD policies, and so on that may DESTROY/CONTAMINATE the very Earth that we live on permanently or for THOUSANDS or MILLIONS of years to come. So, what are YOU going to do?

BSA Newsletters
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This Second regular Edition also has a counterpart Special Edition, both of which are available online and in print.

As well, contact me if you are interested in taking a trip up to Detroit to visit the BCNCL sometime this summer. Thank-you.

[1]
“Wake up everybody no more sleeping
in bed
No more backward thinking time for
thinking ahead
The world has changed so very much
From what it used to be
And there is so much hatred, war and
poverty
Wake up all the teachers time to teach a
new way
Maybe then they'll listen to what you
have to say
Cause they are the ones who's coming
up, the world is in their hands
When you teach the children teach them
the very best you can.

Chorus
The world won't get no better
Well if we just let it be
No no no no no no no no
The world won't get no better
We gotta change the world yeah, you
and me.

You gotta wake up all the doctors make
the old people well
Cause they are the ones who suffer and
who catch all the hell
But they don't have so very long before
the Judgement Day
So won't you make them happy before
they pass away.
Come on now

Wake up all the builders time to build a
new land
We know that we can do it if we all lend
a hand
The only thing we have to do is put it in
our minds
Surely things will work out if we do it
all the time.”
-Wake Up Everybody by Harold Melvin
& the Blue Notes

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Nurture Community Leadership

“BCNCL is a non-profit center founded
in 1995 by friends and associates of
James Boggs (1919-1993) and Grace
Boggs (1915) to honor and continue
their legacy as movement activists and
theoreticians.

Our aim is to help grassroots activists
develop themselves into visionary
leaders and critical thinkers who can
devise pro-active strategies for
rebuilding and respiriting our cities and
rural communities from the ground up,
demonstrate the power of ideas in
changing ourselves and our reality,
demystify leadership.

Board members engage in diverse
community building activities: youth
leadership development, urban
agriculture, environmental justice - and
more.”

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http://www.geocities.com/detroit_summer/
Detroit Summer
“Detroit Summer is a multicultural, intergenerational, youth movement to rebuild, redefine and respirit Detroit from the ground up. Our main objective is to foster youth initiative through community beautification projects, visioning workshops, and intergenerational dialogues.”

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“Mutual assured destruction”

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Reform and Review
Jason Dickson

What is Reform and Review?
This is the process by which the two sections of the Student Government Association (SGA) [1] will be united as one. These segments are known as the Undergraduate Academics Council (UAC), which governs all decisions made about colleges and the various majors, and Senate, which governs all other University issues. Whereas the UAC’s districts are divided up by colleges, the Senate’s districts are divided up by residential areas. These two segments of SGA currently have separate meetings (one for UAC and one for Senate), and they are governed by separate constitutions. The Reform and Review will join them together as one indistinguishable group that is governed by one constitution and has one meeting.

The specifics of this act are as follows:

As a result of Reform and Review, several changes will take place. The biggest change is the number of representatives in the overall organization of SGA. The number will decrease significantly due to the dismissal of all organizational seats and Dean student associates [2]. Organizations are expected to represent themselves at the newly formed Presidents Roundtable sponsored by SGA, and as always the SGA meetings remain open to the public.

This is the idea in a nutshell, so as to keep it from becoming confusing. As reported by The Daily Beacon, the idea of reform and review was voted upon and passed. If it continues to get support it will be in place next Fall (semester 2003)!!

[1] All students of the University of Tennessee are members of the Student Government Association. The students in the Senate and UAC are those students that are elected to serve in the governing student body.

[2] The Dean student associates are members of the UAC who are representatives of their colleges (usually one of the elected SGA representatives) who convey the college’s wants and needs directly to the deans of their various colleges.

SGA Update:
New SGA President: Sarah Keeton (Volunteer Voice Party)
New SGA Vice-President: M.G. Bailey (the Truth Party)
Board of Trustees Candidates: Carol White (Volunteer Voice Party), Jason Coffey (the Truth Party), and Ben Sanders (outgoing SGA Vice-President). The candidates will have interviews by Governor Phil Bredesen and he will appoint one of the student candidates for the Board of Trustees student liaison position. [The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the University of Tennessee system - https://sun.ws.utk.edu/pls/portal30/docs/FOLDER/BOT/HTML/INDEX.HTM]
Letter to the Editor

After reading not one but two articles concerning the alleged events of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. I must speak up. First and foremost I question the journalistic merit of the Beacon’s Editor in Chief. There are far too many inconsistencies and falsifications cited in the article for me to point out just one impropriety.

There has been a violation of journalistic principle exhibited by a lack of truthful reporting and uninvestigated chain of events. The first article, which appeared in the front-page headlines of the Beacon on Tuesday, covered one side of an alleged incident that allegedly took place over three months ago. This alleged incident garnered no published reports and obviously showed no journalistic merit. Following the front-page headline, only a day later (Wednesday) there was an article entitled “Public Concern”. I find myself personally concerned for the unnamed author of that article and his obvious lack of knowledge. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has been one of the few fraternities on this campus to sponsor programs that serve to benefit the entire campus community. Their involvement in the community is inclusive of a long list of partnerships and service projects, which speak for themselves. The members whose names appeared in both articles have reputations that precede them. Those individuals named are held in high regard on the University’s campus and have served the campus in more than one capacity.

Finally, to respond to a comment in Wednesday’s article which stated, “If they are not guilty they should have their names cleared, and their reputations should remain intact.” Their reputations have already been tarnished due to the poor journalistic styles and unethical reporting of the Beacon. I ask the question. Where does the loyalty lie in regards to giving these gentleman who are successful students, hard workers in the community, and role models to others lie in regards to giving them the benefit of MUCH doubt?

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The two articles that Jania Mathews refers to from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville campus newspaper, The Daily Beacon follow:

“Public concern” [1]

“Seven members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will go to court April 15 for charges of assault. According to an affidavit from the Knox County General Sessions Court, Jeremy Scott McDuffie, 20, junior in biochemistry; Matthew Travis Wooden, 20, sophomore in arts and sciences; Ronnie Clark Jr., 21, junior in English; Edward Hollingsworth, 20, junior in mechanical engineering; Omar Keibron Jackson, 22, senior in criminal justice; Karl Anthony Jennings, 23, graduate student in arts and sciences; and Calvin Skinner, 21, senior in public relations were arrested for an alleged assault that occurred Nov. 7, 2002.

The alleged incident occurred during a step show by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at the Panhellenic Building when fraternity members allegedly assaulted Edward Davenport, 21, sophomore in business administration, because he was wearing an Alpha Phi
Alpha symbol around his neck, police reports say. The reports also say fraternity members did not think Davenport completed his initiation while he was a student at a university in west Georgia, and that contributed to the assault.

There are two sides to every story, and there could be two sides to this one. Only a court of law can decide whether these seven young men are guilty of what transpired on Nov. 7. On April 15, we will find out. Both arguments will be presented, and each side will get a chance to argue the guilt or non-guilt of the seven students involved in the alleged assault.

If the students are guilty of the alleged crime, the punishment should be swift, and it should be as severe as the law allows. If the parties involved are found guilty, it should be asked why the disciplinary boards on campus have not exonerated some sort of punishment toward these seven students.

But if they are not guilty, they should have their names cleared, and their reputations should remain intact.

It is important for us as a community to know what is happening on our campus. It is important for our own safety and our own sense of well-being. We need to know when we are at risk. Just last week, two letters to the editor pointed out a problem on campus regarding car break-ins. The UT Police confirmed they are having a problem and are trying to address it. We need to know when these incidents are occurring for our own sense of security.

If there is a problem that occurs, it is just not a fraternity problem. It is just not the problem of the individuals involved. It is our problem. We have to ask ourselves how we as a community will treat this incident and others like it. We have to ask the tough questions.

And in the end, it will boil down two things: to us as a community either standing up and demanding a tough response if these students are indeed guilty, or to us stepping back and showing them forgiveness if they are not.”

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“Students to face charges in court” [2]

“Seven UT students have a trial date in Knox County General Sessions Court on April 15 for allegedly assaulting another UT student, according to a Knox County General Sessions Court affidavit of complaint.

Jeremy Scott McDuffie, 20, junior in biochemistry; Matthew Travis Wooden, 20, sophomore in arts and sciences; Ronnie Clark Jr., 21, junior in English; Edward Hollingsworth, 20, junior in mechanical engineering; Omar Ketron Jackson, 22, senior in criminal justice; Karl Anthony Jennings, 23, graduate student in arts and sciences; and Calvin Skinner, 21, senior in public relations, were arrested and charged with assault after the alleged incident on Nov. 7, 2002.
According to a UT police report, Edward Davenport, 21, sophomore in business administration, was attending a step show held by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in the Panhellenic Building on Nov. 7, 2002, when Davenport said approximately 13 individuals from the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity attacked him.

Davenport told UT Police that Hollingsworth, Jackson, Skinner and an unidentified male assaulted him. The police report said Davenport could not provide the names of all the individuals involved.

Davenport then looked at the Alpha Phi Alpha Web site and named all other individuals involved, the report said. Six other individuals who participated in the alleged attack could not be found, the report said.

According to the report, Davenport said he had been attacked by the Alpha Phi Alpha members because he had not been through the initiation process. Davenport said he had previously pledged to the fraternity at a university in western Georgia, and the initiation was different from the UT campus.

Davenport said the individuals pulled a necklace that had a symbol associated with Alpha Phi Alpha off Davenport's neck and told him he should not be wearing fraternity symbols, the report said.

The fraternity members then "began to hit and kick him in the face and about the head," the report said.

Davenport arrived at the UT Police Department to make the complaint and requested to be taken to the hospital. Davenport was then taken to UT Medical Center for minor injuries, UT police said.

UT Police Chief Ed Yovella said Davenport has also complained of being harassed since the Nov. 7, 2002, incident. On Nov. 12, Davenport called and told the UTPD he had been harassed outside the Knoxville Convention Center by Alpha Phi Alpha members, Yovella said. Davenport also said he had been harassed on Nov. 12, 2002, by an Alpha Phi Alpha member who allegedly took pictures of Davenport at the Black Cultural Center, Yovella said.

In the most recent case, on Feb. 1 Davenport called the Knoxville Police Department and the UTPD to complain of being harassed at the Electric Ballroom.

According to the KPD report, Davenport was asked to leave the premises by security personnel after he spilled a drink on another person around 1:30 a.m. Davenport told KPD he could not leave because he was waiting for someone.

A struggle ensued, and "security took him to the ground," the report said. Davenport said he was sprayed with pepper spray and handcuffed by Electric Ballroom security, the report said.

The report said the security personnel took Davenport outside and let him go home with a friend. Electric Ballroom security called KPD to report the incident, but Davenport left before officers arrived. Later that morning at 5:01 a.m., Davenport called KPD to complain of the incident. The report said Davenport complained of neck, ankle and arm pain.

No charges were filed in this incident.
If the seven students are found guilty of the offense, they could be fined a maximum of $500 if they have no prior criminal history, UT police said.

The UT chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was suspended in November after the incident at the step show.

Ron Jenkins, spokesperson for the southeastern regional office of Alpha Phi Alpha, declined to comment on whether or not the suspension was related to the incident.

"No comment," Jenkins said. "That's all I have to say."

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Lyrical Delight
Angela Gibbs

This section is meant to highlight portions of songs that standout.

“You better - lose yourself in the music, the moment
You own it, you better never let it go
You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow
This opportunity comes once in a lifetime.”
-Lose Yourself by Eminem

“Y'all know how I met her, we broke up and got back together.
To get her back, I had to sweat her.
Thought she rolled with bad boys forever,
in many ways them boys made her better,
to grow I had to let her.
She needed cheddar and I understood that
Lookin' for cheese, that don't make her a hood rat.
In fact she's a queen to me, her light beams on me,
I love it when she sings to me.”
-Love of my Life by Erykah Badu & Common
Fighting Bias, Bigotry and Racism
One Step At A Time
Attica C. Scott, Executive Director of NCCJ

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), founded in 1927 as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America. NCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

The strategic focus of NCCJ is to empower youth and emerging leaders, change institutions and transforming communities to be more inclusive and just. One of the tangible ways in which NCCJ is working to transform communities is through our Walk As One walk-a-thon.

Walk As One brings together people of all races, religions and cultures through a special-event to raise funds for our youth anti-racism initiatives and community leadership initiatives. The Knoxville Region of NCCJ will hold its 2nd annual walk-a-thon on Sunday, June 1st at Volunteer Landing. We will also hold a mini-Walk on the university campus in the spring and hope that the BSA will put together a team for both events.

At NCCJ, we want to contribute to a rich experience for any student who wants to volunteer their time with our programs, in conducting research or becoming active with our public policy initiatives. We have opportunities for student involvement through our programs on community leadership initiatives, interfaith dialogues, workplace diversity training and youth anti-racism initiatives. Beyond that, there is always a need for research, action planning, communication and advocacy, and evaluation of our public policy efforts.

For more information, contact NCCJ at 865.637.6140 or knoxville@nccj.org. We’re also on the web at http://www.nccj.org.
This article was originally a letter written to my family about product recalls and child safety, however, I feel that other parents, grandparents, caregivers, and anyone else that has a lot of contact with young children should know this information too. During August 1999, I read many children’s magazines and decided to educate myself as well as others about safety for children. Even though many of the facts that I have included are from 1999, the information provided is still relevant today, as safety will always be an important topic.

When it comes to safety for your children, it is important to stay up-to-date on product recalls for furniture as well as toys. Cribs for children can be safe and at the same time deadly for the child or children who sleep in them. One such crib that was in the news was the “Travel-Lite” crib sold under the Playskool brand name by Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc. The crib was responsible for several deaths between 1990 and August 1999 (when the information was gathered) and portable cribs with similar designs have been associated with the deaths of seven children!

In the past eight years, Evenflo, Century, Draco, Baby Trend, and Kolcraft have made over 1.5 million of these recalled playpens and cribs. Evenflo, Century, and Baby Trend offer free repair kits, Kolcraft is offering a $120 reward, and Draco has gone out of business. In November 1998, 9.6 million playpens were recalled due to a strangulation risk. For specific product recalls check out the following Web sites:

*Kids in Danger ([http://www.kidsindanger.org/products_recalls.htm](http://www.kidsindanger.org/products_recalls.htm)),
*The Danny Foundation ([http://www.dannyfoundation.org](http://www.dannyfoundation.org)), and

Portable cribs are not the only products that have been recalled, there was also a recall of one of the motorized vehicles, that many children can be seen driving in their neighborhoods on a daily basis. One of the recalls was for the “Power Wheels Battery-Powered Ride-On” manufactured by Fisher Price. The recall was for the models that were bought before October 22, 1998 with two motors between the back wheels. There were problems with the electrical components overheating, which caused fires to start and injuries to the children who were riding in the vehicle. You can read the press release for this product recall through the Internet at the following web address: [http://www.fisher-price.com/us/powerwheels/service/recall/default.asp?choice=4](http://www.fisher-price.com/us/powerwheels/service/recall/default.asp?choice=4).

Product recalls are not the only dangers that children can face, there are still problems with elevated lead levels in certain homes. If you know children who live in or visit frequently houses or child-care facilities built before 1950, or were recently renovated but built before 1979, then there should be testing for elevated lead levels. You can obtain more information on the risks and dangers associated with elevated lead levels by contacting *Child* magazine to obtain their February 1999 issue.

In the same issue (February 1999), there was an article titled, “The Ultimate Guide to Kids’ Medicines:
How to pick the right over-the-counter remedy for your child’s ailment.” The article gave information on treating pain, fever, diarrhea, gas/heartburn, coughs, and sore throat. And it suggested that it is wise to keep in a medicine cabinet: a thermometer, Aloe Vera gel, band-aids, and Syrup of Ipecac (poison treatment) for when an emergency arises with children.

In the *Raising Black Children*’s January 1999 issue, there were articles about the following topics: children’s health, educating children about medicine, colds, dreams and aspirations of children, and the pathway to language and courtesy. Even though the magazine is geared to parents with Black children, a lot of the information contained within the magazine is universal, so it wouldn’t hurt for you to pick up the January 1999 issue or one of the more recent ones.

*Child* and *Raising Black Children* are not the only magazines that give valuable and insightful information into parenting; there are other magazines that exist. Some of the magazines are available for viewing on the Internet and through these magazines, you can learn about children’s development, health, education, and product recalls. The Internet is not the only place you can read magazine issues for free or at a discount; many “print” magazines allow you to receive either one or several issues for free or at a discounted price.

However, before you accept a subscription for a magazine read the fine print and be aware of how long your subscription lasts. I say this because there are some magazines that will try to extend your subscription or cancel your subscription without informing you. Nonetheless, parents, grandparents, and caregivers should stay up-to-date to insure the continued safety of children.

[1] FYI [For Your Information]


Money Tips
Compiled by: Aneisha Davis

Hey everyone out there in BSAland. One of the things the BSA has been talking about is how black people, as a whole, tend to handle their money. I know I have a hard time trying to save up my little dollars and when I began asking people, many of you said that you had the same problem. Well in an effort to help people out with their financial situations, the BSA has compiled some helpful money tips. It is May and a lot of people with be graduating and going into the real world (you know that place where it is a lot harder to make a dollar stretch like we do in college.) It is my hope that these tips will be most beneficial to those that will be leaving us soon. For the rest of us who still have a little time, let’s start putting some of these tips into practice so we want be classified as “scrubs” and whatnot.

Happy money saving,
Aneisha

Better Budgets: Building One that Works

We all know what a budget is and why it's important. But creating one that succeeds is not so simple. First, get help. Investing in good budget-tracking software is invaluable when it comes to managing your family's finances. Here are some more suggestions for sorting out your expenses.

1. Get organized. Use the tools in your financial software to schedule and set calendar reminders for known expenses. This will help you incorporate other expenditures into your overall plan.

2. Be proactive. Online payments save time and help make a manageable system. The fewer last minute surprises, the more likely you are to succeed.

3. Be realistic. Your "must do" expenses such as taxes, rent, groceries and insurance, will probably account for 60 percent of your total income. (Perhaps a little higher or lower.) Don't forget to include the less obvious expenses such as music lessons for a child or gifts you need to buy.

4. Prepare for the unexpected. Set aside 10 percent of your income to cover irregular expenses, such as car repairs, replacement for a broken washing machine, or patching a hole in your roof. Deposit this money into a separate savings account and withdraw it only when needed.

5. Save for major purchases. Put aside another 10 percent in either a money market account or a certificate of deposit, which pay higher interest. Buying a new car, couch, or furnace with cash can save hundreds of dollars in interest.

6. Don't forget the future. Another 10 percent goes directly into an IRA, 401(K), or similar tax-deferred retirement account. Or, if you have debts, put five percent in a retirement account and use the remaining five percent to pay down your debt.

7. Reward yourself. The final 10 percent is "fun money." It's yours to spend on life's little extras, such as dining out and entertainment.
Saving Money: Creative Tips for Stockpiling

Want to be more resourceful with your money? Making good financial choices is easy once you know how. If you've decided it's time to start beefing up your bank account, follow the tips below. Use a financial tracking tool to help calculate your savings — you'll be surprised at how fast the smaller things add up.

1. **Use e-mail.** If you already pay for Internet access, use it! E-mail communication is a great way to cut long-distance phone charges.

2. **Pay bills online.** The cost of a stamp may seem small, but postage adds up, as do late fees when you forget to pay bills on time. Consider signing up with a secure, automated online bill-paying system.

3. **Minimize banking fees.** Open an account with a bank or credit union that doesn't charge service fees. Make your ATM withdrawals at free machines, or use a debit card instead of cash.

4. **Assess your insurance.** Check annually for better premiums. Once you establish an emergency fund, increase your deductible on some insurance to reduce premiums further.

5. **Quit smoking.** A pack-a-day habit can easily cost $1,400 a year. That's money that can go right into your bank account. Not to mention what you'll save on insurance and health care.

6. **Save on utilities.** Consider turning down the heat or air conditioning at night and while you're at work.

7. **Analyze your phone needs.** Do you really need more than one phone line? Use budget-tracking software to see what a difference dropping a line could make.

8. **Comparison shop.** Don't cut corners with your favorite groceries — you won't save for long if you feel deprived. But do compare. For example, generic products often have the same ingredients as brand names yet cost less.

9. **Buy in bulk.** Pair up with a friend so items don't go to waste before you consume them.

10. **Think twice on clothes.** Impulse is your budget's greatest enemy. Make a list of clothes you need and stick to it, or give yourself a monthly clothing allowance.

11. **Keep your car.** Put off buying a car for a couple more years. If your car loan is paid off, continue transferring the amount of your monthly payments into a savings account for a new car. Use your financial software to schedule the purchase into your future budget.

12. **Be smart about entertainment.** This is a big one. Think about using your local library to borrow books, music and movies. Eat out less often.

13. **Buy used.** You can save $10,000 by buying a car that's just a few years old and investing the difference between the price of a new and used car.

14. **Slow down.** Flooring the gas pedal is a waste of gas and money.

15. **Banish instant gratification.** Don't be tempted to put
"bargains" on your credit card. Wait until you've saved enough cash for major purchases and save hundreds of dollars in fees and interest.

Tips taken from http://www.MSN.com
Black History Month for Idiots
Aneisha Davis

I will try my best not to make this letter as insulting as your article was, but please excuse me if my irritation is apparent.

First and foremost, African people were never jungle savages. When is the last time you actually read some black history or even took an anthropology class worth anything? For some time now, Africa has been recognized as the birthplace of civilization, so in effect, if you are calling Africans jungle savages, you are calling yourself the same.

Yes black people have been able to overcome much since they were forced to come here as slaves, but the saga is far from over. Your little quote that “all is right with the world” just because there are successful black people will never be true as long as there are people like you writing the filth you published as actual fact, news, or valid opinion.

Think about it: We all learn White history. That is all that is in our books from K-12. It is true that black people get a month out if the year to learn about black history, but that would not be necessary if black history were treated as an entity worth paying attention to in a scholarly manner when people were creating textbooks for our children to read. If it were not for black history month, many kids would never learn anything positive about black people, especially if they had parents as feeble-minded as yourself.

How could you say you know all of black people’s history, therefore we can get rid of it? You probably don’t know all of your own history and judging from your biased view, you would not take the time to learn the basics that you are lacking. I am an African-American Studies major and trust me, there was enough history for me to make it stretch for 4 collegiate years and there is enough for me to make a career out of it. I have dedicated my study to this topic and I still don’t know everything, so how on earth could you or anyone else who obviously thinks that black history does not deserve your time?

And last but not least: it is people like you who use a positive achievement to excuse an otherwise silly thought. How can you say that because we are moving into a multicultural society that we should do away with black history month? All would be right with the world if we had a month dedicated to Latino history, Asian history, black history, and etc. If we chose to recognize everyone as being equal then one would realize there is a whole wealth of ethnic knowledge and history that has yet to be recognized in our country. And amazingly enough: an entire shelf of books would not have been dedicated to black people 50 years ago, but it is disturbing that 300 years after slavery we still have people with such narrow minded opinions as yours.

Hopefully in your need to express your opinion, you are intellectual enough to know that people may have an opposing view and wish to share it with you. A truly intelligent person will at least open up the lines of dialogue to explore if he or she is wrong, so I look forward to hearing a response. Oh, and any time you present an argument, you should have some good evidence to back it up. Let’s just say that your evidence to get rid of black history month was more than lacking. Well at least you have provided my organization’s newsletter a way to show
that racist views are alive and well. We can use your article as evidence to back up our argument, so thank you. Maybe we can’t reach people like you, but there is hope for others.

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Aneisha’s article is a response to the following article from The Retriever of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County:


Another February has passed and another Black History Month is behind us. Thank God. The requisite 28 days of penance for the ills of the country’s forefathers has been paid; the gods of blackness are appeased and everyone can put away their pictures of Dr. King and stop watching the Bernie Mac show. Farewell, Black History Month. Good riddance.

Some have said that Black History Month, young as it is by holiday standards, is not long for this world. We’re becoming a multicultural society, the argument goes, and every month is Black History Month. But if May is Black History Month, and June, too, that whole Underground Railroad bit is going to get old pretty fast. I mean, honestly, how much Black History is there, really? Surely not enough to fill a whole year.

Blacks have been in this country, what, 200 years? 300 at best (it’s been a while since I saw Amistad; I have trouble remembering). That’s three PBS specials, if you stretch it; four if you let Ken Burns at ’em. But we really don’t need to; we all know about “Black History.” Africa, slavery, Civil War, Jim Crow, Aretha Franklin, Civil Rights, MLK blown away, what else do I have to say?

Oh, and Colin Powell. And Oprah.

To be fair, when you lay it out like that, there is a good amount to talk about. Maybe the month should be annexed to March. Or January, since that’s when MLK’s birthday is, anyway. It’d be killing two birds with one stone.

But two months is a lot different than twelve months. Nobody has twelve months of history; not even white people. (Who learns about George Washington over the summer? No one, that’s who.) It all seems a little excessive.

There’s been a poster on display in the middle of the campus bookstore since the beginning of February in honor of Black History Month. Provided by Ballantine Books, it has pictures of Colin Powell, Toni Morrison, Muhammad Ali and a few non-famous African-Americans. The sign reads "From slave to scholar. African-American History Month." A more brilliant summation will never be found.

Blacks came to the country as slaves, now they’re out of the cotton fields and writing books and teaching schools and doing all sorts of white person stuff. It’s miraculous.

But at the heart of the matter, this is why Black History Month is only one month, (and the shortest month, but that’s just a coincidence). It’s a simple arc; if it were a movie, it’d be boring. Jungle savage-to-slave-to-best-selling author. Am I missing something? Blacks have won tons of Oscars, they have at least one Nobel Peace prize; they have
like three magazines all about them, they make all the music; blacks even have their own channel. Blacks are everywhere, so much so that most of the time you don’t even notice them, unless there’s a lot of them or you’re in a bad neighborhood. What more could you possibly want?

So, maybe, instead of expanding Black History Month to the theoretical “every month,” we should just rid of it all together. Who needs it? Not blacks. We all know the stories; we all know the history. And, obviously, African-Americans have overcome whatever obstacles stood in the way. Do you think 50 years ago there would have been an entire display devoted books by blacks in a college bookstore for a whole month? Of course not! (Well, maybe at Morgan, but that’s the way it’s supposed to be.) But now there is; Dr. King can rest in peace. For if Toni Morrison and Colin Powell, who apparently started off as slaves, can now be considered scholars and worthy of our attention, then all is right in the world.

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Where's Mr. Baxter and other UT Stuff
Irucka Ajani Embry

When is the last time that you went to the new Black Cultural Center on campus? Did you notice anything different? Did you notice that Mr. A.D. Baxter, the Coordinator for Minority Student Affairs/Black Cultural Center was missing?

Well, it seems that Mr. Baxter has been FIRED if you didn’t know so already.

Below is an e-mail that goes into a little more details and lets you know what YOU can do to help him. [1]

“Folks,

I'm pretty sure a lot of you have heard about the recent dismissal of Mr. A.D. Baxter from the Black Cultural Center. Mr. Baxter is a dear friend to me and a dear friend to ALOT of you guys as well. Some students are in the process of trying to get this "valued asset" reinstated at the Black Cultural Center.

This is where you come into play. If you have ever spoken with, borrowed a book, or signed up for free tutoring at the BCC you have been inversely affected by Mr. B. We NEED as many students as possible to write letters TODAY to:

Dr. Loren Crabtree, Provost
lcrabr1@utk.edu
The University of Tennessee
Office Of The Provost
810 Andy Holt Tower
Knoxville, TN 37996

Dr. Crabtree is the guy who will make the ultimate decision regarding Mr. B’s status. I know this might be asking alot, but if you use the BCC or you know Mr. Baxter then it should be in you hearts to send some correspondence.”

Concerning UT, the University of Tennessee system is basically a privately run corporation on public funds. IF you wish to know who owns UT, check out an article online at http://members.tripod.com/Irucka/ownut.html and as well if you ever get the chance, check out a Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting.

It seems that the BOT through the current President, Dr. John W. Shumaker, will at the BOT meeting in June decide about possibly privatizing (outsourcing) many jobs (housekeeping, etc.) currently held by people that are employed by UT. Mr. Baxter may be just one of many people to be fired this year.

On a flyer by the UCW-CWA [2], [3] it says: “Tell UT administrators to cut some fat off the top this time instead of picking the bones at the bottom! Call or write Pres. Shumaker [4] at 974-2241 or shumaker@tennesssee.edu.” IF you are interested in helping the people that make Life at UT bearable, then contact Dr. Shumaker.

“UT firings bring charges of racism”

“NO LAYOFFS, NO OUTSOURCING, NO TUITION HI KES, (AND NO WHINING) Flyer”

“UCW-CWA is a democratic, member-run union of workers at the University of Tennessee - fighting for the rights of all Tennessee public service workers. We are the clerical and technical staff, housekeepers & custodians, food service, maintenance & craft workers, graduate employees and others who do the hard work that keeps the university running. We are affiliated with the Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO), a 700,000-member international union. If you work on a higher education campus in Tennessee, then UCW-CWA is YOUR union. We started organizing in 2000 because we realized that workers were going to have to unite and fight in order to improve wages and working conditions on campus. After all, if we don’t stand up for ourselves, who will?”

[4]

“Shumaker at top of university pay list” ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE – “New University of Tennessee President John Shumaker’s $733,550 compensation package makes him one of the highest-paid public university presidents in the country, The Chronicle of Higher Education reports in its latest issue.

Shumaker, who came to UT last spring from the University of Louisville, finished second in The Chronicle's compensation survey of 131 chief executives of state research universities and public college systems for the 2002-03 school year.

Shumaker receives an annual base salary of $365,000 and an expense account of $20,000 a year, the paper reported. His contract with the state also makes him eligible for up to $98,550 a year in performance bonuses for accomplishing annual goals and provides him with a house and a car.

In addition, he has a contract with the University of Tennessee Foundation -- the university's private fund-raising organization -- that allows him to receive as much as $250,000 more in private contributions that include options on stocks purchased by the foundation, as well as more performance bonuses.

When Shumaker signed his contract in May, he said he would give $300,000 back to the university to provide overseas educational grants to students from all five UT campuses.

Mark Yudof, the new chancellor of the University of Texas system, was the highest paid public university president in The Chronicle's survey with a total compensation package of at least $787,319.”

How can he be paid soo much and other people employed by UT make poverty wages?

For more information:
http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/news_columns/article/0,1406,KNS_359_1265669,00.html

“Shumaker’s pay bothers some, but not candidates”

http://chronicle.com/free/v49/i13/13a03001.htm

“The Growing $500,000 Club: 27 private-college presidents earned more than half a million in compensation in 2000-1”


“Pay raise for top UT administrators eyed”