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## Ascent of a Woman Media, society value looks over character

By Erica Singleton  
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Part of a series of articles on issues and ambitions African American women face.

Turn on the radio and you'll find today's music focuses on money, sex, and more sex. Music where women are judged solely by their looks and

figures, and are described as dime pieces and "mommies." Song's like "I'm love with a Stripper" and "Ms. New Booty" glorify the previously taboo exotic dance industry. But what do these songs, and the videos that accompany them say to black youth,

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Media-induced messages of sexuality and societal expectations play a role on the self-esteem on black children, especially girls.

## Sudan: Darfur on verge of collapse

United Nations urged to deploy troops to troubled region of African nation

By Jim Lobe

INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Human rights and Africa activists are urging the U.N. Security Council to urgently authorize the deployment of as many as 20,000 peace-keeping troops to halt the rising tide of violence and chaos in Darfur, Sudan's western-most region.

But Khartoum's staunch opposition to the deployment, as well as the apparent unwillingness of the Security Council to impose strong sanctions against the regime or consider sending troops the regime's consent, suggests that the situation in the war-ravaged region, where as many as 450,000 people have perished since 2003, may only get worse in the coming weeks and months.

Indeed, reports that the government has been deploying its own military forces in the region and that rebel groups have received heavy weaponry, allegedly from Eritrea, have set off alarms here and at the U.N. where Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch warned early last week that "something very ugly is brewing."

According to a source at the U.N., Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Hedi Annabi told the Security Council Monday that the build-up of government forces in Darfur has already begun, and a military offensive is imminent.

Kate Gilmore, Amnesty International's deputy secretary general, noted that, "Eyewitnesses in al-Fasher in North Darfur are telling us that the Sudanese government military flights are flying in troops and arms on a daily basis."

Displaced people in Darfur are absolutely  
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### OFF TO INCREDI-BULL START



PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

Johnson C. Smith University running back Marco Kirven (right) rallies his teammates during a 19-14 win against Edward Waters College in Greenville, S.C., Aug. 26. JCSU is 2-0 for the first time since 1982 — before most of the school's students were born.

## Winning formula at JCSU

At 2-0, football team gives campus something to cheer

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At Johnson C. Smith University, football is suddenly fashionable.

A perennial CIAA doormat, the Golden Bulls are 2-0 for the first time since 1982 and a wave of optimism has splashed the campus. Just three weeks ago, the Bulls owned a school-record 24-game losing streak that was the longest in

Division II. The victories, over Edward Waters College (Fla.) and Glenville State College (W.Va.) have the Beatties Ford Road campus buzzing going into the home opener Saturday against Bowie State (Md.) University.

"It's a lot of surprises on the faces when we come home," linebacker Fred Williams said. "It's like they didn't expect that from us, but it's a new season,

new change, a new start."

"Winning on the road is great, but winning at home is better because now your hometown fans have seen you win rather than seeing you lose," JCSU coach Daryl McNeill said. "Our kids know I'm proud of them and proud of our coaching staff and they've done well in handling it."

It's a welcome change for a  
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### Fighting futility

In recent years, Johnson C. Smith University has struggled in football, going 8-51 since 2000.



## IRS investigation OKs NAACP's non-profit status

Leadership of civil rights group openly critical of Bush administration's policies

By Leonard Sparks  
AFRO NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service, ending a two-year investigation into whether a 2004 election-year speech by NAACP Chairman Julian Bond violated rules prohibiting tax-exempt organizations from endorsing or opposing political candidates,

has concluded that the civil rights organization can keep its tax-exempt status.

The NAACP said the IRS determined "that political intervention did not occur" in relation to Bond's speech at the organization's annual convention that year. The decision came six weeks after Bush addressed the NAACP's con-

vention for the first time during his presidency.

"It's disappointing that the IRS took nearly two years to conclude what we knew from the beginning: the NAACP did not violate tax laws and continues to be politically non-partisan," said NAACP President and CEO Bruce S. Gordon.

"Tax-exempt organizations

should feel free to critique and challenge government policies under the First Amendment without fear of IRS intervention."

The IRS launched the audit in October 2004, three months after Bond criticized Bush administration policies in his July 11



Gordon

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NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

Former mayor, activist lauded for leadership quality

By Herbert L. White

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Former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt and community activist Mattie Marshall will get their due as leaders next week.

Gantt will be given a Lifetime Achievement Award by Leadership Charlotte at its 2006 Legacy Awards Sept. 16 at ImagineOn. Marshall, president of the Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, earned the Unsung Hero Award for her work to revitalize the neighborhood.



Gantt

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