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You know you're an Eighties Baby when.....

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## The History of Black History

Having been born in the 1980s, we have all been fortunate enough to celebrate Black History Month every February of our lives.

This celebration, which began in 1926, is one that we owe to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. In recognizing Black History Month, we must acknowledge Dr. Woodson, for it was through his efforts that Black history became recognized and accepted, not only by Blacks, but even by those who tried

so diligently to suppress it.

Dr. Woodson was born in Virginia in 1875 as the oldest of nine children. Because he had to work in the coal mines to help support his family, Woodson was not able to attend school, yet still learned how to read from family members. After relocating at the age of 17, he was able to enroll at Douglass High School, from which he graduated in a year and a half. He later returned to this school to serve as

principal from 1900-1903.  
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*"The achievements of the Negro, properly set forth will crown him as a factor in early human progress and a maker of modern civilization."*



## Second Annual Black Leadership Conference

### Are You Interested In...

- ✓ What it takes to be a good leader?
- ✓ Owning your own home?
- ✓ The role of Black men in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- ✓ Managing your finances?
- ✓ Black women's health?
- ✓ International business?
- ✓ Finding balance in your personal and business life?
- ✓ Social and community activism?
- ✓ Egyptian yoga?

\* See page 2 for more information

Then register for the  
2005 Georgia Tech **Black Leadership Conference**

Sponsored by the African American Student Union



*“Those who have no record of what their forbearers have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”  
-Dr. Carter G. Woodson*

\*\*\* Please check out the February calendar to see how you can celebrate Black History Month with AASU. \*\*\*



...you wore any of these things:  
alternating socks, hair scrunchies, bangles, leg warmers, jellies, slap bracelets, overalls with one strap down, LA Lights, Starter jackets, Malcolm X hat, leather Africa medallion....

## The History of Black History, Continued

Diligently continuing his own studies, Woodson earned his Ph.D. in history in 1912. In route to his doctorate, Dr. Woodson was disheartened to see that there was no mention of Africans or African Americans in his history books. Before his time, black history had barely been studied, let alone documented. Because Dr. Woodson believed that blacks should know their history in order to

participate intelligently in the affairs of our country, he was disturbed by this omission of the black contribution in history. In 1915 he established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Just a year later, he founded the Journal of Negro History. The Association's biggest achievement was initiating Negro History Week. The objective of this week was to bring national attention

to the contributions of black people throughout American history. This week, selected for Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays, was eventually extended to the entire month of February in 1976. Therefore, let us salute Dr. Carter G. Woodson for honoring our rich heritage and paving the way for Black History Month.

### 2005 Georgia Tech Black Leadership Conference

Dates: February 18, 19, 2005.

Theme: Taking the Initiative to Lead, Innovate, and Empower

Registration: Student Center Box Office before January 29 for early registration.

Registration and payment for the Black Leadership Conference will be handled by the **Georgia Tech Box Office** located in the Georgia Tech Student Center.

Payment Options:

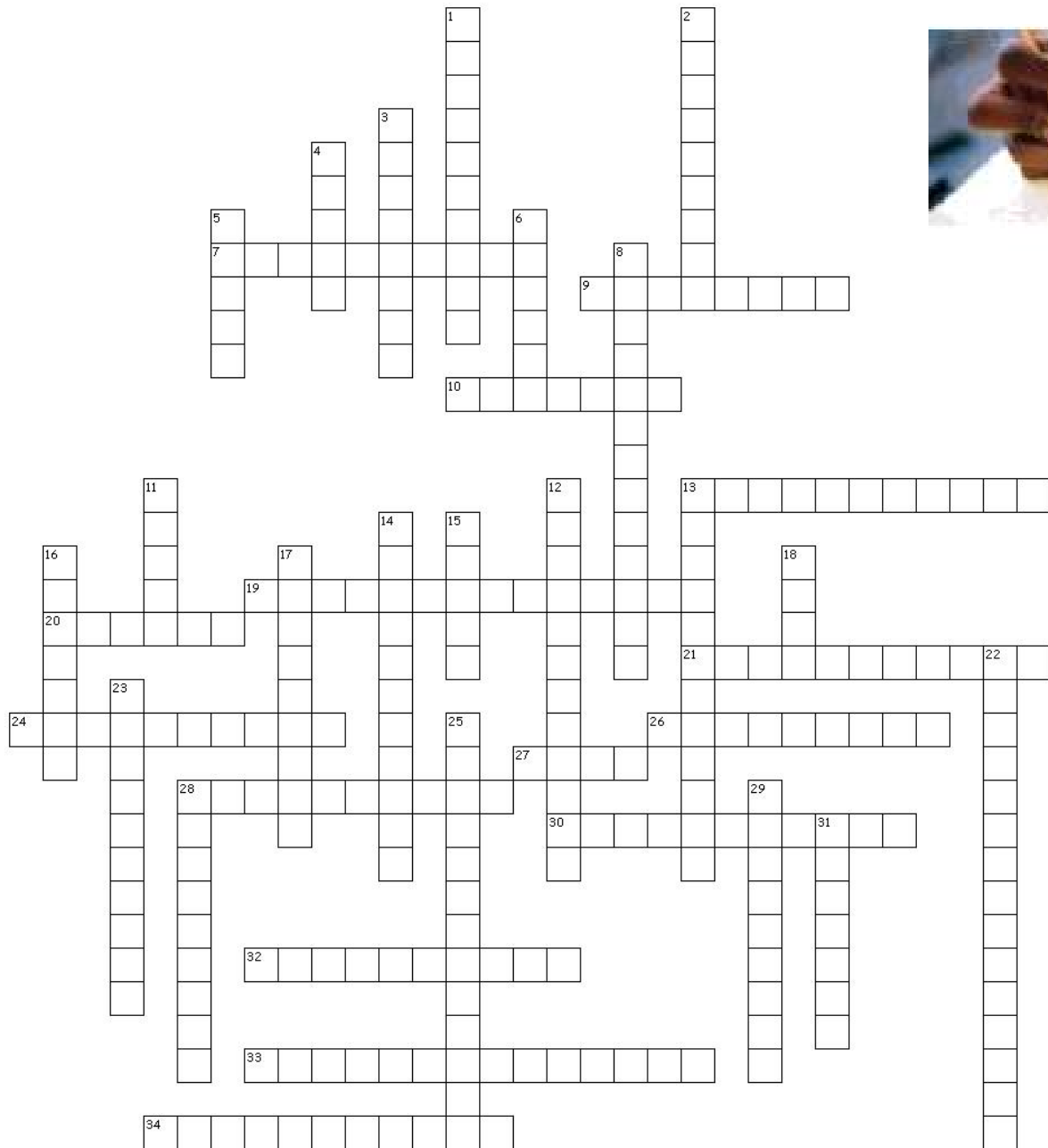
- WALK-IN/PHONE: Registration and payment can be done by visiting the Georgia Tech Student Center Box Office, or call 404-894-9600
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349 FERST DRIVE, NW  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30332-0468  
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**BOX OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
MONDAY – FRIDAY 9:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

\*Please see the last page for registration form\*

# It Is Written



...you said  
any of  
these  
words:  
Sike  
oh snap!  
Word  
word up  
bad  
hype...

**How will YOU become a part of Black History** 

*"The tragedy is that some fail to realize that the key to attaining your potential greatness is simply putting your name after the quotes."*

*Luqman Abdur-Rahman*



## Do Nice Guys Finish Last? By: Tanya M. Blackwell

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...you watched any of these shows:  
 Thundercats, Voltron, HeMan, Transformers, My Little Pony, The Care Bears, Strawberry Shortcake, The Smurfs, Fraggle Rock, Garfield, Heathcliff, Dennis the Menace, Inspector Gadget, The Pink Panther, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Fresh Prince, Martin, Living Single, A Different World, Small Wonder, Alf...  
 ...you wished you were a Huxtable or Winslow kid.



See, he has the right idea already!!!

AQ

...you can finish any of these lyrics

“The S is for Super and the U is for unique...” “Just waking up in the morning, gotta thank God...”  
 “Once upon a time not long ago, when people wore pajamas and lived life slow...”

I often find myself involved in conversations with self-proclaimed “nice guys” that emphatically agree that nice guys do finish last. However, upon recent observation, along with discussions with other women, I realized that there are far less nice guys than you would think. My friends and I feel that above all else, a nice guy must be a gentleman. It amazes us how the same men who declare the nice guy adage will also state that “chivalry is dead”. Furthermore, a nice guy should be a gentleman to all women, not just the one he is courting. A true gentleman respects and reveres the female species and treats women as he would want his mother to be treated. With these things in mind, we have created a list of what women expect from a nice guy. If you uphold all of these characteristics, then yes, you are a nice guy. And we can confidently say that the true nice guy will probably have a girlfriend or wife, because he knows how to get a woman (and keep her) by treating her like a lady.

- ☺ Chivalrous – We do not expect a man to lay his coat over a puddle or anything like that. But a nice guy should do the basics, like hold the doors open, carry heavy objects, offer his seat, and make sure she gets in the door safely. Now, it is 2005, and after all the equal treatment women fought for, men are heard saying, “can’t you hold open your own door?” I’ll answer that: yes we can, but we shouldn’t have to. Or, I’ll rebut with a question to you: “can’t you cook your own dinner?” I’m quite sure that you can. However, as a lady who respects men and her place as a woman, I would never expect you to. Women feel that if they can work a 9-5 (even make more money than their spouses) and come home, cook a meal, clean the house, and take care of the children, then men can protect the home and the woman who holds it together.
- ☺ Honest – A nice guy tells the truth. If you lie to women, whatever your reasons, then that may be why you feel like you are finishing last. Of course, many men feel that women force them to lie by asking too many questions and/or responding too emotionally to the truth. Well, if you have to lie about your actions, you are not a nice guy. Also, keep in mind, a woman’s intuition is strong. You may feel you have successfully fibbed; but if your girl seems a little meaner than normal, “for no reason”, she probably knows.
- ☺ Dependable – A nice guy does what he says he will do. One of women’s biggest pet peeves is unreliability. Be mindful that your word is your bond. If you find yourself not showing up, not calling, letting her down, or making her wait.....you are not a nice guy. Part of respecting a woman is respecting her time.

A common misconception is that women like jerks or guys that treat them poorly. This is simply not true. We sincerely want a nice guy. However, many women have been disenchanted by the so-called nice guys and have determined that none exist. Therefore, they end up picking the ones who score high in other areas, like looks or intelligence. Women would prefer a cute, smart jerk over an ugly, dumb one. But looks and intelligence do not count for more than niceness. Ever seen a fine girl with an ugly dude? Ever wonder, “what does he have on me?” Well, she is with him, despite his personal appearance, because he is dependable, honest, and chivalrous. So if you want to be with a woman who will make you feel like a man, learn how to treat her like a lady. The bottom line is this: respect her (and women in general) and you will not finish last.

## My Place, by Luqman Abdur-Rahman

I often wonder where my place is in the mystery of history.  
 How do I fare against the giants of yesteryear?  
 Our grandparents invented, repented and trail blazed,  
 While our content is gained by just being here.  
 But where did that undying passion go?  
 It made us the best of bright-siders and improvisers.  
 But now looking at our lackluster mentality  
 I hesitate to even call us survivors.  
 But what about me, am I no better than this,  
 must I fall victim to a stagnant generations inertia?  
 I would like to think no, though there is no way to know  
 What I would have done had my time come a bit earlier.  
 I see my own greatness, though it is hidden by the want to blend,  
 and by the comfort society associates with status quo-tivity.  
 But what does that gain, to withhold and refrain,  
 To hide and hoard what God has put inside of me.  
 Instead I will risk the tag of arrogance and insolence,  
 and say that I am a king, just under a new circumstance.  
 I would have conspired with Nat, Gabriel, and Denmark,  
 fought valiantly under Yaa Asantewa of the Ashanti.  
 I would have taken orders under L'Overture and Dessalines  
 and debated with W.E.B. Dubois and Booker T.  
 I would have captained the Underground Railroad,  
 and been captain on the Black Crackers too.  
 I'd be a spy for Garvey's UNIA,  
 and find time to drive a Montgomery car pool.  
 Yet I'm here blessed with the chance to just learn and teach,  
 unbleach Egypt and steal back our legacy.  
 I'll show kids how our African heritage isn't heathen,  
 And maybe that's how folks will remember me.  
 So while hurt that I didn't have my chance to show proof,  
 to establish my place in history's front line.  
 I will just have to thank God for the opportunity,  
 to give these folks hell with my mind.

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...you remember  
 Bobby Brown in  
 his prime and  
 Whitney Houston  
 as a diva.  
 ...you ever dubbed  
 a tape or recorded  
 songs off the radio.  
 ...you know how to  
 make friendship  
 bracelets.



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...you did any of these dances: the Wop,  
 the snake, the troop, the running man, the Roger  
 Rabbit, the Kid n Play, the Butterfly, the Tootsie Roll...



### Premonition, by: Terry Benton

Inside my house by the fire,  
 Where I've been able to provide all material desires,  
 I sit and rock back and forth in my chair,  
 To a tedious, methodic, and logical tune hanging in the air.  
 I stop for a second, amazed at what I see,  
 There's someone outside my window staring back at me.  
 I can't move for a second and my heart skips a beat,  
 As I scramble to put shoes on my warm feet.  
 When I've prepared myself to go out and investigate,  
 I realize that I can't leave because I've already sealed my fate.  
 I head back to the window to take another glance,  
 To see exactly what was waiting by chance.  
 My heart begins to rush as I stumble back to the door,  
 For what is outside cannot wait a second more!!  
 I'm trapped and I cannot get out,  
 I bang on the door and I scream and shout.  
 I've been here so long that I've slowly forgotten,  
 This bitter-sweet fate that I had chosen when,  
 I first came here so long ago,  
 Now I'm haunted by what I see out there in the snow.  
 I head back to the window to look once again,  
 And what I saw would have chilled grown men.  
 The world outside was dark and dead,  
 The complete opposite of what I had created in my head.  
 A sea of white slowly merges into a seamless ocean of black.  
 I look out into that great vastness, but only one thing stares back.  
 A small child sitting there in the middle of it all,  
 All alone, cold and shivering, folds himself into a little ball.

I'm all alone and it's so very cold,  
 I wish I had someone here to hold.  
 In the distance I can see a large house,  
 So big, that I feel as small and insignificant as a mouse.  
 I'm beginning to lose the feeling in my fingers and toes,  
 I don't even feel the frozen tears on my nose.  
 So ill-prepared for the storm at hand,  
 From birth to now, all alone in this great land.  
 I've been fighting this cold chill for some time now,  
 I long for someone to hold me and brush the ice away from  
 my wrinkled brow.  
 I look back towards that great big house to see,  
 A man in the window looking back at me.  
 I feel a connection to him somehow,  
 But it's much too late for that now.  
 I relax my limbs to announce that I'm done.  
 I close my eyes for the final time tonight,  
 I'm all alone, and can no longer fight.  
 It was so foolish of me to think of winning,  
 A battle that was doomed since the beginning.

I bang on the window as rage begins to rain,  
 I need to free this child from all his suffering and pain.  
 But I cannot reach him from inside this shell,  
 My self-imposed heavenly-hell.  
 Overwhelmed by sadness, I begin to cry,  
 As I see this young boy go limp and die.  
 I needed to help him more than I'll ever know.  
 Maybe with a little love I could've helped him grow.  
 But he'll never get that chance, his light has gone out,  
 And now I will never know what his situation was all  
 about.  
 I was unprepared for what I saw next,  
 My heart nearly jumped out of my chest.  
 I grip the window sill as I fell to my knees,  
 Then suddenly, I begin to take heed.  
 As I crawl over and pull myself back into my chair,  
 And try to recollect myself there,  
 As I rock back and forth about a million times,  
 Wondering how and why the face on that child was mine.



## Seduction in 2005, by: Nick Brown

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone is well rested for this upcoming school year. During the break I took some time to catch up on my leisure reading and started with the *Art of Seduction* by Robert Greene. If you ever read his first book, *48 Laws of Power*, you know author Greene's style and it is evident in *Art of Seduction*. In this second installment, Greene tackles the topic of seduction providing historical anecdotes to support his ideas. He finishes the book with a formulaic step-by-step guide that will put you on your way to becoming a supreme seducer. He even takes the time to point out the personality characteristics that will drive the women absolutely crazy, but not in a good way. Rid yourself of these qualities and you will be on your way to becoming the next big thing to hit GA Tech since the TI – 89.

**Disclaimer: I am not responsible for any of the consequences resulting from acts of seduction, which includes but is not limited to throngs of admirers, stalkers, increased self-esteem, bodily harm due to uncontrollable outbursts of affection, and passionate love making.**

**The Brute:** The Brute is the person who wants everything now. According to Greene, “to be patient is to show that you are thinking of the other person, which never fails to impress.” Part of the pleasure of seduction is the time it takes – the duration increases anticipation, which is always a good thing. So, calm down and take it slow.



**The Suffocator:** I feel the name says it all. Do not throw yourself at your intended victim. You think it shows your love and devotion, but actually it makes you seem like you have “an inner void, a deep well of need that cannot be filled.” So do not throw yourself at anyone...well maybe except for Melyssa Ford. Leave your morals at the door.



**The Moralizer:** Seducing means not ever saying you are sorry. Morals and scruples have no place in the game of seduction. Greene says, “their moral ideas stem from their own unhappiness, and masks their desire to dominate those around them.”

**The Tightwad:** This is the one rule I can honestly say applies to me. Greene says, “it is the most anti-seductive trait of all, and you cannot allow yourself to give in to it.” Being Tightwad does not mean you are just stingy with money, but also includes yourself – the time you spend with someone. In other words, ball out of control.

**The Bumbler:** These folks are so self-conscious that it makes them awkward. To the uninitiated it might seem they are only thinking about someone else, but in reality they are only thinking about themselves. “In seduction, the key weapon is boldness, refusing the target the time to stop and think,” according to Greene. So, get some cojones and ask her out.



**The Windbag:** The gift of gab has its place in the seduction process, but too much talk will kill any enchantment you manage to create. Seduction is more about what is not spoken than what is spoken. “At all costs learn to control your own tongue,” says Greene.

**The Reactor:** These folks are way too sensitive. The slightest little comment and they are sent reeling. They are constantly whining or complaining about anything which is highly repellent. So get some thick skin and get over it.

**The Vulgarian:** Vulgarians are inattentive to details. Any successful seduction starts with the details so it is necessary that you pay attention. According to Greene, “more than just avoiding Vulgarians, you must make yourself their opposite – tact, style, and attention to detail are all basic requirements of a seducer.”

Next read: From  
Niggers to God  
By: Akil  
Next Meeting:  
February 15, 2005

## Book Club Review

This month's selection was *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. Of course, being such a well read book, it needs no introduction or summary. However, we chose this book, even though many have read it in the past, because it touches upon so many topics that we as African Americans still deal with on a daily basis. Personally, I found this second read to be much more enlightening, because of the experiences I have had and the human relations I have witnessed while approaching adulthood. Most importantly, I feel that as we pursue knowledge, we must always internalize the information gained and understand how it pertains to us. Therefore, in lieu of the Book Club reading Malcolm X, I would like to leave you with some of his words on education, students and the youth.



- ❖ "Without education, you're not going anywhere in this world."
- ❖ "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
- ❖ "Look at yourselves. Some of you teenagers, students. How do you think I feel and I belong to a generation ahead of you - how do you think I feel to have to tell you, 'We, my generation, sat around like a knot on a wall while the whole world was fighting for its human rights - and you've got to be born into a society where you still have that same fight.' What did we do, who preceded you? I'll tell you what we did. Nothing. And don't you make the same mistake we made...."
- ❖ "If you've studied the captives being caught by the American soldiers in South Vietnam, you'll find that these guerrillas are young people. Some of them are just children and some haven't reached their teens. Most are teenagers. It is the teenagers abroad, all over the world, who are actually involving themselves in the struggle to eliminate oppression and exploitation. In the Congo, the refugees point out that many of the Congolese revolutionaries, they shoot all the way down to seven years old - that's been reported in the press. Because the revolutionaries are children, young people. In these countries, the young people are the ones who most quickly identify with the struggle and the necessity to eliminate the evil conditions that exist. And here in this country, it has been my own observation that when you get into a conversation on racism and discrimination and segregation, you will find young people more incensed over it - they feel more filled with an urge to eliminate it."

## Synopsis on the Tsunami, by: Eclearnus Ricks

On December 26, 2004, Mother Nature reminded us once again the frailty of humanity. An undersea earthquake, which occurred in the Indian Ocean, generated a tsunami that was among the deadliest disasters in modern history. The resulting tsunami devastated the shores of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and other countries with waves of up

to 15 m (50 feet) high, even reaching the east coast of Africa. At least 160,000 people are known to have died as a result of the tsunami, and the count is not yet complete. The true final toll may never be known due to bodies swept out to sea, but current estimates use conservative methodologies. Relief agencies warn of the possibility of more deaths

to come as a result of epidemics caused by poor sanitation, but the threat of starvation seems now to have been largely averted. The number of displaced persons is well in the millions. The plight of the many affected people and countries prompted a widespread humanitarian response. Countries across the globe have sent monetary and material donations to the suffering

nations. These efforts continue almost a month after the tragedy. Georgia Tech is attempting to raise \$60,000 for the tsunami victims, asking for \$3.00 a person. The African American Student Union will be taking up collections to submit as a group. **Let us show that we not only care about the suffering of black people, but of all people.**

# FEBRUARY 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Kick-Off event (AASU)	2 GT vs. Florida State (Men's Basketball)	3	4 African Dance Lessons (GSU BSA)	5 Community Service	6 Sankofa Exhibit begins in library
7 Trivia Night	8 Movie Night	9	10 LDR Auction, Pampering Session	11 Heritage Night	12 GT Leadership Conference	13 GT vs. NC State (Men's Basketball)
14 Black Women Achievement Dinner	15 Book Club Meeting	16	17 GTSBE Career Fair (also 2/18)	18 Black Leadership Conference	19 Black Leadership Conference	20
21 Black Arts Festival	22	23 Movie Night	24 High Museum Trip	25 Fashion Show	26 Closing Ball	27
28	The Sankofa Exhibit will continue until Sat. 2/12/05	On going events: Campus Wide Trivia,	BSO Trivia Contest, and GTCN Movies			



...you played any of these games: dodge ball, 4 squares, Chinese jumprope, double dutch, hand clap games, Atari, Nintendo, Operation, Mouse Trap...

## AASU Shout-Outs

AASU would like to express its deepest sympathy to the families of Kenneth Johnson and Shirley Miller, who have both recently passed away. Mr. Johnson served the Georgia Tech community for many years. Shirley Miller's efforts as managing director of the EMERGE program strengthened the presence of minorities in graduate education. We honor the lives they lived and those they touched.

**BLC**  
2/18/05



Black Leadership Conference 2005  
Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni/Students: Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty/Staff : Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will Attend (same cost) Friday: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_ Both: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

	Early Registration	Registration
High School	\$15	\$20
GT Student	\$18	\$20
Student	\$20	\$25
Other	\$25	\$30

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Make Checks Payable to Georgia Tech  
Please include names of those attending on the check and Black Leadership Conference 2005.

**Note: one registration form per person**



Other Events that Happened During the Month  
of **February:**

- 2/23/1868** W.E.B. Dubois was born
- 2/3/1870** 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed, granting blacks the right to vote
- 2/25/1870** 1<sup>st</sup> black US Senator, Hiram R. Revels, took his oath to office
- 2/12/1909** NAACP was founded
- 2/1/1960** Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in began
- 2/21/1965** Malcolm X was shot