

Women: Find your identity, be proud of who you are

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As I walk from class to class going through my day, I can't help but notice something and being disturbed about it. In the days of bling, bling, we have several female students that have yet to gain their own identity. It is like a broken record seeing female student after female student wearing the same thing as the next one that I will see. Don't you get tired of the same old thing?

Maybe it is just me, maybe I am seeing things, but every time I turn around I see a young lady with the same top, same skirt not appropriate for the winter season, and the same boots as the girl walking right up behind her. I have even seen some cliques have a theme going with their clothes when they are going to places as relaxed as the Ram Shack. What really gets me are those girls that are in denial by wearing size 2 pants when they are definitely bigger than that.

There is nothing wrong with us

thick girls, but erase the thought that everything looks good on us. Never lose touch with reality and your real size.

Ladies, that is not as cute as you think it appears to be. Don't be afraid to wear sweat pants every now and then, especially during finals. You can still get a "man" if you don't wear makeup to class one day. Third and most importantly, you don't have to have your hair and nails done everyday. If you try keeping your real nails clipped and short, that potential boyfriend might notice. You (and this message especially goes out to the freshmen ladies) might find that you will not always have enough money to get your hair done. Trust me, that is OK. You can still make it to class and do well at the end of the semester.

Find your identity and learn to do your own thing sometimes. This will only make you stronger in the end and allow you to really grow. Once you accomplish that, you are on your way to becoming a better person.

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out, hinders some, but makes others stronger. For goodness sakes, a female can't even dress nice (tasteful, not trashy) without being at risk of rape or name-calling, and being told the incident is at the fault of her own.

Please don't get me wrong, though, I am not in any way saying that the man, and more importantly, the black man, does not experience many hardships and downfalls. The message I'm trying to get across is that no man will ever come close to knowing the pain and controversy that the woman goes through day in and day out. Likewise, no woman will

ever know what the male goes through. My point is, that in my eyes, the being that we all know as the beautiful Nubian female, has much more than men, society, or even other women on her shoulders- she basically carries the world on them.

Women don't know the absolute power they have over a man. Almost everything a man owns or wants is because of a female. They want the best clothes, cars, and the most money for what? A woman. Once women realize the power in exercising their integrity and not jumping on every man that hops their way with the Jay-Z mentality, then the woman will begin to grow in society, and in the world.

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my advice, because had I known then what I know now, landing a job may not have been so hard.

For those seniors who are about to walk in May, be strong, very strong, especially the ones who do not have a job lined up.

Remember: Looking for a job IS a full-time job!

At least five days a week for eight hours a day, do nothing but job seek, and set up appointments and interviews.

Between now and whenever you plan to work, you need to make as many connections as possible.

If you haven't had an internship, go ahead and

get one lined up. Yes, even after you graduate.

Try to do part-time work that has to do with your field of interest.

Many employers won't care that you have a degree. All it shows is that you or someone paid money to an institution for you to attend.

Experience is key; that's what they really look for.

Please pray a lot. That's all I did when I came back home from Poynter.

I just knew that having Poynter on my résumé had me set.

But I was sadly mistaken, and I found myself looking for a job for three months; five months if you count from when I graduated.

And talking about God, the money I made from Poynter was going to run

out in October 2001, which meant my car payment was getting behind, and my Discover Card even more behind.

But I prayed, and drove to interviews, prayed some more, drove to more interviews.

After coming up short every time, I became deeply depressed. Then the *Post* called me and said they wanted to offer me a position.

Needless to say, that happened right before my next car payment was due.

For those under senior status, work as many internships as you can. Do one every summer if you have to.

I know college is fun, very fun, but don't major in it.

The whole purpose of

college is to get the training for the career you want.

That's it. You're there to secure yourself a job when you graduate. And to do that, you have got to work your butt off.

What you put into college is what you get out of it.

Bug the heck out of your mentors. Ask questions and get as much advice as you can.

That's what they are there for and are paid to do.

While everyone else is more focused on what they're gonna wear to the club, being the most popular, best dressed, or deciding what "organization" to join, you can be making the decisions that "really" matter, like whose 401(k) plan you'll

be choosing when you land that job.

I'm not suggesting you become a hermit and not have fun. Yes, definitely have fun, but, again, don't major in it.

Start working on your résumé now, and get it posted on job Web sites such as HotJobs or FlipDog.com. Start arranging your internships now.

Know where you want to work?

Begin contacting the companies and arranging for a tour or a meeting with the managers so you can get your name in the door.

Also, open a savings account and save as much money as you can. Don't blow your money on the things you know you really don't need.

Saving now will provide some cushion in your time of need.

As we all know, the economy is bad, and with us being on the brink of war, companies will go on hiring freezes. I suggest you make your connections fast and get the most training possible.

No matter if you're just getting to State, or about to leave State, it's never too soon or late to plan your future.

So good luck, be strong and please remember to pray. It's tough out there, but there's no burden your higher being can't handle.

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Though often ridiculed, black leaders continue anti-war stance

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We are now three years into the new millennium and as the country nears war with Iraq, black leadership is taking a sharp blow.

Figures in particular who are coming under fire from others, blacks included, are: the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, and Louis Farrakhan. All three men condemn the war against Iraq and are being called the new "Axis of Evil" by people such as Timothy Rollins, editor-in-chief and publisher of *The American Partisan*.

Another outspoken opponent of the trio is the Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, the black founder and president of B.O.N.D., the Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny. He says, "For them to attack America, President Bush, and black conservatives in such a mean spirited manner is wicked." He feels this way about Farrakhan because of a quote he made while visiting Iraq about praying that the country came out victorious against the United States.

In regards to Jackson, Peterson was offended when the leader called Bush "unliterate" and said that he and Attorney General John Ashcroft were "the most threatening combination in our lifetime."

Although equally opposed to the war as Jackson and Farrakhan, Sharpton is also ridiculed because of his position on race relations in America. He once said, "When the issue of racism comes up in this country, white folks will tell blacks to get over it. Slavery is over ... Slavery isn't the only thing America had to repair. One hundred years of black people being treated less than a person is part of that whole paradigm, is something America must repair."

Sharpton also says America will not be a place that stands united until the issue of race is solved. As far as the war is concerned, at a rally late last year, he accused Bush of taking the country to war "over the interests of those business tycoons who put you in the White House."

Although often criticized, the leaders



The Rev. Al Sharpton

refuse to disappear from the eyes of America. Farrakhan recently spoke at the University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion in what may have been his last public speech before America goes to war with Iraq. At one point in his speech he asked black rappers and entertainers to encourage black youth through positive and inspiring lyrics in their songs, which would inspire "proper thinking" and "proper actions."

Jackson is presently denouncing President Bush for appointing Miguel Estrada to the District of Columbia Circuit Courts of Appeals.

"What Clarence Thomas symbolized to African-Americans in 1991, Miguel Estrada means to the Latino community in 2003. Both are culturally confused, beneficiaries of affirmative action, opposed to affirmative action, have been placed on a political fast track for judgeship, and have transparently shallow records as jurists," said Jackson.

Lastly, Sharpton is making plans to bid for presidency in the election of 2004. "I am running for president to finally put the issues concerning most Americans on to the front burner," he said. "I'm qualified, probably more qualified than any other person who is expected to be on the Democratic ticket for 2004, because I actually have a following, and I speak for the people."

Let's just hope that he and every other black leader aiming to uplift the community will do just that.

Campus Voices

What could nightclubs do to prevent injuries or deaths?

"They should have metal detectors and also have more women security guards. Women usually don't get searched in nightclubs compared to clubs in Atlanta and New York."



Tia Millhouse
Junior, psychology

"They should stop letting so many people in the club over capacity and they should repair the ceilings and floors. One time when I was at the club, a piece of the ceiling fell on the dance floor."



Janelle Baker
Sophomore, mass communications

"They could make the bouncers police officers instead of just plain security guards."



Joe Fennell
Junior, engineering

"More careful and thorough searches for both male and female and knowing the capacity of the nightclub."



Phil Javies
Junior, elementary education