

FEATURES

STUDENT CLUB OF THE WEEK

Association of Black Collegians

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The featured student organization this week is the Association of Black Collegians, or ABC, which is one of the diversity-focused clubs that falls under the "umbrella" of the Multi-Cultural Council.

In the words of club president Ayodele Jones, ABC "... emphasizes the African-American culture and acts as a support group for minority students on campus. We strive to ensure self-pride and self-awareness..."

Although ABC is related to MCC, the two clubs do not directly co-sponsor any events. ABC does work in tandem with MCC, however; the club sends representatives to MCC's meetings every other Wednesday and it participates in general event planning. Also, ABC does consult with MCC to insure that none of the events being planned overlap time-wise, or in subject matter, with any of the other diversity-focused organizations.

ABC does sponsor several events on its own during the course of the

year. So far this semester, it has held two major events: "Expressions of Blackness" and the Kwanzaa celebration. "Expressions of Blackness" was held on the evening of November 12, during which people were given the opportunity to express themselves culturally in a variety of formats. The Kwanzaa dinner, which celebrates the seven principles of Kwanzaa that were created by Dr. Karenga, was held on Sunday, December 5.

Events to look forward to next semester include the Game Show Night, the End of the Year Gala, and the Unity Picnic. The Game Show Night features various game shows, during which contestants will be asked to answer questions pertaining to black history. This event will be held on February 11, 2000.

The End of the Year Gala and the Unity Picnic are both traditionally held toward the end of the spring semester. The Gala, which will be held on April 15, 2000, recognizes the superior achievements of ABC's members and celebrates the past year. The Unity Picnic is traditionally held the week before finals, and offer a "last minute chance to reminisce over the

year gone by in the natural outdoors," said Jones, 07 POLSCI.

Currently, ABC has about 20 official, dues-paying members (the club requires a yearly due of \$8). Other than Jones, the officers of the club include vice president Danielle Marshall, treasurer Kim Moses, and secretary Cheon Graham. Biddy Brooks, the Assistant Head of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, serves as the club's advisor.

Anyone is welcome to join the club; the only requirements are to express an interest in ABC events, to attend the meetings, and to pay the yearly dues. ABC held meetings every other Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the MCC suite this past semester; they have not established a new meeting time for next semester. All meetings are open to the public.

The club shares an office, as well as a phone line, with the Organization of Latin American Students in the MCC suite. The number is x6318. Also, interested students can contact Jones at x6958 or via email at asj108@psu.edu.

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H O R O S C O P E

Aries (March 21-April 19). Hang in there, finals aren't over yet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Hide some mail from the fam over break.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Contact some old friends when you're through with the semester.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Get away this weekend and it'll do wonders for your GPA.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Double check something you think you've finished--you didn't.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Buy something expensive (other than next semester's books).

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Start things early, you'll thank yourself later.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pay attention to finals--one could be the deciding factor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Try something new over break.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Decide on millennium plans now!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Just do it!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember what is important to you.

by Bongo the three legged monkey

'Twas the Night Before Finals

by Erin Heninger

Twass the night before Finals
When all through Penn State,
Not a student was sleeping
They were studying too late.

We shouted and pleaded;
"We're trying to think!"
The party host's reply,
"Honey, you need a drink!"

The Coffee was flowing
It pulsed in their veins,
While caffeine-induced hallucinations
Clouded their brains.

We would have liked to participate
In their party jamming
But we needed some quiet
To conduct all our cramming.

And I in my pajamas,
My roommate at her desk,
Had just settled in
To study for our test.

Then suddenly a light
Appeared down the hall.
A man walked toward us
Who was old and tall.

When out in the hall
there arose booming bass,
My roommate Missy got
A pale look on her face.

"Pizza! Pizza!" were the only
Words that he said.
Then he gave us the box,
And a pat on the head.

Away to the doorway
We flew like a flash,
Peered through the peep hole
And unlocked the latch.

We went into our room
Feeling astonished and weird.
Who was this
Magic pizza man with a beard?

The black light was shining
Out into the hall,
While colored lights reflected
Off the disco ball.

The pizza did help to improve our
mood,
But when we opened the lid,
There was a box
On top of our food.

When what to my wondering eyes
Should appear,
But a miniature keg,
And eight cases of beer.

The contents of the box
Made my eyes fill with tears,
It contained a set of earplugs
For my roommate's and my ears.

More rapid than Dobbin's food
Running through your system,
We pounded on the door of
The party-throwing vixen.

Then again I heard the voice
Of the Pizza Man
"Happy Finals To All,
And To All A Good Exam!!"