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# THE RODDEY McMILLAN RECORD

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Shining the light on diversity at Winthrop

MARCH 24, 2004

## Heart disease increasing among young women

Precautions should be taken to decrease risk

by Yolanda Ladson  
Special to The Roddey McMillan Record

Cardiovascular disease, commonly known as heart disease, is the number one killer of women. It affects women of all backgrounds and the risk is increasing, especially for younger women.

Heart disease claims the lives of more than 500,000 women each year, with African-American women accounting for more than 71 percent.

According to the American Heart Association, African-American women have a 55 percent higher chance of developing heart disease than Caucasian women. Younger women, ages 15-34, are suffering more from the disease.

Heart disease can take a strong toll on the loved ones of victims. Tomeika Banks, a 20-year-old biology major from Anderson, S.C., lost her father about 15 years ago from a heart attack.

"Something like this is such a cathartic event that it changes your whole lifestyle," Banks said.

Banks realizes she may be at a greater risk because she is an African-American female and her father suffered from heart disease.

"Having a family member to have these problems only makes me more aware of my lifestyle. If you had a close person to die in a car accident, you would be more willing to wear a seatbelt. I am more willing to pay close attention to what I need to do to stay healthy," Banks said.

Michelle Mann, assistant director for Health and Counseling Services at Winthrop, attributes heart disease to our daily activities.

"A lot of factors of heart disease are related to lifestyle-things we do, such as not exercising, bad eating habits and extremely high stress.

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# LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

by Tanaisha Brisbon  
Senior Staff Writer

You are walking across campus. You stop and look up. Out of the corners of your eye you see the most attractive person you have ever seen. You both establish eye contact. This person is young, looks healthy and attractive. This person is everything you want in a mate. Before you make your move stop and examine yours situation carefully.

On various college campuses, many students are sexually active. Sadly, some of these young people put themselves at risk of contracting an Sexually Transmitted Infection, (STI) formally know as Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) by having unprotected sex. Michelle Mann, assistant director of Health and Counseling Services said, "Anybody having oral, genital, or anal sex is at risk."

There are various STI's. Herpes is a common STI caused by a virus that is spread thru physical contact during vaginal, anal, and oral sex.

Another common STI is gonorrhea as known as GC, clap, drip or dose. It is spread from any sexual physical contact.

Syphilis also known as syph, box, or bad blood is a prevalent STI among people. It is also contracted thru any sexual contact. Persons with syphilis may notice small or large chancres or skin sores in the genital area that usually don't hurt.

Another growing STI, chlamydia is a bacteria caused vaginal, anal, or oral sex. It is the most common STI



photo courtesy of yvonne images

and the U.S. and the most reported cases of the bacteria come from the south.

Lastly, HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), quickly invades the young population. HIV can be passed during sex or sharing needles thru blood, semen, or vaginal fluids. There are virtually no symptoms with HIV. Symptom such as fatigue, loss or hair and skin discoloration come with AIDS.

STI's are a major health concern. There are students on campus with STI's such as chlamydia, HPV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and HIV, said Mann. "Students come to Crawford requesting information on STI's as well as info

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### LEARN TO PROTECT YOURSELF...

\*Knowledge is power! Educate yourself and your partner about all aspects of sexuality.

\*Abstinence, or not having oral, vaginal or anal sex, is the only one true way to be safe.

\*If you choose not to abstain, limiting your number of partners can greatly reduce your risk of and STI.

\*Use latex condoms correctly for any type of sex (vaginal, oral or anal) from start to finish, EVERYTIME.

\*There are also polyurethane condoms for females, but they are not to be used with male condoms.

Information courtesy of twainknows.org



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## THROUGH THE RAIN AND AFTER THE STORM: Dealing with depression and suicide

by Michelle Knowlin  
Staff Writer

School, family and relationships are just a few of the many stressful factors that college students have to deal with on a regular basis. Unfortunately, many students who feel that they can no longer handle all of the stress of college life decide to take their own lives.

According to medicalnewsservice.com, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students.

Ramona Alston, a 20-year-old psychology major from McClellanville, S.C., said, "I don't know of anyone who hasn't been stressed at one point and time, but I believe that the people who don't have something to balance the stress will be more likely to attempt suicide."

Kwabena Sankofa, a psychologist in the stu-

dent health center at Winthrop, explains that there are three different types of cases involving suicide.

Sankofa said the first type of case concerning suicide is "suicidal ideation." These are simply suicidal thoughts. These people have no intention of committing suicide but the thought often crosses their minds. Dr. Sankofa said that these cases occur most frequently.

Next, there are the people who actually attempt suicide. These people had previously attempted suicide but did not succeed in killing themselves.

Finally, there is the case of suicide completion.

These people actually succeed in killing themselves.

Sankofa said that 70 percent of the people who come in to counseling at Winthrop have suicidal thoughts. Twenty-five percent of the people who come in have actually attempted suicide.

Exams, papers and relationships are tough, but what exactly would lead a college student to take his or her own life?

Krystal Smalls, a 21-year-old elementary education major from McClellanville, S.C., said that feeling overwhelmed by vast amounts of



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# The GIRL Who Cried RAPE?

Compiled by April Heath  
Staff Writer

It can be agreed upon by many that rape is a very sensitive issue, but would a girl go so far as to "cry rape," or lie about being raped to protect her reputation? We asked several Winthrop students their thoughts on the issue. Here's what the results showed:

**QUESTION:**

*Do some women lie about being raped?*

	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>GUYS</u>
<b>YES</b>	9	14
<b>NO</b>	4	3
<b>SOMETIMES</b>	1	3

**RESPONSES:**

*"Yes because society will believe a woman over a man."*

- Katisha Corprew

*"Yes. Some girls don't want their parents to know they are sexually active, so they blame everything on the guy, making it look like the girl is innocent."*

- Sara Browder

*"Yes because girls have the advantage over a man in courts most commonly and it's harder for a man to fight back."*

- Katisha Corprew



Below: Hundreds of activists outnumber Klu Klux Klan members and Neo-Nazis at a "recruitment rally" for the racists in Raleigh, N.C. The members of the North Carolina NAACP and the Black Student Union of NC State University organized the official demonstration.

Photo below courtesy of Patrick Holt  
Other photos www.kkkklan.com



## Students, professor protest racists at NC rally

by Tiffini Mitchell  
Copy Editor

Three Winthrop students and a professor traveled to Raleigh, N.C. to convey a powerful message: they won't tolerate hate. This group, along with approximately 600 others protested a demonstration held by White supremacists belonging to the Ku Klux Klan and Neo-Nazi organizations in what was to be a recruitment rally.

The Feb. 21st downtown Raleigh demonstration was just one of the supremacist's visits on a

multi-southern state capital tour. Consisting of nearly 25 white supremacists wearing full Klan and Nazi garb, they were met with plenty of opposition. One protester was senior art major and Columbia, S.C. native Patrick Holt.

When asked what compelled him to go protest, Holt, 22, said he wanted to intimidate the supremacists, just the way they hope to intimidate the ones that they hate. While Holt admitted that it was "bizarre and scary" to see such individuals in today's society, he took pride in the fact that he and

the other protesters halted their efforts. By making noises by banging on plastic buckets, screaming and chanting, they succeeded in preventing the attendance of any possible recruits. According to Holt, "Basically, they were speaking to a bunch of people who were yelling at them."

The members of the North Carolina NAACP and the Black Student Union of N.C. State University organized the official demonstration.

## a look at MARCH past

**1634**-- The 1st Catholic Mass performed in the United States (4/25).

**1770** -- Boston Massacre (4/5).

**1852** -- *Uncle Tom's Cabin* published (4/20).

**1875**-- US Civil Rights Act passed (4/1).

**1905** -- Cause of Syphilis discovered (4/3).

**1940** -- Elmer Fudd debuted in Warner Bros. cartoon (4/2).

**1943** -- Anne Frank died in a concentration camp (4/12).

**1980** -- Paul Shaffer became the 1st person to say "f\_k" on TV during and SNL skit (4/15).

**1991** -- Rodney King beaten by LA police (4/3).

**1995** -- Singer Selena gunned down (4/31).

**1997** -- Heaven's Gate cult members committed suicide (4/23-4/24).

\* Compiled by Princess Bethea, Assistant Editor



# To serve & protect or ignore & murder?

by Joshua Davis  
Special to the Roddey McMillan

Many African-American males experience unfair treatment from law enforcement officials at least once in their lifetime. The senseless tragedies of arresting and even beatings are becoming too common in this country.

An innocent, unarmed African-American male by the name of Kenneth Walker was brutally beaten and murdered by law enforcement in Columbus, Georgia.

The local sheriffs special unit targeted four black males riding in a high-priced SUV as "possible drug suspects." Each individual detained by sheriffs were college graduates as well as responsible citizens within the community.

The four men were forcefully dragged from their expensive SUV at gunpoint. They were then demanded to lie on a major interstate like criminals.

Soon after forcing the men to lie on the ground. One of the "trigger happy" officers made what some feel was an unconscious decision to shoot Kenneth Walker in the front of the head twice with an H&K MPS assault rifle.

The Barbarian, who shot Walker, claimed that he made a "personal judgment call." He further stated that he couldn't see Walker's right hand.

While Walker lie dying on

the side of the road, the officers understanding full well now that they had targeted the wrong vehicle still arrested the other 3 gentlemen.

Walker was shot at 9:00pm Wednesday evening, yet his family was not notified until 1:00am Tuesday morning. The family missed their opportunity to say their farewells due to the fact Walker died before they arrived at the hospital.

Walker was considered a loving husband, devoted father, and a responsible, civic-oriented individual, who was very involved with the community. He was also a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated. Not only had Walker never been in trouble with the law, but also there wasn't even a speeding ticket on his record.

Upon their strict search, the sheriffs found no guns or contraband in the vehicle. Approximately 6 hours later, the gentlemen were finally released. To add insult to injustice, the local government officials are currently stonewalling this situation.

The entire incident was caught on tape, but the sheriffs department is refusing to release the tape, which is a matter of public record under the "Freedom of Information" Act.

Sam Gilchrist, a junior at Trident Technical College says, "I don't think that an officer beating on a person is reasonable in this case. I mean, they are trained professionals and they should be following strict procedures in order to prevent such

actions." Ottis Allen, an assistant manager at Footaction said, "I feel that if an officer wrongly harms someone, they should have to deal with the same consequences as a criminal. Most law enforcement officials feel as though they are above the law."

The bottom line here is that if you are a young black male in this country, your life could be subject to come down to a "judgment call" by a "so-called" officer of the law.

### 3 Major Brutality Cases



~On Nov. 30, 2003 Nathaniel Jones was beaten by six officers in Cincinnati. 350-pound Jones later died in a hospital and officials said it was due to his size, enlarged heart and drug use. Officers were not prosecuted.

~March 3, 1991, Rodney King was beaten by LA. police with 56 blows, causing brain damage, 11 skull fractures and kidney damage.

~On Feb. 19, 1999 an unarmed Amadou Diallo was shot 19 times by police on the porch of his apartment in the Bronx. The officers were all later freed on bail.

Sources: www.Ledger-Enquirer.com, www.cnn.com

# Bush has skewed views on homosexual issues

by Melissa Johnson  
Staff Writer

You cannot turn the television on to any national news show lately without seeing images of two men or two women joyously kissing and embracing each other following their union in marriage.

Many gay rights activists and organizations like the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) and the Log Cabin Republicans, a homosexual group, feel like the legalization of same-sex marriage on the federal level is long over due.

As overt and numerous as these marriages are becoming, one might think that legislation had already been put in place that allows same-sex marriages.

President George W. Bush reached out to the gay community in his 2000 election and even won 25% of their vote, but now he is adamantly imploring Congress to ignore their voices in the political



arena.

Much to gay and lesbian marriage advocate's dismay, Bush is opposing any amendments being applied to standing legislation that would call for so-called marriage equality.

He is standing behind the Defense of Marriage Act that President Clinton and congress passed into legislation in 1996.

It defines marriage as "the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." Now, questions fill the air about Bush's angle on the matter and his ulterior motives.

Is he opposing same-sex unions because he really feels like it would alter the fate of society or is he doing it in hopes of maintaining the ultra conservative right-wing vote?

Bush's stance on the issue may have been his best decision yet since in office, but it does not mean that he values the institution of marriage as God intended.

Think of George W. Bush as a chameleon. A chameleon's colors change to perpetuate its survival in a given environment.

Right now the environment or climate in the political arena is against same-sex unions. Consider, however, all of the other agendas of the right-wing, its general contribution to society and then vote.

# Poetry Corner

by Erin Robinson

## 2003-04 Poets



Jada Hudson  
"Chestnut"  
Sept. 17, 2003



Danielle Grisby  
"What's Goin' On"  
Oct. 15, 2003



Kristen Johnson  
"God Bless America"  
Nov. 12, 2003



Monique Woods  
"Untitled"  
Dec. 10, 2003



Tracey L. Stewart  
"Black Love"  
Jan. 21, 2003



Jason Dean  
"Neutral"  
Feb. 18, 2004

The results are in and a winner has been selected! After much thought and consideration our exclusive panel of judges have made their decision. Check out the next issue of the Roddey-McMillan Record on April 21 for the results.

## GOT OPINIONS?

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# Stormy Weather: The Janet and Lena controversy

by **Aprille Blanding**  
Staff Writer

After mimicking the look of singer and actress, Lena Horne in a *Vanity Fair* photo shoot, pop singer Janet Jackson was chosen by ABC to portray Horne in a planned TV movie based on the Broadway singer's autobiography, *Lena*.



photo/MGM

Jackson claims that she signed on to play the role out of admiration for the star and many ABC insiders claim she turned a once struggling film into a hopeful one since the movie would contain Jackson's own vocals on Horne's songs. Surprisingly, after the breast-baring incident at this year's Super Bowl half-time show, Jackson was forced to resign from the film after hearing reports that Horne was pressuring ABC to fire her due to the controversy. Two producers of the



miss-janet.com

film, Craig Zadan and Neil Meron (*Chicago*) have quit production on the film because they were against Horne's decision.

Coincidentally, this is the second time that Jackson has come close to depicting a famous African-American female on television. Several years ago, Jackson bought the film rights to the book "Everything and Nothing: The Dorothy Dandridge Tragedy", but lost the chance to pursue the movie when Halle Berry was cast in the 1999 biographical film, *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*. Jackson lost the role despite showing the world her resemblance to Dandridge in her music video, "Twenty Foreplay."

Of course, Horne should be a little apprehensive about Jackson, since not only has she bared her breasts accidentally at the Super Bowl, but also intentionally in a famous *Rolling Stone* cover and the front cover to her new album, *Damita Jo*.

Since Jackson has been knocked out of the movie, what other actress can portray Horne and bring the same energy?

The only other actress that comes to mind is Berry because she has experience in musicals. Other possible actresses are Jada Pinkett-Smith, Vanessa L. Williams and Salli Richardson.

source: [msbc.msn.com](http://msbc.msn.com)

# New underground music style takes root

by **Jada Hudson**  
Staff Writer

"Who? Mike Jones. What? Mike Jones"

If you have heard these lines then you know about this new Houston, Texas phenomenon of a new music genre. It's called Screw music.

Basically, Screw music is a mix of chopped and screwed full songs by your favorite rappers. I guess you can say its underground right now because it is not blasted on radios across the country. However, some artist are incorporating it more and more on their albums.

\* Take Ludacris for example. He uses a DJ Screw project on his new album featuring Lil Flip, who is a native of Houston. Lil Flip even gives a "shout out" to DJ Screw on the song.

DJ Screw released his first album in October 1998. Unfortunately he died a month later at his studio of a heart attack at the age of 29. However, his musical style has lasted and has influenced artist such as Mike Jones, Magno and Chamillionaire.

I was introduced to screw music when I came to college a year ago. I fell in love with the skill it took to chop and cut up an album at just the right time. However, Kimberly Lawer, a junior from Lexington, S.C., says, "it's very helpful in learning the words to a song, but other than that, its too slow."

Eventhough it's now just a seed underground, I believe over time, as people become more and more hip to it, Screw music will grow into the next big thing.

## SITCOM

# GIRLS GONE WILD

by **Martin Smith**  
Staff Writer

Remember watching television when you were young and seeing happy family sitcoms with the innocent adorable little girls? The image of these pure young sitcom girls can be put to rest, for some of them have taken a walk on the wild side.

If you remember the television show "Family Matters," you automatically think of the main characters Steve Urkel and Laura Winslow, but do you remember the adorable little girl who played



Jaimee Foxworth, then and now

Judy Winslow, Laura's baby sister? Jaimee Foxworth, who played Judy Winslow, disappeared from the show just after four seasons due to what the show's producers called a "budget consideration" (Kellie.de.com). A decade later, Foxworth stepped into the world of adult entertainment. She could be seen in several hardcore porno films between 1999 and 2001 under the stage name "Crave."

Foxworth claimed she got caught up in the wrong crowd and had a struggling dependency with alcohol. Running low on money, she saw adult films as quick cash and a way out of debt.

"To be honest I enjoyed the money more than I enjoyed the sex," Foxworth told bet.com.

Lindsay Ratchford, a 19-year-old freshman from Columbia, SC, says that she is not surprised by Foxworth's life.

"She was down and needed money, so she did what she had to do," Ratchford said.

Alyssa Milano is another child star who took that walk on the wild side.

Milano starred as Tony Danza's daughter, Samantha in the sitcom "Who's the Boss." She plays one of three magical witches on the WB's "Charmed."

Milano has also starred in the risqué "Embrace with the Vampire", which is for adults only. Also, nude pictures of Milano have shown up on the Internet and in some magazines without her permission.

But every gray cloud has its silver lining. Foxworth has since turned her life over to God and gave up the porn industry. Milano still remains an actress, but has toned it down for family viewing.

So if you thought seeing Rudy Huxtable half-naked in Chingy's "One Call Away" video was bad, just think: it could have been worse.

source: [us.idmb.com](http://us.idmb.com)

## BOOK REVIEW:

# God Don't Like Ugly

By **Mary Monroe**

by **April Heath**  
Staff Writer

"God Don't Like Ugly", written by Mary Monroe, is a captivating and riveting novel that captures the essence of growing up in a world where life is hard and sometimes unbearable. Monroe vividly chronicles the life of Annette, a seven-year-old overweight and unattractive girl. She lives with her mother and Mr. Boatwright, an elderly church man who the mother invited to live in the home after the father disappeared when Annette was six.

Mr. Boatwright soon begins to abuse Annette, and promises her money and candy to keep her from revealing the abuse to her mother. The mental and physical abuse by Mr. Boatwright quickly brings her already tarnished self-esteem down until she meets

Rhonda, the daughter of a prominent business man. Rhonda comes to town and changes Annette's life forever. To Annette, Rhonda is everything that she is not but wishes she could be: a beautiful bi-racial, slim girl with long hair and green eyes, outspoken and charismatic. Because Rhonda was the first person who actually looked deeper into Annette than her outward appearance, Annette tells her the secret of Mr. Boatwright's abuse.

But on a brighter note, Annette's friendship with Rhonda gives her more courage to stand up for herself against Mr. Boatwright and to finally leave her home where she finds that being overweight is beautiful. She also finds love in a man who had been in her life since childhood. She never knew his true feelings until they grew up and he

finds her after he comes back from the army.

Annette is an overweight young girl who grows up with the feeling of having no one in the world who understands her, except for her emotionally unstable best friend.

Rhonda is a seven year old "woman" who creates a facade of a perfect life, but lives with a mother who is dying, a brother who is a juvenile delinquent, along with a crazy racist white grandmother and an uncle with a drinking problem. Apart, their lives were unbearable, but together they create their own world in which secrets and lies are ultimately the demise of a beautiful friendship.



amazon.com

## COMING SOON TO WINTHROP...

### "The House of Bernarda Alba"

Directed by Annie-Laurie Wheat

WHEN: March 31-April 3 at 8 pm; April 4 at 2 pm  
WHERE: Johnson Theatre  
COST: \$5 with WU ID;  
CULTURAL EVENT!

### "GIGI"

French movie with English subtitles.

Presented by the Dept. of Modern Languages  
WHEN: April 1, 2004; 8 pm  
WHERE: Kinard Auditorium  
COST: FREE CULTURAL EVENT!

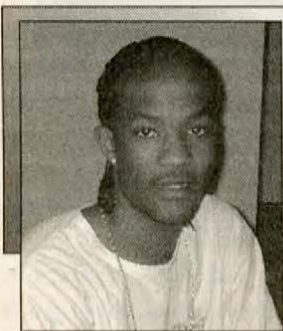
### "Association of Ebonites' Worship and Praise Extravaganza 2004"

featuring the Vision of Zion praise dancers

WHEN: April 4, 2004; 5-10pm  
WHERE: Tillman Auditorium  
COST: FREE. Jesus paid it all.



Winthrop Witnesses  
**THE PASSION**  
*of the*  
**CHRIST**

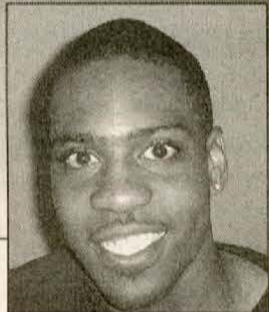


*"It was a good detailed movie about the events of Christ's crucifixion."*

Marquette Alston, 19  
 Lancaster, S.C.

*"I read about it in the Bible and I wanted to see it portrayed in a movie."*

Darren Cureton, 19  
 Lancaster, S.C.



*"I think Mel Gibson did a really good job. It was very realistic, causing lots of emotion."*

Monet Brown, 19  
 Charleston, S.C.

*"It was emotional, I learned some of the details that weren't taught in church."*

Joe Mills, 20  
 Traveler's Rest, S.C.



photos by Phillip Edwards

# Remember the 80s

## Around the World in the 80s

by **Ebony Baker**  
 Senior Staff Writer

**HEADLINES...**

**New spacecraft Columbia lifts off**

April, 1981-- NASA's new spacecraft with the aid of booster rockets lifted off this month. This new spacecraft (called a shuttle) will return under its own power and will land like an airplane. It can carry up to nearly 66,000 pounds.

**WARNING: "Greenhouse Effect"**

October, 1984-- According to American scientists global warming is on the increase. More and more fossil fuels like gasoline and coal are being burned and are also being blamed for the increase of the "Greenhouse Effect". It is expected that the Earth's climate and atmosphere will change in the next decade.

**Halley's Comet**

1986-- After 76 years, Halley's Comet will be in full view this year. The comet is named after the English astronomer, Edmund Halley, who predicted its orbit in 1705.

**U.S. oil tragedy**

March 24, 1989- Twelve million gallons of crude oil flowed out of the Exxon Valdez supertanker making this the worst environmental disasters in North American waters.

Remembering the 1980's would not be complete without a look back at some of the major events of the decade. The deaths of music stars Marvin Gaye and John Lennon certainly shocked the world. And the tremendous box office successes *Batman* and *E.T.* showed that amidst everything that was going on, America still needed to be entertained. The 80's definitely had its share of political events—from an attempted assassination to the fall of the Berlin Wall, the 80s was a decade we'll never forget.

- 1980** -- Huge eruption of Mount St. Helen's volcano in Washington State. War breaks out between Iran and Iraq. Western boycott of Moscow Olympics
- 1981** -- Iran releases American hostages after 444 days. Assassination attempt is made on President Reagan. MTV is launched.
- 1982** -- Compact Discs(CDs) emerge.
- 1983** -- President Reagan proposes a space laser weapons system called the Strategic Defense Initiative (also named Star Wars). Earthquake in Turkey kills 2,000.
- 1984** -- Scientists in U.S. and France identify the AIDS virus.
- 1985** -- The 17 year old Boris Becker became the youngest player to win the men's singles at Wimbledon.
- 1986** -- Challenger Disaster
- 1987** -- The first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was "Lady Soul": Aretha Franklin.
- 1988** -- Iran-Iraq war is over.
- 1989** -- Berlin Wall comes down. U.S. troops invade Panama.

[http://www.80s.com/80s\\_culture](http://www.80s.com/80s_culture)

Tamia  
 MORE

**Princess Bethea and Raynard Gadson**  
 Assistant Editor and Editor-in-Chief



Tamia's long-awaited album "More" is finally here. The singer's third studio album is expected to drop April 6, 2004.

The hot new single off this album, "Questions," was produced by R. Kelly and is receiving heavy radio rotation. Die-hard fans that have patiently awaited

this album for the past year are in for a treat. The album will include tracks produced by Babyface, Jermaine Dupri, Trackmasters, Mario Winans, Peter Lord and Jeff Smith and Shep Crawford, according to the singer's official website, [tamiaonline.com](http://tamiaonline.com).

Rumors have been circulating around the entertainment world that she wrote the album for her husband Grant Hill. Regardless to whom her inspiration maybe,, the album was cre-

# cd previews

ated to appeal to everyone in her audience.

Tamia will be performing along with the biggest superstars of pop and R&B music in what promises to be one of the most exciting and historic tours of 2004, The Verizon Ladies First Tour.

Tamia is a special guest for Beyonce, Alicia Keys, and Missy Elliot. If you want to get a live preview of Tamia's new album, the tour will be coming to the Charlotte Coliseum on Saturday, March 27, 2004.

Kimberley Locke, the second runner-up to last year's FOX phenomena "American Idol," is soon to join fellow Idols Ruben and Clay in the spotlight. The sultry singer, who has shed 20 pounds, drops *One Love* in May.

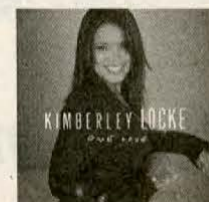
Locke's first single, "8th World Wonder," is steadily climbing the Billboard R&B charts. The single is in stores now, and will include a B-side cover of "Over the Rainbow," the song that made her

America's pick for the "American Idol" top twelve.

What can we expect from Miss K-Lo?

It's likely to be a blending of Locke's styles. As seen on "American Idol," the singing butterfly had a wide range of styles, the main influences being R&B, pop and soft rock.

"8th World Wonder" fuses pop and rock beneath epic lyrics that proclaim "Seven days and seven nights of thunder/



The water's rising and I'm slipping under/I think I fell in love with the 8th world wonder."

I think it'll be quite a surprise what Locke presents. The title would allude to an album full of ballads, but it'll be hard to pinpoint her to a certain genre. She is after all an 8th world wonder

Kimberley Locke  
 ONE LOVE

by **Raynard Gadson**  
 Editor-in-Chief



# Haitian Uprising: Decade-long revolt in Haiti continues

**Jada Hudson**  
Staff Writer

Freedom, Societies Rights, and the need for the resigning of an authoritarian President! At any given time you can see the necessity of people in the streets of Haiti to convey a message to have their way. Haiti has been oppressed for a long time, however, in the 21st century the people of Haiti have lashed out and have gained the attention of the entire world on their country. Yet, these people have a mission to have President Jean Bertrand Aristide successfully ousted from

office. A CNN Correspondent, Lucia Newman, described the situation in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti as "anarchy." She also said "Armed gangs, thugs, are ransacking, patrolling the streets at will, and there are no police to be seen. The U.S. Embassy issued a statement saying that pro-government popular organizations in Port-au-Prince have begun to burn, pillage and kill."

It began in 1990 when Aristide, a former priest became Haiti's first democratically elected president. According to MSNBC, an article stated "Haitian police attack on rebels in slum" which grabbed my attention. It reported that an uprising paralyzed parts of the country where over 40 people were killed. It was then when I learned this social conflict had been stirring since September of 2003. However, the public of the

United States was introduced to it in February 2004.

Over and over I have read that the main problem with the people of Haiti and their reason for uprising is their cry for the President to resign. According to the Toronto Star by, Reed Lindsay In an impromptu news conference held in a dirt-floored structure made of corrugated tin and wooden planks, rebel leader Butteur Metayer demanded that Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resign or face new attacks in the cities of St. Marc, Cap-Haitian and eventually Port-au-Prince, the capital. "What we're doing right now, it will happen all over the country. It hasn't started yet, but it will soon," said Metayer, a stout bald man wearing sunglasses and a blue Nike shirt, flanked by a dozen stone-faced men brandishing a hodgepodge of aging firearms, including AK-47s, M-16s and at least one Uzi." That report was in early February.

But did you know that the U.S. government has been interfering in the politics of Haiti for sometime. What is our reason for helping a President that the people want out?

The U.S. Embassy issued a statement saying that "pro-government popular organi-



zations in Port-au-Prince have begun to burn, pillage and kill." Secretary of State Collin Powell said, "[we] must reach out to the opposition, to make sure that thugs are not allowed to break up peaceful demonstrations."

Powell met with OAS members in Washington on Friday and said they agreed the United States would accept no outcome that, in any way, attempts to remove the elected president of Haiti. The United States sent 20,000 troops to Haiti in 1994 to restore Aristide, end a bloody military dictatorship and halt an exodus of refugees to Florida. Washington says it plans no new military intervention in the Caribbean country, where discontent has grown among the 8 million people since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000 and international donors froze millions of dollars in aid.

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## High blood pressure, stress, and heredity among causes of heart disease in women

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We are carrying beepers and cell phones with us at all times," Mann said.

Mann says that many people coming to Crawford for treatment have high blood pressure, a factor that can contribute to heart disease.

"Many Winthrop students that I have seen have high blood pressure, particularly from smoking," Mann said.

There are many precautions to take which would reduce the chances of having high blood pressure and other factors that could contribute to heart disease.

"There are certain risk factors to look out for. Some you can't change such as sex, age, race and family history, then there are others that you have control over. In order to lower the risk of heart disease, you need to stop smoking. Try to lower cholesterol, decrease stress, monitor your blood pressure and control your weight. Even a five pound weight loss can cause a huge difference," Mann said.



*"Something like this is such a cathartic event that it changes your whole lifestyle."*

Tomeika Banks  
Anderson, S.C.

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## Health Services provides confidential STD testing for students

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on testing," she said.

Health services in Crawford provides a private atmosphere for students requesting STI testing. There is a fee for testing but info about testing is confidential will not shown or students record.

Sex is a very serious issue and it should be handled carefully and responsibility.

"I would hope that people would

be a little more honest about sexual situations because other people's lives are at stake." said 21-year old

**There are students on campus with STI's such as chlamydia, HPV, syphilis, gonorrhea, and HIV.**

-- Michelle Mann

junior, Andy Lovell.

Remember any attractive face can seal you fate. To protect yourself from STI's always use a condom, talk to your mate about his or her sexual history, or practice abstinence.

For more info on STI's call Crawford at x3332. Patient hours are from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

(Info from story comes from pamphlets from Crawford-Health Services)



# SESAME STD

by Erin Robinson  
Poetry Editor

All across the United States and the world, the HIV/AIDS epidemic is spreading at a very rapid rate. According to a website by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, as of the end of 2003, an estimated 40 million people worldwide - 37 million adults and 2.5 million children younger than 15 years - were living with HIV/AIDS. About two-thirds of these people live in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Because of ever-changing statistics and many other factors the South African version of *Sesame Street*, called *Takalani Sesame*, in September of 2002 decided to introduce an HIV+ puppet.

Her name is Kami and she is living with HIV. Kami's purpose is to teach children that people with HIV can lead normal lives and to break down some of the stigma and stereotypes associated with HIV and AIDS. Kami



snopes.com

likes playing, reading and telling stories. She is a "monster Muppet" like characters Grover or Elmo.

South Africa is very afflicted with by HIV and AIDS and according to CIA World website as of 2001, there were 5 million people in South Africa living with AIDS.

With an issue so controversial there are going to be sides: Are the issues of HIV and AIDS a little too mature for a show whose target audience is between the ages of 3 and 7? Or is this something that *Sesame Street* in North America should consider? Are we ready for that? Winthrop University students had varying opinions. "In Africa it's right to have it because HIV is such a big epidemic. Even though

we have it over here, I don't think that the children of the United States are ready for that," said freshman Elizabeth Hargrave.

"I think that Kami is a good idea," said sophomore Shalis Van Dyke "because there are people living with this and we have to address it. We can't just hide it and pretend it doesn't exist."

## Health center offers counseling to troubled students

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work and low grades may explain why some students feel like they have to end their lives.

Sankofa said that suicide is ultimately the result of severe hopelessness and that suicide occurs when people feel that no one cares about them. They tend to magnify their problems and they have no one to talk to about them.

About 20 students per week seek counseling at Winthrop's student health center. Of those weekly patients, Sankofa said that 60 percent of them suffer from depression, 30 percent suffer from anxiety, and 10 percent suffer from concern over new adjustments in their lives, such as death or school.

Relationship problems are often responsible for a large part of the depression. Relationship problems can be anything from a fight with a significant other, friend or family member. Severe levels of depression are the cause for most suicide cases.

Sankofa said a lot of students who seriously consider suicide do not realize how final it is. They see death as a quick fix to their problems at the time.

Laura Howard, resident director of Lee Wicker Hall, said people who think about suicide

have lost all hope and do not have a realistic view of death. Howard says that they don't understand that there is no coming back from death.

Sankofa gave some warning signs to help determine whether or not you or someone you love may be suicidal. These warning signs include: a sad demeanor, withdrawal from friends and family/isolation, not sleeping well at night or sleeping a lot during the day, loss of appetite, lack of energy, and lack of interest in activities that were once enjoyed.

In order to help someone who has suicidal tendencies, Sankofa advises that, as a friend, you help to

get them involved in some type of activity. It is also important for them to have some type of leadership role in that activity because by having a leadership role, the person feels important and needed. He continues by saying that it is important to get them involved in something that they enjoy in order to energize them.

If you or someone you know is suffering from depression and/or considering suicide, it is important that you or that person seek professional help immediately before it is too late.

### Words to live by

"They can say anything they  
want to say,  
try to break me down  
but I won't face the ground,  
I will rise steadily  
sailing out of their reach..."



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-Mariah Carey  
Can't Take That Away, "Rainbow"

## Students juggle parenthood and academic responsibilities

by Jamal Smalls  
Staff Writer

Your two-year-old daughter has been up all night suffering from a cold. She is running a 101-degree fever. Like any nurturing mother, you stay by your child's side, tending to her every need, but you have a psychology exam tomorrow that you are not ready for.

This is a scenario that every college mother dreads. Twenty-year-old sophomore Victoria Moore, a theatre education major from Rock Hill, has a three-year-old son, Dontrel.

"Having my child get sick when I have a test the same day is the most stressful



thing," Moore said.

"Right now I'm going through a bad time. My grandmother, who keeps him, has been in the hospital for a week and a half now. So he has been going back and forth between me my mom and his dad."

Moore wakes up at 6 a.m., early enough to get Dontrel ready and start her own day. She sometimes works the morning shift at the Thomson desk. She said she needs the money to support herself and her son.

Some people may think that after conceiving a child, college is a goal that is unreachable. There are young women at Winthrop successfully juggling parenthood and college life. How do they do it?

"Time management is the key to being a college mother," said Moore. "I see him every day. We usually just watch the *Proud Family* [a cartoon], color pictures, count, and I'm teaching him the alphabet," Moore said.

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-Victoria Moore

Since having Dontrel, Moore admits that she has now become more mature and responsible.

"I stepped up to the plate and became more responsible to think about him first and not myself," Moore said.

Pamela McCrea, a freshman biology major from Kingstree, S.C., said she is grateful to have people in her corner. While McCrea, 18, is at Winthrop, her family and her baby's father help take care of two-year-old Ty Vanna.

"I usually try to go home every weekend or at least every other weekend to see Ty Vanna. When I do go home, I try to make my mom do as less as possible," said McCrea. "My daughter and I play, read books, and do typical things that a mother and daughter would do. I love enjoy spending time with her."

While in school, McCrea communicates with her daughter on a regular basis.

"I do talk to her every day. She knows where I am. If you ask her, she will tell you that her mommy is in college," McCrea said.

"Being a teen mother isn't easy. I love my daughter and couldn't imagine life without her. But if I could give advice to any teenage or college female contemplating pregnancy: wait, make sure you're ready and have a blueprint for your life laid out. Babies are cute and special but are a lot of work," McCrea said.





IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

*Keoni Everington*

by Nicole M. Hollimon  
Staff Writer

Many of Winthrop's faculty and staff have interesting hobbies and hold a wealth of knowledge; Keoni Everington is one of them. Everington is distance learning coordinator for the university and a certified instructor of different styles of martial arts.

As distance learning coordinator, Everington works with several forms of technology to provide instruction to Winthrop and neighboring schools, such as Coastal Carolina University, which receives televised lectures from Winthrop. Everington also oversees WebCT usage at Winthrop.

Everington, 32, came to Winthrop from San Francisco, where he spent 3 years in Silicon Valley building a "dot com" company that crashed when the craze ended. Before that, Everington was exploring China.

Everington has taught at Number Three University and People's University, the first Communist university in Beijing, China. Teaching at a Communist university was especially different.

"You don't talk politics in the classroom. They read your mail and interrogate," Everington said.

But the experience wasn't totally negative. Everington got the chance to study martial arts and Chinese closely. He is fluent in Chinese, and practices several forms of martial arts such as tai chi, wushu, bagua, and shaolin kung fu. He teaches tai chi at Winthrop and the Rock Hill YMCA.

Everington is also coordinator for the Winthrop Chinese Martial Arts Club, which trains in several forms of martial arts and performs on campus.

Moving to South Carolina after living in California and China was an adjustment for Everington.

"I had reservations about coming here. There was a culture shock, but I was pleasantly surprised by the friendliness," Everington said. He enjoys Winthrop and hopes that more students will become involved in the Chinese martial arts club.

"We are currently filming a kung fu movie and plan to attend tournaments," Everington said.

For more information contact Everington at everingtonk@winthrop.edu or visit the web site at <http://www.birdnest.org/cma>.



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Keoni Everington, distance learning coordinator for Winthrop, practices near Shanghai bridge in China.

FEBRUARY Poll Results:

*Do you agree with the allowance of same-sex marriages?*

- A) Yes. Love is love..... 20%
- B) No, it should not be permitted anywhere..... 40%
- C) Uncertain..... 20%
- D) It does not bother me one way or the other..... 20%

Reader Response

"Same sex marriages should be allowed. In fact it should be allowed in every state. While I myself am not gay nor do I do condone the gay lifestyle, I do feel however that you must allow homosexuals the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. You cannot say that same sex marriages are wrong based on the simple fact that you do not agree with the homosexual lifestyle. Who are we to say what is right and what is wrong? To truthfully answer this question you must first ask yourself a few questions. One is: are homosexuals not normal, regular people? Yes. Another question is do homosexuals not deserve the same rights and privileges that heterosexuals do? Yes. So why should their right to same sex marriages be denied? To be perfectly honest, we could actually learn a lot from homosexuals. Did you know that the average divorce rate among heterosexuals is around fifty percent? That is ridiculous."

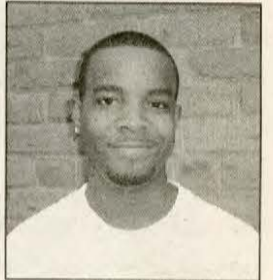


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