

The Love and Sex Issue

News

Are you in too deep? The heart and soul of a crush uncovered

By Raynata Y. Reed
News Writer

"You made my soul a burning fire/ You're getting to be my one desire/ You're getting to be all that matters to me... 'cause all I do is think about you..."

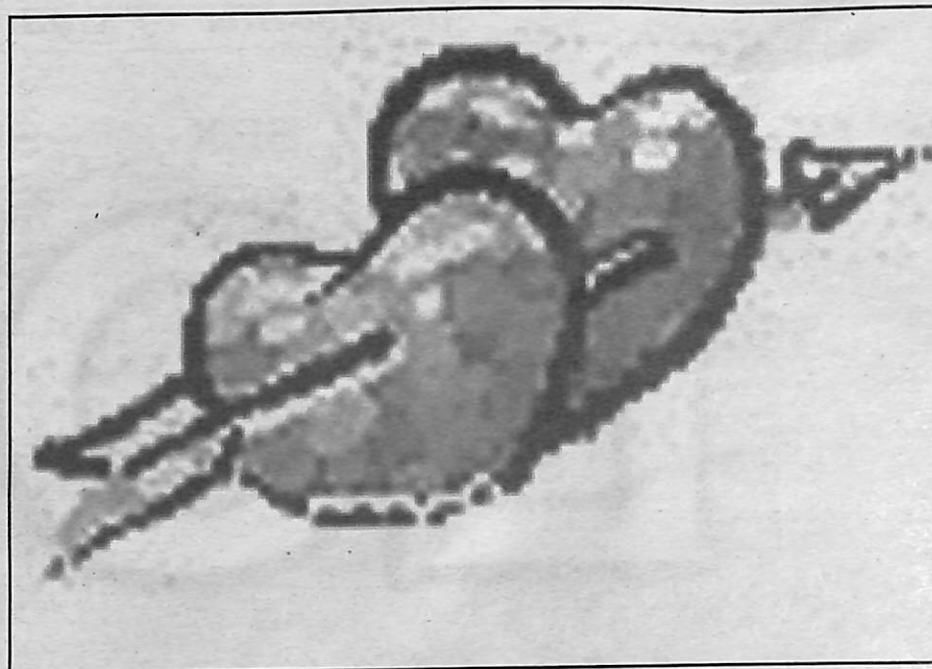
Stevie Wonder delivered these passion laced lyrics in his obsession insinuating song, "All I Do." The song captures the essence of some of the typical symptoms that exist when someone becomes infatuated with another and they are too shy to say, or too tongue tied to tell that person how they feel. If these symptoms exist and persist as well, the afflicted person may have contracted a crush.

Webster's dictionary defines a crush as "an intense but usually short-lived infatuation." Crushes are more

often associated with feelings of lust rather than love, and the feelings of infatuation that coincide with having a crush include being excited or "turned on" physically or emotionally when a particular person is present or even when thinking about that person. There is a tendency to dwell on only the good qualities in a crush and dismiss any negative personality traits that might be present. As a result, a highly idealized perfection is created for the crush, one that would be impossible to live up to in reality.

The physical aspects of a crush may include sweaty palms, racing heart-beat, serious mental lapses and the inability to focus. If your history teacher is lecturing on the Cuban Missile Crisis and you write down the Kevin Missile Crisis, your focus is definitely side tracked.

Preston Wilson, a Civil Engineering major from Indianapolis has his own ideas of what happens when you



come into contact with your crush.

"You start getting red and sweating for no reason," Wilson said. "We're nervous around them and we don't talk around them like we normally do. Your tongue gets tied all of a sudden."

Wilson, who also is a resident assistant at Hale Hall, describes an experience where he has had these symptoms.

"I liked this girl for awhile and she didn't know I liked her. She came up to the front desk (in Hale) one day and I started getting all red and nervous."

Crushes also have the tendency to promote irrational, if not silly behavior.

Julie Birum, a reporter for the Washington University newspaper, *The Daily*, describes some of the actions that accompany a crush.

"The victim seemingly falls madly in love for no apparent reason, spends an obscene amount of time and effort over analyzing all situations involving the object of the crush, rearranges class schedules/changes jobs/moves across the country to pursue an implausible relationship and then one day wakes up with no interest whatsoever in said object - again for no apparent reason."

Lynnette Brown, a junior mass communications major, describes a scenario that would constitute the actions of a crush afflicted person.

"You'll never miss that Monday, Wednesday, Friday class at 8:00 because you know your crush is in that class," Brown said. "You'll come in looking cute with your five-inch boots and your hair done and then change clothes later on."

Brown also added, "You'll know your crush eats dinner at 5:00 so you go to the cafeteria early, at 4:45, waiting at the table in the back because you know they sit there. Sometimes you might go to the store and buy stuff you don't even need just to see them if they work there."

The very nature of a crush is not satisfying. The unrequited devotion and time spent in obsessing and fantasizing over a crush can be dangerous to the point of losing one's identity and not tending to responsibilities.

There are several reasons why many crushes never fully develop. Shyness and fear of rejection are two common reasons. On the web site www.solosingles.com, writer Chris Wilson gives some helpful hints on how to talk to anyone, which are especially helpful when dealing with a crush.

"No matter how difficult it is for you to carry on a conversation with a member of the opposite sex, remember that it gets easier with practice," he said.

Some of the tips given included asking open-ended questions or questions that can't be answered with a yes or no.

Open-ended questions are an "excellent way to start talking and keep a conversations viable," Wilson said. "The only question not to try starts with a 'why'. A 'why' question often makes people feel defensive which defeats your purpose."

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Married students share their secrets for a successful match

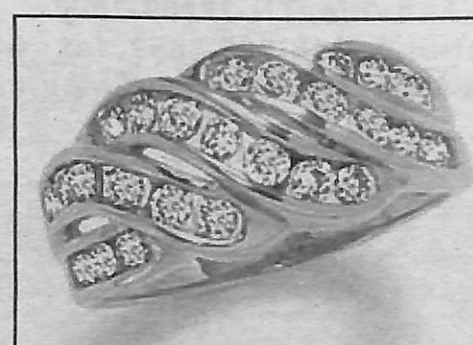
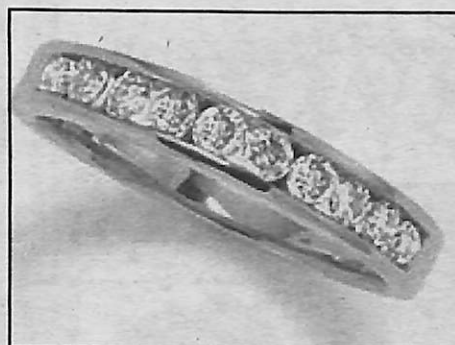
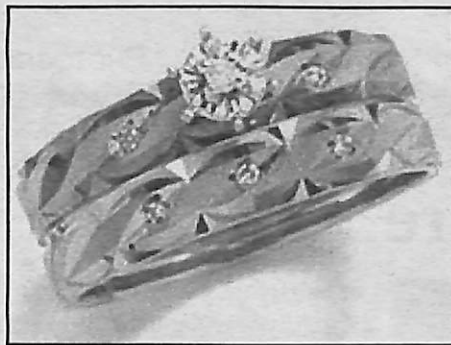
By Angela Frierson
News Writer

Marriage is an issue that is drawing nearer for many college students. From those who are currently seeking a mate to those who are in long term relationships, knowing how to properly handle a relationship and balance school work can be a serious issue.

Getting married is a lifetime commitment. It should only be pursued if the two individuals feel they are mature enough to maintain a healthy commitment. Vowing to spend the remainder of your life with one person is nothing to make a rash decision about.

"Finding quality time to spend with my husband is important because we both juggle school and marriage," stated Erin Anderson, a graduate student who is pursuing her master's degree in Guidance and Counseling. She and her husband, who attends Fisk University, have been married for nearly eight months. She stresses that time is a major factor in the marriage. She continued to say after the ceremony has taken place, not to forget to continue to date. That will keep the relationship fun and exciting instead of settling into a monotonous mode.

Communication or lack of in the marriage has the ability to make or break a successful marriage. If there are pressing issues that are on one's mind, venting in a relaxed and calm manner is an excellent method to resolve a difference. Keeping an open mind and respecting the other's feelings is a sure way to keep the conversation flowing smoothly without any harsh words that will be regretted



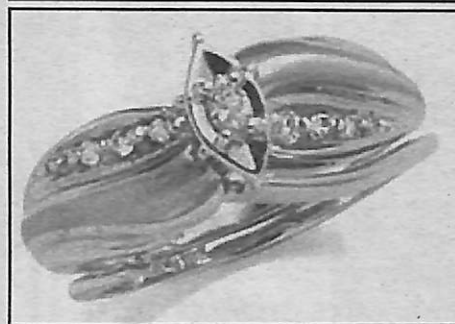
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later. Do not keep intense emotions inside. This creates a tendency for the ill feelings to fester. They might erupt at a time and fashion that could make circumstances worse. Be open with your husband or wife about anything you are feeling.

Prior to getting married, couples should discuss their lifetime goals. Pressing toward the same mark can be important in keeping the relationship in tact. That way, each party can be more supportive in helping his partner achieve her goals. Matters such as what geographic location to reside, the number children if any, and the current financial status.

Senior Ajana Britton-Northcross has been married to Khayree Britton for four weeks. Her words of advice are, "Pray about the decision prior to getting married. Make sure that he is the person for you. A marriage is not 50, 50. In order for a marriage to be truly successful, it has to be 100 percent and 100 percent."

Prior to getting married, you should take time to seriously ponder the question of what you really want out of a marriage. Omari Bandle, an unmarried sophomore student majoring in Biochemistry, says, "Before I get married I want to have completed graduate school



or be near to finishing. I want to be stable enough so that I will be able to pay my bills and support my family."

Respect your partner at all times. Two people are not going to agree with one another all of the time, but it is necessary to maintain a high level of respect for your counterpart's feelings, ideas, and beliefs. This includes after or during a related argument take the time to actually listen to the other's point of view instead of persistently trying to prove your own. This ties into compromise.

Sacrifice is another hot topic in marriage whether it is time, money, or other resources. Maintaining your spouse's happiness should be a priority in a marriage. One should be willing to sometimes put their spouse first without bending themselves so far that they are not the same person. Remember, you cannot mold an individual into what you

Are you ready for the rings? Check out The Aleter's relationship readiness quiz on Page 6 before you take the plunge into matrimony.

want them to be. If there are issues or character flaws that you cannot bear to deal with the remainder of your life, chances are this is not the correct person for you.

Nikkisha Williams, a junior student majoring in mechanical engineering, states, "Before I get married, I want to be on my own for a while. I want to experience life with no restrictions. Then when I do commit the remainder of my life to that special someone, I will be able to love them whole heartedly."

Marriage is a lifetime commitment that should be analyzed thoroughly. One should be aware of the responsibilities and be aware that they become greater once that legal document has been signed. When you commit, you are dedicating your heart, resources, as well as your time.

Anatomy of a crush: Identify your feelings before it's too late

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Connecting with the person on a common interest or bond, making eye contact, smiling, sincerity and merely saying "hello" were some of the other tips on the list.

If a crush is a friend as well, ruining a friendship can also cause problems.

Tayo Davis, a junior mass communications major from Fairbanks, Alaska, remembers when she was deciding on whether or not to act on her crush who was also a friend.

"I felt it would have ruined the friendship if I had acted on my feelings," Davis said. "So I waited for my crush feelings to die down to see if the friend-

ship was stronger, which it was. I was able to cherish the friendship once the crush died down."

For Internet savvy students, the World Wide Web offers many sites that allow you to reveal your feelings to a crush anonymously, as well as find out if they like you back.

Collegeclub.com, a popular site among university students has a "Secret Admirer" page where you can anonymously send the person you like an e-mail and find out if the person you like has feelings for you as well.

Up to 11 secret crushes can be placed on a list, and an optional hint giving a clue as to who you are can be added to help your crush identify who likes them.

If one of your crushes puts your e-mail address on their crush list, the web site database sends both parties an e-mail confirming the match.

Other Web sites such as *ecrush.com*, *secretadmirer.com* and *crushparty.com* all follow a similar process. The secret admirer page on *cyberkisses.com* featured anonymous e-mails that could be customized with artwork, background images, specific colors and music. Twelve different pre-written poems can also be selected to impress your crush even further, along with technology, the modern day Shakespeare.

Of course, in order for these Web sites to be of any help, your crush has to have an e-mail address and use it

regularly. Also, you have to know their e-mail address and they have to know yours in order to send a reply back to you if the feeling is mutual.

(Here's a Valentine's Day hint to TSU- The TSU e-mail addresses consist of the person's first initial and their last name, and usually 01, 02 or 03 @tnstate.edu. Of course, this is only helpful provided your crush uses the TSU Pipeline e-mail system.)

As Birum suggested, crushes that are intense and severe can also disappear for no apparent reason as quickly as they came. Having a "crush" is a normal part of growing up and discovering what kind of person you would like to be in a relationship with.

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What We Think

Valentine's Day is a holiday that symbolizes love. With its cherub mascot Cupid and his piercing bow and arrows, love is the feeling felt all over on this special day. Love is a warm and special feeling that each person should experience in his or her life.

However, it is very easy to misunderstand love and what is supposed to be an act of love, which is sex.

Every individual has his or her different take on sex. Some choose to experience the act at an early age while others choose to wait until the sanctity of marriage to partake in the act of sex. Sex is the ultimate gift of love that person should give to one another.

However, it is easy to mistake sex for love. A common scenario for this mistake is girl meets boy, they converse and choose to go out, maybe once or twice. Then they choose to lie down. Once they do, what happens next?

There is the common mistake is committing the act of one night stands. Few people actually have expectations of what is to happen next after the passionate solitary night. The bottom line for mistaking sex and love is to understand the difference between men and women.

Women will tend to put their hearts into relationships while men will just take things in stride. Women will also tend to be more emotional than men. Some women and men are taught to cherish the gift of virginity and to keep it until marriage.

The truth is, these days, it is lucky for people to keep their virginity in their teen years, or even sooner in their preteen years. If a person is really into a person, then think about getting to know a person's thought process before anything else.

Somehow, a person can fall in love with a person's mind, and intelligence and thought provoking ideas can be a turn-on to some individuals. Seeing how a person stands on love and relationships should give another individual their stand on sex.

That will keep a lot of disappointment out and a lot of expectations in. Love will come and love will go in and out of people's lives, and the sexual lifestyle one chooses to abide by will set the stage for what kind of standard or relationship that person gets into.

In a world full of sexually transmitted diseases, some individuals receive the diseases from what they thought were acts of love. Love can be a crazy roller coaster of emotions, but mistaking sex for love can be one big crazy emotion in itself. The key is wait for love and find someone who will respect your wishes, and if you choose to engage in an act of sex, make sure it is with the right person, because you never know what kind of feelings will escalate.

From where I sit: Let's talk about sex



Mia D. McNeil

Editor in Chief

Sex.

This little word causes a lot of trouble, and dare I say, a lot of confusion these days. It's amazing how three letters can be treated like a four-letter word in society.

My first encounter with sex was when I was 10. If you stop reading at this point, I foresee plenty of rumors about me in the future. As I was saying, my first encounter with the concept of sex was when I was 10. My mom and I sat on her oversized bed and watched Oprah.

Now if you know anything about Oprah, you will understand my explanation of the evolution of her show. I compare it to the plight of Luther Vandross. You have "big" Luther and "little" Luther. Some say that the "big" is better and I tend to agree, but it's just the opposite in Oprah's case. You have "big hair" Oprah and "flat hair" Oprah. As her hair grew, the topics became more outrageous; however, as the hair lowered, the topics became more tame. I would say my experience was between the peak and the valley

of hairstyles.

Anyway, the topic of her show this day was teenage pregnancy. As I said, I was 10 so the whole pregnancy thing - well, teenage pregnancy, was a pretty new thing to me. I watched the girls cry and the mother's cry while holding their grandchildren. I was fascinated, but confused. I always thought having a child was a happy occasion, nevertheless, I watched in utter fascination. It was at this point that my mom and I had our first, and my most memorable, discussion about sex. Actually, it wasn't really a discussion because that would have entailed meaningful dialogue back and forth.

I didn't say much.

The conversation went a little like this:

"Do you see those girls on Oprah?"

"Yes."

"That's why you're not having sex until you are married."

I felt no need to ask questions because I was stunned that she brought up the topic of sex with me. So what did I say?

"Yes ma'am."

Sure we had sex education in school, so I knew the deal, but at that point, I hadn't really decided my stance on sex. Looking back eleven years later, I don't think that the conversation had a lot to do with my attitude about sex. It was the things my mom said before I left for college that I remember most. Things

like "I am not a built-in baby sitter,"

"You have all your life to be an adult, but such a short time to be a child," and my favorite, "Be careful of the guys who will say sweet-nothings in your ear just to have sex with you."

My attitude about sex has been most affected by the things that I have seen here in the last four years, rather than what my mom said, although the majority of what she told me always rang true. I thank her for talking to me about these things rather than letting me find out for myself by myself. True, when I was 10, sex was the last thing on my mind. As a matter of fact, I dreaded getting that permission slip signed for the two-week sex education course; however, based on the things seen on television and heard on the radio today, the best way to combat ignorance about sex in young people is to talk about it openly and honestly.

People should tell about the joys of sex, but they should also talk about the consequences of the decision to become sexually active. These days, it's not just teenage pregnancy we have to worry about. There are sexually transmitted diseases that scientists are still trying to figure out.

All I'm saying is that sex is an important decision and before anyone decides to engage in the act, he or she deserves to be knowledgeable and in this case knowledge is power.

In all things give thanks and this edition is a perfect example of giving thanks. First I thank God for giving us the insight to see that nothing is impossible.

All last week, while we happily were selling Luv Lines, our computer had fallen dead, not to be revived by deadline. When we thought that all hope was gone, the people at Kinko's on Hillsboro Rd, were nice

enough to let us spend 12 hours laying out on their computer. Thanks a lot, guys.

To Darkroom Designs, the brainchild of Geno Ford and Terry Edwards, thanks for the bomb cover. You guys always come through!

To *The Meter* Staff and Editorial Board, you guys are the greatest and made this issue fun to do. We'll have to do this again sometime on our own computer.

Also great thanks to Dr. Donald Page and Dean Dorothy Lockridge for trying to get our computer fixed.

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RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE-

Are We Ready?

20 Questions to Ask Your Mate

by Geno Ford, Arts & Entertainment Writer



ASK YOUR PARTNER...

What motivates you to stay in a relationship: love or sex?

What qualities make someone attractive to you?

What's more important to you: a lover with great sex or great conversation?

Who is your celebrity dream date?

If you could have the crush of your dreams or me, who would you choose?

What physical features attracted you to me?

What personality traits make me desirable to you?

If we broke up, would we still be friends?

If we broke up, would we still have sex if we had sex before?

Would you consider having my children?

Would you consider an abortion if we expected a child?

What do you consider cheating?

(Flirting, dancing, hugging, dating, kissing, etc.)

Would you leave before you cheat or would you cheat and not tell?

Would you forgive me if I ever cheated on you?

Do you think it's better to practice commitment or date as many people as possible while in college?

Where do you see us in one month, one year and five years?

What is your fantasy? (note: the more details the better)

Would you like to fulfill your fantasies with me?

What makes me more special than every other person you could be dating?

If I chose to be celibate for God, would you leave me?

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Saint Who?- Heartfelt history somewhat shaky

By Jennifer Mitchell
Community View Writer

When we think of Valentine's Day, the first things that come to mind are red hearts, small, cherub-like cupids, and giving gifts to our significant others.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas). In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

But most of us don't know where and how was this holiday started. And although it's true origin remains a mystery, legends about its beginnings

abound.

The two most popular legends are ones you've probably heard. They involve the man, St. Valentine. The first legend dates back to the third century at a time when Rome's emperor Claudius II was in need of soldiers for the military league. Claudius II believed the reason for his lack of soldiers was because men did not want to leave behind their wives and girlfriends.

In response to this, Claudius II banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. In opposition to Claudius, St. Valentine, a Christian priest, secretly continued to perform marriages. When his actions were discovered, St. Valentine was arrested and sentenced to death on February 14 of the year 270.

In keeping with the idea of sending valentines when expressions of love are forbidden or may seem too forward, approximately 85 percent of all valen-

tines are purchased by women, reports The History Channel.com.

In another legend, St. Valentine was thrown in jail for helping persecuted Christians escape the terror of Claudius II. While serving his sentence, St. Valentine fell in love with the warden's blind daughter and her sight was miraculously restored. Before his death, it is believed that he wrote the warden's daughter a letter and signed it "From your Valentine," a phrase still in use today. St. Valentine was beheaded on February 14, the eve of Lupercalia, which would later become Valentine's Day.

Lupercalia was a Roman festival in honor of the heathen god Lupercus. During this feast, young Roman men pulled the names of young ladies who they would be paired with during the event. As Christianity evolved, the names of pagan holidays were substitut-



ed with those of saints, thus changing Lupercalia to St. Valentine's Day and the date of the celebration to the day of St. Valentine's death.*

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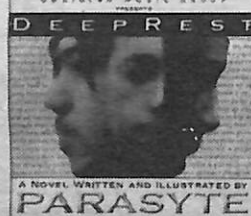
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Community View

Day of love reclaimed as National Condom Day

By Henderson Hill III
Community View Writer

"Love Day," or Valentine's Day, as everyone obviously knows it as, is not the only nationally recognized event on February 14th. This day also has the stigma that sex is something that must be engaged in by its' observers.

So to remind people that they should practice "safe love making/sex," the American Social Health Association will sponsor the eleventh consecutive Condom Day on Valentine's Day. ASHA reminds people to "love responsibly," by practicing safe sex with their partner/partners.

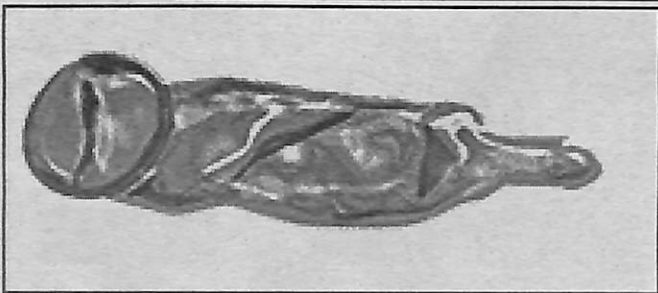
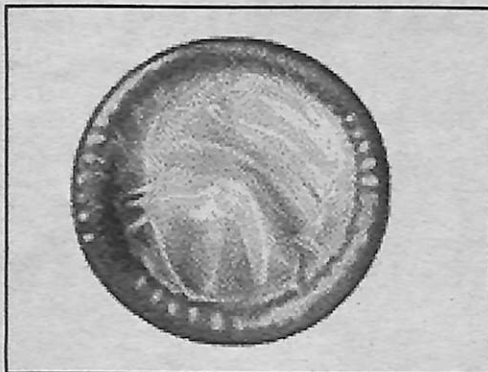
"Valentine's Day is nationally recognized as a time for love, to tell that special person in your life just how much they mean to you," said Linda Alexander, president and chief executive officer for ASHA. This event has been around for ten years in hopes to raise consciousness that people need to use condoms.

"We encourage people to talk openly and honestly with their sexual partners about the sensitive subject of condoms as a way to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases."

The observation of National Condom Day is something that should be noticed by everyone, especially college campuses.

"I would like for more people to be aware of sexually transmitted diseases and how to prevent them. Most people think that it always happens to other people," said Michael Stalker, ASHA's director of Media Relations. "Don't have sex or use condoms to reduce risk," Stalker added. Stalker contended that abstinence is the safest sex, but the use of a latex condom is the best way to lower the danger of contracting STDs. There is not only a risk in contracting an STD through unsafe sex, but the development of an unwanted pregnancy is also a reality."

The idea of unprotected sex in the year 2001 has the same connotation of playing Russian Roulette or craps with your life. Through the implements of safe sex programs, the media's advertising of safe sex, and the increasing number of deaths in



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Think safe: condom and safe-sex informational websites even include the best brands of condoms to use (Trojans have been deemed the least likely to break) and the proper and improper ways to put on a condom.

Information about other birth control options, including new female condoms made by the Reality Company, is also available.

every community from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), there are still 15.3 million cases of STDs diagnosed every year in the United States, as reported by ASHA.

This is still an alarming rate due to the fact of all of the education that is available for people today.

When Stalker was asked about any words of wisdom that he had for The Meter audience, he said that he remembered a quote from a poster that read, "Next time I promise I will use a condom." And in small captions the poster read, "Famous Words- We can't look at people and realize if they have an STD."

If you have any questions about condoms, or sexually transmitted diseases, call the CDC National STD and AIDS Hotlines at either 1-800-342-2437 or 1-800-227-8922. They are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For information in Spanish, call 1-800-344-7432 from 8 am to 2 am, Eastern Time, seven days a week. TTY users can get information from 10 am to 10 pm, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday at 1-800-243-7889.

You can request free and confidential information from any of these services. •

Need an idea?

The Meter's picks for the best Valentine's Day date spots

Antonio's of Nashville is located at 7097 Harding Rd., and has excellent Italian food with a romantic atmosphere. Place your reservations early.

Atlantis is located at 1911 Broadway, and offers a very unique brand of food. You'll see what we mean when you check out the Golden Oscetra and Carpaccio of Diver Scallop, but stick around for the Godiva white chocolate liquor.

The Bound'ry is located near Vanderbilt University at 911 20th Ave. It is cozy and relaxing in the restaurant and in the bar, and the prices are reasonable enough for the average college student.

The Capitol Grille is in the downstairs level of the Hermitage Hotel, located at 231 N. Sixth Ave. In addition to the multi-ethnic cuisines, which

they offer at slightly-steep-for-the-average-student-but-worth-it-today prices, they will be offering a special menu for the lovers in the house. Reserve your table while you still can.

Mere Bulles is located at 152 Second Ave. N. downtown. The smooth jazz over the smooth cuisines will guarantee an excellent romantic atmosphere.

Quails Restaurant is located at 4936 Thoroughbred lane in Brentwood. It's expensive, and it's quite a drive from TSU, but the atmosphere and the cuisine is worth it.

For all of the TSU students who may not be able to shower their loved one with gifts and romantic cruises this Valentine's Day, just remember that love comes from the heart, and not from the wallet. Happy Valentine's Day!

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Death of TSU student leaves grieving family and unanswered questions

Rumors fly and emotional speculation runs wild, but no charges have been brought

By Hillary S. Condon
Community View Editor

Joseph Green

His mother and his closest friends called him "Jo-Jo."

He was a bright, healthy junior at Tennessee State University, and planned to be an elementary school teacher after graduation. He made good grades, had a lot of friends and attended Gay-Lea Christian Church every Sunday.

In high school, he was in the Kappa League and Outlook Nashville, and stayed with Outlook after graduation, helping the mentally challenged.

Before he came to TSU, he was honorably discharged after a successful stint in the U.S. Navy. He ran every day and played football with his friends on the weekends.

His friends say that Jo-Jo "lit up a room" when he entered into it, and that he was the best friend anyone could ever have.

But at about 4:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, 2001, Joseph Green, Jr. collapsed on a running track at Whites Creek High School.

His new sports utility vehicle was found unlocked and still at TSU. His wallet, which his mother says he would never leave home without, still has not been found.

His body did not have marks, bruises, cuts, or any injury that could have caused his death. In fact, Metro Nashville Examiner Dr. Bruce Levy could not find any reason for the able-bodied young man's death.

Then came the rumors.

Stories abounded about the circumstances of Green's death only hours after he was pronounced dead at Skyline Medical Center.

Some heard and repeated that he had been consuming large quantities of alcohol and drugs, and, running the track as part of a fraternity initiation test of endurance, collapsed when his heart gave out.

Still others circulated the rumor that Green had been murdered, tied to (train) tracks and run over by a train.



Joseph Terry Green, Jr. was born on November 22, 1975, and died on January 29, 2001. He was 25 years old.

The Unanswered Questions

His grieving mother, Lentora Parker of Nashville, says her son was pledging the Rho Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at TSU, and that questionable hazing practices are responsible for her son's mysterious death. She says she did not know until recently that Green was even interested in pledging.

"He told his Daddy, but it was supposed to be a secret," she said. "But he was so excited, so looking forward to being a part of that organization."

But now, she says there was a cover-up after "what really happened" to Jo-Jo.

Police say that at the time Green collapsed on the Whites Creek track, he was

jogging at 4:30 a.m. with two other TSU students - William Taylor, and Rajaul Brown, a member of Rho Psi. Investigators said there was no evidence of hazing or foul play.

"Whatever was going on ... was a secret," Parker said. "He said he was gonna cross over... now I'm not sure what that means, just that it has something to do with initiation to get there."

Until the toxicology and blood tests come back from Green's autopsy, no one can know for sure how or why he died.

TSU Public Information Officer Artis Twyman said that while the school's administration is obviously concerned with the death of a TSU student, the administration would not accept responsibility for Green's death.

"It wasn't on campus, and it wasn't a sanctioned activity," Twyman said.

In Memoriam

The obituary page in Saturday morning's issue of *The Tennessean* showed 69 entries, and 25-year-old Green was among the youngest.

Two men, one 18 and the other 20 years old, died in a car accident Tuesday; and a 5-year-old boy lost his battle with a congenital heart defect at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital hours after Green died in Skyline Medical Center's emergency room. Every other obituary entry was from people ages 44-100.

But his family and friends are determined to make sure that the world knows how good Jo-Jo was.

On Friday, February 2, the Student Government Association sponsored a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Joseph Green, Jr. TSU Student Government Association Vice President April Frazier says the vigil is a tradition designed to remember any fallen TSU Tiger.

During the emotional hour, members of the TSU family addressed a crowd of about 50 people in the Floyd-Payne Campus Center Forum, including Joseph Green, Sr. The first speakers were members of the Kappa League, a high school leadership program under the guidelines of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Joe had pledged while he was at White's Creek High School in Nashville.

Ironically, Joe's 1994 alma mater was where he died seven years later.

Robert Jobe, Steven Brady, George Malone and James McGee were four of Jo-Jo's line brothers and members of the Kappa League. They all recounted the last time they spoke with their friend, personal stories from their lives with Joe, and were sure to tell Joseph Green Sr. that he gained several sons when he lost Joe.

Jobe met Green in high school, when Joe mentored Robert into the Kappa League. He said the greatest thing about Joe was that he was not an angry person, and had a warm heart.

"He always wanted to be around his friends," Jobe said. "He didn't have to have a reason to say 'what's up?' but he always said it."

Jo-Jo's line brothers commented on See "Grieving" on Page 12

Entertainment legends stop at TSU for Black History Month Celebration kickoff

By Crystal McMoore
News Writer

On Feb. 1, actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice made a visit to Tennessee State University to speak to the student body as a part of the Distinguished Lecture Series in the Thomas E. Poag auditorium at 1:40 p.m.

It was the beginning of many events to come during Black History Month, which was titled "An Evening with Langston and Martin".

The first rendition was delivered by actor/director Felix Justice. Justice recited one of the final speeches given by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. before his assassination in 1968.

During his introduction of the speaker, TSU President James A. Hefner stated, "They say that when he reads the speech, you feel as if you are listening to Dr. King himself."

As Justice began to recite, both his tone and manner changed. The audience

fell silent as they listened to the words pour from his mouth.

He began by explaining to the students and faculty,

"This great profit of nonviolence had to do his memorable work under the threat of death everyday". Yet he still managed to work for human equality.

"My beloved friends, I appear before you this midnight with boundless gratitude and infidelities, and with a renewed faith in the miraculous healing power of love..." began Dr. King, on that midnight, only hours earlier having made his famous "mountain top" speech in Memphis, Tenn.

"Listening to the words of Dr. King being read so passionately helped me to better understand his struggle.



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TSU President James A. Hefner (center) speaks with Danny Glover (left) and Felix Justice (right).

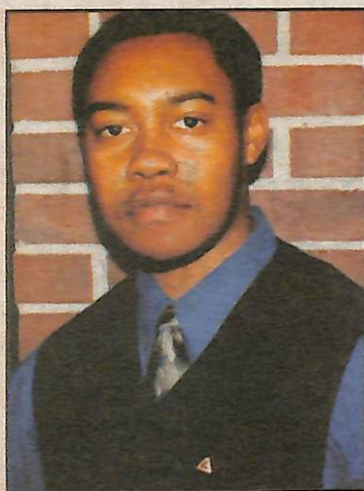
Mr. Justice's intensity was impressive," said James Van Buren, a sophomore, sociology major from Memphis,

Tenn.

See "Glover" on Page 13

Picks of The Pack:

What was your most memorable Valentine?



"In 1998, my girlfriend changed the script on me. Instead of me doing the usual tradition like sending the flowers, taking her out for dinner and the rest, she did it instead. She did all that and even more, I felt so special, very special."

Jonathan Blanchard,
Music Graduate Student,
Memphis, Tenn.



"My boyfriend ordered this special dinner on Valentine's night, after the dinner when I thought it was all over, he brought out this beautiful red velvet cake, which was our first Valentine."

Candice Boatwright,
Senior- Psychology, Lansing,
Mich.



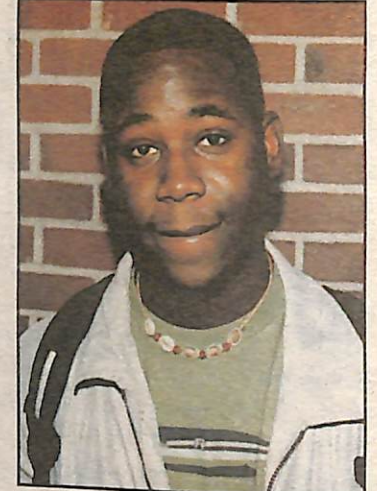
"Suddenly at the end of the day, my boyfriend showed up and he had driven all the way from Florida to come and spend Valentine's with me. He took me out for dinner, gave me a silver bracelet and ended the day reading me a love poem he wrote for me."

Carlisa Borporter,
Sophomore- Speech
Communications and Theatre,
St. Louis, Mo.



"There was this special girl who I really liked at work, so instead of asking her out forthright, I waited until Valentine's day and surprised her with a dozen roses, she was so touched, she cried. Of course we went out later on."

Cliff Raglin, Senior-
Education



"My best Valentine's was when I was 15 years old. My parents and I were on bad terms and I left Valentine's morning very upset. When I came home, they had on my bed candies, cologne, and balloons marked Happy Valentine."

Tamarcus Jeffries,
Freshman- Electric
Engineering/ Computer
Science, Birmingham, Ala.

The Love and Sex Issue

Community View

Sex sells: The Meter examines the ins and outs of pornography and sex-related businesses

By Sara M. Caldwell and Henderson Hill III
Community View Writers

The business of pornography is present and prospering in Nashville and across the country despite obscenity laws and attempts to narrow the definition of pornography.

Obscenity laws are present in every state, following federal regulations that were passed as early as the 1800s.

The current definition of obscenity, according to the Texas Penal Code, section 43.21, is as follows: "material or a performance that: (A) the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest in sex; (B) depicts or describes: (i) patently offensive representations or descriptions of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or stimulated, including sexual intercourse, sodomy, and sexual bestiality; or (ii) patently offensive representations or descriptions of masturbation, excretory functions, sadism, masochism, lewd exhibition of the genitals, the male

or female genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal, covered male genitals in a discernably turgid state or a device designed and marketed as useful primarily for stimulation of the human genital organs; and (C) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, and scientific value."

In most states, this means that materials which fall under the heading of obscene can't be displayed in public places or sold to children under the age of 18. Those materials include magazines including *Hustler*, *Parade*, *Barely Legal*, and *9 Months and Beautiful* (I'm not making that up); artificial vaginas or vibrators and anal stimulators; videos portraying sex acts; pictures such as those transmitted over the internet, and so on.

The standards of obscenity change as society's standards change; for example, Britney Spears videos almost certainly would have been considered obscene fifty years ago when *Elvis Presley* could only be shown on television from the waist up. It is illegal to prohibit a specific magazine or genital stimulator as the standards must be applied without prejudice to all publications or devices.

All of these magazines, devices,

videos, and miscellaneous sexually-oriented material are protected by the First Amendment, which allows freedom of speech and expression.

The massive amounts of porn shops that are offered in Nashville such as book stores, massage parlors, and strip clubs are a surprise seeing as how Nashville is located in the "Bible Belt." The title of the term "Bible Belt" refers to the southern region of the United States where there are numerous churches as well as the stigma of good religious moral values.

The large findings of available pornographic material has a very ironic draw back to its relation to the "Bible Belt" in comparison to the limitations on liquor purchasing here in Nashville. It seems very odd that a liquor store that cannot sell "hard" liquor and beer in the same place, are not allowed to sale beer on Sundays, and that they must end business hours at 11 p.m.

But a store that specializes in the sale of pornographic materials can stay open 24 hours, be open every day of the week, and the people who patronize these places only have to be 18 years of age.

One the South's largest adult book

stores is found here in the heart of Nashville, which is the large purple building that says "World's Largest Adult Book Store," is easily seen off of I-40. This store is located on 5th Ave. South downtown, and is also known as Metro News. This store is opened 24 hours and has the most economical prices in comparison to other adult book stores. The World's Largest Adult Book Store also has the greatest number of selections of different items such as sex toys, magazines, movies, and books that range in price from \$9.99 to \$199.95.

A clerk that did not want to be identified at one of the local adult book stores, said that the average age and gender of people who come in the stores are, middle-age white males. He went on to say that the porn business is a very profitable business that makes the owner of the shop that he works for a lot of money.

In observation of the individuals that shop at adult book stores, it was recognized that most people look at movies and magazines instead of sex toys and clothing (yes some of these places have clothing). •

Glover, Justice read from collected works of legendary African-American figures

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Following Justice's depiction, actor Danny Glover, from movies such as *The Color Purple*, *Predator 2*, and all *Lethal Weapon* movies, took the stage and recited touching works by poet laureate, James Langston Mercer Hughes, better known to the public as Langston Hughes.

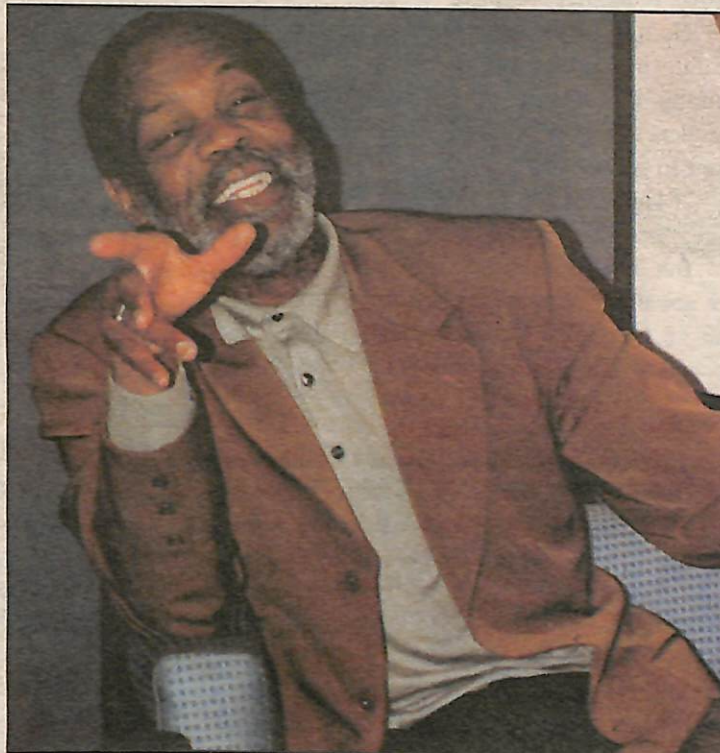
Glover took the audience back to the 1920's, where Hughes was becoming a prominent figure in the Harlem Renaissance.

He read stanzas from numerous works written by Langston Hughes, including, *The Weary Blues*, *Mother to Son*, and *Shakespeare of Harlem*. After each reading, Glover explained a piece of Hughes' history.

"Langston Hughes is one of the more controversial names in the history of American poetry," began Glover. "His poems exude his affection for African-Americans. He speaks of wounds caused

by injustice..."

Tamarcus Jefferies, a freshman electrical and computer engineering major from Birmingham, Al., said, "This emotional, heart-felt, and spiritually enhancing re-enactment of Dr. King's and Langston Hughes' work kept me in remembrance of the struggle for freedom and equality that so many died for." •



Danny Glover

PHOTO BY DERICK KIMBROUGH

Look for other Black History Month speakers in the Distinguished Lecture series in the next issue of The Meter.

Community View

Grieving TSU family joins memorial services for fallen Tiger

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how strange it was to refer to their friend in the past tense, but also said that they were all better people for having known Green.

"I'm not mad," Jobe said, "and at first, I questioned things, but prayer does help, and my mama said these things happen to make you more appreciative. I still count my blessings, and I thank God for knowing Joe."

Malone met Joe in another extracurricular high school program, Upward Bound, and says Joe welcomed him to Nashville "with open arms."

Malone also said that when he heard about Green's death, he was at the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla. Green called his friend's cell phone at 3:49 p.m. on Super Sunday.

Green would be brought, unconscious, to Skyline Medical Center just over 12 hours later.

"It was a missed opportunity," Malone said with tears in his eyes. "Always be generous to your friends, because you never know when their last day is coming up."

Brady was more angry and emotional than the other speakers before him, and said that he, as well as Green's family, was not satisfied with the answers they got about the circumstances surrounding Joe's death.

"If anybody out there knows what really happened, I hope you can't sleep at night, I hope you can't eat another meal," Brady said. "I pray for those people who truly know what happened."

Before one of those people approached the podium, Joseph Green, Sr. addressed the crowd.

"He was just a great person," said his father, Joseph Green, Sr. "He felt that his calling in life was to be an elementary school teacher. I tried to discourage him from that, because there wasn't much money in it... but he felt it was his calling. He thought his purpose in life was to help Black kids make something of themselves."

He also spoke about his son's ambitions of being a teacher, and said that his

son would still make a difference in death.

But it didn't take long before the elder Green used the podium to plead for the much-sought-after answers about his son's death.

"I hope whoever knows the truth will come forward, so that your parents will never have to suffer the loss of his mother and I," Green said. "I pray none of them will have to bury their son."

The last person to address the crowd was one of the three people who know what happened that night. One of those people is Joseph Green himself. William Taylor and Rajaul Brown were on the track at Whites Creek High School with Jo-Jo when he collapsed. Taylor was nowhere to be seen at the memorial service.

"He wasn't even supposed to be there"

Rajaul was the last person to speak at the candlelight vigil and memorial service for Green. He trembled and sobbed as he recounted what happened that night, gripping the sides of the speaker's podium as if he would collapse and fall through the cracks in the wooden floor if he let it go. His knuckles turned white with effort and his lip trembled with emotion as he told his story.

Those who addressed the crowd before Brown told of the last times they spoke to their friend: Green's line brothers from a high school Kappa League told of how they spoke to Joe before they left for Super Bowl parties the day before. So the crowd was already melancholy before Brown took the podium.

He told of the night before Green's death, when Brown was in his car in the parking lot outside of Heiman Street Residence Center at TSU, and Green came to speak to him.

"I knew Joe for 14 months," Brown said. "I met him in the library."

But that night, Brown was talking to Joe about his physical condition, saying that he needed to get in shape for the upcoming Greek step show, and was planning to build up his endurance by

'Y'all don't know how it is to try to bring someone back from death... I've been having to go through this every day, I remember that look in his face... I remember him coming to me in the library, I was having a hard time with the Internet.

*-Rajaul Brown,
made the 911 call after Green collapsed on the
Whites Creek High School track*

jogging. He then told Joe - "and I made a joke," he sobbed - that he "had a little stomach." Brown cried harder when he said that Green actually took him seriously, and called him to ask if he could come along for some exercise early that morning.

"I never expected him to call me, he wasn't even supposed to be there," Brown kept repeating.

Brown says that after they started running, Green didn't look very good.

"He said he was tired after the second lap, and I told him to sit down and rest," he said. "Then, after the third, he wasn't looking like himself no more..."

Brown also said that if Green was in fact interested in pledging Omega Psi Phi, he didn't know about it.

"This was not fraternity-related," Brown said. "I don't know if he was interested in pledging... if he wanted to be an Omega, a Kappa, nothing."

He also said that he realized "it would all be a big misunderstanding," when Joe's mother and father came to the hospital, and told him that their son was interested in pledging.

"Yes, I am a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity," Brown sobbed. "But this was not fraternity-related."

"Y'all don't know how it is to try to bring someone back from death... I've been having to go through this every day, I remember that look in his face... I remember him coming to me in the library, I was having a hard time with the Internet."

Before he left the podium, Rajaul

was consoled and comforted by Rev. Inman Otey and members of Omega Psi Phi already present. As Otey tried to comfort him as he cried, Brown said he was a Christian and had been praying for strength.

"I've been asking the Lord for strength right now."

By the time Brown was finished addressing the crowd, his emotion was contagious. Very few members of the crowd of about 50 people were not crying.

Joseph Green, Sr. had already left. He rose and left the Forum after Brown began the tale of his only son's last minutes.

Joseph Terry Green, Jr. was born on November 22, 1975. He was laid to rest at Greenwood North Cemetery in Nashville on Saturday, February 3. In addition to his friends and TSU family, Green left behind three sisters, his parents and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The case of Joe Green's death is still under investigation by the TSU Police Department, the Metro Nashville Police Department and the Metro Nashville Medical Examiner. Due to the open status of the investigation, officials could not comment on any circumstances surrounding Green's death. The case will probably be closed after the results of toxicology and blood screen tests are returned, which could take several weeks.

No one has been implicated or accused of any wrongdoing, and no evidence of foul play has been released.

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The Love and Sex Issue
Community View

The dangerous side of sex in our neighborhood: STD rates peak in Nashville

By Tosha Jones
Community View Writer

With all of today's public service announcements airing on television, plastered on billboards, posted in college dormitories and stuck to the bumper of every other car, you would think that people are getting the message. But apparently, they are not.

More than 65 million people in the United States are currently living with a sexually-transmitted disease and an additional 15 million become infected each year. One out of every four of these new infections are among teenagers who have high behavioral risk for acquiring an STD.

There are more than 25 diseases that are primarily spread through sexual activity. The most common of these diseases are chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, human papillomavirus (HPV), hepatitis B, and trichomoniasis, all of which have been reported in Davidson County (Nashville) at abnormally high rates.

In Nashville and in the U.S., chlamydia is the most commonly reported STD.

In 1999, there were 2,202 cases reported in Nashville with the largest burden of the disease being found in females at a ratio of approximately twice as many as males. It is a disease that is highly problematic among older adolescents and young adults from the ages of 15-29.

Blacks are also more infected with the disease and by the close of the 1990's, the rate of which Blacks were reported to be infected with chlamydia was 7.74 times that of whites. Chlamydia is one of many STD's that shows no symptoms in most women and in some men, but it can lead to severe damage of the reproductive organs, causing infertility and other complications. Some symptoms that may appear are burning while urinating and discharge from the genitals.

Although there are more reported cases of chlamydia than any other STD in Nashville, there is currently a syphilis epidemic in this area. The rate of syphilis in the 1990's was on a consistent decline and across the nation it had reached an all time low. In October of 1999, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) launched a National Plan to Eliminate Syphilis because 79 percent of the country's 3,115 counties reported no cases of syphilis. However, Davidson County had over 200

reported cases.

In 1999, Davidson county reported rates of 45 cases of syphilis for every 100,000 people compared to 3 cases in Knox County, 6 in Hamilton county and Shelby county with 29 cases per every 100,000.

Nashville is second to only one other U.S. city in its reported rates of syphilis cases. Tina Lester of the Metro Health Department says that it is a mystery to many analysts as to why Nashville's rates are so high because our minority ratio is lower than many other metropolitan cities, which is an area where syphilis tends to be prevalent.

In the U.S., the reported rates of syphilis are 30 times higher for Blacks than whites.

In Nashville, there is a decreasing rate among Black females, however, it is still very high for Black males.

Syphilis is a curable STD, but if it goes untreated it can cause heart disease, blindness, nervous system damage, mental disorders and death. It also increases the likelihood of HIV transmission 2 to 5 times. Syphilis shows outward signs like painless sores on genitals, anus, or mouth for the first year and after one year the outward signs go away and the disease attacks the internal organs.

The areas of greatest concentration for this disease in Davidson county is the center of the county and Metro Health Department reported that North Nashville bears a large part of the syphilis burden.

Gonorrhea is also a very common STD and in 1999 1,785 cases were reported in Davidson county. It is more common in adolescents and young adults and more concentrated in socio-economically disadvantaged areas.

In Nashville, gonorrhea is on a downward trend among both genders and especially among the 15-29 age group. In females this disease is usually extremely mild or asymptomatic, but it can cause similar problems that occur with chlamydia. It is curable with antibiotics, but can still cause permanent damage to the body. In 1999, the rate among whites in Davidson county was 73.07 per 100,000 people, while among Blacks it was

987.37 per 100,000. Cases among other races are relatively low.

The STD that people probably hear the most about and may think is the only one that exist that they should be concerned with is HIV or AIDS. This is the disease that attacks the immune system and enables it to fight off infections and cancers. In Nashville the rates of HIV incidents are declining. In 1992, AIDS/HIV rates among Blacks were 153 per 100,000 compared to 69.2 in 1999. The rates for whites in 1999 was 16.02 per 100,000. The males bear the majority

Other STD's that people may know little about can still be as harmful. Human papillomavirus (HPV) commonly appears as genital warts and can lead to various types of cancers, one being cervical cancer in women. Hepatitis B is one that can cause liver damage, which some people fully recover from while others can not be cured. Herpes is another serious disease that people are never cured from and once they are treated it can reactivate at any time.


Wide publicity of all the various types of diseases contracted through sexual activity has given our community numerous opportunities to be educated on this issue. When asked if Tennessee State University's community is well educated of the risk of sexual activity, Mrs. Fraiser, the head nurse at TSU's Health Service Center, she responded, "I think they should be well informed because the information is out there. I hear it on the radio all the time. It's on the bus benches that you sit on. Are you STD free?" Nashville Cares, Planned Parenthood and STD free are a few organizations that are trying to keep the students at TSU informed. The STD free group comes to TSU every third Tuesday of every month to give free testing to students. Due to the confidentiality of these cases, the health department does not release specific cases that are found at this university. But Mrs. Fraiser says that there has been an average turn out of 30 students at the free screenings and the rates of STD cases are very low.

If you have further questions contact the Community Health Action Team and STD free at 880-2156 or 340-0550. Or contact the TSU Health Services Center.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, you should contact a physician immediately.

- Any unusual discharge or smell from your vagina/ penis
- Pain in your pelvic area (area between your belly button and sex organs)
- Sores, bumps, or blisters near sex organs, rectum, or mouth
- Burning pain when you urinate
- Itching around sex organs
- Swelling or redness in your throat
- Flu-like symptoms
- Swelling in your groin

of this burden with a ratio of 3.78 to 1, male to female. By the end of October of 2000 there were 2,379 cases of AIDS and 3,228 HIV cases reported in Nashville.



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The Love and Sex Issue

Community View

Sex scandals that shaped American society

The Meter examines the sexual liaisons of historical figures and high-profile personalities

By Cristalynne V.W. Dupree
Community View Writer

Nearly 50 years ago, *Ebony* magazine featured an article titled "Thomas Jefferson's Negro Children." Several "elderly Negroes" had linked the roots of their family tree to the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.

They traced their family history to Sally Hemmings, Jefferson's former slave. The story of the affair had been passed down from each generation, after

Hemmings told her next to last child, Madison Hemmings, that Jefferson was his father, as well as the father of her other six children.

Four of the children lived to adulthood, the eldest child, born in 1798, moved to Washington, D.C. in 1822 to live as a white man. Her daughter, born in 1801, also left shortly afterwards. She too was able to pass in the white world. Her

sons Madison and Eston, born in 1805 and 1808 respectively, were freed in Jefferson's will in 1826.

The *Ebony* article stated, "many reputable [white] historians concede that

Jefferson fathered at least five Negro children."

Ebony had been in circulation for almost five years. The publication had acquired a half million Black readership. But it was 1954 and the only mainstream attention the article received was ridicule from other media.

One of the most outspoken "historical naysayers"

was Mississippi native and Georgia-bred Pulitzer Prize winner, Dumas Malone. He called the possibility of the relationship a "miscegenation legend" and described it as "filth."

He defended the past president writing that the act was "virtually unthinkable in a man of Jefferson's moral standard."

In 1998 changing times and advances in technology led to the DNA testing of self-proclaimed Black descendants of Thomas Jefferson. The findings showed a genetic link between Eston Hemmings decedents and Jefferson's known descendants families.

Afterwards, historical scholars came to an agreement and accepted the notion that Sally Hemmings had been President Thomas Jefferson's mistress and together they produced seven children.

Scandals of sex and politics are nothing new. The fidelity of past presidents including Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy was called into question.

Most recently, Bill Clinton was brought under fire in 1998 after it was discovered that he had a sexual relationship with then 22-year-old White House

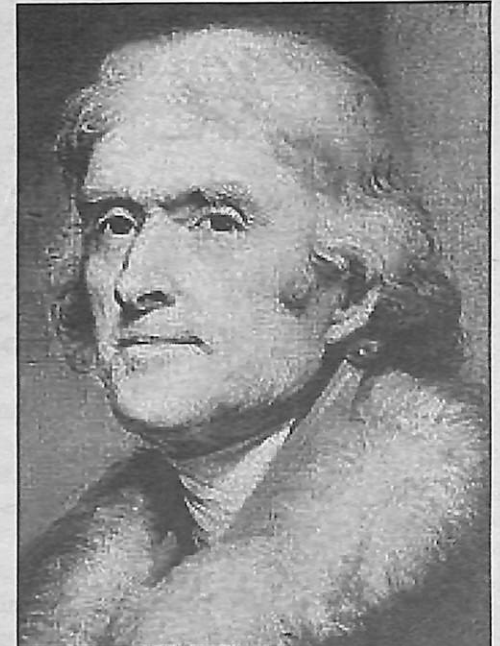


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Constitutional founder and former President Thomas Jefferson was recently discovered to have fathered at least one child by his slave, Sally Hemmings. Other reports contend that he fathered all six of her children.

intern Monica Lewinsky.

University of Notre Dame Catholic moralist questioned Clinton's integrity by saying, "Through months of lying Clinton laid a huge foundation for doubt about anything he says, and that affects his ability to lead. The president should leave office, preferably by resignation rather than the more traumatic impeachment process."

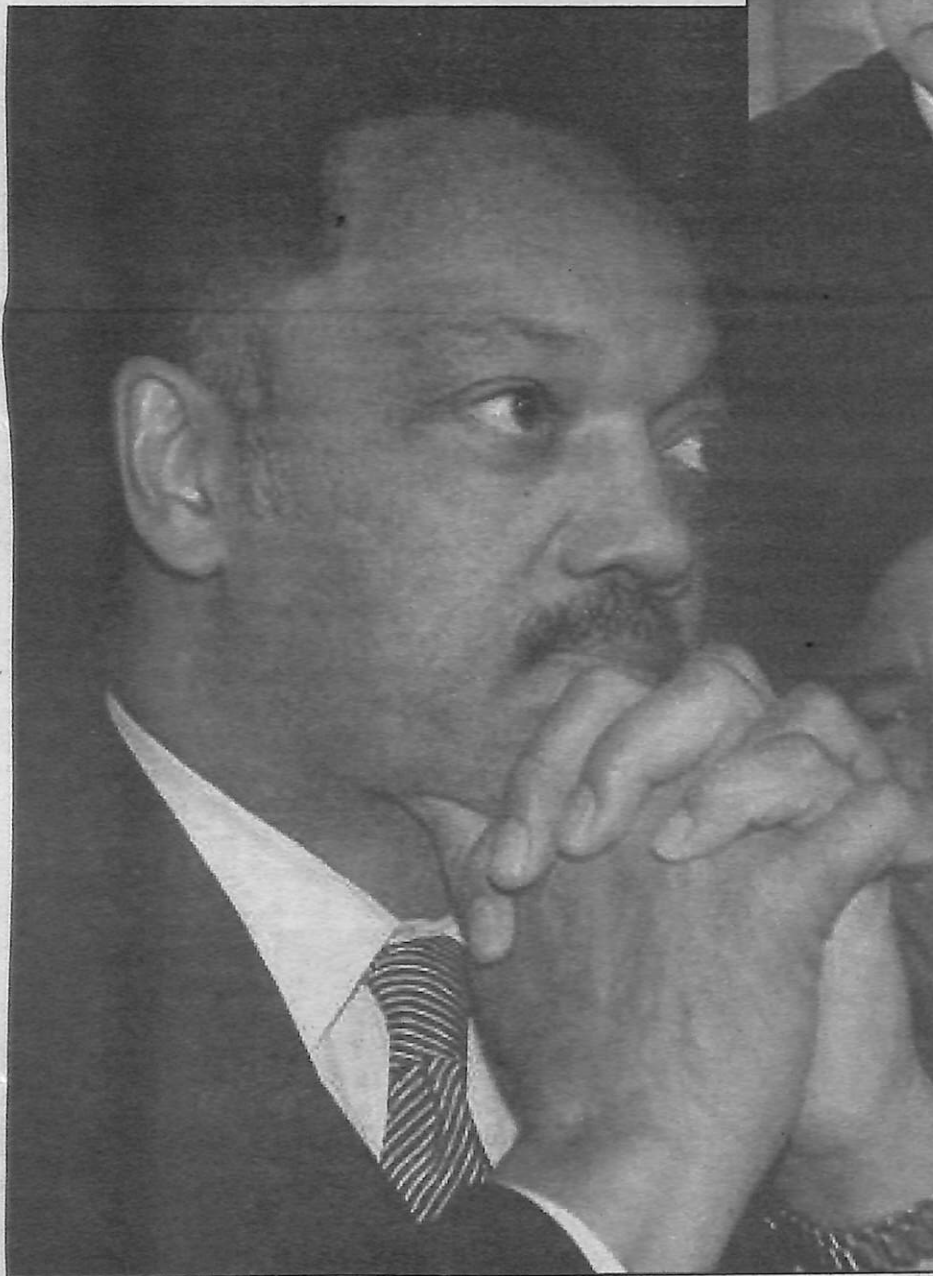
The majority of the public did not agree. Contrary to what media commentators expected, the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal did not undermine the majority of the public's opinion on his leadership compared to his election in 1992. In fact, Clinton's approval rating was higher when he left office than it was when he entered into it.

After being forced to testify before a grand jury about his relationship with Lewinsky, the former president made a national apology in August 1998.

Independent Counsel, at the time, Kenneth Starr led the investigation. He reported to Congress that there were impeachable offenses committed by Clinton.

The House was mostly divided in accordance with its political affiliations

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Civil rights activist and religious leader Rev. Jesse Jackson recently admitted to an extramarital affair with a former employee that resulted in the birth of a child. The child would have been conceived at approximately the time that former President Bill Clinton came under fire for an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Jackson supported Clinton during the scandal.

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Community View

Scandals from the pages of history repeat themselves in contemporary times

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and voted to impeach the president. However, the Senate acquitted Clinton several months later.

A few weeks ago at the end of his second term as chief executive the scandal's aftermath reared its head.

In a deal with prosecutors that would avoid Clinton's indictment, Clinton admitted for the first time that he made false statements while under oath about his relationship with Lewinsky.

In statement read by White House press secretary Jake Siewert, "I tried to walk a fine line between acting lawfully and testifying falsely, but I now recognize that I did not fully accomplish that goal and that certain of my responses to questions about Ms. Lewinsky were false."

Clinton continued, "I hope my actions today will help bring closure and finality to these matters." Instead of being prosecuted, he will have his law license revoked for five years.

While Clinton was polishing what some view as one of his flaws during his



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Former President Bill Clinton embraces former White House Intern Monica Lewinsky in a now-infamous video clip from a 1995 campaign stop.

presidential legacy, civil rights activist Jesse Jackson was revealing that he had fathered a baby girl.

In a statement released to the press Jackson said, "I fully accept responsibility and I am truly sorry for my actions."

At 20 months old, the baby may have been conceived shortly before Jackson would be an avid supporter of Clinton after the Lewinsky story broke.

Political science professor believes that Jackson will have no trouble recovering. "He has come back before from conflicts of one kind or another." At The Aleter's press time the Rainbow/ PUSH Coalition, founded by Jackson, was deciding to discuss temporarily replacing Jackson as president of the group.

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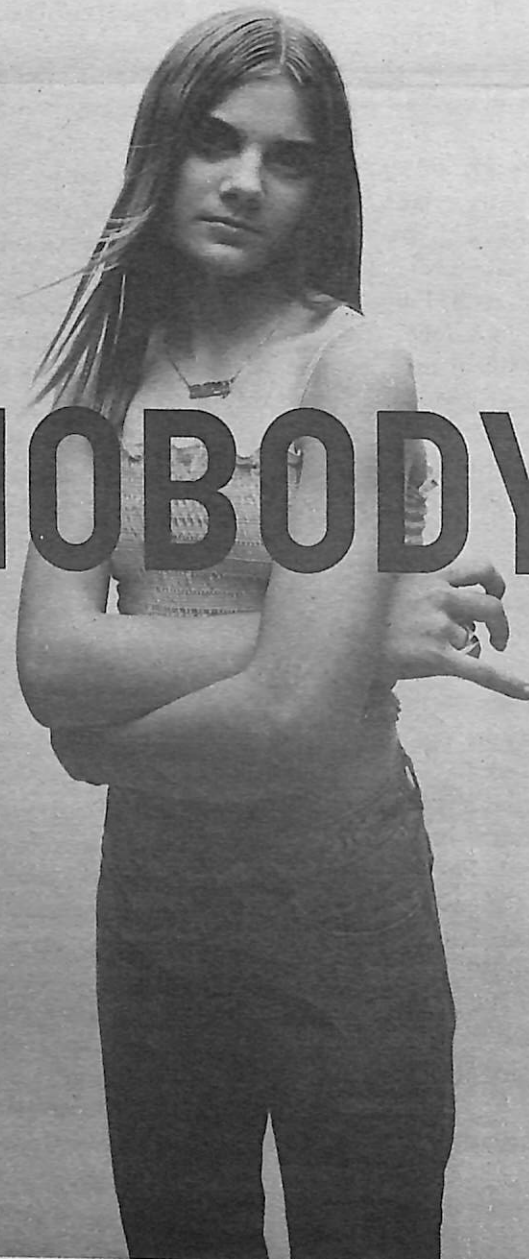


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Arts & Entertainment

Feelin' for real sex appeal - where do you find it?

By Brandi Montgomery
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Tina Turner's legs ruled the world in many men's eyes as the epitome of sexy in the 1960s. The '70s bought us the smooth looks of Marvin Gaye and Pam Grier.

When thinking of the '80s, ladies went crazy if you mentioned Ronny, Bobby, Ricky and Mike. And Whitney Houston used sex appeal to establish herself as a platinum artist.

So what constitutes sexy? Is it the way a woman can work a pair of pumps, the way a man winks his eye to tell you "hello?" Is it the way you wear your hair or accessorize your outfit, or maybe the way you enter a room or even leave?

According to Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, "sexy" is "generally attractive or interesting; appealing," but sex appeal is much deeper than the way you look, it includes elements such as attitude, sensuality, spiritually and the way an individual carries themselves.

"Sexy is a man who has goals and knows what he wants in life," says Kim Williams, a senior from Memphis. "He has to have a sense of humor, a nice body. I want someone who is spontaneous. I love that in men." Williams also finds spirituality to be sexy in a man. "I love a man who loves the Lord," she said.

Junior Josh Jones from Columbus, Ohio finds intelligence, confidence and the way a girl carries herself as his way of seeing a girl as sexy.

"I love girls with glasses and girls who know how to carry themselves," he said.

Some say attitude has a lot to do with what makes a person sexy.

LeTia Clayton, a junior from Pine Bluff, Ark., agrees. She said, "It's not all about the looks, but the attitude they give off about themselves."

Jones added, "She has to know how to carry herself physically and mentally."

Celebrities bring sex appeal to another level. Foxy Brown's revealing outfits and Ginuwine's silky vocals have captured many minds.

"Lauryn Hill is so sexy to me," says Will Hendricks, a junior from Seattle, Wash. "She's a natural woman." Hendricks also thought that accents were sexy.

Lisa Raye and Janet Jackson have more than a few admirers who swear by their ability to project sexiness. "Lisa Raye is a perfect '10'. She has a perfect face, perfect body and nice feet," said



Vernon Thompson, a sophomore from Ripley, Tenn. Few can forget Treach's line in the famous Naughty By Nature song where he said, "Put me on a planet where the ladies look like Janet."

Model Tyson Beckford also is a sex-appeal contender. "He has a nice body, a clean cut look, and the perfect skin tone," says senior Kiana Williams.

Many find that Latinos and Italians have a sex appeal all their own. Latino celebrities like Jennifer Lopez, Ricky Martin and Enrique Iglesias have been said to possess a certain sexy quality.

Hair styles such as braids appeal to some women. Others are intrigued the dreadlocks that adorn the heads of sexy men like singer Lenny Kravitz, to say nothing of the sex appeal generated in men by the lovely locks of Erykah Badu and Lauryn Hill.

Some students feel clothes make the person. "Dirty shoes mean a dirty woman," said Cedric Anderson of Jackson. Miss. "I honestly prefer Off-Broadway knee boots over Timberlands. And a matching bra and panties set is really sexy."

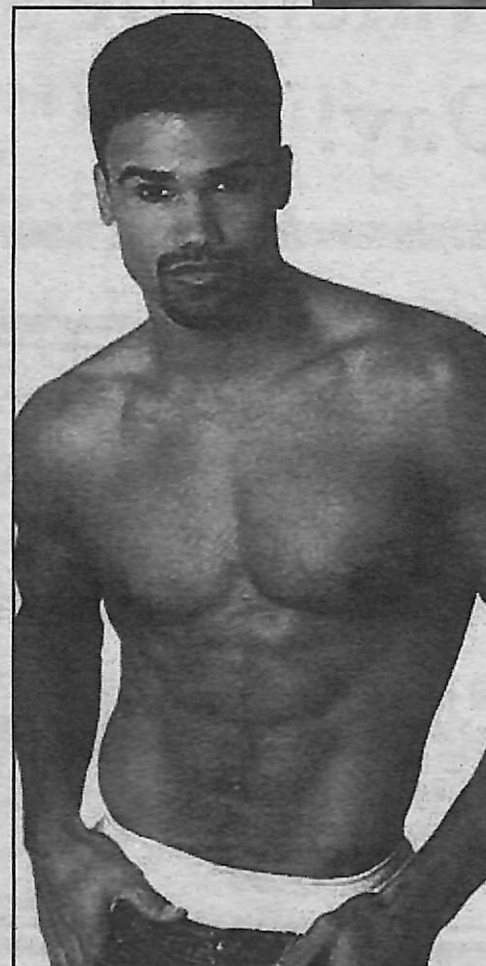
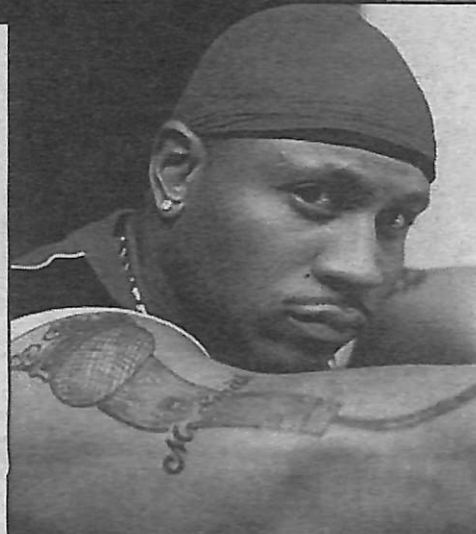
Anderson also agrees that personal hygiene plays an important role in his vision of sexiness.

"The roots of the hair tell a lot about a woman. If you can't keep it done, keep it natural."

Conversation still rules the nation in Marilyn Mondie's points of sexiness. The senior from Memphis, Tenn., says she prefers men with a knack for conversation.

Whether it's in the locks, the lips, the forearms or the bustline, sex appeal is ever-present, but fleeting. Conversation skills and confidence never go away.

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"Nicely-formed arms, a nice chest and pretty teeth may make a perfect man," she said, "but without conversation, my attraction is thrown off."

Tamika Bryant, a junior from Atlanta, Ga., feels that "street smarts" are part of what makes the perfect man.

"Common sense, book sense and street sense are the qualities I look for in a man," she said.

Given all of that, when talking about what sexy is, consider what it is not.

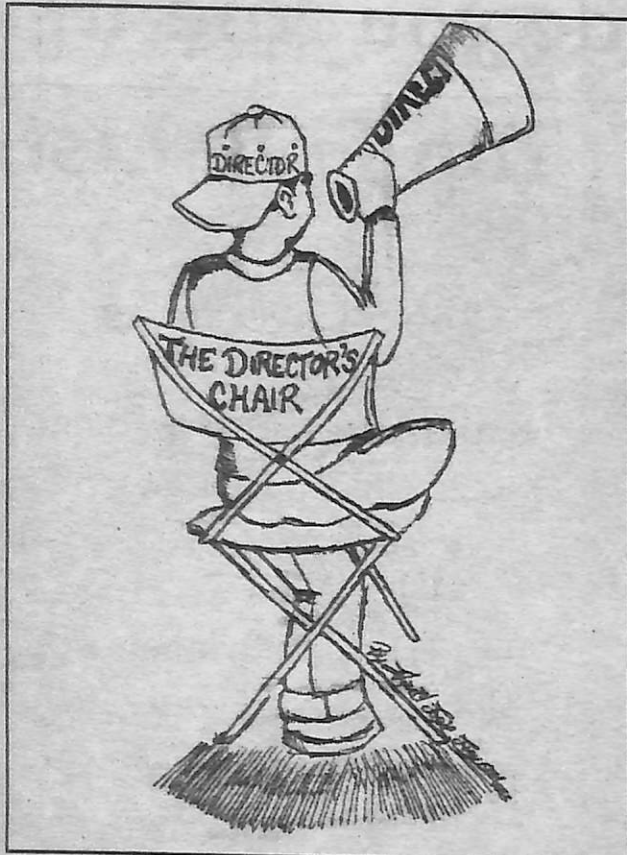
Clayton says that sexiness comes from within.

"Confidence is sexy, cockiness is not."•

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Date movies for the day of love from *The Director's Chair*



ence with very little effort. Bond girl Denise Richardson and the WB's Angel star David Borenza head up this cast in a tale about love and why it can hurt so much. The basic storyline for the movie is that a few years back a young man by the name of Jeremy Milton was classified as the school nerd. He had been rejected so much by girls that 13 years later he expressed his love for those who hurt him very deadly, with a string of clues from candy boxes, to loving cards, then to top it off knife to the throat.

to another girl. But girl is also the wedding planner for the boys wedding. Wow, now that is what the definition of conflict is. Jennifer Lopez stars with Matthew McConaughey is this classic story book love.

In the film, Lopez is the wedding planner for a wealthy couples daughter's wedding. While walking down the street, she gets the heel of her shoe caught in a sewer top. While trying to rescue her shoe, a car is coming in her direction, the driver sees her and just in the nick of time she is saved by a modern day prince. They lock eyes and from then on the plot gets intense.

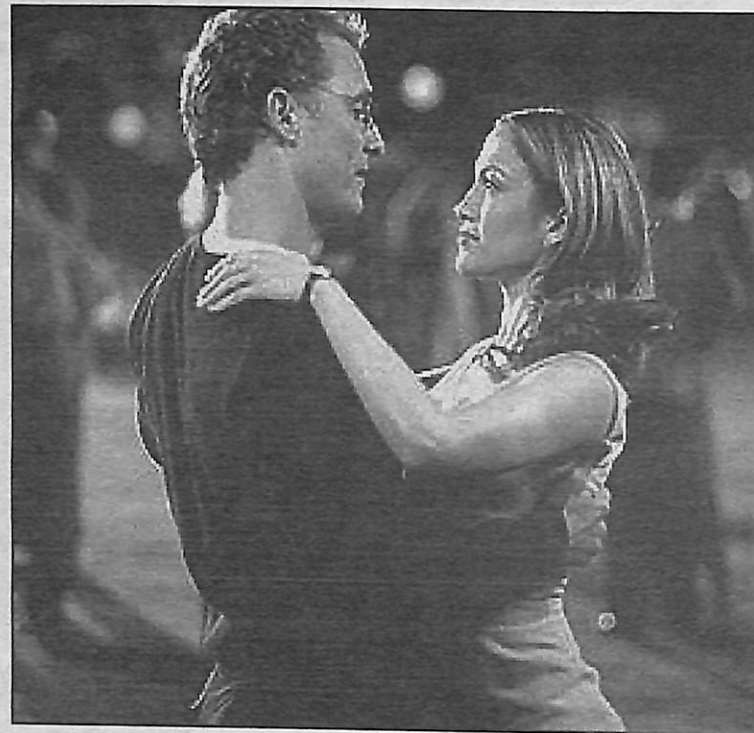


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Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Lopez star in the romantic comedy *The Wedding Planner*.

By Sparkle Davis
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Yikes! love hurts and the four young women in this movie learned the hard way. So the next time you reject a person because of their repulsive appearance or their status in society, you might want to think twice about it, the results could be deadly.

Valentine C

My Bloody Valentine is what describes this hack job of a horror flick. Not only was the movies plot predictable, it also lacked originality. Copycatting off the the infamous Halloween movies, Valentine tries its best to scare it audi-

The Wedding Planner B

Girl meets boy...boy and girl attracted to each other...except boy is engaged

On every encounter they have, the more the chemistry begins to heat up. Especially during the tango dance sequence. But with the groom getting married in few days kinda puts a strain on the budding relationship. So do they end up getting together at the end? Yes, n o , maybe....gotta see the movie to find out. It looks like the typical cheesy, girl flick but fellas



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Marley Shelton plays Kate in the thriller *Valentine*.

if your looking to score, then this one's for you.

Hannibal B

Disclaimer*If you have a weak stomach, do not go and see this film* The man is back...Hannibal Lecter. the infamous cannibal king. The one killer that everyone should stay away from. Sir See "*Hannibal*" on Page 21

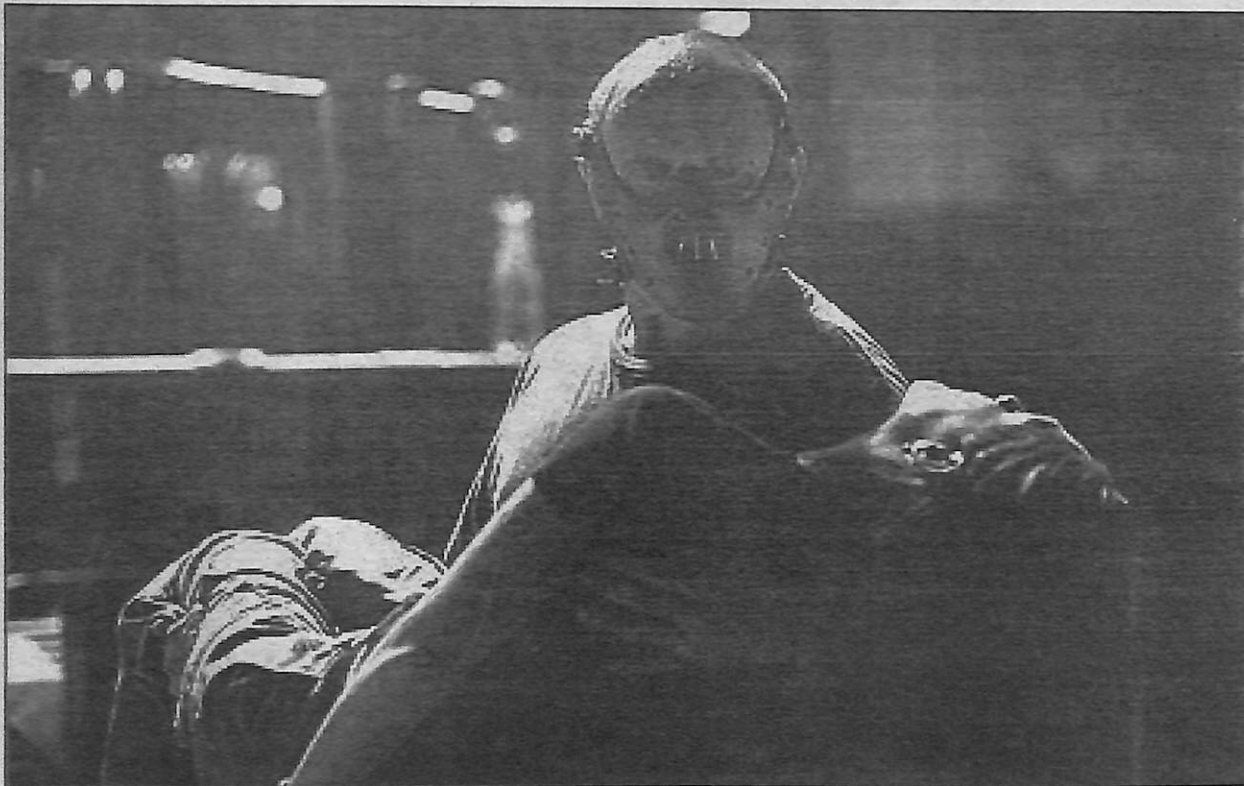


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Anthony Hopkins and Julianne Moore revisit the horror classic *The Silence of the Lambs* with *Hannibal*.

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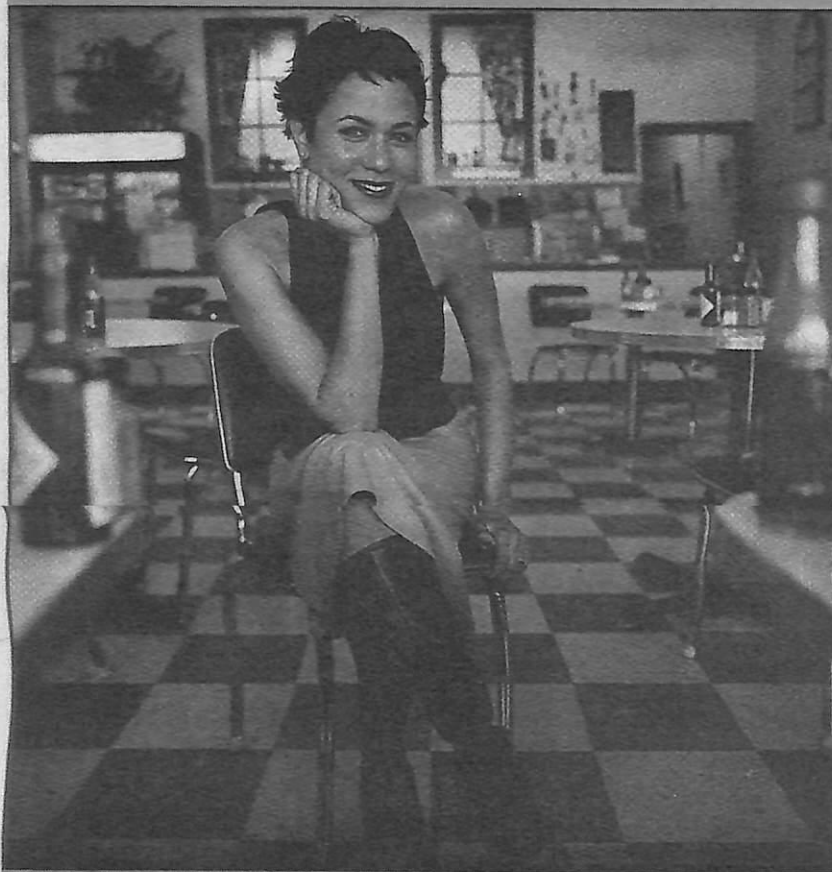
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a meter minute: nicole ari parker

By Sparkle Davis

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Nicole Ari Parker (Teri of Showtime's *Soul Food*) was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was in the Baltimore Actors Theatre and the Washington Ballet Company. She moved to New York to pursue acting and New York University. Parker is a graduate of NYU's high-



ly acclaimed Tisch School of the Arts, Circle in the Square theatre school.

Parker's film credits include "Boogie Nights," "The End of Violence," "Subway Stories," "200 cigarettes," and "Sebastian Cole," a winner at the 1999 Sundance Film Festival. She was seen in "Blue Streak" with Martin Lawrence, and most recently in "Remember the Titans," playing Denzel Washington's wife, and the lead role in the independent film "Dancing in September," a love story set against the backdrop of Hollywood during a volatile climate for African Americans within the television industry.

In 1999, Parker received a special accolade at the Urban World Film Festival in New York, in which the jury cited her "outstanding body of work as an actress." "She was a frequent presence on the screen at the festival; in addition to "Blue Streak," Parker also appeared in three independent films "Mute Love," "Jezebel" and "Spark."

On television, Parker appeared in ABC's "The Wonderful World of Disney" production of "The Loretta Claiborne Story," as well as "Exiled," "Mind Prey" and "Divas."

Parker has an extensive background in theatre, having appeared on-stage in Chicago, House of Lear and Romeo and Juliet, to name a few.

The Meter's Top Five List

Top 5 Love Songs

1. Carl Thomas - *Hey Now*
2. Chico Debarge - *Til Tommorrow*
3. Next - *When we kissed*
4. The Isley Brothers - *Make me say it again girl*
5. Lenny Williams - *Because I love you*

Top 5 Love Movies

1. *Love Jones*
2. *Love and Basketball*
3. *Poetic Justice*
4. *The Best Man*
5. *Jason's Lyric*

Top 5 sexiest actresses

1. Nia Long
2. Halle Berry
3. Vivica A. Fox
4. Vanessa Williams
5. Sanna Lathan (*Love and Basketball*)

Editor's Note: These lists are the result of surveys among **The Meter** staff and are compiled by the *Arts & Entertainment* section of **The Meter**.

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Sports

Houston gets a new NFL team after losing Oilers

By Marcus Norris
Sports Writer

Houston no longer has a problem, at least not of a football capacity anyway.

The long road of replacing the National Football League team that they lost to the state of Tennessee back in 1997 is beginning to come to an end.

After being awarded an expansion franchise in 1999, owner Bob McNair and the city of Houston have been anxiously awaiting the day when their team will take the field as the thirty-second franchise in the NFL. Although that day is still some time away, because they are not set to play until the 2002 season.

Excitement however has begun to build around the franchise. Most of it can be attributed to the recent hiring of head coach Dom Capers.

Capers, most recently the defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars, gained fame for being the successful head coach of the Carolina Panthers.

His crowning achievement was leading the Panthers to the NFC West title and a berth in the NFC Championship game in 1996, in only their second year as an NFL team.

That was a feat that had never been accomplished before. The Houston franchise is hoping lightning can strike twice in terms of immediate success.

All of this excitement didn't seem feasible as recently as March of 1999, when it seemed the NFL would award the franchise to the city of Los Angeles, California. The expansion committee voted 29-2 in favor of giving the franchise to Los Angeles, granted that they could construct a stadium and ownership plans.

They were given until September 15, 1999 to have those plans ready, otherwise the franchise would be given to Houston. Prospective owners in Los Angeles were unable to come up with the plans that would work, so the franchise was "given"



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Dom Capers will be the head coach for the National Football League's newest franchise, the Houston Texans.

to McNair and Houston for the record price of \$700 million.

After that hurdle was cleared, all that was left was to decide upon a name for the team.

After lengthy research conducted by the franchise, the choices were narrowed to five possibilities: Apollos, Bobcats, Stallions, Texans, and the Wildcatters. Houston decided on the Texans, a name once used by an NFL franchise in Dallas about 50 years ago.

The next big event for the franchise will be the expansion draft after the 2001 season. Although they're not expected to land any marquee players in the draft, they will complete the final step of becoming a legitimate NFL franchise.

Players will wear the Texans uniforms and finally take the field in 2002.

"I think they'll be okay" said student Cameron Fowler, a Texas native. "Even though they're an expansion team you never know what could happen. Look at the Tennessee Titans and the Jacksonville Jaguars. Plus they have the old Panthers coach, you never know."

Titans defensive coordinator to be head coach in Buffalo

Local beats out other applicants and Superbowl contenders from Baltimore and New York

By Paul Cameron
Sports Writer

Gregg Williams, former defensive coordinator for the NFL's Tennessee Titans landed the head coaching job for the Buffalo Bills.

He beat out other candidates for this job such as Marvin Lewis (defensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens), John Fox (defensive coordinator of the New York Giants) and Ted Cottrell, who was the Bills defensive coordinator for the last three seasons.

Last season the Buffalo Bills owned the third best defense in the league. It seems that the NFL is changing to put more of an emphasis on defense rather than offense.

This was exhibited in the Super Bowl last month, when the Ravens held the Giants to 7- points while putting 34- points of their own on the score board. Williams has a tough task ahead of him if he wants to get the Bills back to the top echelon of the NFL.

The president /general manager of the Bills seems to think Williams is up to the challenge, saying to ESPN, "He...plans to lead our team into the next chapter of Bills winning football."

Williams also took Miles Aldridge, Middle Tennessee State University's defensive coordinator with him to Buffalo, by naming him as linebacker coach.

It did not take the Titans long to find a replacement for Williams. They named



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NFL

Gregg Williams

Jim Schwartz as the new defensive coordinator on February 2.

Schwartz joined the Titans in 1999 as a quality control/defensive assistant, worked his way up the ranks and got the promotion he was waiting for. Schwartz hired Gunther Cunningham as his assistant which, is interesting when you consider that Cunningham spent two years as the Kansas City Chiefs head coach.

Cunningham seems to be taking on the assistant position with the right attitude.

He told the Tennessean, "As a head coach, the thing you want is for an assistant coach to come in and say 'Whatever you want, I'll do it' I've always tried to be that kind of coach, I think I can be a good asset."

Hannibal returns in gory sequel

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Anthony Hopkins reprises his role again as the infamous killer only this time he calling the shots. While in hiding Florence, Italy, the only surviving victim of Lecter cannibal reign has a score to settle with his ole' pal. Well anyone would after having their face cut off and eaten by the doctor. Mason Verger, who was once an acquaintance of the doctor, has devised a plan to get even with his ole' buddy. He then calls up FBI agent Clarice Sterling to help him find Lecter's whereabouts. From then on the hunt is on for our delirious killer.

Hannibal is well worth the 10 year wait. Hopkins does a splendid job as Hannibal as so did Julianne Moore playing Clarice Sterling the part that was originally played by Jodie Foster. There are plenty of plot twists, gun shots, and one mean cuisine in this movie. For all those who were fans of the first, Silence of the Lambs, then you'll love the what in the sequel.

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In Your Face: The XFL Bodyslams Its Way Into Your Living Room

By Alan C. Beard
Sports Editor

What venue will World Wrestling Federation (that's WWF to all you fans) owner Vince McMahon tackle next? On Feb. 3, 2001 the Xtreme Football League (XFL) became a reality.

The WWF has joined forces with NBC to bring you the rawest up close and personal look at football, ever!

This baby has McMahon's initials written all over it and NBC's commercial pizzaz. From the skimpy outfits of the cheerleaders to the encouragement of the players to date them. This league is off the chains!

Since I was one of the lucky fans to see the first ever kick-off, I think I'm just about an expert on the matter. Minnesota Gov. Jesse "The Brain" Ventura is the perfect announcer for this new brand of rock 'em sock 'em football.

The rules are also different from the



National Football League's, here is a rundown of what you will see and hear differently.

For one there are no fair catches that means that the kickoffs might get bloody, quarterbacks are fair game, no sliding my friends they get licked just like everyone else, announcers are unplugged no holding back on criticism, look out Dennis Miller!

No kicking PATs (that's points after touchdowns) they have a one-point conversion instead of two after every touchdown, celebration is encouraged you won't see any flags thrown for unsportsmanlike conduct in the end zone, can you say, "Dirty Bird!" Its a free ball on punts if the ball is kicked over 25-yards.

It's crunch time, baby! Remember the game, "kill the man? And guess what if you win you get more money.

Where do I sign up?

The XFL is one of those things that you will either love or hate.

Hopefully they will keep creating new and more interesting ways to give us reality football at its finest.

Look out, NFL, this might just be your future competition! •



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Cheerleaders for the XFL team the Orlando Rage show their spirit.

Green Bay Packer Chumura acquitted of sexual assault charges

By Thomas Thorps
Sports Writer

Former Green Bay Packers tight-end Mark Chumura was acquitted on charges of third-degree sexual assault and child enticement charges, both felonies. Chumura could have been sentenced to up to 40 years in prison.

A teen-age girl insisted that the three-time Pro Bowler sexually assaulted her at a post-prom party.

MSNBC reported that the alleged victim said, "I didn't make it up, he raped me, sexually assaulted me, whatever you want to call it. That's the truth."

The teen was Chumura's baby sitter for his two son's. She stated that Mark Chumura pulled her into a bathroom, pulled down her pants and had sex with her without her consent during the party at Robert Gessert's home in Hartland, Wis. on April 9, Gessert was a friend of Chumura's.

Before this incident occurred Chumura had plan's of reviving his football career that was postponed due to a neck injury in 1999.

The girl also testified that she disliked Chumura because he made remarks to her while she babysat. Chumura's accuser began to spread rumors about him.

She was also reported by MSNBC as saying the former NFL star was "sick"

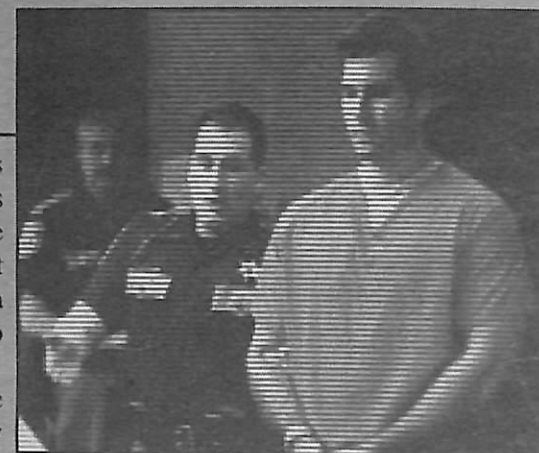


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Mark Chumura at his arraignment.

and she told another girl that she heard he fathered a child with another baby sitter. Chumura was acquitted of all charges, but before he was even given a chance to plead his case, the Green Bay Packers cut him in June.

After putting up career numbers for receptions at Boston College, Chumura was chosen in the 6th round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Packers. He was also a three-time Pro Bowl selection and made two Super Bowl appearances with the Packers.

Despite the lack of support by the Green Bay Packers organization, Chumura still had his brothers Matt and Marshall, Packers centers Frank Winters and Mike Flanagan at his side for support. At a press conference, Chumura indicated that his agent had already spoken with several NFL teams who were interested in him playing for them. •

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Up on Deck: The World's Sexiest Athletes

By The Meleter Sports Staff

When people think about sports, the first thing that usually comes to mind is sweat. But today's athletic guys and gals are attempting to change the way we view them.

Women who play sports are usually looked at as butch or not very attractive. You won't think that after you've seen our top five women athletes. Men will always be sweated by sports groupies, its almost become part of the job. So there is no one you haven't seen or heard about on this list, ladies. (It only enhances their credibility as sex symbols)

This list includes a variety of types: short, tall, petite, thick (stout for all you Memphites), and just plain swole. Today's athlete can be seen in commercials, magazines, on TV, or even at the movies. They've evolved Baby! And here they are, if you don't think they're sexy, who cares, we do!

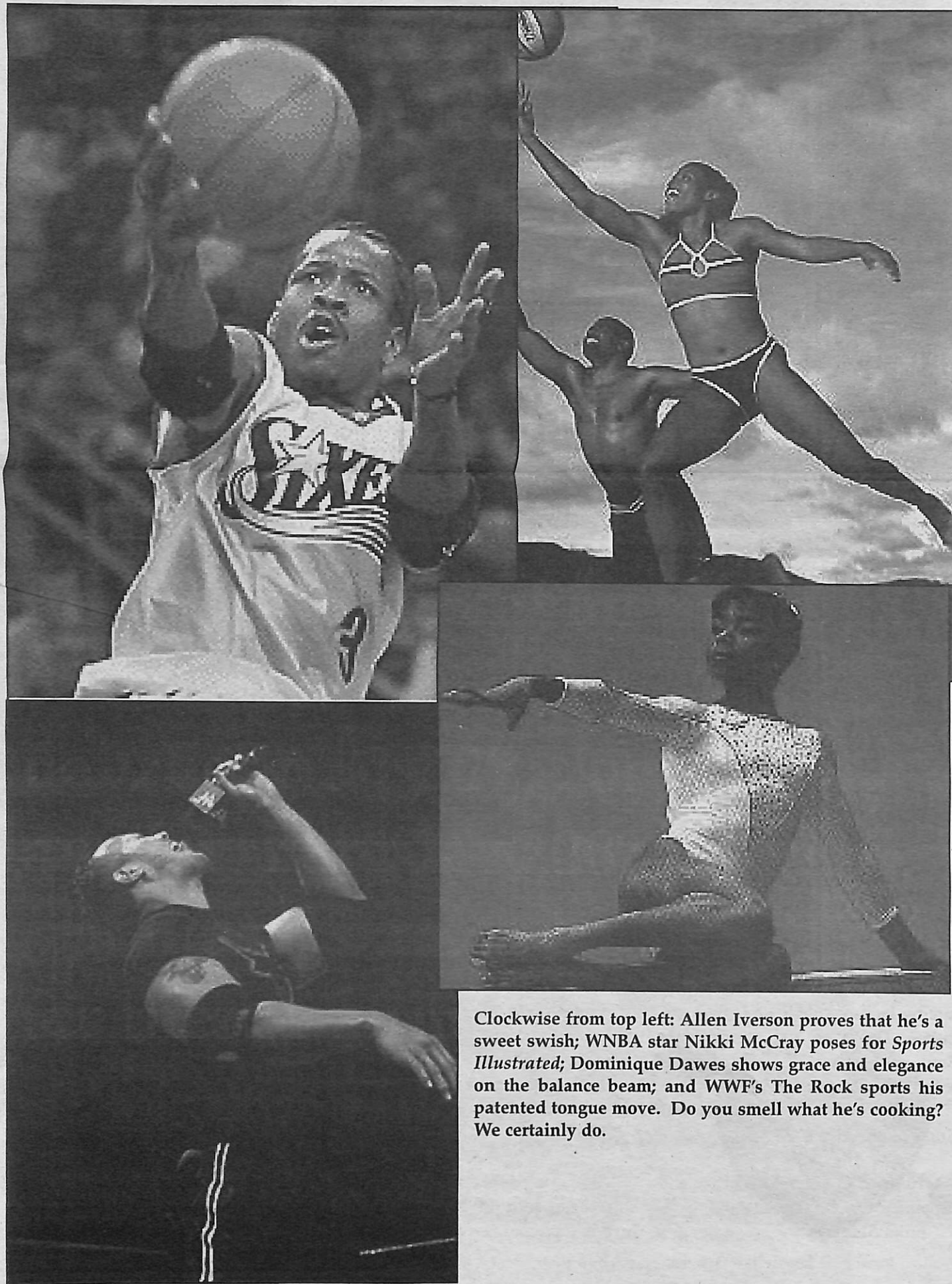
Top 5 Sexiest Women Athletes

- 1) Dominique Dawes (No one looks better in a leotard)
- 2) Nikki McCray (She has that girl next door quality, think Sanaa Lathan from "Love and Basketball")
- 3) Marion Jones (She's tall, she's muscular, and she also has stamina!)
- 4) Laila Ali (As Ali would say, "She's so pretty!")
- 5) Serena Williams (Hey, she falls into our thick/stout category)

Top 5 Sexiest Male Athletes

1. Allen Iverson (#1 all-time sexiest athlete)
2. The Rock (Clawd have mercy!)
3. Derek Jeter (There is a GOD!)
4. Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway (Please hurry up and get better!)
5. Vince Carter (Wonder why they call him Insanity?)

Well, there you have it! Happy Valentines Day from the Sports Staff and remember: Love is the defining trait of our existence, so it should be practiced everyday of the year and not just on the 14th of February. •



Clockwise from top left: Allen Iverson proves that he's a sweet swish; WNBA star Nikki McCray poses for *Sports Illustrated*; Dominique Dawes shows grace and elegance on the balance beam; and WWF's The Rock sports his patented tongue move. Do you smell what he's cooking? We certainly do.

The Meter presents: Luv Lines

To my freshmen class: Have a happy Valentine's Day!

From: Erinn Mattox

To Candace Adair: My bestest friend in the whole wide world! Happy B-day, much Love, Peace and Happiness

Love: Heavenscent

I Love You from the depths of my soul, by some of the things I do and say you probably wouldn't know however, remember this I will always be true because I know GOD has reserved a table for 2

From: Amber

I love AΦA

From: Ladies of the Yellow Rose

One love to all my fans, haters and supporters.

From: Ilyasin Muhammad

Happy Valentines Day Tera!! Love ya - "Nookie"

Much love to them S.C. girls Ebony and Shimeco. Happy V-Day

From: Cameka Sibert

Thanks for all of your hard work Campus Center staff. I don't know what I'd do without you!

From: Col. Laird

To my girls, much love.

From: Mel

Happy Valentine's to my brothers and sisters of Alpha Phi Omega. I love you all!

From: Kwanisha Walters

All my brothers and sisters representing Jacksonville State University, Ishan, DeWayne and a stroke for Brad and Marcus. Let's take over before Lil' Dre gets here.

From: Your Kappa Admissions Konection

To my S.C. Girls, love peace and happiness.

From: Shimeco

With love and peace to all students and I wish you a safe and fulfilling V-Day. Care and love to my sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., SGA, PGN and PAC.

Love: N'jemele Bush

I love you Yummy

From: Pookie

To my brothers at 3030 you know Kimre loves ya! Be blessed

You are my sunshine, you make me happy when you're around. Happy Valentine's, Tera

1877 (Urban World, Inc.) Much love to you all. Be blessed.

Reecy

To the entire TSU family, I want to take time out today to say thank you for all the love and support that you have given me. You are truly my family. Happy Valentine's Day & God Bless You!

Love, Tamara S. Moore, Miss TSU 2000-01

Candace, You've been with me through my 19 years, and I hope you are with me through the rest of my life.

Love, Jonathan Adair

To Brian A person who I will hold dear to my heart now and forever.

Love, Raven

Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Psi chapter, to the Ladies of the Yellow Rose and to the rest of the TSU family. I love you all.

From Aja Mann

Kourtnei: Bet you thought I wasn't going to get you nothing. Love ya!

Mechie

To Jason Ridgell - Is our friendship supposed to be like that? Your love is supreme! Love - your crack-er!

To Via, Mika, Alecia, LeZ, Allegra, Erica, and the rest of ya'll from Chi-Town. Luv ya'll

Much love to the 11 Sooo Sweet Treats of Zeta, from "the Lovbreaker."

To Nicole Nicole es mi ama! From Marcus

Hope all of you all wishes and dreams come true on Valentine's Day! (Treonda, Shonda, Chinel, Kennethra, and Melissa.)

From LaKia S. Brown

Hope all of my friends enjoy their Valentine's Day. Love you all (Treonda, Shonda, Shawn, Kia, Kennethra, and Victoria).

From Chinel Brown

To my line sisters of 2 Cute, I love you all! Extra special love to 43, 62 & 75! "Mill-A-Meter," you've done a great job! Love and blessings to the Divine Nine! 42-AUG-99

From Angela Montgomery

To LaDawn, Happy V-Day, from You-Know Who

I'm just full of love. From Roderick Byars

To The Meter:

Gee guys, I can't believe it's been four years with you guys. I love each and every one of you and I wish you nothing but the best. Here's wishing that all of you have a LUV-filled Valentine's Day!

From Mia McNeil

To: That Girl I give you a very sweet kiss with a wish on Valentine's Day, with thoughts of loving you in every way.

From Armoni

With lots of love but no Valentine, let me wish Happy Valentine's Day to TSU, my mom,

my friends, all the girls I've asked out, and, of course, The Meter (Mia, Jennifer and Hillary!)

From Landon W. Schwartz

To my friends Mia and Kwanisha:

Thanks for looking out for us freshmen. I wish you success in the future.

Your friend Kerry

Monica G.,

I am mystified by your aura and only wish that I could be around it all of the time. Of course I would tell you Happy Valentine's Day, but this will last forever.

From a hoping future Valentine.

Happy Valentine's to all of my friends: Shonda, Erica, Shawn, Chinel and Kia!

From Treonda Carter

Jonathan,

Happy Anniversary and Happy Valentine's Day to my one and only true love. "For better or worse, I still will choose you first..."

Love you always, Brandee

An angel sent from God just for me. To think of the times we passed one another without even saying hello, and now feeling incomplete if there's no you. Marcus, on this day of love's celebration, I celebrate you.

Love, Crystal

To my TSU family, I love you all! You have made my experience here interesting and extremely unforgettable. To the #1 lady in my life, Mama, I love you. Shouts out to the Ques, love them Deltas. I don't have a girlfriend, so any potential Valentines please speak up!!

Love Mario Curtis 5-PU-00 "Weasel"

Much love to my brothers and sisters of Alpha Phi Omega. Keep up the good work and have a great year.

From Damyon Thompson