

## Mildred's Poetry Corner

### Violence

Violence stems from prejudicial aggression  
 Idiomatic animosity towards another human being  
 Overwhelming need to pester people for attention  
 Ludicrous taunting not only heard but seen  
 Envy makes people commit violent acts  
 Note - you would be branded a troublemaker  
 Courage is gained apologize and make a pact  
 Elevate your negative energy into positivity  
 Violence will be eliminated on more hypocrisy

### Racial Prejudice

Everyday I get the overwhelming sensation to cry  
 Because the barrier between racial prejudice hasn't died  
 Tempers flare in Blacks, Whites, Asians, Indians, and Hispanics  
 No one gives in, war starts, the idea makes me sick  
 One love, peace, harmony don't mean much anymore  
 A power struggle is going on, everyone wants

supremacy, everyone wants to score  
 Kids are caught between this fight, a day in, day out, struggle to survive  
 Teach the kids about the Civil Rights Movement, the lost of courageous people lives  
 Lives were lost because they believed, kept up the struggle, didn't lose the dream  
 The dream to be free, treated as an equal, progress has been made, stop letting off steam  
 Dr. King strived hard to bring an end to racial prejudice, segregation  
 He endured pain, humiliation and death for the future generation  
 The purpose was for all races to come together as one  
 Racial prejudice should have ended after the departure of this great man  
 Let us unite, make a better place for ourselves and our innocent children  
 Stop racism, make the world a more spiritual togetherness like heaven

### Who I AM

I am who I am which is black  
 Proud of my heritage and myself  
 Treat me not like air pollution  
 My color is one of many on a shelf

The cupboard where my blackness is stored  
 Sitting in harmony with other spice  
 No complaints or segregated compartments  
 This environment is quite nice

Imagine me on my own leaving my abode  
 I am human, entering a strange place  
 Society see me as a minority, how keen  
 I am branded, stereotyped because of my race

Rub my exterior, I will not change  
 I should be judged by interior qualities  
 Not like the smog that pollute the world  
 Or because of my capital equities

### Family

Family symbolizes togetherness, a strong bond  
 Affection for relatives you're extremely fond  
 Marriage and birth relationships remain very close  
 Idle curiosity break the bond between most  
 Letting meddlesome people leave you and kin angry  
 Years down the line, friends gone, what's left,  
 FAMILY

— Mildred Gumbs

## Parking, Parking

cars in the first available space.

Many faculty and staff members have complained to the WSSU Security Department about not being able to park in designated faculty lots or spaces near the buildings where they work. The most common response received is, "there are plenty of spots down by the Gaines Center."

Mrs. Patricia Martin, the Department of Life Sciences' secretary said, "I paid \$50 for a parking sticker and I have nowhere to park. I have to park where ever there is an opening."

"I really don't think there is a parking problem," said Mrs. Elvita Hunt, WSSU's telecommunications operator. "After I visited East Carolina University and heard that they paid more than \$100 for a parking decal per semester (and this still does not guarantee them a space) I stopped complaining."

Mrs. Derrinita Manuel, a member of the Department of English and Foreign Languages faculty and Dr. Abhijit Sen, a member of the Mass Communications faculty, both say they now just park their cars in the lot behind R. J. Reynolds.

During the day, the worst and most congested areas to park are near Hall-Patterson, R. J. Reynolds and the C.E.



Car drivers park their car in any available space

Gaines Center. Drivers park their cars in front of entrances or in driveways which could result in causing accidents.

A year ago, Campus Security initiated a Color Coded (parking zones) System to help prevent people from parking in the wrong locations. Most people who park

on campus feel this system probably works 35 per cent of the time.

James Lewis, WSSU's director of Security, feels that the parking problem will ease up after the new residence hall opens in Spring 1994. "Students who live in the new residence hall will not be

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allowed to travel across to the main campus because they will have new parking stickers," explained Lewis. "Parking will be enforced next semester. If you don't have a decal you will be towed."

According to Lewis, construction will also be going on near Brown Hall, which will close that lot to cars; but with the opening of the new dorm 100 spaces should become available.

**HEY RAMS!!**

**GET BUSY  
 STUDYING FOR  
 THOSE MIDTERM  
 EXAMINATIONS**

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