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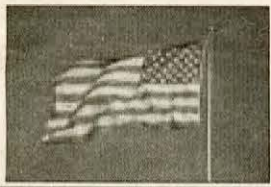
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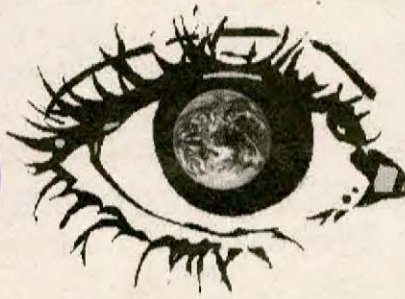
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War affects freedom of speech

By Raynard Gadson
Staff Writer

Probably the most important amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and what makes America the land of liberty is "freedom of speech." With the current war on Iraq, it seems to be a growing controversy for Americans to express an anti-war opinion. President Bush has declared anyone who actively protests the war as unpatriotic, when they are simply practicing their right to freedom of s p e e c h .

In a recent South Carolina controversy, the Dixie Chicks, a country music group, was asked to give a free concert for troops in Greenville as an apology for an anti-war remark made by lead singer, Natalie Maines. The Herald ran this story in its special 3/20 war issue, and titled it "[S.C.] House passes resolution condemning Dixie Chicks for anti-Bush remarks."

The article, written by Karen Addy, states that Representative Catherine Ceips proposed the resolution, saying

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Photo by Princess Bethea
Clyde Stanford, Chris Jones, Cornlineus Rogers stand in front of Byrnes protesting the war on Iraq.

"STILL I RISE"

Women defy odds to gain Women's History Month

By Tanaisha Brisbon
Staff Writer

As many of us know the month of March can represent a lot of things such as St. Patrick's Day, the arrival of Spring, or the start of the Lent season. March is also Women's History Month.



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The ideal of Women's History was unheard of to the general public until the 1970s. The Education Task force of Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in California petitioned for a

"Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. March 8 was then named International Women's Day which is the main day of the week - long celebration.

In 1979, the members of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women met with the Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College to enforce

making Women's History Week a national celebration. Participants in this effort organized a congressional operation to put the plans into e f f e c t .

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AIDS

This disease affects African-American college students--particularly in South Carolina

By Taniqua Taylor
Special to the Roddey
McMillan

Did you know that an estimated 38.6 million people are living with AIDS? According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) minorities make up a vast majority of the population of people living with AIDS. Minorities not only in terms of race, but also gender. More than 19 million of those that are infected with AIDS are women. In the year 2002 alone, AIDS was the cause of death for more than 3 million people!

What is this epidemic that is sweeping the world at a rapid pace? AIDS is a disease that

system so much that infections a healthy immune system could handle could kill a person with

S.C AIDS STATISTICS
by Catawba Care Coalition

NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED WITH HIV

- 1 in 3,000 White Women
- 1 in 250 White Men
- 1 in 50 Black Men
- 1 in 160 Black Woman

S.C. TOP 3 COUNTIES IN AIDS CASES

1. Richland County (1,906)
2. Bamberg County (1,297)
3. Greenville County (798)

S.C. TOP 3 COUNTIES IN HIV CASES

1. Richland County (3, 327)
2. Charleston county (2, 279)
3. Greenville County (1, 248)

A I D S .
What can be done lower these staggering statistics? The American Red Cross (ARC) believes that education is the answer. The American Red Cross has teamed up with the CDC to lower these statistics. They have developed an educational program that teaches the following: how to

vastly weakens the immune system. It breaks down the immune

teaches the following: how to see **AIDS** page 2

Rosa Parks refuses to Attend NAACP Awards

By Raynard Gadson
Staff Writer

Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks refused to attend the 2003 NAACP Image Awards because of the infamous jokes made about her in the film "Barbershop." The movie was nominated in three categories including *Outstanding Actor* for Ice Cube, *Outstanding Supporting Actor* for Cedric the Entertainer and Anthony Anderson, and *Outstanding Motion Picture*. Parks apparently decided

not to attend because of the negative statements made in the movie (about herself, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Rev. Jesse Jackson), which contradict what the NAACP Awards show stands for.

The official NAACP website (naacp.org) states: "The NAACP Image Awards honor projects and individuals of all races who have helped promote images of people of color."

The awards ceremony, which aired on March 13, was hosted by four-time NAACP

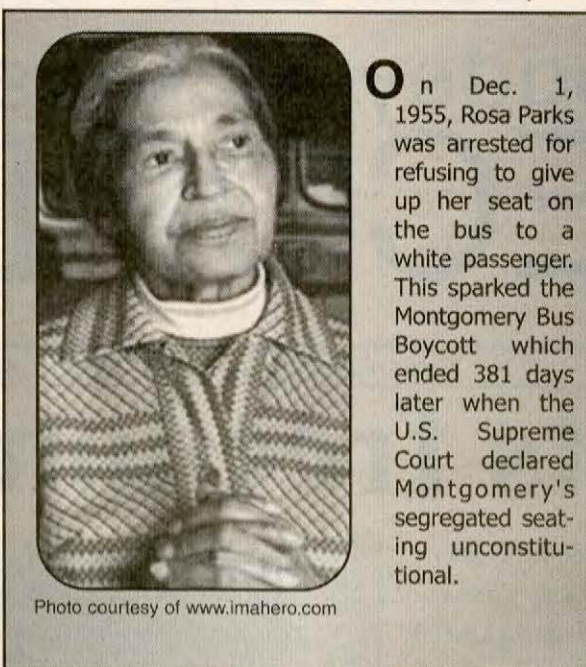


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On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger. This sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott which ended 381 days later when the U.S. Supreme Court declared Montgomery's segregated seating unconstitutional.

Image Award-winner Cedric the Entertainer, whose character in "Barbershop" made the controversial remarks. Several celebrities stood behind Parks' decision to boycott the 34th Annual awards show.

Angela Bassett took home the award for *Outstanding Actress* in a Television Movie for her portrayal of Rosa Parks in CBS's *The Rosa Parks Story*. Bassett included in her acceptance speech that she respected Parks' decision.

However, as USA Today reported in its March 8 issue, Willis Edwards, the show's executive producer and a friend of Parks, believes Parks will remain dedicated to the NAACP.

Sources: usatoday.com, naacp.org

Heritage Tour invites students to "Get on the Bus"

By Tiffini Mitchell
Staff Writer

What do Howard University, the Lincoln Memorial, and the house of Frederick Douglas all have in common? Aside from the obvious (they are all in Washington), they have another common link - in two days Winthrop students, faculty and staff will be there.

Sponsored by Student Affairs through the Office of Multicultural Student Life, the Heritage Tour is headed to Washington, DC. From March 28-30 approximately 40 Winthrop Students, faculty and staff (including two Campus police Officers) will tour 13 historic and cultural sites in the Washington, DC area. According to Student Affairs

Program Director Stacie Williams, the Heritage Tour "Is intended to provide Winthrop students with an enhanced out-of-the-classroom educational and cultural experience," that will expose participants to the history of this country, and have a special focus on the contributions of African Americans.

Is the war against Iraq making participants less willing to travel at this time, especially in to nation's capital? "No, in fact, I'm really eager to be in that political climate right now," said Joseph Ellis.

Ellis is a senior political science major from Johnson City, T.N. While he knows that the war is a huge issue right now, he doesn't fear any terrorist attacks or real danger by going to Washington. Because he is graduating in May, he even called the Heritage Tour a "senior trip" of sorts. Though Ellis has visited Washington a few times, he has never been to Howard University or the Holocaust Museum, two stops on the tour

that he is looking forward to. Ellis feels that it is important that Winthrop offers such trips because of the social, political and educational value that they offer, but is seeking other benefits as well, such as fun and relaxation. The trip costs \$145 and was open to all of Winthrop. The fee includes lodging and travel, but participants will have to pay for most meals. Students who attend the tour will receive five cultural credits.



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stop transmission, how to use facts about AIDS towards their own behavior, and how to respond to those that have AIDS. These are the major principles that the ARC and CDC believe will help aid in controlling epidemic that is rapidly sweeping the world. These educational programs are just one of the tools created to help. There are many sources of false information concerning AIDS. Many people that are misinformed continue to spread untrue information. The CDC and ARC's educational program works to disprove common myths. The most common myth is:

You shouldn't kiss, hug, or share a meal or drink with someone that has AIDS. Here are the real facts. AIDS is spread through a variety of body fluids including blood, semen, breast milk, and any other body fluid containing blood. The most common way AIDS is spread is unprotected sexual contact. It is also spread through the sharing of non-sterilized drug needles. AIDS is not spread through casual contact. Meaning that it is not spread through holding hands, hugging, coughing, and sneezing. Contrary to most myths, AIDS is not spread through drinking out of the same glass as an infected person, using the telephone or toilet seat of an infected person, nor

mosquito bites. The only two ways that work 100% in preventing you from getting AIDS are abstinence and not sharing drug needles. If you are sexually active, have only protected sex and use a latex condom. Educate your friends on the proper ways to prevent AIDS. Education about AIDS has been proven to be one of the best ways to prevent this epidemic from becoming any larger than it already has. For additional information about AIDS, please contact the SC AIDS/STD Hotline at 1-800-322-2437. * ALL STATISTICAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL * ALL FACTUAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Take Care of Home

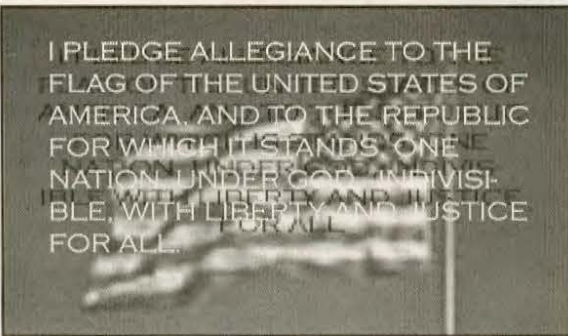


By
**Brian
Platts**

The old saying goes, "You cannot tell someone else how to take care of their home when yours is in a mess", or something like that. Now our President, we are in the middle of a War, is telling somebody else how to run their home. This War is not about freeing the Iraqi people. This War as an opportunity for the President to kill the man whom his father could not nor to train a government that would resemble ours, so he can have access to the black gold that lies beneath the Iraqi desert.

Still here in the good old U. S. of A., we have problems to be resolved. What do we do about the homeless? I see they are still on the streets. How do we get

some of the billions of dollars being poured in the military and foreign aid put in our financial aid package? Those student loans pile up quite quickly if I must say. What about the increasing teenage pregnancy rates? I don't think the President's abstinence plan is working. Hey, how many graduates will have career jobs after



graduations? Giving advice to your friends does not and I repeat does not make you a psychologist or relationship expert, you do it for free.

These are just a few problems the President has neglected to

deal with. However, "Operation Kill Saddam" is in full force. I am just as happy to be an American, not black-American or African-American as the next patriotic citizen, although I am proud of my ancestry. I support the troops in the armed forces and I in have family in them. However I do not support the cause (by now you may already

have guessed that). It will be this war that kills innocent people in Iraq. It may possibly lead to future terrorist attacks. And in the end, we, the tax-paying, FICA takes a lot out of my check, Americans that pays for it.

Food for thought: If a white person born in Africa becomes a citizen of the United States, doesn't that make him African-American?

Revive Black Feminism



By **Princess Bethea**
Asst. Editor

There is truly no environment on Earth that can incorporate popcorn, Dr. Phil, and the most controversial issues like a college dorm room. Recently, I've had of these heated episodes with my friends about women's rights and roles. During which I was referred to as a "feminist bitch" for some comment I made about women can do anything. I took no offense to this generalization because it was a last resort from a close friend, and I throw around stupid insults like that as

However, I wondered if being a feminist is something most women today see themselves as, especially black women. The term "feminist" has so many underlying stereotypes like "man-hating" and "lesbianism" that some black women may feel they have no regard to the movement. Racism within the feminist movement has especially made is seemingly a white-women's-only struggle. I worry that the ideal of black feminism and womanism is becoming less prevalent now that we are in a time when black women are becoming more successful. When people think they're in power, they often stop fighting for it.

A black feminist lives and succeeds with both the struggle of

her black race and the constant oppression of her sex. She dedicates her life to opening up doors for black girls and the minds of those who hate her. To be labeled a "feminist" should carry with it so much esteem.

Black feminists such as Alice Walker, Angela Davis, and Sister Souljah continue to fight black feminist issues like abortion and international human rights. I honestly believe that most of my highly opinionated black female friends are concealed feminists, but as Michelle Wallace states in her article "A Black Feminist's Search for Sisterhood," "...there is not yet an environment in this society remotely congenial to our struggle--[or our thoughts]."

"A black feminist lives and succeeds with both the struggle of her black race and the constant oppression of her sex."
-Princess Bethea

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that Maines' apologies "aren't enough."

But is it really fair to condemn any U.S. citizen for voicing an opinion that opposes government actions when this country was pretty much founded on the freedom of speech?

"It's not right," says Cloye Woods, a special education major from Clover, S.C. Woods believes people should be able to express their views without being held as anti-patriotic. "I think [Bush] is very close to being a dictator, tyrant, and communist," Woods said.

Elizabeth Richardson, a sophomore from Seneca, S.C., believes that it is our patriotic duty to express opinions.

"I do not think it is anti-patriotic to have an opinion," said Richardson, a mass communication major. "Just because these people disagree with war does not mean that they do not feel patriotism towards the United States and our troops now in battle," Richardson said.

With Bush trying to direct the American consensus of war by "condemning" those who are against his decisions, this entire domestic situation could potentially reflect that of China during the Cultural Revolution of the 1970s.

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In March of 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued national recognition to the week of March 8th, as the National Women's History Week. Through the request of various women's organization, politicians, and educators by 1987, National Women's History Week became a month long event.

The recognition of National Women's Month has changed the traditional study of history. Women's history forces us to explore other aspects of history

Mao Tse-Dong was only trying to preserve a communist China against the Soviets, but what started out as a movement "for the people" ended up in the arrest, imprisonment, and in many cases, death of thousands of innocent civilians.

Conversely, some argue that the prevailing distraction this situation has created among Americans only masks the greater issue.

"The troops really need our support, and for us to sit here and rally against the war [isn't helping them]," said Kristina Schornstadt, a mass communication major from Charlotte, N.C.

Schornstadt feels that while this has been a "barricade on our so called freedom of speech," what lies at the center of this controversy is the fact that it's no morale-booster for American troops to know that half the country is against a war they're risking their lives to fight.

However, Charise Hoyle, a finance major from Rock Hill, S.C., agrees that Americans are so adjusted to freedom of speech that if people dislike Bush, anything he does to threaten the practice of freedom of speech will only be used as fuel to the fire.

rather than politics or mainstream sports which are mainly male-dominated topics. Issues such as ethnicity, public health, and sexuality have become added to the history curriculum. Ideals such as such as marriage, birth control, and child rearing are also explored.

The study of women's history is essential because it offers hope to young girls for the future in this male dominated society. Young girls are able to look at influential women of the past and draw inspiration from them.

Movie Review
"Bringing Down The House"



Photo courtesy of <http://movies.yahoo.com>

By Raynard Gadson
Staff Writer

On the premise of what will make anyone think twice about the marvel of chat rooms and instant messaging, "Bringing Down the House" kicks off with two strangers, Peter and Charlene (Steve Martin and Queen Latifah), engaged in a series of instant messaging. Misled by a photo of Charlene, Peter is disturbed when a dream date with his Internet pal turns into his worst nightmare. In a down and out hilarious series of events, which I won't give away, Peter pulls out all the stops in trying to bring his suburban, respectable life back to normalcy, but Charlene ain't havin' it. Armed with an agenda of her own, Charlene sets out to turn Peter's world upside down. Both are in for the time of their lives!

Set before them are a number of outrageous obstacles including a nosy neighbor ("Golden Girls" Betty White in a role you

have to see to believe), a jealous ex-wife, a vicious sister-in-law, and a difficult prospective client (Joan Plowright, who gave a side-splitting performance in a certain, albeit contentious, dinner table scene), among many others.

"Bringing Down the House" has it all. Comedy, action, romance, suspense, and the best girl fight scene since Mariah Carey's "Heartbreaker" video. There's no denying that Latifah is about to explode on the Hollywood scene, and this was the perfect vehicle. Her chemistry with the incomparable Steve Martin, though bizarre, was very refreshing. It's the one thing that I'm sure has made "Bringing Down the House" the #1 movie in America.

Visit the movie's official site at <http://webevents.yahoo.com/toughstone/bringing-downthehouse/>



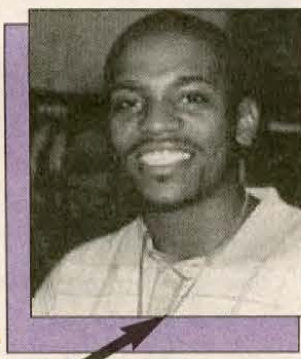
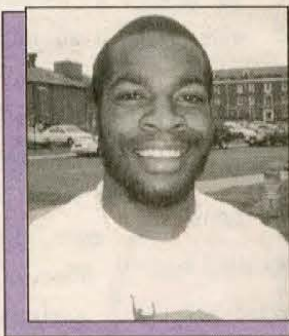
Shaggy cartoon

Name: **Clay Hadden**
Major: **Communication disorders**
Classification: **Junior**
Hometown: **North Augusta, S.C.**
How often do people say u look like the celeb?
It's my nickname back home.
Do you think u look like her? **Sure! Why not?**



Lil' Bow Wow rapper

Name: **James "Moe" Little**
Major: **Integrated Marketing Communication**
Class: **Sophomore**
Hometown: **Cheraw S.C.**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Lil' Bow Wow**
How often are you told you look like this celeb?**All the time.**
Do you think you look like him? **No. Not at all.**



Mekhi Phifer, actor

Name: **Jared L. Rankins**
Major: **Sports Management**
Class: **Junior**
Hometown: **Virginia Beach, VA**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Mekhi Phifer**
How often are you told you look like this celeb?
I get it a lot from girls, comin' up to me and being like, "Hey, You know you look like that guy from, "Soulfood," or " O".
Do you think you look like him?
I do admit to seeing some of the similarities. You know what, I think I do...It's our smiles, that gets you!



Seeing
Star

Have you ever noticed in the Caf or as you walk through class that looks like Roddey McMillan staff and staff whom we felt professional singers and you think our Celebrity List? Write us at Roddeymac@... know if you or someone else is a celebrity to be used

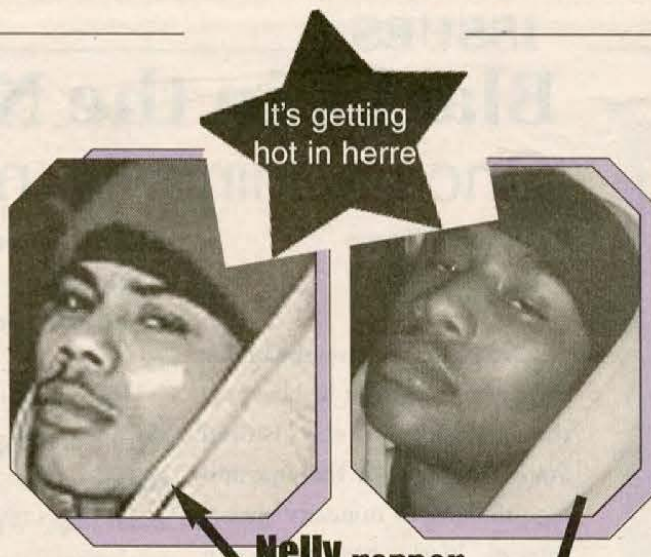
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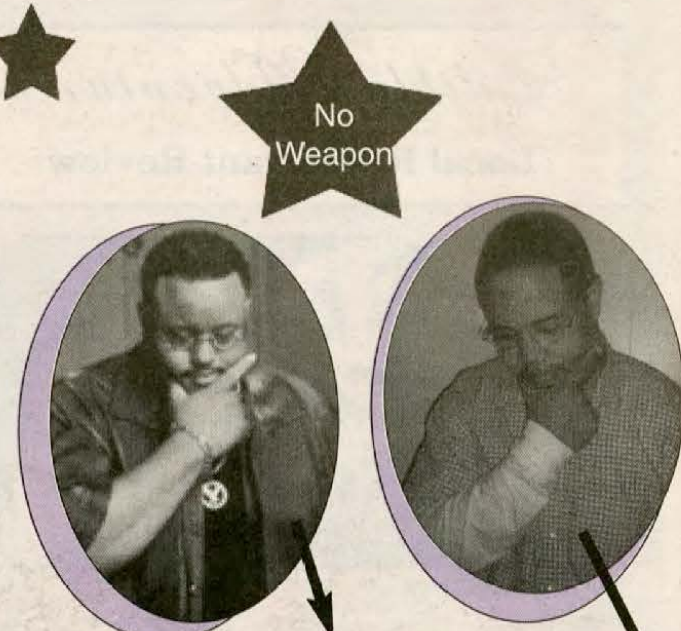
Have you ever noticed someone at the Caf or as you were walking to class that looks like a star? Well, the Roddey MacMillan staff selected a few students whom we felt most closely resembled famous singers and actors in Hollywood. Do you think your Celebrity Look-a-likes matched up? Email your photos to Roddeymac@winthrop.edu. Or let us know if you or someone you know resembles a celebrity to be used for our April issue.

Celeb Photos courtesy of mtv.com, yahoo.com and wire-images.
Editors Note: This section is in no way an attempt to pass the students/staff off as the actual celebrities. All participants agreed to be in the Roddey MacMillan Record to use their photograph and information.



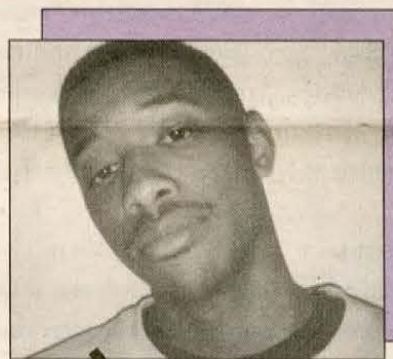
Nelly rapper

Name: **Marchavis "Roc" Caldwell**
Major: **Mass Communication**
Class: **Junior**
Hometown: **Spartanburg, S.C.**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Nelly** How often are you told you look like this celeb? **Way too much. I get tired of hearing it.**
Do you think you look like him? **I don't see it, but my daddy looks like Petey Pablo.**



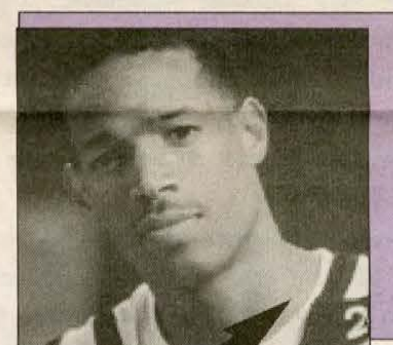
Fred Hammond Gospel artist

Name: **Marcus Morris**
Major: **Music Education**
Class: **Senior**
Hometown: **Spartanburg, S.C.**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Fred Hammond**
How often are you told you look like this celeb? **Every day.**
Do you think you look like him? **I guess I do. I have had the opportunity to not only meet him., but to play with his group on tour during the summer.**



Marlon Wayans actor

Name: **Bryant White**
Major: **Computer Information System**
Class: **Junior**
Hometown: **Atlanta**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Marlon Wayans**
How often are you told you look like this celeb? **Every once in a while**
Do you think you look like him? **Not really!**



Ashanti R&B songstress

Name: **Nakia Fordham**
Major: **Biology**
Class: **Junior**
Hometown: **Mt. Pleasant, S.C.**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Ashanti**
How often are you told you look like this celeb? **About every day!**
Do you think you look like him? **No. We have the same general profile, but I don't think I look like her.**

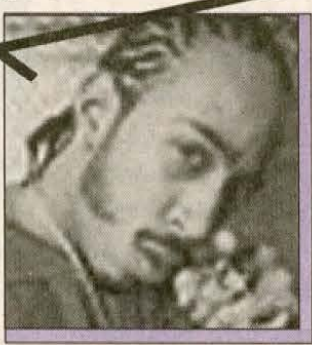


Cynthia Nixon actress

Name: **Lauri Yeargin**
Major: **life**
Classification: **Instructor**
Hometown: **Rock Hill**
How often do people say u look like the celeb? **At least 4 times a week**
Do you think u look like her? **A little bit**



Ludacris rapper



Name: **James Doswell III**
Major: **Pre-Engineering**
Class: **Junior**
Hometown: **North Charleston, S.C.**
Celeb Look-a-like: **Ludacris**
How often are you told you look like this celeb? **People tell me all the time.**
Do you think you look like him? **I didn't think so when Ludacris first came out, but when my mother and sister told me I did, I started to realize that it was true.**

Edible Adventures

Local Restaurant Review



By Tiffini Mitchell
Staff Writer

Welcome to the returning column! I have taken over for Scott & Becca, but for the same goal: to look for new and exciting places to have edible adventures at places that you may be a little reluctant to try. In this issue I will be reviewing **Sake Express: Japanese Steakhouse** located at 2455 Cherry Road

THE FOOD:

Japanese Cuisine that seems a bit Americanized. You'll be able to recognize and pronounce everything on the menu.

THE LOOK:

The look on the inside was not what I expected from the outside. When I think "Japanese Steakhouse," I picture an elaborate décor, dimly lit and sort of plush—not at Sake Express. The inside is a mixture of green, beige and black furniture with neon green lighting outlining the ceiling. It was not as "fancy" as I expected it to be, but it was still nice.

THE SERVICE:

I got my food about two minutes after I sat down (you seat yourself). I had Hibachi chicken with carrots and mushrooms, fried rice and sweet tea. The food was excellent, even better than I expected. I was a little displeased with the service though. It took about thirty minutes for my waiter to come over and see if I needed anything. I will say this, it did not lessen my overall experience - I plan on returning.

WHAT MAKES IT STAND OUT?

You can watch as your food is cooked. The grill is in the front of the restaurant, so you can see your meal being prepared. In addition, the portion size coupled with the quality of food is more than worth it for the price.

DETAILS: It is dine-in or carry-out, with drive through service also available. The number is 327-9940. Business hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (10 p.m. Fridays), and on Sundays from noon until 9 p.m. An entree consisting of meat and fried rice and vegetables runs about \$4.99. Two meat combinations are about \$9.99. Steak, chicken and seafood are available.

Overall Sake Express has the combination college students want: great food at an even better price. I give it two thumbs up.

If you know a restaurant that I should include in my next review email mitchellt1@winthrop.edu
Good luck on your edible adventures!

ISSUES

**Blacks in the NBA:
Once a minority, now the majority**

By Jese Williams
Staff Writer

Civil rights activists dream for the day when blacks will become the majority in the United States. In spite of the continuing problems of minority opportunities, blacks have soared in the area of professional sports.

Players such as Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, Shaquille O'Neal, and Kobe Bryant are the basketball faces America is used to. More than 80 percent of the players in the NBA are black. In past decades, whites held the majority of roster spots on teams.

Nowadays things are the complete opposite. Blacks do not dominate any other sport in the United States like they do basketball.

At Winthrop you can easily see this trend. Take a look at the current men's basketball team. All but three players on the roster are black.

Compare this to 1979, one year after the introduction of the men's basketball program at Winthrop. That year's team featured only three blacks. The numbers, though, gradually increased. In 1984 five blacks played for Winthrop. The 1992 team saw seven blacks on its roster.

Tom Hickman, Winthrop's

athletic director, says the racial makeup of the roster is solely based on talent and ability.

"We expect coaches to recruit and sign the best players. We don't care about race. We don't have to meet any quotas," Hickman says.

If race is not a concern, then why are the demographics in basketball so lopsided?

Hickman says it boils down to social and cultural factors.

"A lot of blacks are not exposed. You won't find a lot of minorities in other sports such as tennis or golf,"

Black presence in basketball now extends beyond the boundaries of the actual court. More African Americans hold jobs in basketball that do not require them to dribble a ball.

They perform their jobs in suit and tie, not shorts and sneakers. Winthrop basketball player Sheldon Bailey sees this evolution as a serious power shift in the United States.

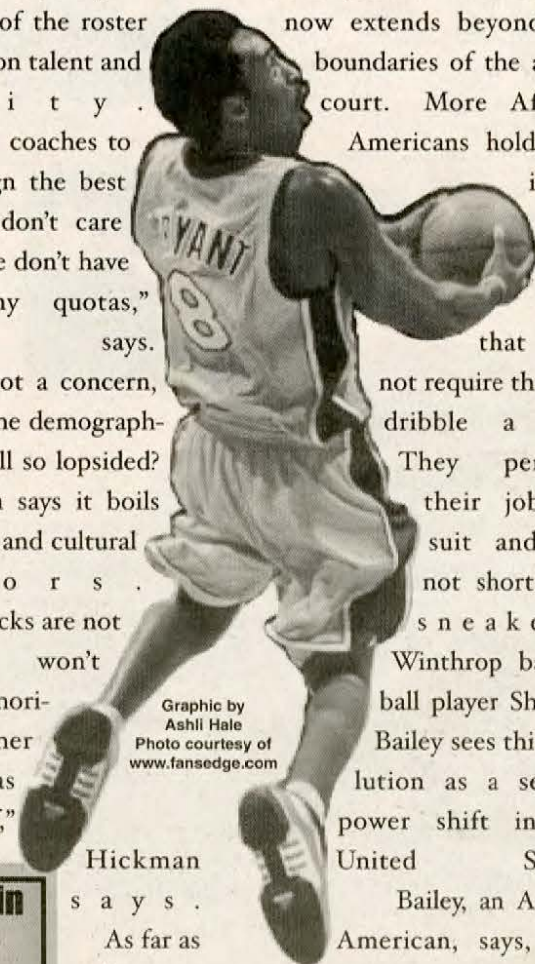
Bailey, an African American, says, "We now use basketball as a spring board for more powerful positions. Blacks have become coaches and general managers. We even have a black team owner."

Bailey is making reference to Robert Johnson. He is the owner of the new NBA franchise in Charlotte that will begin play in 2004. This marks the first time in the United States that an African American holds majority ownership of a professional sports team.

"Blacks now have real power in basketball. We have gotten smarter. We're getting rid of the stereotype that we're just athletes," Bailey says.

As far as colleges are concerned, the trend began in the 1960's. Many blacks saw sports as a way of getting education and improving their socio-economic status. A lot of inner city kids

also resorted to basketball as a way of staying out of trouble.



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Firsts for blacks in the NBA

1950 – first black player to play in an NBA Game (Earl Lloyd)

1953 – first black NBA all-star (Don Barksdale)

1966 – first black NBA head coach (Bill Russell)

1972 – first black NBA general manager (Wayne Embry)

2002 – first black owner of an NBA franchise (Robert Johnson)

Side bar from: www.hoopball.com/exhibits/freedom_timeline.htm

Actress Lynn Thigpen dies

By Raynard Gadson
Staff Writer

More commonly known as the chief on "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" Lynn Thigpen passed away at the age of 54. The actress died in her home due to, as of yet, undetermined causes.

Film credits for the late actress include "Lean On Me," "Tootsie," "Shaft," "The

Insider," and "Anger Management."

Aside from film, Thigpen was also a stage and television actress. She received the 1997 Tony Award for Best Supporting Actress in "An American Daughter."

Other television shows to Thigpen's credit include "L.A. Law," and the current CBS primetime drama "The District" of which executive producers



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report they have yet to determine if and how to write in Thigpen's death.

We Salute Women in History

Over the years in history, there have been significant advances in the women's movement. And we will share a few of those heroic women who helped to make a difference--either in the women's struggle or who contributed to the arts, sciences and education.

Sally Ride



1951-

In 1983, Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space. She made her second voyage on the Challenger in 1984. She has won numerous award and written several children's books. She currently is a physics professor at the University of California, San Diego.

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Mary Mcleod Bethune



1875-1955

Bethune, an educator from South Carolina, was an instrumental activist for racial equality. She was an unofficial advisor to President Roosevelt. She also founded the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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Dorothy Dandridge



1922-1965

Dandridge was a songstress and actress in the 1940s and 1950s. She broke racial barriers by being one of the first black women with a lead role in a Hollywood production. She has starred in Carmen Jones and Porgy & Bess. She was nominated for an Academy Award and received a Golden Globe. She died tragically of a drug overdose.

Photo courtesy of <http://home.hiwaay.net/~oliver/dandridge.html>

Eleanor Roosevelt



1884-1962

Wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Eleanor was key in bringing more attention to the issues of women, blacks and the poor. She was involved with the United Nations, American Red Cross and helped adopt the *Universal Deceleration on Human Rights*.

Photo courtesy of www.pbs.org/

Selena Perez



1971-1995

Selena Quintanilla Perez was one of the first latin female crossover artists, gaining popularity with English and Tejano music. She has one Grammy and six Tejano Music Awards. Her life was cut short by one of her associates.

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Connie Chung



1946-

Chung is the youngest of ten born to Chinese immigrants. She is the second woman to co-anchor a major network's national news broadcast after Barbara Walters. She has co-anchored the CBS evening news, 20/20 and currently hosts "Connie Chung" on CNN.

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What Do You Believe?



Princess Bethea ASst. Editor

My purpose for this section is to shine a light on the ideas and values outside of our Bible belt community. It is by no means my intentions to sway anyone's beliefs, but rather to enlighten and maybe even test your convictions. I have found that this is essence of the college experience-- if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.

A Womanist... "Loves music. Loves dance. Loves the moon. Loves the spirit. Loves love and food and roundness. Loves struggle. Loves the Folk. Loves herself. Regardless."

-Alice Walker

Womanist and womanism are synonyms for black feminist and feminism. Alice Walker in her 1983 book, *In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens*, created the term womanism to represent black women who felt that the European definition of feminism was racist. Womanism includes African heritage, enslavement, women's culture, and a kinship with other women, especially women of color. It embodies the African American women's struggle for self-determination and community, past and present.

For a womanist the concerns of poverty and racism equal that of sexism. Taking the term from the Southern black folk expression

of mother to female child "you acting womanish," Walker suggests that black women's history promotes a womanist worldview exclusively to black women. "A womanish girl acted in outrageous, courageous, and willful ways, attributes that freed her from the conventions long limiting white women."

Shug Avery, a character in *The Color Purple* is commonly symbolized to be a fictional womanist. Sojourner Truth is often looked to as the 19th Century example of womanism. Famous womanists include Alice Walker, Sister Souljah, Toni Morrison, Jamaica Kincaid, and Terry McMillan.

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"It's a VIBE-RANT Thing" sponsored by Griffin Motors Thursday, April 3rd, 2003,
12pm - 5pm at Winthrop University on Dinkin's front lawn.

PONTIAC Fuel for the Soul

AOE Gospel Choir places 3rd in national competition

By LaKeija R. Jackson
Staff Writer

The Association of Ebonite Gospel Choir made history as the first choir to represent Winthrop University in the annual Black Music Caucus Gospel Choir Competition. The event took place at the historic Apollo Theater in New York City on March 21-23. After many hours and weeks of hard work, the choir placed third--winning \$500, Best Original Composition for the song "Leaning," and Best Accompaniment categories, earning another \$100 for each respectively.

The award-winning "Leaning" was written by juniors Erica Abney and Mary Ann Gooding and senior Janelle Belnavis. The choir raised money

for the trip through personal donations and singing engagements at various churches across the southeast. The choir members only paid \$75 to cover the round-trip bus fare and lodging for the three-day, two-night trip.

"It was a great experience with the choir," said choir director Erica Abney. "It was a nice way to promote the choir."

Other winners were Benedict College, Virginia State University and Fayetteville State University.

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself in New York," said freshman Willie Lyles III. "I give much props to the directors for working so diligently to make sure we were prepared."

"I also give much props to the choir for staying dedicated."

LIFT EVERY VOICE



FILE PHOTO

(From left to right) Shamona McClary, Lola Cohen and Seeka Adams sing praises at an Association of Ebonite's Gospel Choir practice last spring. The AOE Choir placed third in the nation among top ranked college choirs last weekend in the annual Black Music Caucus Gospel Choir Competition.

AOE hosts week of events



File Photo

Students Danielle Grisby and Mary Ann Gooding practice with the AOE Gospel Choir.

By Jason Dean
Staff Writer

For 35 years

AOE has been a part of Winthrop's campus. This year for the first time ever, AOE has start-

ed "Ebonite Week," April 1-6. AOE was the first multicultural organization at Winthrop, in 1968. Because of the start of AOE, many fraternities, sororities, and other multicultural organizations were started on campus. AOE president, Nairobi C. Orr, senior, feels the week will build campus respect for the organization, which the organization feels they have lost over the years.

AOE WEEK ACTIVITIES

- April 1st** Big Brother/ Big Sister Talent show
5pm @ Boyd Hill Community Center

Cake in the Café
Dinner @ Thomson Café
- April 2nd** Gospel Choir Candle Light Visual
8pm @ Dinkins Front Lawn
- April 3rd** Ebony Affair
9pm @ McBryde Hall (formal event)
- April 4th** Black Dance In Motion Recital
7pm @ Tillman Hall
- April 5th** Alumni Cookout
TBA @ Amphitheater

Community Service (Passing out Easter egg Baskets.)
11am @ Piedmont Hospital
- April 6th** Worship Service
TBA @ Plowden Auditorium

Mr. & Ms. Ebonite Pageant
7pm @ Tillman