

Some Things Are Best Left To The Imagination

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"May I see your underwear?" This is a phrase that I've never said to a female, and from the looks of things lately, I may never have to. I'm not that older from most students here, but I've apparently been oblivious to the latest fashion changes. Never in a million years would I have guessed that a female wearing her pants low enough to show her thong underwear would be described as 'stylish.' Give me a break!

And this issue of 'daring to bare' extends much deeper. This also comes at a peculiar time in the lives of us brown-skinners. Just when the neo-soul, (black is beautiful) movement had us black males calling our black sistas queens and had them thinking and treating themselves as such, it happened again. Our extremely urban background-known to some as being ghetto-had to show its nappy little head.

"How can one really expect to be respected when they are mentioning their

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unmentionables?" is the question we need to ask ourselves. It just won't happen. Not even in a million years. Ladies, What are you thinking?

Let us talk about the low-cut jeans. There's nothing really wrong with them, but if you want to wear them, buy the low-cut under-garments and be neat with it. It's important for you to understand the significance of proper and appropriate dress behaviors.

Why else would dressing for success by emphasized at such a high magnitude? Many times, the right wardrobe means the difference between being accepted or denied, embraced or rejected. If also determines whom will be doing the embracing and rejecting.

Males with little respect for

themselves, a mediocre set of personal goals, and living a lifestyle opposite of anything concerning honest success, embrace females that leave nothing to the imagination. On the other side of the pasture, males that know their real worth, have high self-esteem, and are grounded on an inevitable path of high-achievement reject these low standards.

Males, which group describes you best? Females, which group are you attracting? Honestly?

Any female with class will tell you that it's not what you wear, but how and when you wear it. Whether it's right or wrong, we are all judged from our appearances. We can either get mad at the game, or acknowledge it and play by the rules.

Here's my redefined version of the Golden Rule, "It's not what you know and it's no longer who you know. It's who knows you and the image that they are receiving from you." That's the truth as told by the Editor. I know I'm right, but what do you think?

Renowned Fashion Show Comes To Town

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Drama, glitz and glamour made the 45th annual Ebony Fashion Fair event, "Simply Spectacular," one to remember. If you missed it, you missed style at its best! The largest traveling fashion show of its kind took place at the Cumberland County Auditorium. It was a full house, the audience was captivated and all admired the exotic, colorful, and exquisite displays of fashion's latest trends.

Ebony Fashion Fair not only offers attendees an evening of entertainment, but also provides an opportunity to support various charities, sororities, fraternities and national organizations such as the

NAACP, the United Negro College Fund and the Urban League. These organizations have raised more than \$49 million dollars in proceeds over the years.

This year, the members of the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. sponsored the show. With over 200,000 members nationally, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority focuses on sisterhood, scholarship and service.

"People do not realize the great amount of work it takes to bring this show to Fayetteville, but it is a pleasure to host this exciting event," said Deborah Atkinson, President of the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter.

There is nothing bland or boring in the collection, only

breath-taking garments that entertain, uplift and enlighten those who have the opportunity to see them. Models graced the runway in Laura Biagiotti, Karl Lagerfeld, Geoffrey Beene, Bob Mackie, Nina Ricci and dozens more designers of international fame.

They showcased clothing that ranged from business attire, to the "good ole" swimwear for the upcoming summer. From eye-catching embroidery to magnificent textures and patterns.

Goodies, goodies and more goodies! Atkinson and Judith Waddell, Vice President of the Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter,

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Scopes

I'z from Brooklunnnnn!" SHUT UP! Ya'll ain't the joint.

Scorpio: Why is it, that you always say you'll start doing something "on monday" "Hey gurl, Imma start looking for a job...on monday!" "I'z serious man...I'z gon' start doin' mi homework...on monday!" "Fo sho, this time, Imma start losing dem 20 lbs..on monday!"

Sagittarius: You ain't right, if ya take the cups and forks from da cafe! "Hey gul, where ya get dat cool silvaware?" "I'z bought it wit mi own money." "Chile, ya ain't even gotta job. Stop da lyin'!"

Capricorn: Why do ya precha got corn rows, and he be wearing timberlands underneath his robe, and ya and all ya ghetto sistahs treat him like he's God? "So mah soldahs, I'z got news fo' ya today. Da Lord done give me a revelation!! At Footlocka mah soldahs, Jordans are fo' \$89.95 soldahs!!! Da Lord done bless us wit a bargain. So, soldahs, thank da Lord, and support da Jordans!!" "amen, hallelujah, hallelujah" DAT JUST AIN'T RIGHT!!

Aquarius: Why ya gotta be stealin' food stamps when ya go visit ya in laws? "Boh, how'd ya get that many food in dat fridge? I lost mah stamps some weeks ago" "What had happened was, da government rewarded me fo' mah community service. haha..er..yo..wanna see ya daughta Nesh? NESHA, ya daddy here to see ya!!"

Pisces: Ya a mess, if ya corn rows be looking like burned bacon strips from da cafe!! "chile, ya betta be doin' sumtin' bout dem rows. Dem joints be stinkin'. How long ya been havin' dem?" "No thug, I'z only had dem fo' 7 months. But Imma get them fixed...on monday!!!!"

Aries: Why ya witnessing da birth of ya child, puffin' dat green stuff? "pppffff... he cute... pppffff... ain't he sumttin'? pppffff...Dadda's so proud of ya...pppffff....."



Soft, Feminine Colors Hot For Spring 2003

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Do my ladies run this campus for ya! Oh Yeah! This coming spring season is definitely all about the ladies! As the temperature slowly rises, so will our Visa balances. So join me as we shop for spring flings and must-haves.

Entering our home away from home (the mall), one thing is for sure...there is no running from color this season. Don't be afraid to stand out in the crowd.

We'll have no problem finding these spring shades of canary yellow, pale pink, soft coral, and sour apple green. Pink has gone from the cute little girl next door to one of springs sexiest must-haves. Have fun pairing colors. Just be careful not to clash. Ladies, choose the hue that's right for you and let's continue our trip.

Making another appearance from last summer is the flight of bright white! There is an epidemic going around and it's certainly contagious. White Fever!! The symptoms: A crisp, clean, classic look that can't be beat.

Spring is all about the perfect pants. You definitely want that feminine fit that turns heads as you enter the room. You might have noticed the cargo pants "fling" that has become very popular recently. Designers such as Dior, Celine, John Galliano, Michael Kors, and Marc Jacobs have made cargo pants a necessity straight from the runway.

Try the girly look of cargo pants with the perfect pump. In addition, we'll crop

'til we drop this season.

Cropped pants are back!! Search for the fit that's just right for you. You don't want them too short or long. But beware, cropped pants are not to be worn with stilettos.

Although we've already exceeded our budget, we can't leave without picking up a few baby tees as well as graphic tees. Whether it's a Snoopy, Kermit the Frog, Strawberry Shortcake, or Hello Kitty Print, this cute spring fling adds flavor to any closet.

For those chilly nights out on the town, grab a little jacket or fur vest. The mini-cable crew neck sweater, which is a very thin-corded sweater, is new this season. You can find this sweater at the GAP in new rose frost, navy, dream (ice blue), white, or black. Also, the 3/4-length sleeves are back.

Our shopping venture has almost come to an end, but just one last stop. What makes your outfit look completely different from everyone else's? Accessories!

Accessorize with caps, hats, jewelry, shades, belts, bags or pocketbooks. Add your own spices as you will. Complete your outfit with a kitten heel, stiletto, sandal, sneaker, or pump.

Looking good means feeling good and feeling good helps us to be the productive, strong, independent, and positive Bronco ladies we were meant to be.

Watch out fellows because our new fashion finds will leave you thinking, "Who's that lady?"