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Welte does believe, however, that "Black people are more respected up North" but the big difference is that rather than people being outwardly prejudiced, "prejudice is silent."

She concluded by saying, "Here, it seems like people are proud to be prejudiced, whereas, up North, not as many people admit it."

Wendy Garrett, a freshman this year at Salem, presented a very enlightening view. Garrett, who spent her earlier years in Pennsylvania before moving to Walterboro, S.C. just a few years ago, said that up North, "there were no blacks or whites. We were all just students."

She continued, "I think they are more prejudiced here. Here, there are just blacks and whites, whereas, at my old school, we had Italians, Japanese,..."

Garrett's overall opinion was that "people are so bothered by the past-things that happened so long ago. They can't forget it and I don't know why they can't just wake up and live for today- live as people."

Unfortunately, many people do live in the past, causing racism to persist and past historical actions are being

forgotten which were meant to relieve America of its racial tensions.

"Somehow, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy is being undone by university activists and leaders who claim to be advancing the rights cause," according to D'Souza's article.

"But, alas," she continues, "the only consequence of their policies seems to be the encouragement of bigotry and racial division, which do not bode well for America's future as a multicultural community."

"Universities were once thought a microcosm of society. But they are more than a reflection or mirror; they are a leading indicator."

If people would just face their own prejudices and aim toward making the world a better place for the future, things would be perfect. But, since this is asking too much, educators need to take advice of people like Archer and listen to the concerns of students like Garrett to formulate a plan to start heading our nation in the right direction.

Universities and colleges are prime examples of the racism problems of today. They reflect our nation as a whole in the mirror of racism.

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people don't have a place to lay their head down tonight?

Lastly, why is it that there are American teenagers who don't know about

AIDS, birth control, or even what the correct terms for their body parts are while the government is concerned with increasing our nuclear arms for a war that none of us will live long enough to see through to its end if the red button is actually pushed?

That's why I'm frustrated. I can't seem to help any of this go away. I can't raise teacher's salaries or get the welfare system on track or elect a person that can. I can't stop that kid on the corner of 4th and Liberty from selling crack to anyone who'll look his

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"I think I have an advantage over most guys on the team in that [all my life] I've been exposed to the [extra intricacies of what to expect of being well known in athletics] sports so none of this [fame] blows up my head." Grant feels that athletes sometimes get caught up with not only reading but believing what the media says of them and in the case of Christian Laettner, a teammate of Hill's, get hurt. "I don't believe the hype." Grant emphatically said and he makes it a point to tell his cohorts not to believe anything that they read or hear about themselves. To help his image Grant says, "I go out of my way to be nice and do public speaking at Jr. High and High schools because I like to do them not because I have to do them. I just think that if you can help somebody out, since we are considered role models, then you should go out here and share with the young people our experiences, what we do in school and how we manage our time." Time management, he added was a very big portion of his life. The average student is out of classes and has some amount of free time before about 10 pm, it is very important for him to use his time as wisely as he can, this usually consists of missing many social activities and pulling all-nighters to keep his grades up while participating in athletics. His roommate Antonio, who was the valedictorian of his high school and also an honor student, shares that sentiment. "Hopefully if we can help them [young people] out at all, then it's worth it." Grant added.

Suddenly, the seriousness was over. There was a knock at the door and the part of their day I call "just coolin w/the fellas" began. The stereo boomed as about 8 of their buddies (all of whom were athletes) completely dominated the interview. Needless to say it was breath-taking because in the midst of Naughty by Nature tunes filling the air coupled with laughter, dancing, etc., a new

way or help that woman who pitifully pushes her pink bicycle around all day long?

And here I sit, now 4:15 a.m. typing an article that maybe a fourth of the school will read.

Yes, I've become a cynic at twenty-one. Every effort I make at repressing that tendency has been killed only moments after optimism finally takes a stand.

I'm still smiling, though, doing my part to try and make things good.

If this is what adulthood is all about, I still want to go on with it...but I want to change it, and make all of you want that change as much as I do.

But right now, I would settle for having the emergency phones in proper working order.

element arose. His closest buddies began teasing him and volunteering unprintable information about him to which Grant quickly retaliated by putting the attention on his roommate, who was trying very unsuccessfully to separate a mountain of laundry that looked like it took years to accumulate but were actually from a few weeks of living on the road during the ACC and NCAA Basketball Tournaments.

Grant joked and was joked about his secret desires to play the piano and sing "Tender Love" or Moonlight in Sonata. They also shared their superstitious rituals before their games of which, if others caught on to, could potentially put men's underwear manufacturers out of business! They continued to go back and forth with all of these inside jokes, typical of any gathering of close-friends.

They did the best they could to translate some of their clichés and inside jokes to me and eventually I found myself the butt of a few jokes when I tried to make a comment in between laughing. I made the mistake of commenting on how a clip of Grant doing one of his famous dunks also had the hand of a guy on the other team between his legs was a riot. . . nobody laughed and brought to my attention that I only thought it was funny because of where I went to college, [which they at first were calling a "girl's school"]. I was quick to inform them that they must have been referring to the Academy on the hill and that we were not a girls school without men but a Women's College without boys!!! Grant was reminded of how he was very careful to distinguish this because his mother graduated from Welsely and shared those sentiments. There was no room after that for formal discussion only the telling of embarrassing moments, Vaseline, black bikini underwear, jockstraps and Antonio's "Rampro" impressions!!

After spending time with them, it was clear to see how anybody could be impressed and reserve the utmost respect for them and the feats they accomplish daily.

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