

40 Acres and a Mule

By Reva Lution

White Freedom came from black labor," says Sterling Stuckey. He bases this on how he believes the Revolutionary War was funded through slave labor. Today, Stuckey and many other Americans of African descent believe that slave descendants should receive reparations for the devastation suffered by the slave population and the backlash that blacks still feel today. And who can argue with them?

It has been a historic trend that when an injustice is committed against a large mass of people, the government finds ways to make restitution to those injured as well as to their survivors. In fact, after 115,000 Japanese Americans were put into prison camps during World War II, the United States govern-

ment later paid reparations in the form of money and a formal apology. Erica Lee, a first year public policy major insists, "If you look at the history of the United States and see how it benefited from the lives and souls of black people, it's the least [the U.S. government] can do."