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AASU Quotables



You know you're Black at Georgia Tech when.....

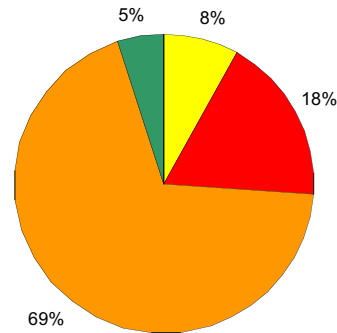
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Is Affirmative Action Needed?

Affirmative action strives to combat discrimination in the workforce and education system. Its necessity has been a subject of extensive debate, where some even argue it elicits reverse discrimination. While the Georgia Institute of Technology prides itself in graduating the most black engineers, many black students still feel grossly underrepresented. What causes such emotions?

Undergraduate Enrollment Fall 2004



Orange: White Red: Asian
 Yellow: Black Green: Other

*Facts and numbers from www.irp.gatech.edu

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Remember Sudan

Sudan, which borders Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, the Congo, the Central African Republic, Chad, and Libya, is clearly the largest country in Africa. With its large size and access to both the Nile and the Red Sea, it has the appeal of any other paradise. Unfortunately



however, it has continuously been the target of murder. Since its independence period in 1956, it has been under war for all except ten years. The second Civil War in Sudan has been occurring since 1983 and has tolled the most death (over 2 million) and created the largest population of displaced persons (over 4 million) than any other war. As many sacrifice their lives for the so-called War on Terrorism, it makes one wonder what, if anything, will be done about the

ongoing slaughter of our brothers and sisters. While American intervention may not be the optimal choice of action for the Sudanese, something must be done to stop these death and refugee numbers from increasing.

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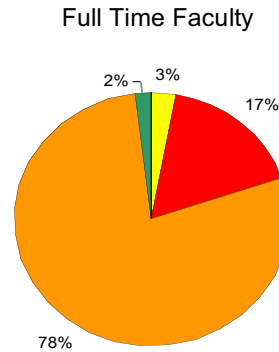
.....people think you have an interview when you dress up.
you wear shoes around campus.
you don't wear flip-flops and shorts in the rain/cold.
you only wear nice clothes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
you wear a scarf on your head at least twice a week.

*"I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed."
 Martin Luther King Jr.
 Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech*



Is Affirmative Action Needed?, Continued

The trend shown for undergraduate students can also be seen in the graduate enrollment as well as the number of degrees awarded by the Institute. So the question remains, is affirmative action needed? Let us compare the trend with that of the Georgia Tech Faculty. Indeed, we see the trend persists. You decide.



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Remember Sudan, Continued

Men, women, and children in Sudan have suffered beyond anything imaginable to us. While we complain about our perceived deficiencies, it is amazing to see the will and determination of our brethren who have neither clothing nor food. Their persistence is seen through refugees like "The Lost Boys of Sudan". When the government blasted through Sudan, killing the adults and enslaving the women, a group of some 26,000 boys were instantly orphaned. This group of young refugees fled Sudan in search of peace and their families. They traveled for nearly two months until reaching Ethiopia, where they spent three years in refugee camps. With gunfire following them, they were

forced to flee once again. The Ethiopian armed militia pushed them across the River Gillo, which claimed the lives of thousands either through drowning or crocodiles. Those that survived continued a journey to Kenya that consumed more than a year of their young lives. Ten thousand boys, only half of the amount that originally fled from Sudan, reached Kenya in 1992. Ranging in ages from eight to eighteen, they again entered a refugee camp, where life undoubtedly proved to be challenging. It is difficult to fathom the loss, hunger, dehydration, and disease that ravaged the lives of these parentless children. Their survival is remarkable and we must always be conscious of

their strength while remembering their struggles.

As sad as the story of The Lost Boys is, the pervasive civil war in Sudan unyieldingly threatens the lives of our people. While we are separated by ocean and land, our connection is undeniable. The images presented here are difficult to see and intended to stir emotions. Hopefully we all will remain grateful of our blessings, minimize our complaining, and become mindful of our frivolous spending and wasteful ways. As all of our parents have once told us, "there are hungry children in the world". When you think of those hungry children, remember Sudan.

**The Second Annual Black Leadership Conference is coming....
 February 18-19, 2005
 Taking the Initiative to Lead, Innovate, and Empower**

Election Emotions, by: Luqman Abdur-Rahman

In the wake of the recent 2004 presidential elections, many Americans are faced with an ever-growing reality...4 more years, 4 more YEARS, 4 MORE YEARS!! While this chant may come as a calming sigh of relief to some, and an alarming call to arms for others, it is apparent that Dub-yuh will control the free world for the next few years. While many African Americans were forced to combat feelings of political powerlessness amidst countless conspiracy theories, energies can be better utilized by learning the lessons taught by recent events.

First off, African Americans must shun political stagnancy and

realize the importance of their voice whether the Electoral College allows it to be muffled in the final count or not. Secondly, African Americans must see that it is not wise to be labeled as a rigid Democrat or Republican since calling yourself either would be compromising at best. Third, we must learn our political history, and understand why we have shown undying (and sometimes blind) allegiance to the Democratic Party in our recent history, and what events caused this shift. Finally, we must learn the difference between

defining ourselves as a liberal and a conservative on moral terms, and defining yourself as such based on economic factors. It was the latter that swayed the vote of our ancestors, so we must be careful about casting our votes with the wrong issues in the forefront.

People, please remember that it is still economic vitality and independence that escapes us, and until this is our priority, we will remain a group without true direction, dwellers of Plato's Cave following every political shadow cast on the wall before us.



.....you only talk to Dean Ray about your issues.

.....you can spot your friends from across the football stadium.

.....you see the most people that look like you at a probate or step show.

AASU Panthers and African Truth

If you yearn to escape the Georgia Tech grind by returning to the athletic battlefield, join a BSO intramural team. Not only will you represent well, but you can burn off those extra calories and that stress that has been keeping you bogged down. Two of our teams have completed or are in the midst of a successful season now. The AASU Panthers flag football team finished their season in Phase I of the fall season. They just missed the playoffs with a 4-1 record, though a second loss by forfeit was given to

them due to an eligibility issue. The team captain was Nicholas Brown, and the wins were by score of 20-0, 7-0, 21-0, and 33-6. They suffered their only true loss to the eventual runners up called The Hitmen at a score of 35-16. The ASA's African Truth soccer team is presently contending in Phase II competition in the school's top intramural soccer league. They are currently ranked #1 in the school with a 4-0 record. Their team captain is Uzoma Onunkwo, and their victories were by the score of 2-0, 2-0, 3-0, and

1-0. They have a bye until Wednesday, December 1, when they will compete in the independent semifinals. A win there will put them in the race to compete for the school title on Thursday, December 2. Please come support our team in their attempt to win the title. Also plan to participate in the Dodgeball and Basketball teams that AASU will host in the spring intramural seasons. Let us claim our rightful position at the top of the school in all arenas!!

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

Michael Jordan

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Chris Carter, In the Community

Because of Chris Carter, "Give Back Fridays" has become a successful community service project. The initiative involves a weekly commitment, dedicated to the Boys and Girls Clubs in Atlanta, primarily the Bellwood and Fuqua centers. Undoubtedly, the influence from positive college students can greatly benefit young

minds and lead them towards the path of becoming leaders themselves. In remembrance of the adage, "To whom much is given, much is expected," we must not forget to give back. This month we highlight Chris Carter for his nonstop devotion to giving back to our youth.

Chris Carter is a fourth year IE and

Japanese student from Tennessee. Recognizing the influence that his father and other positive mentors had in steering him in the right direction, he gained a passion for doing the same for other children. He has been volunteering his time since 2000 and plans to continue after graduation as a member of the 100 Black Men of America.

"In order to teach our children who they can be, we must teach them about their past and show them how to achieve by being role models in our communities."



.....you save your Coke cup to get a free drink.

.....you never plan to buy lunch on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

.....there's no proof in the Blueprint that you ever existed.

.....you spend more time in the BSO office than you do in class, but still don't know what room number it is.

.....most of your friends are from the AUC.

DEMISE, In the Community

If you have not heard about DEMISE, you are sure to feel its presence in the near future. The acronym, standing for Devoting the Energies of Men Interested in Social Enlightenment, represents a group started by brother Luqman Abdur-Rahman. The initiative of this group is to provide a totally inclusive organization for black men to fellowship, to support leadership development within the community, and to encourage the use of this leadership inside and outside of the community.

PURPOSE: Offer support and aid growth to black men or others in need in an attempt to combat boredom or other social ills facing ourselves and the community in the present day.

MISSION: The mission of DEMISE is to be a tool of upliftment to resurrect the black man to his proper prominent role in the local, national, and world community.

Why You?

1. Because no woman respects a man who isn't confident and assertive.
2. Because we like women (see #1).
3. Because the world doesn't respect anyone who lacks the power to change.
4. Because we have the power (see #3) and want our respect.
5. Because the black family is falling apart.
6. Because the family is the key to a community.
7. Because black women are forced to pick up the slack.
8. Because irresponsibility will make the black man a commodity, not a need.
9. Because the cycle will continue if we do not intervene.
10. Because it's time.

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If you know someone who is active in the community, please contact hueman_press@yahoo.com

Book Club Review

September's Read:

Black Like Me

By: John Griffin

Summary: Read the story of author John Griffin and his attempt to understand the true plight of the African American male by darkening his skin and confronting the problem head on. This book is set in the 1950s and gives a very interesting perspective of black

issues past and present from an author who genuinely understands both sides of the story.

October's Read:

The 48 Laws of Power

By: Robert Greene

Summary: This book gives clarity to those wondering what happens in power struggles on a small and large scale by

documenting countless historical figures and their respective means of rising to power. Read what you always thought about but never asked in the everyday struggle to control your own, and perhaps others', destiny.

Next read: The
Autobiography of
Malcom X

Next Meeting:
January 18, 2005



A Woman's Job by: Tanya M. Blackwell

I bear the weight of the world, not on my shoulders, but on my hip
 Because I decided to turn what most people would call a slip into a slide
 My pride and joy
 Is my little baby boy
 Learning and growing
 Loving and showing
 That my value is not how much is in my pocket
 Or on the piece of paper that will deem me a rocket scientist
 'Cause at the end of the day, my significance lies on him
 And when I send him to join the forces of strong black men
 What will he do to be an example, instead of a sample?
 I never really had a mom myself, so I'm doing this from scratch
 Don't want him growing up like me
 A latch key kid with hopes and dreams
 Reading by candlelight 'cause there's no electricity
 It seems my battles have prepared me for the real war
 But it gets to a point when you don't want to fight anymore
 So I put my guns down and got off to a new start
 I bear the weight of the world, not on my shoulders, but in my heart
 Because I decided to play a part in this never ending story
 My glory, is his smile
 They say to know a man you should walk a mile in his shoes
 I say to know a woman, a black woman
 You should hear her sing the blues with a smile on her face
 And then you'll see no one can ever take her place
 People ask me how I do it and I say-
 Hard enough for a man, but made for a woman
 With wide hips and a strong heart
 This job has got to be done
 And I gave up unemployment when I bore my son.

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.....you didn't recognize it was Homecoming until the Monday after the game.

.....you knew it was Homecoming, but didn't care.

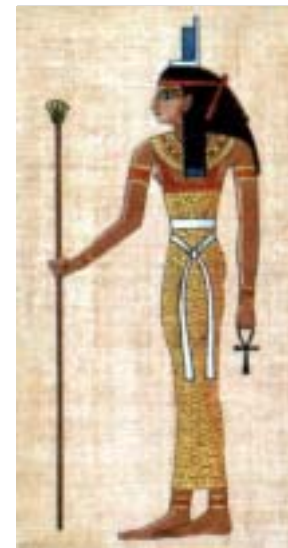
.....you can integrate Jay with respect to Z.

.....you were hurt or disappointed by the elections

.....you've been approved by Luqman.

The Egyptian goddess of motherhood and fertility, she is also revered as

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 AASU Kwanzaa Celebration	2	3	4	5
6 Finals	7 Finals	8 Finals	9 Finals	10 Finals	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 First Day of Kwanzaa- Umoja (Unity)
27 Second Day of Kwanzaa- Kujichagulia (Self- determination)	28 Third Day of Kwanzaa- Ujima (Working together)	29 Fourth Day of Kwanzaa- Ujamaa (Supporting each other)	30 Fifth Day of Kwanzaa- Nia (Purpose)	31 Sixth Day of Kwanzaa- Kuumba (Creativity)	The Last Day of Kwanzaa is January 1 st – Imani (Faith, in ourselves)	

AASU Shout-Outs

Thanks to Bath-Ammi Garcia, Cedric Trice, and Kenjie Davis for their continued efforts. They have repeatedly participated in Georgia Dome Fundraising.

When you get a chance, show some love to the Student Center building managers for helping us every Tuesday, without fail, and to facilities for holding down the office.

We cannot forget the undeniably sage Advisory Board for their dedication to AASU and its success.

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Ingredients:

- 1 cup finely packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup toasted sesame seeds

Preheat the oven to 325°. Lightly oil a cookie sheet. Mix together the brown sugar and butter, and beat until they are creamy. Stir in the egg, vanilla extract, and lemon juice. Add flour, baking powder, salt, and sesame seeds. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto the cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake for 15 minutes or until the edges are browned. Enjoy!

AASU Cook Book Recipe

Benne Cookies

from *The Story of Kwanzaa*
by Donna L. Washington

Benne cakes are a food from West Africa. Benne means sesame seeds. The sesame seeds are eaten for good luck.