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#### Ebony Vibes Trivia

What R&B artist had her humble beginnings singing backup for Mary J. Blige? Please submit your answer to Cynthia in Shell B.

#### Volunteer Hours Needed From Students

Volunteers are needed for the following fund-raising events taking place April 28,29, and 30. Volunteers contact the junior class president Felicia Washington at 517-1932.

#### **Community Service Hours Available**

The junior class, along with the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., are sponsoring a clean up for the commuter lounge April 22-28 from 3-6 p.m.

#### Scholarship Award Offered

The Bennett Ideal Scholarship Award is being sponsored by the senior class. Applicants must be rising juniors. For more information contact April Hargrove at 517-1269. Applications available in Barge 221.

#### Looking for an Elective

Students wanting to learn how to cook or wanting to learn basic food preparation and the science of food, sign up for FN 101 Introduction to Food Preparation.

#### **Raffle for Dinner**

Buy raffles tickets and win dinner for two at a local restaurant from the Biology Club. Tickets will be sold for \$1 \$3 and \$5 in the Student Union during lunch April 2-22. The choices of restaurants are Olive Garden, Red Lobster, or Applebee's.

#### **Apparel Club Sponsors Event**

The Apparel Club is presenting Spring Swap Meet April 21, in the coffeehouse from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

# Black HIERstory

#### On this day in April

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• 13, 1891 Nella Larson is born in Chicago, III. She wrote two novels of the Harlem Renaissance; *Quicksand*, and *Passing*.

• 16,1923 Bessie Smith makes her first recording for Columbia Records "Down Hearted Blues." The album sold 800,000 copies; it was Columbia's first popular hit.

• 20, 1926 Harriet Elizabeth Byrd is born in Cheyenne, Wyo. She became a teacher and in 1981 the first African-American legislator in Wyoming's statehood.

• 15, 1931 Elizabeth Catlett, is born in Washington, D.C.

She was an internationally known sculptor who immigrated to Mexico and embraced both African and Mexican influence in her art.

• 16, 1973 Leila Smith Foley became the first African-American female to be elected mayor of a U.S. city when she took office in Taft, Ola. She held this position for 13 years.

• 18,1983 Alice Walker is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *The Color Purple*. Ten days later she was also awarded the American Book Award for fiction.

• 5, 1991 Adrienne Mitchell becomes the first African American woman to die in combat in the Persian Gulf War. She was killed in her military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

# Musiq scores big with his debut album 'Aujuswannaseing'

### Elizabeth Ross Banner Staff

When I first heard the single "Just Friends" on the radio, I, like so many others, wanted to know who was the person singing about such an everyday scenario.

He sounded somewhat like D'Angelo, but maintained his own distinct sound. Then I learned his name — Musiq Soulchild (I'll bet money most people spelled it m-u-s-i-c) and I thought, "How fitting."

His voice is mellow and smooth like fresh ice cream. His music is something you can either chill with friends to or party to.

I must admit, Musiq is different. Actually, his lyrics are even more different. There are no "How Does It Feel?" or "Feelin' on Your Booty" on his album. He's deeper than that.

Soulchild talks about getting with a 17-year old girl and loving prostitutes because no one else understands them. Most people write songs for their albums based on their own life experiences.

Listening to this guy makes me wonder about what he's been through in life. Provocative lyrics or not, "Aujuswanseing" (I just wanna sing) is still a really good album.

It's a disc you can play over and over and still not get tired of it, like Erykah Badu's latest, *Mama's Gun* or an old Marvin Gaye joint.

His music just makes you want to hear what he's saying. Whether you agree with what he is saying or not is a whole other story. The beats are hot and the hooks are catchy (Check out my favorite, Sunny - Just Friends). For a little drama, try "Marygoround," a song for anyone who has been done wrong. Whether you're listening to a fast cut or a slow groove like his latest single, "Love," you know you've made a good investment in this "Musiq."

This head-wrapping, Volkswagen van-having crooner is the new flavor. With his musical talent, Musiq may just be around for a long time. After all, all he wants to do is sing. All I wanna do is listen.

This album is rated: \*\*\*\*

### Music Rating System

Buy it at regular price **\*\*\*\*** Wait for sale **\*\*\*** Black market purchase **\*\*** Dub it off the radio **\*** 

# **BANNER CLASSIFIEDS**

Bennett College students may place meeting announcements, services, items for sale, etc. — 25 words or less — in the Banner Classifieds for FREE. The cost for non-Bennett students is \$2.50 for 25 words or less and 5 cents for each additional word. For information stop by Shell Hall C2.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good luck to the graduating class of 2001, from your little sister the class of 2003.

If anyone interested in purchasing Mary Kay Products, contact Consultant Ernetta Cagle in Cone 18 or call 254-3623.

The Bennett Banner publication schedule for the 2000-01 school year

> Publication Dates May 4

## SERVICES

Got issues? Need to vent? Want answers? Write it down and submit it to the Bennett Banner. All letters must be sign and may not be returned.

Need a hem fixed in your shirt? Tired of the same old jeans? Let Toccara Davenport turn your shabs into a fabulous piece of attire. Prices vary. Call 517-1642.

Licensed Cosmetologist Need someone to do your "do"? Come by and give me a try. See Felicia Ferrel of Barge Hall 205. Need to hook up your eyebrows? It can be arranged for \$3 (no money, no arching). See Jawanna Murphy Pheiffer Hall 215.

CAAR has peer tutors for the following subjects: biology, English, Math 099, Spanish, and French. Come by Black Hall 102 or call 517-2169.

Pri Madonna Pedicure, by Michelle Pitts. Pedicures \$5. French Manicure \$2 extra. Call 517-1335

Have no time to type a paper? Need a paper typed for a reasonable price? Come see CeCe Smith, Pfeiffer 205 (price to be discussed).

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