

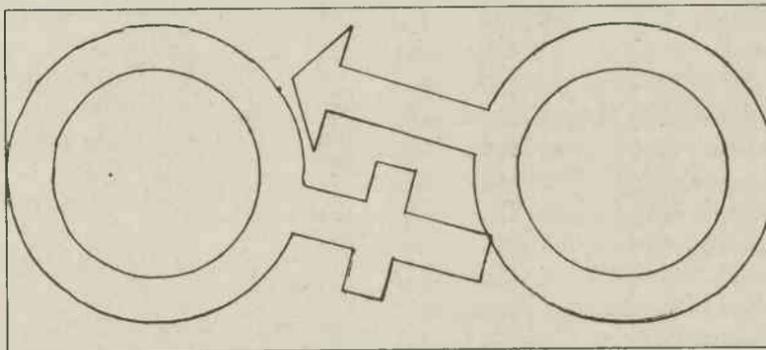
# Let's Get Serious About Safe Sex

With all of the deadly diseases that can be contracted through unsafe sex, especially AIDS, it is difficult for me to believe that many of my fellow brothers and sisters are playing Russian Roulette with their lives. Taking precautions with sex has become such a common discussion these days that I recently began to wonder if people took the issue as seriously. Everyday something is on the radio, television or in magazines and newspapers about practicing safe sex. Is the idea of safe sex so commercialized that it has become corny?

Pop musicians BBD tell us not to forget "the J, the I, the M, the M, the Y" and posters tell us to "Love Carefully." There are keychains with condoms in them for those, "Let's go to the park and get busy" lovers, and there are even condoms that glow in the dark for those people

with fluorescent fetishes.

Apparently, there is something for everyone...so what's up with not using one? Personally, I don't



know; so, I asked a few people why they didn't use condoms and received the following responses:

(1) "It doesn't feel the same."

What do you think will feel better, lying in the hospital, suffering from pneumonia, a few weeks

away from an AIDS-related death, or using a condom? Sex with a condom isn't so bad is it?

(2) "It's inconvenient."

How convenient is it to be in a hospital, suffering from pneumonia, a few weeks away from an AIDS-related death? Do you see a pattern?

(3) "If I carry a condom in my purse, I'll look easy."

How easy will it be in the hospi-

tal, suffering from pneumonia, a few weeks away from an AIDS-related death? Maybe I'm being a bit extreme or maybe all of the above responses to my question are well-founded; however, these minor hindrances can be overcome. Take for instance, number two above, being inconvenienced. I understand that your wallet is not always around when "the time is right." If this is the case, then keep a condom (or however many you require) under your mattress or wherever the place is you are most likely to have sex.

My sisters, if it's nighttime and it's the right time, Boys II Men are oohing and ahing, and the only thing you're missing is your man (or whoever's man)...and a condom: Just because he's fine doesn't mean he's HIV negative.

My brothers, yeah, she may have

it going on but being shaped like a hourglass doesn't mean she's HIV negative either.

Many of you may now be thinking, "O.K Ms. Thing. You think you are all that so you must know that a condom won't necessarily prevent you from getting the AIDS virus."

This is true. However, I don't know of many abstinent college students (not saying that there are none) and if you are going to have sex you need to protect yourself and the only way to do that is to use a condom and be very selective in choosing your sexual partners.

Remember the sixties, the sexual revolution and all that free love? Well, these are the nineties and it's time to pay up.

Shelly Willingham

## Professor of Education Brown Known for Academic Writings and Research

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New York after receiving his doctorate. He was a member of the New York State Commission on Education and a faculty member at the City College in New York.

For 11 years, Brown was a member of the faculty at the State University of New York in Buffalo. In 1983, he was nominated for a position at UNC which he was at first reluctant to accept.

"I didn't know a lot about UNC and I'd been away 25 years before coming back to the South," Brown explained. "I had no plans of returning to the South where things were segregated when I left.

"I had to get adjusted to the social and academic culture of UNC."

Brown, the university's first black full time professor in the School of Education, is a noted writer and researcher as well. His material has been printed more than

100 times in a variety of publications including books, magazines, and academic journals.

Brown is the senior editor in a series of books by Corwin Press, titled *On Excellence, Equity and Diversity in Education*. His contract requires him or authors chosen by him to publish eight to twelve books over the next five years.

In addition, he is the Project Director in Education in the Institute for Research in Social Science, one of the country's oldest institutes dedicated to research.

"I am working on a study currently that looks at minority enrollment at four year institutions, what they are receiving degrees in, and how many," Brown said.

Brown teaches a graduate course in school law, which examines the legal aspects of education and has several honorary positions in national organizations.

He served as the first African-American vice president of the American Education Research Association, a premier research group for educators, and presently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Negro Education* and the *Journal of Education in Urban Society*.

Brown also sits on the Board of Directors for the National Organization for Legal Problems in Education.

At UNC, Brown has served on a committee to review African and African-American studies, working with the late Dr. Sonja Stone. He also serves on the Black Faculty and Staff Caucus.

A major concern for Brown is the low number of students entering the teaching profession.

"I'm concerned about students. They ought to go into fields where there is fulfillment," he said. "I was

admitted to medical school, but I liked teaching."

"I'd like to say teachers can make a difference that students may not find in law or dentistry."

Brown, who spent the 1990-1991 school year as a visiting scholar at the University of California, had some advice to give students.

"Do your best, in hope that op-

portunities will become available where you can use your skills," Brown said. "Opportunities may not come, but at least take advantage of things you have control over like study time and motivation.

"Obstacles that exist today may not be there tomorrow. You must be prepared."

### 1992 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Activities and events for the universities annual observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday are now being planned by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee. This committee is officially charged by the Chancellor with the responsibility of planning these activities. The committee invites interested individuals and groups who plan to sponsor similar activities to contact the committee chair at 962-6962.

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