

Always Watching

Take care of your good hair!

We have all heard about the new documentary "Good Hair," produced by actor/comedian Chris Rock and Nelson George. Rock decided to produce the documentary after his 6-year old daughter asked, "Daddy how come I don't have good hair?"



TIFFANY GIBSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Good hair has always been a topic of discussion in the Black community. The Black hair business is a \$9 billion industry.

I have been told that I have good hair, and I just smile and say thank you. Sometimes I ask myself, "are they telling me this because my hair resembles a white woman's long and silky smooth texture?" I hope not because to me good hair is healthy hair. If only it were that simple for all Black women to share my sentiment.

When a Black woman chemically straightens her hair, she uses sodium hydroxide, lye or calcium hydroxide.

Over time, these chemicals can damage a woman's hair and scalp.

Sodium hydroxide is extremely corrosive and damaging to human tissue. Some of its other uses are soaps, rayon, and paper. It is also used as a drain and oven cleaner.

Calcium hydroxide can be used to neutralize soil and to refine sugar.

As a woman who relaxes my hair, I understand the risks, but for me the risks do not outweigh the results.

For the women who choose to wear their hair in natural hairstyles I salute you. The negative stereotypes associated with some natural hairstyles is not a risk I'm willing to take.

It's like comedian Paul Mooney says in one scene of Good Hair. "If your hair is relaxed, white people are relaxed. If your hair is nappy, they're not happy."

I do not want to take the chance of not getting hired because my hair is nappy.

The low maintenance associated with chemically processed hair is another reason I enjoy wearing my hair relaxed.

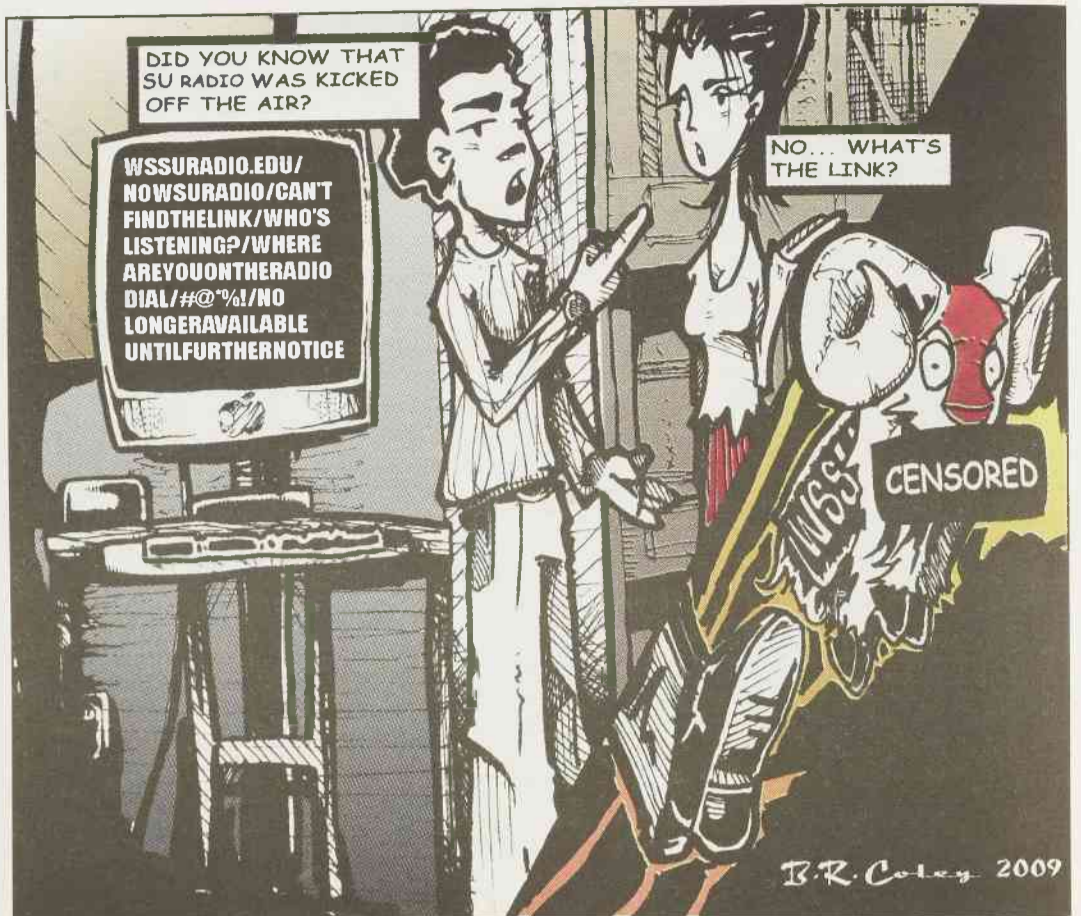
I choose not to deal with the constant upkeep, that comes with some natural hairstyles like locks, Afros, and twists.

I prefer a relaxer because it makes my hair more manageable.

In an article written by Tina Firesheets in the "Greensboro News & Record," Afi Johnson Parrish says, "In the professional arena, as much as we want to say it [natural hair] doesn't matter. It does impact the way people perceive you."

Although I'm a fan of relaxed hair, when it comes down to it, it does not matter if your hair is short, long, relaxed or natural. If your ends are not damaged and you take good care of your hair then you have good hair.

I give many thanks to Garret A. Morgan for inventing the first hair relaxer!



How did **WE** miss that?

In the Oct. 27 issue
(Vol. 47, No. 3)
The location of
Hampton University
was reported
incorrectly.
The University is
located in
Hampton, Va.

As a matter of policy, *The News Argus* will publish corrections of errors and clarifications in fact that have been published in the newspaper.
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Campus Crew

Forum of comments from WSSU students, faculty, and staff randomly selected to answer a provocative question from *The News Argus*. Comments do not represent the opinions of *The News Argus*.

What do you think about having a dress code at WSSU?

In an effort to "get back to the legacy" of Morehouse College, Morehouse College implemented a dress code. The new dress code asks that all young men pull up their pants, remove their do-rags, shades and hats when

they enter the buildings on campus. At Winston-Salem State there is no University dress code.

Interviews and photos by Scott Long



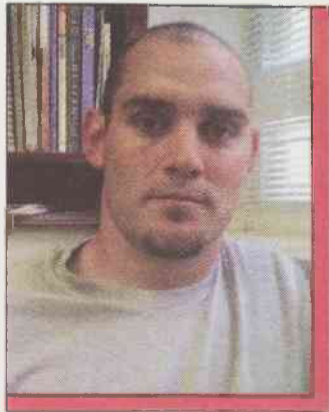
KAITLIN HALL
SENIOR, DAVIE COUNTY

I don't think we need a dress code because everyone here has their own unique style.



MALERIE YOUNGER
SENIOR, WASHINGTON D.C.

I think we should have a dress code because we should want to look presentable.



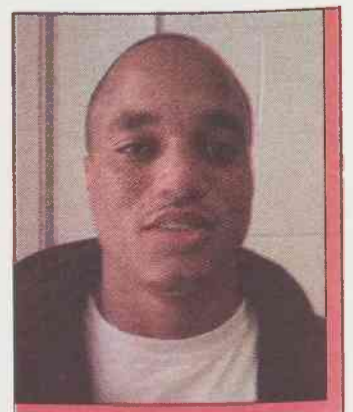
GABRIEL SCOTT
SENIOR, THOMASVILLE

I think we should have a dress code because we represent ourselves and the school. We should look presentable when people visit our campus.



DONNA SPINKS
WSSU INSTRUCTOR

Students should be responsible for how they dress, but it would be hard to enforce a dress code policy.



DOUGLAS COULTER
SOPHOMORE, HICKORY

I don't think we should have a dress code because we would lose our individualism and everyone would look the same.