

## Interracial relationships

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movie. It was real nice and special to me. We did this off and on for about two or four weeks. One night we went to her room and things got heated and one thing lead to another. She told me that it was not right but I would not listen to that. So about two months passed and I did not hear from her I knew something was wrong. When I went to see her, her roommate said that she had gone to the doctor, and she would tell Michelle that I came by. Two weeks passed and she still had not called me, so I decided to give her a call." She was not herself; then she told me the bad news that she was pregnant with my child. I was speechless and breathless; she told me that she wanted to keep it, but I told her no way. With a lot of talking and pleading, we decided it was best for her to have an abortion. Michelle did not like the idea but she went along with it anyway. She has since started dating a guy from A&T. And I heard from one of the friends that they plan to on getting married next year."

Do you think getting into a interracial relationship is worth the hurt, pain and disgust that you might face? Tonia Easterling, a junior at UNC-Greensboro says "no." "You must face a different challenge everyday," she says. Jen-Ai Pridgen, a junior at Bennett, says, "when you get involved with a person outside your race, you must be willing to suffer just a little. For when you do something like this, it affects you and everyone you associate with."

Charles Williams, a senior at NC A&T, says that "being in a relationship like this is only for the strong. Personally I don't see anything wrong with a relationship of this type. But this is not something that I would consider to do."

Out of ten black male students at NC A&T, only two said that they would consider having a relationship with someone outside of their race. Out of ten black women, five from Bennett College, two from NC A&T, and three from UNC-Greensboro only one said that they would consider having a relationship with someone out of her race. It seems as if interracial relationship will be the new trend of the 90's, whether you approve of disapprove of it. But please remember that something like this is not for everyone.

\*Names Have Been Changed

## Roxi says just let go

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know why; do you have any self-motivating tips?

**Signed** Overworked, Overtired, and Overweight

Dear Overworked, Overtired and Overweight,

Either you have a lot of things going on in your life or you just have not taken the time to incorporate exercise into your schedule. I have two alternatives for you. One if your day is that hectic exercise in your room. Two if you have the time, go to the gym.

**DEAR ROXI,**

I'm having a hard time letting go of someone I really care about. How can I go about doing this without missing his company as much.

**Signed** Hurting

Dear Hurting,

The question you have to ask yourself is, do you really want to let go? If not you will be stuck. Do not surround your life with this man. Don't let life pass you by. Find someone else to fulfill your every wish and fantasy. One day he will realize what he lost.

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## Malcolm promoted unity for race, mankind

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was so that America as a whole could get a better understanding for what he was fighting for.

The rumors about Malcolm X had distorted many people's image of what he was all about. Many people do not realize that toward the end of Malcolm's reign he was trying to promote unity; first within his race, then for all mankind.

For so long all America (both black and white) saw was a black man who promoted a civil war between blacks and whites. This kind of thinking may have contributed to the fact that blacks and whites never really learned about Malcolm X in school or textbooks.

There are still many people around who feel as if Malcolm X was a trouble maker and that his movie will only put salt on 'a healing wound.' "One of my employees told me that he did not understand why I as an intelligent black man, would promote a man who taught that blacks are better than whites, and in doing so only further complicated racism. As a black man I became really offended and asked him what was wrong with that when you all got a whole race preaching white supremacy," said Donald Dixon, a project manager for Key Four Communications.

The movie should let people know that the strive for peace and harmony has to be a collaborative effort. "As a child growing up I was brought into a family that only believed in white supremacy. I always knew that it was wrong to treat black people mean, but that was my surroundings. My family used to say that Malcolm X was just another nigger that was going to get himself and his people killed for stepping out of line. So in essence I grew up thinking that Malcolm X was a trouble maker that wanted to kill me. But now I know better, and I also understand that he wanted equality for everyone, and so do I," said Heather York, a 35 year old mother and housewife.

Mark Washington, a part time theater worker at Marlow 6 in Temple Hills, MD said, "Malcolm X is still bringing in bus loads of people."

This could mean that America is well on its way to understanding that the movie is not just about a black man fighting for justice, but also about a man's fight to keep America together.

Although Malcolm X started with the Nation of Islam, after he became discouraged and realized that there was actually good in white

killed Malcolm, but rather to focus on an idea that even the worst people in the world can change. And, if we all look at ourselves and then clean the filth, Malcolm and every other searcher for truth's lives would not have been lived in vain," said Barbara Draughn, manager for Kaiser Permanente.

If nothing else the movie is informative enough

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**Darrell Dixon**

people as well, he formed the African-American Unity organization. In his opinion it was the best way to obtain unity within, and without, his race. This was not received well by the Nation of Islam, and shortly after Malcolm was assassinated. "Malcolm X was a traitor, and he got exactly what he deserved," said Christopher Readdy, a member of the Nation of Islam.

Many feel that the CIA and the Nation of Islam had Malcolm killed. "The movie is not to find out who

so that the young African-Americans can finally understand who Malcolm X really was, and why they are wearing his name all over their bodies.

"America thought they could hide the truth with a bunch of lies by not teaching us about Malcolm X. Well it is 1993, 28 years after the assassination of Malcolm X, and now the chickens have finally come home to roost," said Darrell Dixon, a student at Elizabeth City State University.

## Image is the yardstick

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the largest rapper in the entertainment industry, and had a triple platinum selling success story.

Choice of image is entirely left up to the artist. Southern Hospitality, a group of gentlemen from down south, displays a Southern type image such as the straw hats, and baggy jeans. Much like new rap group Arrested Development. When Run DMC first began to wear thick rope chains awhile back it was original says D-Mack from Southern Hospitality. Beside the fact that all gold was once popular among rap artists and fans, it also became the cause of violence, muggings and murders. This brings forth the fact that a negative image can also be detrimental to the music, rap artists and the fans who love it.

Public Enemy's rise meant



**HAMMER:** The no-shirt dancing machine.

the downfall of the gold chains and a new black awareness movement that still lights rap's fire. Being black, proud and informed became hip. And BLACK POWER was once again brought to the fore front for blacks everywhere.

The bottom line is that image always plays a part in a rapper's career. It's the ruler that measures how much recognition and respect one can get.