

Etiquette always in style

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 letic banquet and (former WSSU basketball coach Clarence) Bighouse Gaines had commented on my table etiquette after the banquet," she said. "He said 'I noticed how you were helping the other students with what fork to use, tapping them on the hand and telling them not to use that fork.'"

As a college student, Roach said her friends leaned on her for tips on table manners. "I took what I did in college and I took some of the things I did in the Junior League and that's how I developed my curriculum," she said.

Roach started Miss Ebony's in 2000 and became a non-profit in 2005. Right now, she has 49 students enrolled in the program. Over the years, she has seen the seeds she's planted blossom, with former students thriving in college.

Roach offers modeling classes, dance classes, step and showcase events. But that isn't the entire focus of the program. Roach said she uses modeling and dancing to get students in, but they walk away with more. They also learn about personal development, communication skills, personal hygiene, table and social etiquette skills and how to dress for all occasions. Students also do a community service project, either individually or in a group.

"I tell the girls that not everyone in this room will become a model," she said.

Starnes said the skills that Miss Ebony teaches should be taught in public schools. As a native of New Jersey, she grew up learning the basics.

"I wanted to give my daughter this at an early age," she said.

Nakiya credits Miss Ebony's

with bringing her out of her shell and making her a stronger person.

"Miss Ebony always knows how to fix a problem," said Nakiya, whose goal is to go to medical school and become a pediatrician.

Roach said she believes her purpose is to give back to inner city girls and boys, and no matter how big her program grows, she won't leave the community.

"You won't find Miss Ebony's out in Ballentyne," she said. "My job is targeting us."

Classes are held on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and the cost of tuition is \$50 per month. For more information or to join, call (704) 281-8159.

To volunteer with the school, e-mail missebony@yahoo.com.

Students suspended over BH Month

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERLOO, Iowa —Two Waterloo high school students were suspended this week for handing out fliers that described Black History Month as a racist celebration.

The East High School students, whose identities were not released, distributed the fliers on campus and were reported to the principal by other students.

The fliers did not contain threats but were inappropriate, said Principal Mary Meier. They criticized Black History Month and implied that establishing the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People was racist, Meier said.

The students were suspended for "multiple days," Meier said. "The kids got a very clear message that we're not going to put up with it."

Wyndolyn Bailey heard

about the incident from her 16-year-old daughter.

"It was being hung up and passed out to the point where my daughter called me on her cell phone and said, 'You just come and get me. There's too much,'" Bailey said.



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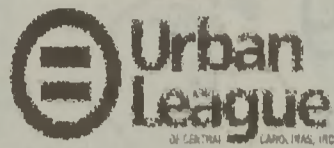
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Cosmetology, the goal is to assure consumers of clean and sanitary salons. It isn't always the case.

"The only thing that bothers me is the fact that they reuse tools they know should be thrown in the trash," says Jaquasha Young, 20, a Central Piedmont Community College student and frequent salon client.

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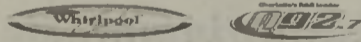
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