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Furiously crossing out the days on the May calendar, I was more than ready to begin college life. Someone asked me what time it was and I would reply "Twenty-two days until summer school . . . how about that?! Oh, it's 3:45." So imagine my excitement crossing the bridge and taking that Highland- Nicholson exit off I-10. I must admit I was a bit apprehensive about coming also. My senior year had been terribly real for me. I was forced to rip out every part of myself and examine who I really wanted to be.

In high school I abandoned my rosary and thoughts of things ever being the same again. My new choices interfered with all that was around and tradition was beginning to choke me. I came to LSU, hoping to start anew, washing off the old mask and coming into my own.

Throughout the course of the program, there were glaring moments when I felt utterly alone. I missed family, friends and sometimes whispers followed when I left the room.

This was to be expected, as with any new beginning. The actual bonding between all of us is the real shocker. I've come to enjoy the simple moments of just running into a friend's room and asking about assignments. It was relaxing to just go take a walk around with a Scholar, run around at the rec, or clown at the Union or Pentagon. Our new somewhat "grown" social lives were buzzing.

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Although we usually always had something fun to do, it was pounded into our heads that we were Summer *Scholars*. We were urged to "get our lesson" and it was done, to the most part. Mr. Randy and the peer counselors preached about how important it was to take care of our business during this summer, for the fall would be a rude awakening.

Summer Scholars is indeed an excellent program and I like to mention it every now and then to people who don't know that I am one. The reputation is a high one to carry and I feel that this year we helped to carry on the name. College seemed foreign a few months but now that we're here it's screaming importance in our faces. I feel confident though from the experiences of this summer we can all do anything we put our minds too.

Jalissa Bates



The Wall

Myspace vs. Facebook

MYSFACE: THE GOOD

You can show your true self on your page.
You can find a lot of people from your past.
It has instant messaging.

FACEBOOK: THE GOOD

You can meet people from your own college.
You can put more pictures with Facebook.
It is plain so people may actually read your profile.
Deans can check your page, so you can front.

MYSFACE: THE BAD

It is always malfunctioning.
It is addictive.
You can catch a case because it is easier for people to fool you about their age.
You can't make your page private unless you're fifteen or under.

FACEBOOK: THE BAD

It is boring to look at.
The pages are plain.
People can tag an ugly picture of you.
You can't screen messages posted

THE UGLY

The truth of the matter is the Facebook and Myspace are both fun and useful tools, but they are both also dangerous. You should be very careful about what information you put on your page. Just be smart and watch out for internet predators.

-Alexis "Meeka" Bennet

Vincent Brown (Neville High School) —> Vincent Brown (L.S.U)

You have waited four years for College to come and now it's finally here. You have a million questions running through your mind. Can you handle the workload? Is the College that you have chosen to attend right for you? How hard will your professors be on you? You are constantly being told that these questions of doubt and fear are normal, but have you ever wondered just how normal your doubts really are?

When asked a group of incoming freshmen questions about their initial feelings toward college, the majority stated that they had a feeling of excitement and anxiety. They each felt that College was an opportunity for them to learn more about their interests, strengths and weaknesses. The majority of them felt that there were

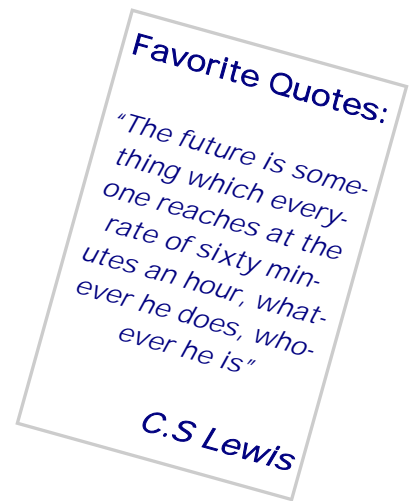
certain traits required in order to succeed during their college careers.

Most incoming freshmen view college as a major step between high school and ultimate independence. In our minds high school and college are two different worlds. High school was a point in our lives where everything seemed to be handed to us. Then, we have COLLEGE. It is here that we feel we will ultimately find countless opportunities, new friends, cute guys or hot girls, and most of all FREEDOM. For others the reality of having too much freedom causes problems within. Jasmin Nwachokor felt that time management would be a

She states, "Managing one's time will be hard while in college due to the endless clubs, organizations, and other events that take place here on LSU campus." She continues by stating that "... time management is vital to succeeding in college." When asked how college was different from high school she stated, "In college one is allowed more freedom to choose how they want to do things . . ." she concludes by saying, "... college is less structured and tests one's level of self discipline." When posed with the exact question, Britany Crockett also felt that "Balancing study time and leisure time was important to succeed in college both academically and socially . . ." She interjected "... in my opinion I feel that the relationship between males and females changes in college verses that during high school."

Adjusting to a new environment is stressful and emotionally overwhelming by itself, but you must not complicate the process with un-

-necessary things. Although being involved in the whole college experience is rewarding as well as fun, it is important to prioritize your time well. If you successfully do this, you will be successful at LSU.



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Well Summer Scholars is finally coming to an end and it is safe to say that this summer has definitely been fun. We both have noticed that as a group, the students of Summer Scholars 2006 have definitely bonded as the summer progressed. Now that we have become a family, we as President and Vice President challenge you all to stay a family of brothers and sisters. God Bless you all and we hope to see you in the fall. And remember: If you pretend not to know Juice, he will place you.

President Franklin "Juice" Duplechin and Vice President Joe Brown



Dear Summer Scholars Class of 2006,

It has been an honor to serve as your coordinator and a pleasure getting to know each of you. I hope that my efforts as coordinator have given you the direction and motivation to continue in your pursuit of academic success. The Summer Scholars Program has earned a reputation here at LSU for its commitment to the intellectual development of its students and is credited with producing some of the University's outstanding graduates. I feel confident that you, the 2006 class, will keep the rich, strong heritage of the program alive.

I'm proud of you all and grateful to have shared this summer experience with you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Randy M. Fontenot, M.A., LPC

You have an upcoming event!!

During her lecture at Summer Scholars Orientation, Dean Collins told us that we were the cream of the crop and she expected a level of academic and social perseverance from each of us. Therefore, as a member of the Summer Scholars Program, we are all expected to make an exceptional GPA. There were numerous nights we stayed awake studying for difficult exams and completing tedious homework assignments, causing many of us to crave an alternate way of spending late nights. Seeing as LSU is a huge party

school, the opportunity to go out came often.

During our first week here at LSU, many of us had heard about a fraternity party at local Baton Rouge night club. Because it was the beginning of the semester, our classes did not require an excessive amount of time. With this realization chiseled in our minds we decided that this "Back To School" party would be the perfect chance to go out and experience the night life in Baton Rouge. That day everyone had a proactive attitude towards the party. One could not

make it throughout the day without being asked if they were going. In order to assure an early departure from East LaVille, we showered and dressed up earlier that night. We met in the lobby directly before leaving, piled in various cars and were soon on our way to a night of fun and excitement. Upon our arrival, we were a bit skeptical because the club was filled to capacity and not a soul was on the dance floor. How could a club in the infamous "Jigga City" be so dreary and uneventful? Even though this was a new place

filled with new people we were not about to let it ruin our first official college party. Within minutes we courageously stepped onto the center stage and proceeded to dance. Before we knew it, our initiative resulted in the whole club jiggin and "cutting up". After this pleasurable experience we came to realize that wherever the Summer Scholars ventured, people evidently enjoyed themselves.

Our late nights in the basement, our occasional club outings, and playing team laser tag were not just opportunities to socialize, they were chances to bond with one another. An incredible amount of comradeship was created from these exciting experiences. Such memories are not easily forgotten, so as Summer Scholars we must always remember to live in our moments, embrace our relationships with one another, and never lose faith in our ability to adequately obtain the LSU experience as an African American.

Oliver Batiste, Jr.



Blossom

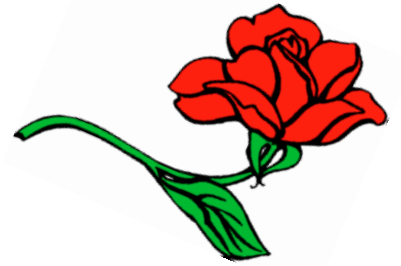
Promise of the blossom
Lies burrowed
In each of us
Our choices
The light of sun
Wet darkness
And that voice
In the back
You heard one night

I still choose
To walk alone
But aloud
Your theories come and
Elementary wishes
Do come true

Allow me to introduce
Myself brother
And my mask sister
Marveling at your
Ability to
Understand
More than my
Own family

You will not be forgotten
And our farewells vibrate
Like the ending of a song

- Jalissa Bates 07/16/06



My Photos





My Friends



Best Looking:

Porsha Vallo and Jomel Whittington

Best Car:

Rashad Johnson and Samantha White

Most Likely Not To Show Up:

Alexis Bennet and Chauncey Crossley

Best Dressed:

Jomel Whittington and Tasha Womack

Most Dramatic:

Vincent Brown and Dominique Poche

Most Spirited

Jerriel Bazille and Kasadey West

Friendliest:

Bryant Dixon and Deanna Caesar

Most Food:

Megan Belvin and Johnathan Weeks

Worst Laugh:

Alexis Bennet and Raynard Geason

Best Killa:

Johnathon Pappion and Samantha White

Best Jigger:

Charles Bradford and Desiree Joseph

Most Likely to Be Cakin!

Korey Larkins and Alexis Broussard

Most Likely To Be Seen In The Lobby:

Leonard Jackson and Tasha Womack



The Summer Scholars Program



The LSU University College Summer Scholars Program (SSP) was founded in 1991 as a summer bridge program for the recruitment and retention of African-American students at LSU. A committee of LSU administrators wrote a proposal to fund the attendance of 30 African-American students to the University. These students had to meet the LSU admission requirements and agree to continue their college education at LSU. Mrs. Nona Mack-Haynes was selected as the first coordinator of the Summer Scholars Program. She served in that capacity until her retirement in 2001. Carolyn C. Collins, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of University College appointed Dorothy Morgan as her successor. In 2005, Randy Fontenot was appointed as the third coordinator. The Program has in its 14-year tenure at LSU earned a reputation of excellence for its commitment to the intellectual development of its students. The Program has an 80% graduation rate and is credited with producing some LSU's most outstanding leaders and successful graduates.