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# Black Perspective

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## BLACK GREEK LIFE AT UD

by Joy Stephens

In the early years of the twentieth century, African Americans were unable to voice their opinions in the political arenas of colleges across the country. To develop a bond among these minority students and provide service to the African American community as a whole, the Greek letter organizations were founded. These organizations include- Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Zeta Phi Beta.

Recently a Black Greek Forum was held to address the issues related to these organizations' role on campus as well as the greater community today.

The forum began with an introduction from Mr. Timothy Spraggins, Director of African American Student Affairs. Spraggins stressed that the eight recognized Black Greek Letter Organizations have a "common ground and commonality" among them. He suggested that once you get past the color of the shirts or paraphernalia you can find a common purpose among them.

This "commonality" was echoed by the members of the organizations represented. Along with the ideal that being a member of a sorority or fraternity requires a significant amount of time and effort.

According to Jerusha Davis, President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, "Many people misunderstand that the



## FIRST YEAR STUDENTS....WELCOME!

by Joseph Salley

Black Perspective, and the University of Dayton Minority Population, sends a warm welcome to the class of 1998. We hope that your year is turning out to be one that you can look back at and smile. If not, don't fret, things will get better (you hope). Just kidding!

Something to remember is that you don't want to let yourself get caught up in a pattern of going to class, doing homework, sleeping, and then going to class again. The University of Dayton and college in general, has a lot to offer, so don't let it all pass you by. Yet, you want to still remember to maintain a balance between academics and your social life.

Getting involved in extracurricular activities is an excellent

opportunity to meet someone other than the people on your floor or in your classroom. DSP is also an excellent place to meet people. There is always someone walking in, through, or out of the Diverse Student Populations office in O'Reilly hall. When you see someone, say hello. The people you meet in passing could very easily become your closest friend and asset.

Adjusting to college life can and will be difficult, especially on this campus with the ratio of black to white students being around 2 to 100. Remember that there are people that can assist you in your transition from high school to college. Yet, the only way you can get the help that you need is if you ask for it.

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work is getting in. But when you pledge that organization it is a life commitment. You have become a leader and a representative. You are called to uplift and you are taking on a lot of responsibility."

Kelly Elvers, a member of C.S.U.'s chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, echoed this idea by stressing that members must really "work for the organization - by effectively serving your college community, not just step, throw parties, etc."

## SATISFY YOURSELF!

*Shareé Vinson*

Sometimes you feel that the friends you've established will never change or leave you.

But like a rose or a favorite Christmas toy, your friendships grow old and the beauty and joy of them fade away;  
—Unless, they are truly established in love

No one ever said that happiness is forever and after trials and hardships, this realization hurts you to the core.

But, you can't give up  
You have to find something new that will satisfy you forever.

God first, and then yourself.  
The most any person can do for you is satisfy you temporarily.  
You have to be in control of your own happiness.  
A happiness that makes you feel warm like the sun on your face, or like the first day of your senior year in high school.

Through God this happiness can be permanent.  
So the next time you feel like you are all alone or like all hope is gone;  
—Take some time out and reflect on the things that you can do to satisfy yourself!

The *Black Perspective* is a University of Dayton student-run and operated publication. This paper aims to be the eyes, ears, and voice of the UD African-American community. The general editors urge the student body to use this paper to publicize their upcoming events and to express their thought on issues/events (national, state, local etc.) that affect the African-American community. This paper reflects the intelligence and determination that exist within the African-American community on this campus. The paper solicits student writings in all forms: editorials, feature articles, commentaries, poetry, or any other forms that address relevant issues. The editors do reserve the right to edit material and to choose material that will be published; however, only material that is presented in a derogatory manner will be rejected. The paper accepts writings from all UD students.

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## DEAR ZORA:

Dear Zora? Say what? I know you Black Perspective writers aren't even trying to go that route! Like I'm gonna really ask your advice on a personal problem!

This might not be the opinion of everyone who will come across the Dear Zora logo, but for those of you readers out there who are thinking like that, allow me to dispel your fears. The success of this column does depend largely on participation, and although this might appear to be off the wall, it has been done before in the Black Perspective. The purpose of this column is to provide an outlet for those who want an objective opinion on their particular situation or for those who just want to pass along some guidelines for living that they have found to be useful. All I ask is that you suspend your disbelief and give the column a chance; at least you have an entertaining columnist! :) (Computer smile!) Feel free to leave your entries in the Black Perspective mailbox in the Diverse Students Populations Office located in O'Reilly Hall. I am looking forward to an exciting year and I hope to hear from you all soon!

Love,  
Zora :)

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Is Just  
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Special  
Qualities**

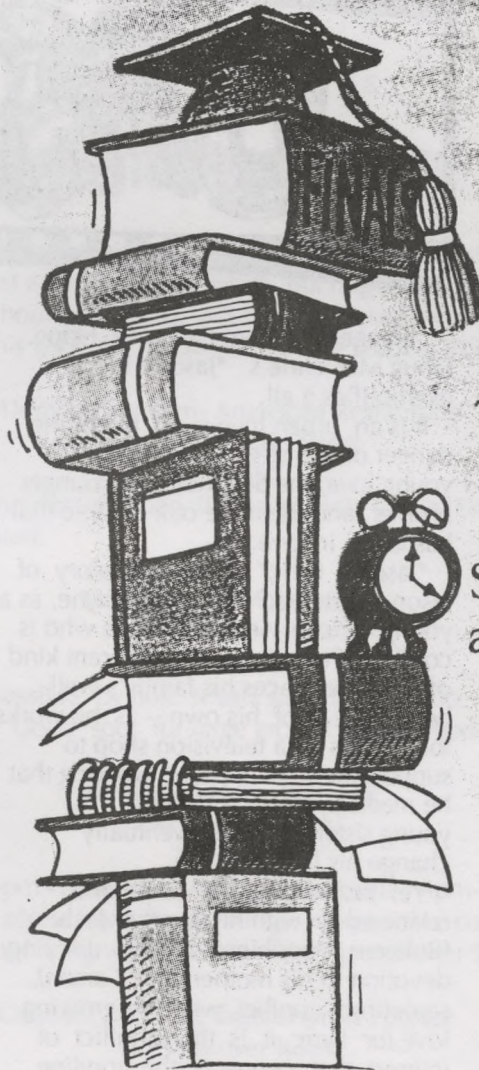
# A PSALM FOR STUDENTS

The Lord is my teacher; I shall not sleep.  
He makes me stay awake in my studies all night;  
He leads me from page to page.

He restores my sanity;  
He guides me in the path of consciousness,  
For my grades' sake.  
Even though I grow weary in the  
shadow of books,

I fear no test, for  
Thou art with me.  
Thy rod and Thy staff,  
they keep jabbing me.  
Thou wilt prepare  
a test for me in the  
presence of  
my classmates.  
Thou hast crammed my  
mind with knowledge;  
My eyelids overlap.  
Surely a good grade and  
a kind teacher will follow  
me after the test,  
Or I will dwell in  
the class forever.

Steven M. Zeimis







# Objectivity is everything.

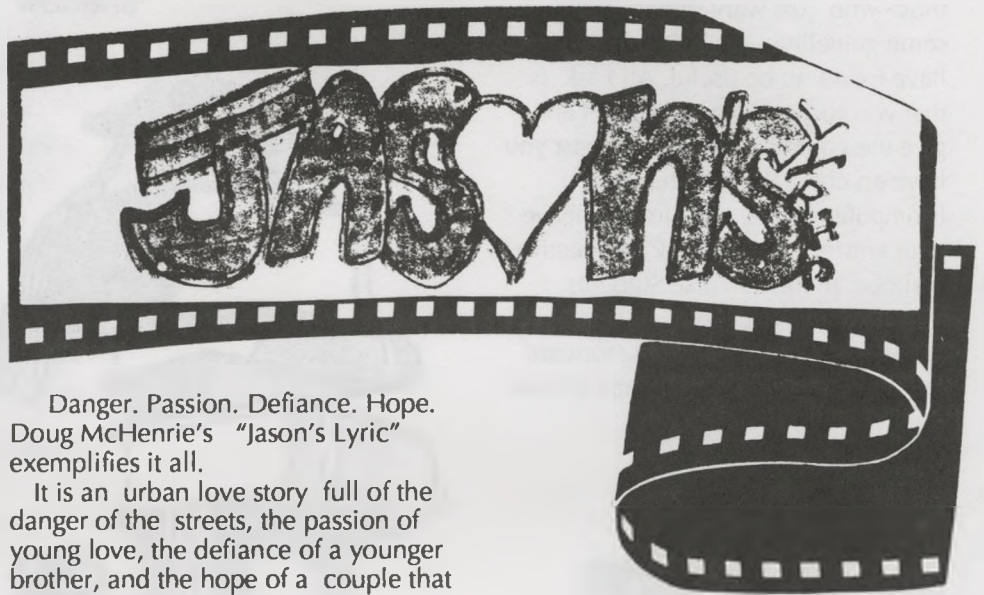
## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

by Carmella Hill

**Kathleen Henderson:** Assistant Director, African-American Student Services and Coordinator of Multicultural Programs  
Hometown: Dayton

As an Assistant Director and Coordinator, Kathleen Henderson does programs for not only African Americans but Latin Americans, commuters, and students with disabilities as well. She works as both the primary person in charge as well as with program advisors to organize different programs. The programs she creates for the University allows multicultural activities to be open to the entire campus and not just to the aforementioned groups. Some of these types of activities include Black History month, Latin American Awareness month, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Her primary focus, though, is to help students realize their potential here at UD.

Although she is very busy at UD, she still takes time for herself. She enjoys listening to music, reading, shopping, going to the movies and her extended family. She is also an active member of Wayman A.M.E. church. Overall, she enjoys working with people and life in general.



Danger. Passion. Defiance. Hope. Doug McHenrie's "Jason's Lyric" exemplifies it all.

It is an urban love story full of the danger of the streets, the passion of young love, the defiance of a younger brother, and the hope of a couple that has fallen in love.

"Jason's Lyric" relays the story of Jason, portrayed by Allen Payne, as a young African American male who is coming of age. Jason is a different kind of hero. He places his family's well being ahead of his own - as he works long hours in a television shop to support them. It is while working that he meets Lyric (Jada Pinkett), a young sister who will eventually change his life.

Yet Jason's somewhat volatile relationship with his brother Josh (Bokeem Woodbine), and his undying devotion to his mother (Lisa Carson), sometimes conflict with his growing love for Lyric. It is this conflict of interest that connects the storyline and eventually concludes it.

In the midst of the ever twisting plot - there is excellent acting from a

multifaceted group of entertainers. Jada Pinkett and Allen Payne are tremendous as the movie's central characters; while there are some surprise performances by comedian Eddie Griffin, Naughty By Nature's Treach as Lyric's older brother, as well as a brief but outstanding performance by Forest Whitaker as Mad Dog, Jason's father.

"Jason's Lyric" is a riveting romance that dares to show an urban tale of love and courage. It echoes the message that it takes courage to put your foot down and get what you want out of life. It is this courage that allows for the danger, passion, defiance, and hope that is a constant force in Jason's Lyric.



## PUZZLE

Find the following states and cities of the African American students' hometowns listed horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards. Good Luck!

|            |           |             |            |               |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Akron      | Cleveland | Illinois    | Missouri   | St. Louis     |
| Bronx      | Columbus  | Long Island | New Jersey | Texas         |
| Brooklyn   | Dayton    | Mansfield   | New York   | Toledo        |
| Chicago    | Detroit   | Massillon   | Ohio       | Washington DC |
| Cincinnati | Florida   | Michigan    | Sidney     | Xenia         |

N A F P O G A C I H C Y M U L G R W Z  
N E D N A L S I G N O L I X E N I A N  
A U W G Z B N O I L L I S S A M V S T  
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C L M I P U K T Y I J T R F Y M O G T  
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M V A W C X B O H I O D O E F N G O N  
P E A C B R O O K L Y N U T O T D N N  
F L O R I D A Z S D I V B R K E R D I  
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B N C P T D K L U W O A L R A D Y Z N  
G D P H S I N E O H R L O I C E S T I  
E A I A J S U K L I Y I E Q N C H E C  
H K X N O R B J T T T L Z D C O K M A  
P E O P L E O F S E H I I P O W I V T  
T L O D Q N E W J E R S E Y A N U S S

## GREAT GRUB SPOTS

As part of our new approach to the Black Perspective this year, we've decided to add a restaurant opinion column for those of you who like to eat out often or just every once in a while, but might not be sure where you can go. This is open to everyone who finds a restaurant within an hour of campus, that they find particularly appealing to the tastebuds; so feel free to contribute! The restaurants featured in this issue are "picks" of Diverse Student Populations:

### **Dominic's Italian- American Restaurant**

1066 South Main Street  
222-3667

Comments: Next to Denny's. Good "house" dressing (heavy garlic!! - take EXTRA MINTS) Reasonably priced. Casual college dress accepted.

### **The Spaghetti Warehouse**

36 West Fifth Street  
461-3913

Comments: Downtown Dayton — accessible by bus. Meals starting at \$5.00. Heavy Italian dishes. Comfortable, casual, loud atmosphere. Good spot for large groups. Good food.

### **Joe Kiss' Hickory Bar B-Q**

1082 Brown Street  
228-5252

M-TH 4pm -1am; F & S 4pm - 2am; Sunday 4pm-11pm

Comments: Within walking distance (across from Burger King) inexpensive, comfortable college dress acceptable, healthy portions. To avoid long wait, go before 7:00 pm or after 9:00 pm.

### **Carmel's Mexican Restaurant & Lounge**

1025 Shroyer Road  
294-1261

Comments: Fantastic College Mexican fare! Great chicken wings and luncheon specials!!!! Good chips/salsa/guacamole!! Reasonably—moderately priced!

**ARE IN!!**

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Steps to Getting ready for an 8 a.m. Class



7:15  
 Alarm sounds. Hit snooze button while reasoning you can wear your hair in a ponytail.



7:25  
 Hit snooze again. Decide to wear sweats to class.



7:35  
 Try to sit up. Lie back down. Hit snooze. Rationalize jogging to class.

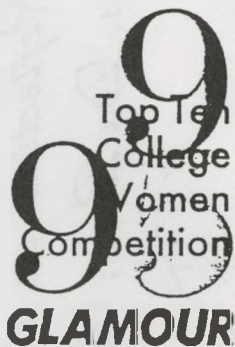


7:45  
 Completely turn off alarm. Pull blankets up over head. Decide to drop out of school and work at convenience store.



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|--------------|----------|---------------------------------|------|------|--|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|
| November 21* | Monday   | Foreign Exhibition              | Home | 5:00 | January 26   | Thursday                 | at Louisville  | Away      | 7:30 |
| November 25  | Friday   | Ole Miss (at Bowling Green, KY) |      | 7:00 | January 29   | Sunday                   | St. Louis      | Home      | 2:00 |
| November 27  | Sunday   | Duquense                        | Home | 2:00 | February 3   | Friday                   | DePaul         | Home      | 7:00 |
| November 29  | Tuesday  | Rice                            | Home | 7:00 | February 5*  | Sunday                   | Marquette (tv) | Home      | 4:30 |
| December 3   | Saturday | Michigan State (tv)             | Home | 1:00 | February 10  | Friday                   | Memphis        | Home      | 7:00 |
| December 6   | Tuesday  | at Miami                        | Away | 7:00 | February 12  | Sunday                   | UAB            | Home      | 2:00 |
| December 10  | Saturday | Xavier                          | Home | 2:00 | February 15  | Wednesday                | Butler         | Home      | 7:00 |
| December 18  | Sunday   | at Toledo                       | Away | 2:00 | February 19  | Sunday                   | at St. Louis   | Away      | 4:00 |
| December 20  | Tuesday  | at Central Michigan             | Away | 7:00 | February 22  | Wednesday                | Detroit-Mercy  | Home      | 7:00 |
| December 30  | Friday   | Morehead State                  | Home | 7:00 | February 24  | Friday                   | at Marquette   | Away      | 8:00 |
| January 2    | Monday   | at Notre Dame                   | Away | 2:00 | February 26  | Sunday                   | at Depaul (tv) | Away      | 3:00 |
| January 5    | Thursday | at Wright State                 | Away | 7:30 | March 4  | Saturday                 | Cincinnati     | Home      | 1:00 |
| January 13   | Friday   | at Cincinnati                   | Away | 7:30 | March 9 - 11   | GREAT MIDWEST TOURNAMENT |                | Milwaukee |      |
| January 20   | Friday   | at Memphis                      | Away | 8:00 | *Men's and Women's Doubleheader<br>tv=Televised Game |                          |                |           |      |
| January 22   | Sunday   | at UAB                          | Away | 4:00 |  |                          |                |           |      |

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