

Values, Education and The Possible President's Convocation

n September 14, 1995, Philander Smith College held its first assembly of the year in the M. L. Harris Auditorium.

College President Dr. Myer L. Titus spoke on "Values Education and The Possible."

Dr. Titus informed students that "life without values is not worth having." He stressed the importance of education by proclaiming that education was the continuous stream of consciousness of humanity. He also stressed the importance of getting an education and following the "four Ds" to success: Discipline, Dedication, Determination and Dignity.

"Values must be stressed in every aspect of our PSC daily activities. If you are just killing time, you are killing

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your chances for success" said Titus. He also explained that students, faculty and staff must work together and should all have a sense of values to live by.

The President reminded students that the college does not offer a degree in See Speech P. 2



1995-1996 Student Government Association Officers

SGA OFFICERS INSTALLED

On Thursday, September 22, 1995 during the weekly assembly, the Student Government Association officers for the 1995-96 academic year were installed by PSC President, Dr. Myer L. Titus. A. Shyree' Holmes-Leverett, SGA President and the members of her cabinet officially assumed the responsibilities of their respective offices.

The officers for the year are: A. Shyree' Holmes-Leverett, President, Terry Esper, Vice President, Tamara Brown, Secretary, Elliot Jevon Ricks, Treasurer, and Shawn A. Jennings, Chaplin.

Leverett stressed campus unity. She compared the Student Body's strength to that of eagles: able to rise and soar above and beyond, helping others as they rise.

After the ceremony, Leverett told those in attendance that the SGA was there for them.

Overall the program proved to be a great success as the 1995-96 SGA officers got their year started with a bang.

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"Breezewayology". He further said "that only through hard work can you aspire to succeed."

Dr. Titus told students that during the course of their education at Philander Smith College, someone, at sometime, may tell them "It's impossible for you to finish your degree". Never allow anything to get in your way as you strive to achieve."

The President ended his speech by reminding students of their responsibilities to learn and grow while at PSC and assured students that the faculty and staff will do all in their power to teach everything that students are willing to learn, and therefore "all of us will grow in the process."

UNCF President to Speak at PSC



The Presidents of the nation's forty-one UNCF colleges and universities will conduct their annual meeting in Little Rock from October 4-6, 1995. As part of the visit, UNCF President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. William H. Gray, III has agreed to visit the campus to speak during the weekly assembly program on Thursday, October 5, 1995. PSC Dean of Students, Vernon K. Lane said he is delighted that Mr. Gray will take time from his busy schedule to speak with our students.

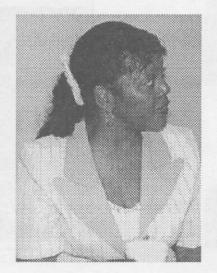
The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the M. L. Harris Harris Fine Arts Auditorium. The program is open to the general public and several area high schools have been invited. Ms. Linda Gilliam of Public Relations is handling the arrangements for Mr. Gray's visit.

After a Decade At Philander, Dorm Mother Reba Watson Resigns to Pursue a Career in Traveling

"Birdie" Staff Writer

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Reba Watson greatly will be missed by the students at Philander Smith College. Watson resigned her position as Dorm Mother the last day of September.



She will relocate to Virginia Beach, VA to pursue her career in traveling, she said.

"I wish all the students the best success, as they try to reach their goals. I will miss you all," Watson said.

Watson, a strong woman who has gained the respect and love of many students, has worked at Philander for 10 years, spending the last year as a dorm mother. She said being a dorm mother was an enjoyable learning experience.

If she said to a student "Don't sit on that furniture." Not only did that student get off, but also apologized for being their in the first place.

One thing that Watson had to get used to, she said, was dealing with and nurturing different personalities of the students. She said it was all worth it.

Being able to work with the students one-on-one was the most fun for Watson, she said.

She said she didn't mind the students complaining about things because it meant they cared. "It's alright to complain; it means you care, but remember there will be others that will come after you so care enough to come back and help them."

She started working for Tom Burl in the UNCF department in 1986 before transferring to the Office of Development, where she worked for seven years (1987-1994). Watson was the class advisor for the graduating classes of 1991 and 1995.

She stated, "As class advisor, I tremendously enjoyed being involved in the different activities." Watson cared about the students' well-being and wanted the faculty, staff, and others to care about the students, their living conditions, and their education.

Watson fell in love with the East Coast after attending summer camp at Fort Eustis, VA in the 1970's Since that experience, she wanted to move to Virginia. Her goal while in Virginia is to speak at different seminars to people of color and encourage them to pursue careers in the travel industry.

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EVENTS

Coronation Ball Registration Opens

The annual Miss PSC and Queens Coronation will be held on October 28, 1995. This event showcases the young women of Philander Smith and their escorts. The dress is white gown and black tux. Young women wishing to enter the event are sponsored by campus clubs, fraternities, sororities, classes, departments and offices. The cost for each queen is only \$30.00, a fee which is paid by the queen's sponsor. Registration forms may be obtained from the Assistant Dean of Students Office in the Student Union. All registration forms and fees must be turned in not later than Friday, October 20, 1995. The rehearsals for this gala event will be in the old gym from October 23-27, 1995 at 6 p.m. each evening. Sponsors make sure your queen is not left out, get your registration form today. We want to see your face in the place.

Greek Letter Organization Intake Begins

The Greek letter organization intake period for the Fall 95-96 semester begins on Friday, October 13, 1995 at 5:00 p.m.

This is the period interested candidates are informed of the aims and policies of participating organizations.

The intake period runs for six weeks ending at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 1995. In order to be eligible for intake into a Greek letter organization, interested applicants must be in good financial standing with the college, not be subject to any disciplinary action and have successfully completed a minimum of 24 semester (with a minimum of 12 hours completed at Philander Smith College) and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5.

Applicants are not to meet with any on campus organizations without the presence of a representative of the local graduate chapter. If you attend a meeting and a graduate chapter representative is not present, it is an illegal meeting and you should leave immediately.

The intake program replaced the old "pledge" process which had been in effect for many years. The new process is designed to eliminate any incidents of hazing. Hazing is not condoned at Philander Smith College and is against the law in the state of Arkansas.

If you let yourself become the subject of hazing, you will find the cost is too high to pay. You will not be permitted to join the organization you select, you could become subject to disciplinary action and could suffer financial and physical harm. A word to the wise, there is no pledging at Philander Smith College and the college will react with the maximum penalties against anyone found guilty of practicing or tolerating this type of activity.

For those of you who follow the approved process, good luck and early congratulations.

Fall Faculty/Staff Institute Held

On Friday and Saturday, August 18-19, 1995 the annual Faculty and Staff Institute Retreat was held in West Memphis, Arkansas. This gathering is held to give faculty, staff and administrators an opportunity to come together to discuss items of interest to the college family. Highlights of this year's event included a workshop on Total Quality Management and Inter-Personal Relationships. During the Total Quality Manangement segment, those in attendance worked on presented their solutions to several perceived problems.

Among the after hour highlights of the conference were trips to the dog track and the casinos in Mississippi. Some won, some lost.

Dr. Crawford J. Mims, Provost and other organizers of the meeting was especially happy at the large attendance.



Freshman Elections Held

Every year during Freshman Orientation Week, class officers are elected by the freshman class. This year the competition was stiff. After all the ballots were counted the new freshman class officers are as follows:

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Chaplain Parlimentarian Miss Freshman Miss Freshman UNCF Kisha Taylor Mr. Freshman

Jimalita Tillman Tamika Lockridge **Tisha** Thomas Brandon Allen Cassandra Scott Monica Matthews Angela Washington Brock Brown



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FEATURES

Orientation Week at PSC "Seemed Like a Boot Camp"

Tara Boyd Staff Writer



AKE UP!!! All freshmen! Be in the Student Union in exactly 10 minutes. This is the way that many freshmen remember being awakened during Orientation Week, August 20-27 at Philander Smith College.

This was a very stressful week for some freshmen. Many felt that this week would either make them or break them.

It made me so homesick. It seemed like a boot camp; said newcomer Christie Howard.

Itall began Sunday, August 20th, when everyone checked in. Getting rooms situated, hanging posters, and unpacking clothes were the order of the day. Later that day, newcomers were welcomed to the campus during a ceremony held in the Dining Hall.

There also were talks from represenatives from various offices: The Student Services office, Financial Aid, and the Business Office. There was also a Dean of Students reception held in the Dining Hall for all parents and new students.

After being stressed out Monday, during a placement test, students were taught how to manage their stress during a Managing Stress seminar.

Later, that evening, everyone prepared for the Pre-Alumni Reception. During the Pre-Alumni Reception everyone got a chance to mingle and trade tall tales about their hometown. The evening spotlighted some of Philander's leaders. College President Dr. Myer L. Titus and Miss Philander Cheryl Kelly were key speakers and played key roles in welcoming freshmen to Philander. Tuesday, General Assembly was the highlight of the day. Freshmen got to see many faculty faces, and were entertained with a skit performed by PSC cheerleaders and peer counselors. Tuesday night, freshmen and peer counselors took a relaxing cruise on the Arkansas River.

Seminars, seminars, and more seminars were how the week continued on Wednesday. Thursdays seminars were real attention getters. Officer Leonard, Little Rock Police Department(LRPD), gave tips on protecting yourself on campus and date rape. Preceeding lunch, freshmen class candidates gave their campaign speeches, Each promising to do his or her best to help Philander glide into the 21st century as one of the leading black colleges in the nation.

After dinner, the newcomers returned to their rooms to prepare for the Presidents reception, usually held in the presidents home. But this year, due to the large number of freshmen, the reception was in the new gym. Dr. Titus and Dean of Students, Vernon Lane, welcomed the babies of the family. But it was the peer counselors who proved to be the guiding light that led freshmen in the right direction. Without them some students would have turned around, packed up, and went home. "I loved working with the new freshmen. It was a learning experience;" replied Kaye Sanders when asked to reminisce on orientation. "It was challenging, but I had fun," added Lakeisha Holden.

Registration was the event for Friday. Long lines were the only thing to be seen, as many freshmen struggled to get placed in just the right classes. Freshmen elections also took place on this day.

The African American Heritage Festival took place on Saturday. The proceeds all went to benefit the United Negro College Fund. The campus was decorated with various stands, and many entertainers made appearances that night at the Blues Festival.

The week ended with worship services at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church on Sunday, August 27th.



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Check Out The Panther's New Staff

The Staff of *The Panther* want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the first edition of the 1995-96 school year.

This year's staff is composed of a collection of bright new faces and mature upperclassmen. A staff that is committed to tackling tough issues that directly effect students.

We realize that awareness is a key ingredient to being successful on a college campus. The 1995-96 *Panther* will be a reliable source of information that will benefit all students.

If you are interested in having your articles or poems published in the next issue, please come by the Office of Publications Monday thru Thursday from 6-9 pm.

Let Me Introduce Us

Our Advisor this year is Ms. Lillian L Glenn Ms. Glenn's main employment is Publications Director at Nonprofit Resources, Inc. Her background includes a wide range of experience in editing, reporting, and writing. She worked as a newspaper reporter/editor in Battle Creek, MI for 10 before moving to Little Rock four years ago.

Theresa Harris, a Business Administration major from Eudora, Arkansas leads off the new comers to the Panther's staff. Theresa has a wealth of experience related to journalism.

Tara Boyd from Forrest City, Arkansas will also bring a great deal experience to the Panther with four years of High School yearbook experience. Jackie McChriston a freshman majoring in computer science, will provide his experience in typesetting and editing.

Alvin Harris, a freshman from Camden Arkansas, is very gifted in the areas of photography and reporting. He will be responsible for covering all PSC sporting events.

Myesha Mckenize, a freshman from Chidester, Arkansas, will assist the staff with her typing and computer skills.

The remaining staff members include Rhonda 'Birdie'' Jones, Maurice Rigsby, and James Nelson.

Rhonda, a Senior Psychology major from Gary, Indiana has two years of experience in editing and reporting.

Maurice, a Senior Political Science major from Rosston, Arkansas will contribute a series of columns that will focus on issues that are facing students nationally.

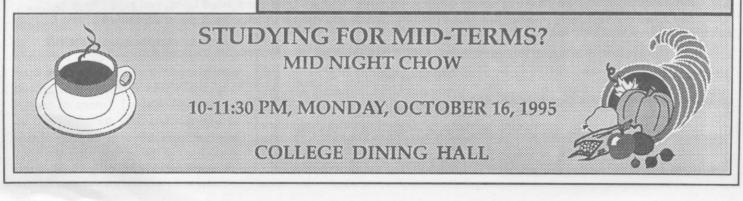
■ James., a Junior majoring Business Administration will work on layout for the Panther and the Philanderian.



Just Say NO To Substance Abuse

Faculty and Staff Advisors Wanted

We need faculty and staff members to volunteer to serve as advisors for the sophomore, junior and senior classes and for other student organizations. If interested please contact the Dean of Students Office at extension 5354.



Your William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans (Direct Loans) are made directly to you by the United States government through the U.S. Department of Education. these loans are managed by the Direct Loan Servicing Center, a contracted agent operating under the direction of the U.S. Department of Education.

FACTS ABOUT YOUR DIRECT LOANS

What are Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans?

Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans are made to students attending school at least half time. The U.S. Department of Education is the lender; it delivers the loan money to you through your school.

A student qualifies for a Direct Subsidized Loan based on financial need, as determined under federal regulations. In contrast, a student's need is not a factor in determining eligibility for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. That is, students may qualify for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan regardless of their own or their families' incomes. It's possible for a student to have a Direct Subsidized Loan and a Direct Unsubsidized Loan for the same award year.

When you take out a Direct Loan, you're opening an "Individual Education Account" (IEA). All your Direct Loans will be in this one account, making repayment.

How much can I borrow?

For Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans, you are subject to annual and aggregate (combined total) loan limits on the basis of the following:

** your academic level (freshman, sophomore, and so on),

** your status as a dependent student or an independent student, and

** the length of the academic program in which you're enrolled.

What is the interest rate?

The interest rates for both Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans are variable and are adjusted once a year, on July 1. The rate will never exceed 8.25 percent.

When do I begin repayment?

After you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment, you have six months before you must begin repayment. This is called a grace period. If you return to school at least half time before that six month period ends, you may postpone repayment while you are in school; the repayment of your Direct Subsidized Loan or Direct Unsubsidized Loan will again be delayed for six months following the day you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment. If you enroll at another school, you must contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center and/or the lender or services of any federal student loans (including FFEL Program loans) you may have to obtain deferments. Also, with a Direct Subsidized Loan, you won't have to pay any interest during in-school or grace periods, unless you choose to have the interest capitalized.

Note: The first actual payment is due within 60 days after the grace period ends.

More information is available in the 1995-96 Entrance Counseling Guide for Borrowers booklet, which can be found in the Financial Aid office.

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Freshmen Views &

Comments

"Birdie" Staff Writer

These four Freshmen were picked out to be interviewed on their feelings on college life. Some say they chose Philander Smith College because their moms made them come, their friends talked about Philander, or they went through a college recruitment center.College life so far to them is a fun learning experience and so far they like it here. Most of them said they have made many associates and few friends.

Jimalita Tillman, Freshman Class President, stated, "Philander is like a family with a nosey aunt and there's a lot of those around here." Most of the interviewees think that they will be spending their four years here at PSC.

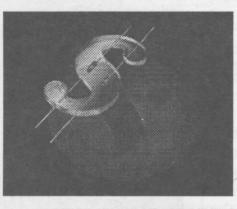
Changes they would like to see on campus are the dormitory cafeteria food and curfew.

As far as the dormitory is concerned, you can admit that Philander isn't at all perfect but if you were here around the school year 91-92, PSC didn't have air conditioners, there were constant power failures, and problems with bats to name a few. Those that are here, just go up to a someone that was here around that time and ask them how hard it was "back in the day." Now they are getting the showers remodeled! You have to admit Philander has come a long way and it's not done, yet.

As Debbie Winston expressed, "With the low cost of tuition here at PSC compared to other institutions, you can't expect much more."

Jules commented that Philander is a small school and he would try to recruit more people to further their education at PSC. He also would like to see more activities and parties for the students.

As far as registration is concerned Chester L. Anderson added, "Dean Lane and Dean Nash were a great help during registration. Much love and respect for them." I would like to thank all the freshmen who participated in this interview. It was rough for us to catch up with each other but we got it done. *Thanks*!!!!



FISCAL TERMINATION POLICY

If you signed a deferred payment agreement during registration you should be aware of your financial responsibilities.

The policy, is designed to reduce student accounts receivables and insure all students complete their academic work for the semester without having to receive an incomplete grade because of outstanding bills.

Questions about this policy may be addressed to the Business Office. The policy is reproduced below:

Fiscal Termination Policy

A student may be terminated from the college if, after due notice, he/she fails to satisfy an overdue financial obligation, or to comply with certain administrative requirements of Philander Smith College.

I. <u>CONDITIONS WARRANT-</u> ING TERMINATION

Any of the following conditions may warrant administrative termination of students:

A. Failure to comply with administrative requirements; specifically,

1. Failure to satisfy an overdue financial obligation to the college, including tuition, loans, room and board, library changes, or other such fees as may be established from time to time.

2. Failure to comply with other administrative requirements as designated by the college. Examples: Student Handbook and College Catalog

II. <u>EFFECTS OF FISCAL TERMI-</u> NATION POLICY

A. The student is administratively terminated after (6) weeks into the current semester. If he/she fails to meet the criteria stipulated in category A.

B. The student returns his/her identification card and all other property belonging to the college currently in his/her possession.

C. The college reserves the right to collect the money from students.

Do You Have What It Takes?

The Philander Smith College publications team is looking for talented, reliable, and dedicated people who are serious about what they do, and are willing to give their best at any and everything they do.

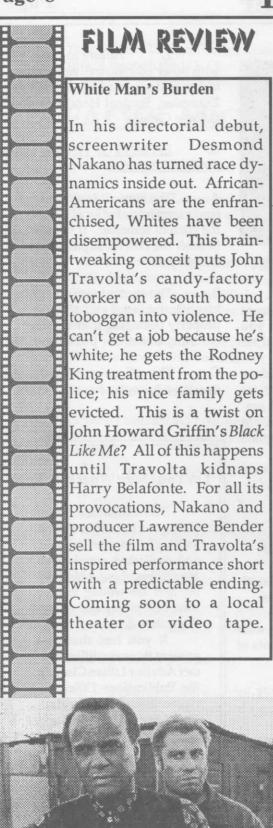
If you feel that you possess these qualities, contact Advisor Lillian Glenn in the Publications Office between 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday or go by Dean Lane's office to volunteer.



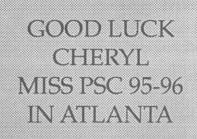
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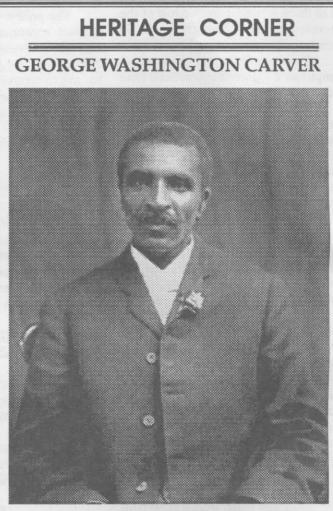
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George Washington Carver (1864?-1943), agricultural chemist who won international acclaim for his discoveries of hundreds of uses for the peanut, sweet potato and soybean, which stimulated the cultivation of these crops and led to the diversification of the economy of the South.

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COLLEGE WORK STUDY STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

You are being given an opportunity to earn while you learn. You must have a positive attitude and desire to do your best. Try not to complain and use this opportunity to aid yourself in better understanding the work world. A positive, productive attitude will be your only means of success. At a minimum you must also insure you accomplish the following:

- 1. Report to work on time as indicated on your approved scheduled.
- 2. Once you report to work, you must sign in/sign out, which will reflect the number of hours worked.
- 3. Whenever the work load is light and you do not have a job assignment, you must use the time to study.
- 4. You must not entertain other work study students or any guest while on duty.

5. Be considerate of telephone usage and adhere to individual office policies.

6. If you need to be absent for any reason, you should contact the office supervisors prior to the absence unless the situation simply will not allow you to do so.

7. Your dress attire should always be neat, clean and in accordance with office and duties.

8. If at any time you are unhappy or feel unfairly treated, please contact the College Work Study Coordinator.

9. Always sign time sheets according to date on pay schedule.

NOTE: If time sheets are not in the financial aid office by the deadline, the students will not be paid for the month and they will lose their time for that month. IMPORTANT!!!!

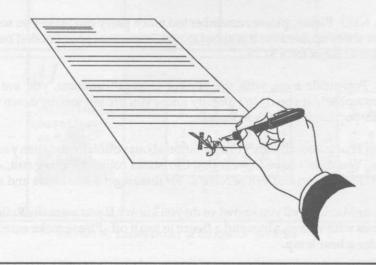
- 1. Time sheets cannot be turned in late.
- 2. Students cannot work during class time.

3. Students must come to work. If students are not reporting to work, the work study coordinator must be informed. This is how the students bills are paid.

YOUR PAY

Your paycheck is computed by multiplying the number of hours you actually worked by \$4.25, you will not be paid for lunch breaks, holidays, or sick days.

Once you have turned your time sheets in to the financial aid office, the payroll is submitted to the business office where checks are processed for students' signatures. The business office will post a sign indicating the date, time, and place you may receive your check. All work study participants must sign for their individual check.



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- HOUSES BUT NO JOBS
- 3. SHE-MALES
- 4. NO CAR BUT GOT LICENSE PLATE
- 5. PROBATION (ALREADY)
- 6. YOU GONE BURN
- 7. SCORPIONS
- 8. BREEZOLOGY
- 9. "FAKIN' THE FUNK"
- 10. YOU NEED TO REPRESENT
- 11. "HYGENE!" GET SOME.
- 12. SMOKIN ON THE BREEZWAY
- 13. CLOSE YOUR MOUTH!
- 14. CRUDY PEOPLE
- 15. DON'T BE OBVIOUS!
- 16. FRIDAY NIGHT
- 17. PLAYA-HATERS



- ORCHIDS
- 1. SISTA TO SISTA (D.S.T.)
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- 3. STUDENT UNION
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- 7. INDEPENDENT STUDY
- 8. GRADUATION... DEC. & MAY
- 9. WOO WOO
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- CHERYL KELLEY 13. "YOUR COOL
- AFTER ALL" 14. FRESHMAN CLASS
- 15. FOLKS COMIN' UP
- 16. REFUND CHECKS
- FINALLY
- 17. FLYING FOR FREE 18. B.O.N.E.



The Fashion Police

WE ARE PATROLING THIS CAMPUS. SO BE WARE!!

Girlfriend it is wonderful that you take pride in yourself and you want to dress cute every now and then, but when it is "now", please remember to wear stockings with your too, too short suede green skirt with tall heel penny loafers. "Please grease your ham-hocks (legs)".

Yo Blues Brother wanna be! Your giving the campus the BLUES! With your Pimp-Daddy brim, dark blue nylon jogging suit, dark blue turtle neck, electric blue socks, and sunday school dress shoes. You must appear in court. The Supreme Court!

Young lady, remember that Black women come in all shapes, form, shades and sizes. Remember thick women wear Boss Hogs and not Dazzy Dukes. So leave the too short shorts alone. Next time you will recieve two tickets.

Color cordination is a must, the freshman with the orange tennis skirt, yellow T-shirt with a blue picture on front, white socks and black & white Nike's. You have broken the color cordination code. If you break the code again you will be sent to "Color Code Juvenille Hall".

What are you wearing? Either you are wearin a tennis skirt or a scottish kilt. Once again if you are of size, remember that everything does not come in "Plus Size". One size fits most not all!

Even though we can't control the weather, we can control what we wear. It is not that cold outside. Young lady we played your game. You were eager to show off your leather coat. Please put it up for now and bring it out when it is a little colder.

Lady, lady, young lady, even though you want ot ve the Lady in Red, remember to wear pants long enough to go with your stacks.

Too short, too tight, too much, too CRUDY! Stop please. You are receiving four tickets and a court date.

Mr. NEO. Please, please remember too much parry can make you scary. By-the-way, please pull your shoes up, because it is about to rain, because of your flooded out pants. One more thing Ex-Lax is at Staxx for a \$1.79.

Mr. Pop-sickle man, with the "Bright Orange" uniform, you are "Damaging" us with your "Unsamble". If you didn't already know you are not tearing down the house. Put your Orange push-pop uniform back in storage.

Miss Thang you already got a violation about your hair and then you had to break the dress code law. You didn't have to wear that Christmas colored jogging suit, Aqua shirt, Solid Gold socks and those Green and White Nike's. Freshman get some hours and some taste!

Mr. or Ms.Well you know! or do you know? If you want the Ralley's weave combo XL, which comes with weave, a bun and a freeze to top it off. Please make sure it is fresh off the grill and not under a heat lamp.

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Interning at the White House: Competence, Accountability & Professionalism

During the summer of 1995, I had the pleasure of interning for seven weeks in the Office of Presidential Personnel at the White House. I worked on a wide range of projects that enhanced my ability to work as an individual and as a team player. I specifically worked on the Resumix computer system. My duties consisted of updating



database system. Working closely with the White House's

and verifying informa-

tion for the White House

staff provided me with a better understanding of the enormous responsibility that is placed on the Executive Branch of government.

Maurice Rigsby

I quickly learned that interns had to shoulder the responsibility equally

with the staff. This interaction provided me with a better grasp of the true meaning of the terms competence, accountability and professionalism.

My trip to the nation's Capitol was not all work and no play. I spent a great deal of time sightseeing, debating, and just plain having fun. I am truly grateful to the entire PSC family for your valuable advice and encouragement.



Sister to Sister: Let's Talk

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta at Philander Smith College presented "Living Single", an open campus roundtable discussion for women, on September 19, 1995. There were



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about 40 sisters who turned out for this uplifting event.

Nikki Gonder, Chera Washington, Lakeisha Ballard, and Sharon Campbell started a discussion on four different topics which were Social, Physical, Mental and Spiritual beings.

After each discussion from the sisters, there was an open floor for anyone to comment on their opinions or personal experiences based on the topics.

This conversation detailed around the bible, relationships, and other interesting things. Some things that everyone agreed on was by being single, you can devote yourself to other things such as church as well as various activities.

Our responsibility as black sisters, or as some say African American sisters, is to gain respect for ourselves. As sisters we need to have an afro-centric mentality. The Black Woman has survived the longest and is classified as being the strongest.

This discussion was so deep, some sisters cried due to other sisters' experiences and some sisters apologized for things that were said and things that were done.

Towards the end of the seminar, names were picked and everyone that attended had a "secret sis". This is where you can call and check on your sis, buy them something nice or do something nice for them.

LaTasha Gentry ended with a beautiful unity prayer about "A Roomful of Sisters" and hands were held and a prayer was said together in sisterly manner. Everyone left happy and pleased with what was said and feeling very confident about themselves.

Delta Sigma Theta will sponsor a Sister to Sister discussion once a month. The next discussion will be on October 17, 1995 and fliers will be posted up to keep you informed. Those that weren't able to attend this discussion should attend the next one because you don't know what you're missing!