

Office of Intercultural Relations

The Office of Intercultural Relations assists the University in promoting cultural diversity, awareness and sensitivity throughout the campus community. The Office provides leadership in promoting an environment responsive to the diversity of groups represented at the University of New Haven. Its programs, services and activities promote cultural identity within a multicultural environment and encourage and support cooperative and collaborative relationships within the University community and with the University's external Stakeholders.

Some of the anticipated initiatives for this 2007-2008 academic year include:

- Presenting programs and workshops in the residence halls and classrooms
- Developing a Diversity Resource Center to serve as an educational resource for members of the campus community
- Supporting the programming efforts of UNH's student cultural and religious clubs and organizations
- Referring to students to information about schol-

arships, internships, student leadership conference and job opportunities

- Collaborating with various University support services and Student Affairs in offices in their efforts to recruit and retain talented students from underrepresented backgrounds

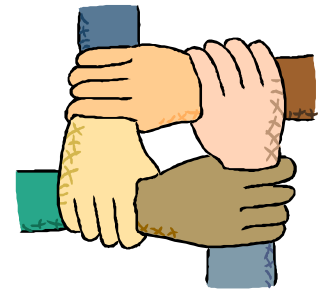
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UNH Students Wear Black to Support Jena 6

Though it seems to be several weeks ago that a selected few of UNH students painted the campus dark with the color of black in their apparel, no one has forgotten about the Jena 6. Now months later, the Jena 6 is still highly talked about on most campuses and has major media coverage all over the world. Civil rights activist Al Sharpton calls the Jena 6 the beginning of the 21st century civil rights movement.

In a story that hits home to most minority students, Jena is a small town in Louisiana. At Jena High School, black students typically sat on the bleachers near the auditorium while white student sat

under a large tree which they called the "white tree" or "prep tree". At the beginning of the fall semester, a black male student asked the principal if he could sit under the "white tree"; the principal told him "of course you can sit anywhere you want". The next day, what was said to be a trivial prank, turned out to be anything but trivial.

A few days later a series of events happened in Jena. Specifically, six black students were charged with beating a white student. They were also charged with 2nd degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Mychal Bell, the only

**On Monday,
November 12th
at 7 PM in
Meeting Rooms
A & B, the Legal
Society is
sponsoring a
panel discussion
on issues related
to the Jena 6.**

We wear black (continued from page 1)

member to be tried as an adult; he has had both convictions overturned on the basis of being tried as a juvenile. He was released on \$45,000 bail. Getting media attention from CNN, ABC, BET, and MTV created awareness, support and sponsorship for the Jena 6 movement.

A Facebook group posted a petition and video asking people to wear black in support of the Jena 6 in an effort to get people educated about the issue. Thousands of students all over the United States wore black on September 20th to support the justice and peace rally in Jena, Louisiana. This movement was that of not only mass media and civil rights action but

the will to make a change in society.

For more information on how you can be involved in the fight for change please visit:

- <http://www.colorofchange.org/jena/>
- <http://www.petitiononline.com/aZ51CqmR/petition.html>

Day of the Dead (Nov 1st & 2nd)

Día de los Muertos a Mexican ritual know as the Day of the Dead. It is a Mexican tradition combining native Aztec and Romano Catholic practices and beliefs. Generalizing broadly, the holiday's activities consist of families (1) welcoming their dead back into their homes, and (2) visiting the graves of their close kin. At the cemetery, family members engage in sprucing up the gravesite, decorating it with flowers, setting out and enjoying a picnic, and interacting socially with other family and community members who gather there. In both cases, celebrants believe that the souls of the dead return and are all around them. Families remember the departed by telling stories about them.

The meals prepared for these picnics are sumptuous, usually featuring meat dishes in spicy sauces, chocolate beverages, cookies, sugary confections in a variety of animal or skull shapes, and a special egg-batter bread ("pan de muerto," or bread of the dead). Because of this warm social environment, the colorful setting, and the abundance of food & good company, this commemoration of the dead has pleasant overtones for the observers. Festive interaction with both the living and the dead in an important social ritual is a way of recognizing the cycle of life and death that is human existence.

www.azcentral.com



**BRITTANEY
OBIENU**

Student Spotlight: Brittany Obieniu ('10)



Brittaney is a full time student here at UNH. Her major is Chemistry and Forensic Science. Brittaney is a joy on campus and is known by many for her perfect balance of school work, and her social life. A student worker in the old café at Bartels Hall and a office worker in the mail room. Brittany keeps a smile on her face. Brittaney is on the Deans list and a wonderful addition to the University's student body.

If you know someone who should be featured in our Student Spotlight, please contact

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The Diversity Creed

By Gene Griessman

I believe that diversity is a part of the natural order of things - as natural as the trillion shapes and shades of the flowers of spring or the leaves of autumn. I believe that diversity brings new solutions to an ever-changing environment, and that sameness is not only uninteresting but limiting. To deny diversity is to deny life - with all its richness and manifold opportunities. Thus I affirm my citizenship in a world of diversity, and with it the responsibility to...

Be tolerant. Live and let live. Understand that those who cause no harm should not be feared, ridiculed, or harmed - even if they are different.

Look for the best in others.



Be just in my dealings with poor and rich, weak and strong, and whenever possible to defend the young, the old, the frail, the defenseless.

Be kind, remembering how fragile the human spirit is.

Live the examined life, subjecting my motives and actions to the scrutiny of mind and heart so to rise above prejudice and hatred.

CARE.

The Village of 100 People

Anonymous



If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of **100 people**, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the village would look like this:

The village would have 60 Asians, 14 Africans, 12 Europeans, 8 Latin Americans, 5 from the USA and Canada, and 1 from the South Pacific

51 would be male, 49 would be female

82 would be non-white; 18 white

67 would be non-Christian; 33 would be Christian

80 would live in substandard housing

67 would be unable to read

50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation

33 would be without access to a safe water supply

39 would lack access to improved sanitation

24 would not have any electricity (And of the 76 that do have electricity, most would only use it for light at night.)

7 people would have access to the Internet

1 would have a college education

1 would have HIV

2 would be near birth; 1 near death

5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth; all 5 would be US citizens

33 would be receiving --and attempting to live on-- only 3% of the income of "the village"

When our world is considered from such an incredibly compressed perspective, the need for both tolerance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent!

http://www.familycare.org/news/if_the_world.htm

Campus Events

Latin American Student Association (LASA)

Weekly Meeting

Every Wednesday @ 6 PM, Moulton Lounge

Black Student Union (BSU)

Weekly Meeting

Every Wednesday @ 7:30 PM, Moulton Lounge

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

NSBE Dinner

Friday, November 2 @ 7 PM, Alumni Lounge

National Society of Black Engineers

Blacklight Bashment Party

Saturday, November 3 @ 9 PM, German Club



Student Pagans Educating, Leading and Learning (SPELL)

Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 6 @ 10 PM, Winchester 204

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Bi-weekly Meeting

Wednesday, November 7 @ 9 PM, Moulton Lounge

Black Student Union

BSU Candy Shop

Tuesday, November 13 @ 11 AM, Bartels lobby



Caribbean Student Association (CSA)

Voice of the Caribbean

Tuesday, November 13 @ 7 PM, Alumni Lounge

Caribbean Student Association

Riddim Explosion!

Friday, November 16 @ 9 PM, German Club

Academic and Career Resources

New York Women in Communications Inc. Foundation 2008 Scholarship Program

The New York Women in Communications Foundation, in conjunction with New York Women in Communications, awards scholarships annually based on academic excellence, need and involvement in the field of communications. Awards are for use in the 2008-2009 academic year. An appointed New York Women in Communications Scholarship Committee will select the winners. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, need, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community-service activities, honors and other awards or recognition, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, and unusual personal and/or family circumstances.

Website: <http://www.nywici.org/foundation/scholarships.html>

Deadline: January 15, 2008

La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for Hispanic students in college with a G.P.A of 2.80-3.60 on a 4.0 scale. Students must be currently enrolled in an eligible bachelor's or master's degree program at an accredited four-year college or university. Eligible degrees include: all Bachelor degrees, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Public Administration/Policy, Master of Social Work, Master of Education, and Master of Divinity; Have completed at least one full-time year of study for undergraduate applicants, and at least one full-time semester of study for graduate applicants; and reside in the United States.

Website: <http://foundation.launidadlatina.org/Apply.htm>

Deadline: February 5, 2008

AAAA Minority Advertising Intern

Eligibility:

Applicant must

- * be African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, or Native American,
- * be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident,
- * demonstrate commitment to a career in advertising,
- * and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Website: <http://www.aie.org/Scholarships/detail.cfm?ID=6760>

Deadline: January 21, 2008

INROADS

Current University freshmen and sophomores can apply to be an INROADS intern. These internships are awarded to outstanding, ethnically diverse students with a grade point average of B or better and a combined SAT score of at least 1000 (ACT of 20 or better). Students majoring in business, engineering, computer and information sciences, sales, marketing, allied health care, healthcare management, and retail management are encouraged to apply.

Website: <http://ext1.inroads.org/IOL%5FApplication/Login.aspx?Contact=Intern>

Deadline: March 31, 2008