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FSU defeats Methodist College 2 to 1 in the first Frederick Douglass Debate. [Left: Queen Colbert, Senior, Sociology major (FSU); Right: Francesca Frisone, Junior, Mass Communication/Sociology major (Methodist)]

# Debate Team wins big for Black History Month

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On Monday February 14, the Frederick Douglass Debate was held at the Seabrook auditorium.

This is expected to become an annual event.

During the event they talked about the different issues facing African Americans. They also discuss resolutions for solving issues, which may affect the African American community.

The debate was interesting from start to finish. There were many things mentioned that made students more aware of the issues facing today's society. It also brought forth historical events that may have influenced modern society.

The students representing FSU were Queen Colbert, Christopher Williams and Tanesha Slaughter. The students representing Methodist University were Francesca Frasion, Mrunmay Mastakr and Thomas Lee. They were all well prepared and they gave emphatic speeches.

Ms. Colbert won with four out of 5 votes. Mr Mastakr won four out of five votes, and Ms. Slaughter won four out of five votes to their opponent in their debates. In the end it was FSU who won the trophy. After the debate I spoke with Ms. Colbert, Mr. Mastakr and Ms. Slaughter. They were very proud of their wins. "It was interesting and fun. My opponent spoke well and it was an overall good debate," said Ms. Colbert, with a big smile on her face.

Ms. Colbert won the debate over equal

representation.

"I feel amazing, I wanted to win the trophy but I have never done a Frederick Douglass debate so I am very happy," said Mr. Mastakr, while thanking others who were congratulating him for his win. He won the debate on what should be done if anything to persuade others on higher education amongst all races.

Ms. Slaughter said, "It's a small accomplishment of many more accomplishments." She won the debate over how can people learn about the issues facing people of all races.

This was an educational experience that will help globalize students.

Mr. William G. Thomas, the event organizer, did an exceptional job. It was a unique educational experience.

## Riots... grammys... & hostages

### Military Runs Egypt

As of Feb. 11, the now former President of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, officially stepped down. He relinquished all rights to the Egyptian military. After nearly three weeks of unyielding protests by the Egyptian people, Mubarak has left Cairo and is no longer in power. Originally the goal for Mubarak was to transfer his power over to his Vice President, Omar Suleiman. Instead, the military announced on Feb. 9 that they support the people and would aid them in getting their grievances met. The people wanted for Mubarak to step down immediately. Before he relinquished power, former President Mubarak told his citizens that he would not seek re-election in the fall, but would stay on as the leader for the nation's benefit. The Obama Administration wanted President Mubarak remain in power until the nation was stabilized. President Mubarak had been an influential supporter of U.S. policies in the Middle East. The question is how will relations change with the new Egyptian government.

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A Supreme Military Council will act as the nations governing "cabinet" until elections can be held. On Feb. 11, a statement was released indicating governing body's duties to the nation. Their primary goals are supporting the people in acquiring an effective government that will meet their needs, ending the state of emergency, starting up elections as soon as possible and making legislative decisions to help enable a stable government. So far, they have disassembled the nation's constitution.

The new Military government in Egypt has agreed to honor the treaty with Israel. According to CBN World News, the Muslim Brotherhood will be taking an active role in the reconstruction of the new constitution and government. However, spokesman for the group have announced that they will not run for office in the upcoming election.

### Upsets at the Grammys

There were many upsets at the 53rd Annual Grammy Awards this year. The categories were all filled with very stiff competition. Jay-Z verses Eminem, Lady Gaga verses Katy Perry. Favorites awarded like Drake, Justin Bieber and B.o.B, who surprisingly won nothing. After ten nominations, Eminem took home two awards for "Best Rap Album" (Recovery) and "Best Rap Solo" (Not Afraid).