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Since this is the first issue of HBCU CONNECT On Campus, I'm going to pull a Mike Jones move and invite you to hit me up if you have questions or would like to see something special in the upcoming issues of HBCU CONNECT On Campus. So here it is: 614.864.4446. Get at me!

Before this summer hits, take advantage of all of the opportunities in this issue of the magazine, and remember to "tag" me on HBCUCONNECT.COM!

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Note From: Candice Johnson
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By Traycie Tonge

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CONSIDERING AN MBA?

A Case study by Jehan Bunch

Ashley Cooper is a typical senior in college. She is about to graduate and she is unsure about what her future holds. She knows that getting a Master's in Business Administration will benefit her financially, but she is scared. She does not know anything about the grad school experience and quite honestly it intimidates her. Only if Ashley knew that grad school is like anything in life, you have to prepare for it and work hard to succeed in it.

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"We look at the whole package, not just G.P.A, but the commitment and focus of the student."

The best way to demonstrate that focus is to write a good purpose statement, which is part of the application process. Ms. Bibb states they look for a clear essay, one that shows the student's focus.

For the students' part, Ms. Bibb offered these words of advice: "If you want to succeed in grad school, be open and flexible, connect to other people, it's not just about the academics."

So for all of us in the same boat with Ashley, an MBA is an excellent option, so don't be afraid to do a little research and get the ball rolling, because there are many graduate school programs that are looking for us to apply and will in most cases offer you the assistance and information you need to evaluate their programs!



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THE CALENDAR *By Daniel Moss*

HBCU CONNECT EVENT FORECAST!

MIAMI SPRING FESTIVAL

MIAMI, FL

MAY 4-7, 2006

A mix of Dance Hall, Reggae and Hip Hop takes part in this spring break time of year with many celebrity artists from the Caribbean and U.S.

KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL

LOUISVILLE, KY

MAY 4-7, 2006

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CANCUN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (The Jump off)

CANCUN, MEXICO

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GRAND CAYMAN,
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THE BAHAMAS!
NOV 11-18, 2006

Ok, we're biased but this is probably the hottest event we've ever attended! Basically it's a bunch of HBCU grads on a hot cruise ship visiting a string of Caribbean islands. The Official way to celebrate your graduation from an HBCU!

HBCU CONNECT EVENT COVERAGE!!!

2006 CIAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Charlotte, North Carolina



"Shaw University put it down! I can't wait to see next year's routine."



"The HBCUconnect Road Crew representing well at the CIAAs"

2006 MEAC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Raleigh, North Carolina



"Hampton men's basketball team, hyped at the CIAA... Then got crushed by Monmouth!? Come on now"



"The cheerleading competition is always crazy entertaining... Definitely a highlight of the tournament weekend!"

2005 HBCU ALUMNI CRUISE Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, St. Marteen, Bahamas



"There were photo opps galore on the 2005 cruise. At the speed dating party these 3 young ladies took a moment to cheese for us!"

"The HBCU CONNECT staff was a little sour they couldn't all join the speed dating festivities, but we kicked it!"



"Culpepper and D. Moss ready to board the ship!"



"The official way to celebrate graduating from an HBCU! Some people had too much fun... Caught on tape..."

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MEET WILL MOSS

By Erinn R. Johnson

William R. Moss III isn't your average CEO. He's young, black and he's a man. It would only be fitting that a unique President and CEO would be behind such an innovative website and company as HBCU CONNECT.

The brainchild of Moss after graduating from Hampton University in 1995, HBCU CONNECT started off as a necessary means to keep in contact with college friends. "I talked with other HBCU grads about staying in contact with

classmates and it was clear that we needed some type of online directory," explained Moss.

Four years later, HBCUCONNECT.COM, a property of HBCU CONNECT LLC, was founded and has experienced nothing but success since. Now the number one site for information relating to, services for, and connectivity to the historically black college and university community, the website is now much more than just a web community.

"The goals of HBCU CONNECT can be broken down based on our three main audiences: students, graduates and businesses. For the students we aim to provide a resource to have an advantage, whether that is through scholarships,



internships or networking. For Alumni we provide a means of staying connected and in touch. Finally, for our clients, we provide a means for them to connect with the talented folks that attended or graduated from a Historically Black College or University. It ends up being a good situation for everyone," said Moss.

The future for the company is bright with plans to expand into a multi-media business with the launch of their latest venture, HBCU CONNECT – On Campus, a reference magazine for black college students. "The magazine is another strategic move for us to reach the audience we care about more than any other business I know of. HBCU CONNECT is a brand. Don't be surprised to see us involved in radio, television or any other medium that involves the HBCU

Community," said Moss.

Most importantly, Moss hopes that the HBCU community understands that the company is dedicated to the black community. Unlike other popular web communities, HBCUCONNECT.COM is 100% owned and operated by African-Americans. "Think of the FUBU concept, For Us by Us. That is what separates us and makes us different. We have an allegiance to the black community. We're on your team," explained Moss.

With a business model that keeps everything free for the students and graduates in the HBCU Community, the future for this CEO and his company is limitless. With new projects in the works and membership growing everyday, it is clear that the HBCU CONNECT brand will be around for many years to come. Get Connected!

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HBCU BLOGS



LIFE WITHOUT BLACK PEOPLE

Submitted by Kelly McGlothen, Texas Southern University

A very humorous and revealing story is told about a group of white people who were fed up with African Americans, so they joined together and wished themselves away. They passed through a deep dark tunnel and emerged in sort of a twilight zone where there is an America without black people.

At first these white people breathed a sigh of relief. At last, they said, No more crime, drugs, violence and welfare. All of the blacks have gone! Then suddenly, reality set in. The "NEW AMERICA" is not America at all - only a barren land.

1. There are very few crops that have flourished because the nation was built on a slave-supported system.
2. There are no cities with tall skyscrapers because Alexander Mils, a black man, invented the elevator, and without it, one finds great difficulty reaching higher floors.
3. There are few if any cars because Richard Spikes, a black man, invented the automatic gearshift, Joseph Gambol, also black, invented the Super Charge System for Internal Combustion Engines, and Garrett A. Morgan, a black man,

invented the traffic signals.

4. Furthermore, one could not use the rapid transit system because its procurer was the electric trolley, which was invented by another black man, Albert R. Robinson.
5. Even if there were streets on which cars and a rapid transit system could operate, they were cluttered with paper because an African American, Charles Brooks, invented the street sweeper.

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IN HONOR OF A GREAT DAD

Submitted by Chantell Chenault, Hampton University

To some he's known as the "impossible problem solver" but to me he's simply known as My Father. He's trying (and doing a pretty good Job) to transform AmEx into a one-stop financial shop where cardholders would buy everything from financial plans to mutual funds. He's CEO of Marketing, but he's still humble enough to be Dad. My father is doing a wonderful job making his name known, and trying to create a most promising future for me & my older brother. I Just thought it was befitting to display my tribute to him.

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YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD OUT HERE FOR A (ANTI-) PIMP!

Submitted by Daniel Moss, Claflin University
By Anthony Assadullah Samad

I don't know about you, but the shock I feel for the Oscar awarded to Three 6 Mafia for best original song is not one of joy over how that could happen. It was more a shock of pain as to why this would happen. Why would, of all the movies that were created in 2005, and all the songs and soundtracks that came out in 2005, that the only one that the Academy could identify is "It's Hard Out Here For A Pimp." Certainly, hip hop is the major music genre of the day and deserves its long over due "day in the sun." But this is not about the genre or the makers of the song. This is about another opportunity to misrepresent the context of African American life within a small subset of negative imagery that will last lifetimes.

There is nothing original about "pimping" or songs about pimping. But the "pimp mentality" only survives through the "black prism" by which the world sees this sub-culture as pervasive or a mainstream element in everyday black life. Black children and young adults have a hard enough time finding

positive images to aspire to without having the destructive ones constantly pounded into their heads. And no matter how much we try to counteract the negative imagery with positive ones—no matter how much we try to negate the pimp mentality with more constructive images of black life beyond the street life (and there is successful back life beyond the hood—athletes and entertainers manage to find once they succeed)—thuggery and pimpin' seem to be revived in the media

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COLOR-STRUCK BLACKS ARE AT IT AGAIN – THE LIGHTER THE WOMAN, THE FINER

Submitted by Tressia Amacher, Spelman
College
By Gregory Kane

Color-struck knee-grows are so predictable.

So, there I was in front of my TV, channel surfing as usual. I came across a show on BET called "All Shades of Fine: 25 Hottest Females of the Past 25 Years." Being an

unapologetically heterosexual male who loves looking at good-looking women, I stopped surfing and popped in a videotape.

But how did I know, even as Lauryn Hill was being touted as number 25 on the list, that whoever did the selecting would have Halle Berry and Beyonce Knowles as, respectively, numbers one and two?

Because, as I've said, color-struck knee-grows are predictable.

I knew, with a name like "All Shades of Fine," that the show would celebrate black women of various complexions. I also knew that black folks, even at the dawn of the 21st century, are still somewhat color-struck. So, I wasn't surprised to find the lighter shade of sisters at the top of the list and the darker ones at the bottom.

In general, the rule was the higher the ranking, the lighter the skin. The only dark-skinned sister to break the top 10 was Gabrielle Union, who came in at number eight. For my money she should have been number one. And number two should have gone to Aunjanue Ellis, who didn't even make the list.

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CLASS: 2007

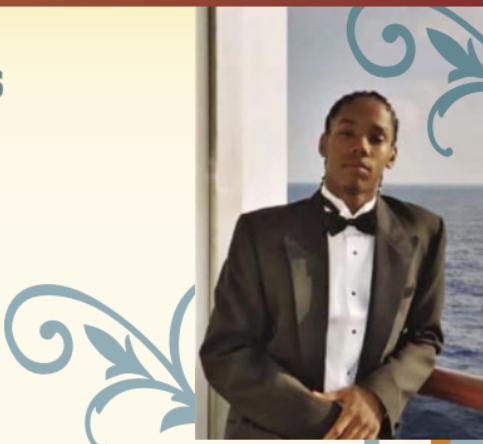
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MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT/PERSON: My most memorable moment is the training that I did to become Student Security. My most memorable person is my Ex-Girlfriend and my most memorable moment is playing on an intramural football team in UMES.

CURRENT WHEREABOUTS: I am currently in school at UMES.



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HBCUCONNECT.COM'S "MOST WANTED"

WHO: Kai-Lee Parker

SCHOOL: Bethune Cookman College

CLASS: 2006

MAJOR: Theatre

REPRESENTING: Port Orange, FL

CLAIM TO FAME: You will see me walking runways, designing clothes, and on the BIG SCREEN!!!!

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT/PERSON: Walking in the Spring Bling fashion show during BCR 2004. Winning a date on Spring Fling 2005 during BCR ON B.E.T.

CURRENT WHEREABOUTS: I'm from California, but I attend college in Daytona Beach. I want to model for designers who don't mind women with curves(please holla at yah girl!!!!!!), I want to act, dance and have my own clothing line. Maybe even hosting my own show on B.E.T. or M.T.V.



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By Elynor Moss

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HOT INTERNSHIPS! *By Jehan Bunch*

Are you still looking for an internship? It's a little bit late, but we found a couple of good leads for you to follow up on for the summer of 2006. Be sure to send a resume right away if you're interested, or share the opportunities with a friend!



THE BLACK FAMILY CHANNEL (BFC)

LOCATION: Atlanta, GA

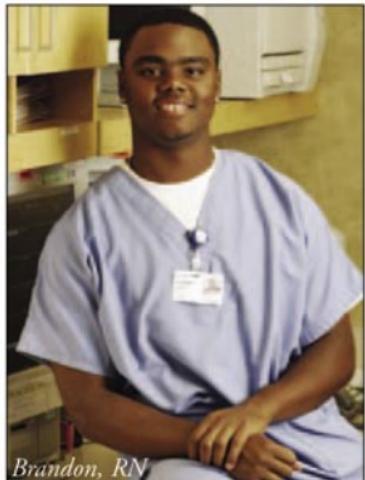
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HOT CAREERS! *By Jehan Bunch*

Ok, so you're in college and you're wondering what career tracks might be the most rewarding, exciting, and promising. Whatever the case, since folks visit HBCUConnect.com and ask us for input on hot careers, we thought we'd offer some suggestions! In each issue of HBCU CONNECT On Campus you can check this section for the latest news on hot career tracks for HBCU Students! Based on our research, the chances of these careers skyrocketing over the next ten years is straight bananas, so take note!



COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

WHY THIS CAREER IS HOT? Computer programmers are employed in almost every industry, the demand is phenomenal! The starting salary for graduates in 2005 was averaged around \$ 50,820.

The best places to find jobs within this field are: Boston/ New York/ Washington D.C. These cities will be the new wave for quantum computing and encryption.

SOCIAL WORK

WHY THIS CAREER IS HOT? This field is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through 2014. The median annual earnings for social workers in 2004 were \$39,440.

The best places to find jobs within this field are: rural areas – competition for jobs is less likely

TEACHING (PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

WHY THIS CAREER IS HOT? That's simple; the need for good teachers will never die!

According to the American Federation of Teachers, beginning teachers with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$31,704 in the 2003-04 school years

The best places to find jobs within this field are: all 51 states, particularly in lower income areas of metropolitan cities

NURSING & HEALTHCARE

WHY THIS CAREER IS HOT? Registered Nurses constitute the largest health care occupation, with 2.4 million jobs. They are projected to create the second largest # of new jobs among all occupations. The median annual earnings were \$52,330 in May of 2004.

The best places to find jobs within this field are: Miami/Tampa

These cities have the highest concentration of the 65- and- up population. Florida will lead the nation in healthcare for the elderly.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, CNNMoney.com

QUICK CONNECT

Want to find out more facts, stats and commentary on hot career tracks? Visit jobs.hbcuconnect.com

FEATURED: STAYING CONNECTED

Can you remember when you graduated from High School, all of the friends you may have lost contact with? Sometimes, we even lose contact with our really good friends... Or we might lose our cell phone or PDA and have to start creating our contact list all over again!

So let's get straight to the point! If you are not already a member of HBCUCONNECT.COM, you need to sign up and begin to network with your fellow black college students and graduates. It's just that simple...

Many college students try to compare HBCUCONNECT.COM to sites like Blackplanet, Facebook or MySpace, but there is a whole different vibe when you login to HBCUCONNECT. I think a lot of it has to do with the fact that MySpace and Facebook are not really designed for African Americans at heart, and then Blackplanet was actually a spin off of an Asian site (Asianavenue.com) and is not a black owned company...

So, what does that have to do with staying connected? What is it you are being connected to? It's all about access, opportunity, and yep: a fun way to connect with folks that are also living the black college experience and sharing notes.

When I started the website (in 1999) I just wanted to have a list of my buddies from Hampton University on website where they could show a recent picture of themselves, and also let everyone know what they were up to... It grew from that concept into a network

of over 300,000 folks from all of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Developing the website became like a passion and an addiction. I still wake up out of my deep sleep talking about "I need to add this new feature to HBCU CONNECT..." But it's a passion that seems to have resulted in something valuable to those that use it, so it's worth it.

Now, we have college recruits, current students, alumni, and even fans coming to the site not only to interact with each other but also to keep in touch with what is going on within the black college community... Sports, News, Events, Careers, Photo Albums, Homecoming schedules, and just about any thing you could think of related to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Let me plant another seed in your head since you got this far in reading some late night freestyle editorial... You sign up as a member of HBCU CONNECT, and become a part of one of the largest African American organizations in history. We as a group, have a voice to be reckoned with, to make sure we have access to opportunities, information, and each other.

So get online, enjoy the website and let's get connected...

By William R. Moss III

Founder, HBCUCONNECT.COM



DEPARTMENT: GET CONNECTED!

What's Up!

This is Reggie, staff member for HBCU CONNECT. My main task for this section was to make a list of the most scantily-clad women, complete with pictures of them in nothing but bikini tops and bottoms (*or one of the two*), but that would have taken up more pages than we have, and I'd probably get fired... So, instead, I want to take this time to tell you gals and guys about one of the hot features on HBCUconnect.com - The Blogs!

Yes, Blogging has been a hot, new commodity over the last year or so and it seems as if everyone is doing it. For those who don't know, a blog (*or weblog*) is a form of written online media in which messages are posted and displayed on a website. In our case, every single member on our website has the ability to post one. These messages can be about politics, the latest happenings on campus, the newest gadgets, food, or whatever subject matter you care to write about. Whether it is about which basketball team you think will win it all, whether someone else is having the same relationship problems as you, or whether you want to share your latest poem you created, The Blogs are hot. Furthermore, other HBCU CONNECT members can subscribe to your blog!

HOW TO BLOG:

Blogging is simple. Let's say you have this banging Ramen Noodle recipe that you want to share (*and don't act like you haven't experimented*). All you have to do is log into the site, with your

email address and password. Once in, roll your mouse over the Hot Links menu item and select “HBCU WeBlog” from the drop down list. Here you can see other people’s ideas, creativities, and rants, which by the way reminds me of a certain Blog I read last year. This person was complaining about having too many advertisements on the website. So we responded back with, “Hey, it’s either charge cats to use our site, or let sponsors keep it a free service.” I haven’t heard back from her since. Anyways, back to the scantily-clad women, uh, I mean The Blogs. Once you are on the homepage, simply click the link that reads “Post Blog Entry” to the right. You will then be redirected to a form to fill out. Once it is filled out with your banging Ramen Noodle recipe, hit the “Submit Blog” button and you are done!

Don’t forget to add a nice picture of your finished dish! Other members can now, steal your recipe and enjoy Chicken Ramen Noodles for themselves. So if you didn’t like the way the waiter at Red Lobster treated you, or you can’t decide which grad school to go to, or you just simply want to show a picture of how messy your roommate is, write a Blog about it!

So get online, enjoy the website
and let’s get connected...

By Reginald Culpepper
HBCU CONNECT Staff





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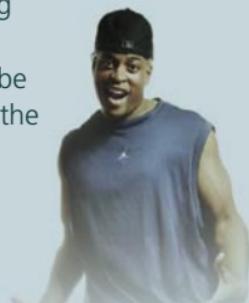
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