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The Holmes-Spinks boxing match: Was it fixed?

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The *Chronicle* recently polled students on the campus of Winston-Salem State University and asked them whether they thought the Larry Holmes versus Michael Spinks boxing match was fixed.

Editor's note: Michael Spinks won the heavyweight title fight by decision even though Holmes was highly favored. Holmes had never been beaten until the Spinks fight.

Warren Washington, a junior business administration major from Rowland: "Well, no, not exactly. Holmes didn't go at it like he really should have. In about the third round, Spinks seemed to discover that Holmes wasn't really in the fight. Spinks then really took the fight to him."

Detria Harris, a freshman early childhood major from Charlotte: "When they were fighting they just kept on 'hugging' each other. They were smiling and talking to

each other while they were 'hugging.' I think it was fixed because I know Holmes could have beaten him."

Editor's note: The 'hugging' Ms. Harris is referring to is commonly known as a clinch and is used to hinder a boxer's punching ability.

Jeffrey Mizell, a junior mass communications major from Columbia: "It was fixed. Holmes has too much pride to let a light heavyweight beat him. He (Spinks) wasn't doing anything.

At one point Spinks had his head down, but Holmes wouldn't throw a punch with his right hand. I think Holmes got a lot of money to let Spinks beat him."

Michelle Bridgers, a sophomore housing management major from Washington, D.C.: "Yes. Because Holmes is so much bigger than Spinks. It seemed like it was fixed to me. They took a long time to pick a winner. It just seemed like it was fixed."

Black church and homosexuality

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ries no greater weight than any other sin, he said.

"It (homosexuality) is a personal sin," said Butler. "It's sin, but it's one where one has to have a reckoning with his God, and God will deliver."

As for the Islamic view, homosexuality is the gravest of sins, said Khalid Fattah Griggs of the Institute for Islamic Involvement.

"Islam does not have an enlightened opinion about homosexuality," said Griggs. "It is categorically opposed to homosexuality and even to someone expressing those tendencies. It's just not tolerated."

As a day-to-day practice, male Muslims refrain from wearing certain fabrics, such as silk, and certain bright colors that are considered feminine.

"Men are programmed to play certain kinds of roles," Griggs said.

Despite the origins of homosexuality and whether or not it's a sin, most ministers will agree that very little is said about homosexuality in the black church. One reason, said Eversley, is because the black church does not deal with sexuality in general.

"The black church has to do more with sexuality in general," said Eversley. "We have a problem with sexuality in our community. Just talking about homosexuality away from human sexuality is sensationalism."

Another reason the subject is

taboo in the black church, said McMillan, is many ministers' fear of controversial topics.

"Many ministers will not preach against it because they are afraid they will miss something in the collection plate," said McMillan. "The attitude of the congregation has changed, and with that the attitude of the minister has changed. Most ministers are afraid of their congregations."

"Like people, like priest," McMillan continued. "Like priest, like people. A priest should go against the people if they are in opposition to the Bible. Some now have adopted their philosophy not based on the principles of Jesus, but on what's popular. They are like white Democrats."

McMillan said he feels that the black church, like the white church, will move toward a lenient view of homosexuality because that is today's trend.

"You must be popular and acceptable," said McMillan.

Struggling Minorities

Another reason some blacks

have not addressed the issue of homosexuality, said Mendez, is because both groups are minorities, fighting for civil rights.

"We as black folk cannot make the same kind of issue of homosexuality as whites because we are struggling for human rights," said Mendez. "I can't see myself fighting against them. They represent an alliance with

other oppressed people. We are all on (Jerry) Falwell's hit list."

The question that remains unanswered, though, is whether a person can be both a homosexual and a Christian. Eversley believes so.

"I think a person can be a good Christian and a homosexual like a person can be most any other thing and be saved," he said.

Ephesus Adventist Junior Academy

Ephesus Jr. Academy (Local School Food Authority) today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Each school and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Eligibility will be determined on the following household size and income rates:

Household Size	FREE			REDUCED PRICE		
	Year	Month	Week	Year	Month	Week
1	6,825	569	132	9,713	810	187
2	9,165	764	177	13,043	1,087	251
3	11,505	959	222	16,373	1,365	315
4	13,845	1,154	267	19,703	1,642	379
5	16,185	1,349	312	23,033	1,920	443
6	18,525	1,544	357	26,363	2,197	507
7	20,865	1,739	402	29,693	2,475	572
8	23,205	1,934	447	33,023	2,752	636

For each additional family member add:

Year	Month	Week	Year	Month	Week
2,340	195	45	3,330	278	65

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Household income may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members, social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

If your household income falls below the amounts listed below, your child is eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

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