

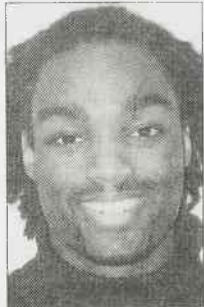
# Opinions & EDITORIALS

From the Editor

## Is everyone on campus doing his job?

By James Jones Jr.  
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As students in pursuit of higher education, our main duties include attending classes and studying. As we all know, it takes a high level of commitment and dedication to perform these duties well. In the meantime, we should not be concerned about how we will be treated or what we will be taught every time we visit an office or attend a class.



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There have been problems with faculty and administration for a long time. To give you an unofficial time frame, for as far back as when our current faculty and administration were in school pursuing their education.

When considering the fact that they went through the same things we are going through now with them, wouldn't it be logical for them to treat us just as they would have liked to have been treated?

Well, sadly that is not the case. There are too many instances where students do not receive quality service or a quality education at an institution of higher learning. Most of us can recall being done a disservice by an unorganized professor who did not adhere to the course syllabus. Most of us can also recall instances where we were disrespected or talked to in a rude manner by a grouchy staff member just because we asked a question.

Furthermore, if one of our main duties is to attend class, why do we have to miss class because we were up all morning standing in line to receive housing for the next academic year? It is instances like these that prompt us to evaluate and re-evaluate faculty and administration. We as students cannot allow them to mistreat us regardless of the situation because it is intolerable.

For these reasons, students along with the faculty and administration must realize that all universities are student-centered. Just as we are expected to perform the duties of attending classes and studying, we expect the faculty and administration to conduct themselves in a professional manner.

## Portraits of Black Women

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Sojourner Truth, (right), (1797-1883) was an abolitionist and leader of the women's movement. She lectured widely and fought for land and rights for the freedom.

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Madam C.J. Walker, (1867-1919) was born Sarah Breedlove. She rose from the cotton fields to create a line of hair-care products, built a major beauty business and became one of America's wealthiest women. In fact, Walker was the first woman of any race to earn \$1 million.



Women's History Month

## Try to escape the idiot box and discover your true potential

By Keith Caesar  
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First let me say that I do enjoy television. However, in contemplating the hours I have logged in, I've come to the conclusion that I have not been as productive as I would like because of this contraption.

When I returned after the Christmas holiday I took a look at the television and wondered, "With all the useless information out there, why am I constantly injecting more into my brain?"

Why am I sitting in front of this contraption looking at my world instead of trying to be a part of it by making a difference?

It is apparent that many have become consumed by this device, which is doing nothing but filling our heads with unwanted images.

We can do a better job. The "idiot box" has become the new babysitter for our children.

It is like a leech. We sit in

front of it and every ounce of intelligence we have is being sucked out.

Our children today tend to learn more from the idiot box than from their parents, who in turn have become drones to it.

It also appears that the plan of this device is to fill and corrupt our minds with as much moral decadence as we can handle.

What are we learning about this device? More so what are we gaining from it?

It has become for many out there, the new drug of choice. We watch aimlessly letting it tell us what's going on.

Television has been around for less than a century, yet this device has become to most-powerful form of communication we have in our arsenal. It has replaced traditional forms of entertainment such as plays, or operas or conversations with those who are important to you.

When we sit of front of the tube and watch, what happens

to the creativity? What happens to the quest for knowledge? What happens to the times spent with family and friends talking?

There is a saying - you are what you eat. In the same vein, it seems applicable that you are what you watch. And if you are not watching anything that is culturally and intellectually stimulating, then you are betraying your mind and your true potential.

Advertisers know this, rich people know this. The way to keep another race down is to put them in front of an idiot box.

Now, for you out there in TV land, how much time do you put into studying? Reading? Writing? Thinking? Or are these things alien to you?

Society is built on images. And television is the perfect way to tell us what we are supposed to be rather than what we could be.

Ultimately I wonder whether it is worth it.