



"WHETHER OR NOT YOU MAKE IT PAST THE VELVET ROPE HAS **NOTHING** TO DO WITH YOUR COLOR. **GET OVER IT.**"

Voting Irregularities

ARE THERE NO EDITORS AT YOUR PUBLICATION? Seriously? It is absolutely disgusting that you allowed Doug Monroe to use as sources only Robert F. Kennedy and John Conyers in his discussion of the 2004 Ohio vote ("Will My Vote Get Counted?" November 2006). Perhaps Mr. Monroe is just lazy, or perhaps he is simply biased, but it doesn't take much to actually research such a topic. If he had done so, he would have learned that there is practically no evidence that "suggests many voters were disenfranchised in Ohio in 2004 through various means," as he wrote. Or perhaps Mr. Monroe is confused by the term "evidence." You see, simple claims of voter fraud, disenfranchisement, etc., are not evidence. There needs to be something more. That something is nowhere to be found.

Kennedy's article has been widely discussed and dismissed by all but the most partisan Democrats. And, simply, Conyers' book is a joke.

I am hoping that Mr. Monroe caught *The New York Times* article before the November 2006 elections that predicted African Americans might simply not vote because they believe their vote will not be counted. You see, that is what happens when the loser tries to blame electoral losses on cheating, fraud, and disenfranchisement. Oh, and Mr. Monroe, if you would really like to study an election that was stolen, please take a look at the 2004 Washington State governor's race.

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Taking CARE

THANK YOU FOR THE INSIGHTFUL article about CARE and our new CEO, Dr. Helene D. Gayle ("How to Save the World," by Paige Williams, December). We would like to invite your readers to visit CARE's website, care.org, to learn even more about our work to end dire poverty in nearly 70 countries primarily through empowering and investing in women and their families. Or, people can call us at 800-521-CARE to get engaged with others in actively improving lives of people around the world.

THERESA PIKE RHODES
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From the Home Team

I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH not surprised, to see "Why UGA is the Greatest School in the State" on the November cover of *Atlanta Magazine*. Sure, Georgia Tech was on the following cover, but how typical—Georgia Tech is always put behind the Dawgs in the local press, even though Tech is technically the "home team" in Atlanta. As a Tech alumnus and a diehard fan of our athletic teams, I expect (at least) equal billing with the out-of-town schools. If Athens can produce a magazine on par with your esteemed publication, they can feel free to do whatever they want with their cover.

ALICIA KELLY STRYKER
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Nightlife in Black and White

CHANDRA R. THOMAS DOESN'T GET IT. In her article about what she sees as segregated nightlife ("Equal But Separate," October 2006), her description of the doorman at the Def Poetry Jam event was totally unreasonable.

The doorman is there for a reason. Whether or not you make it past the velvet rope has nothing to do with your color. Get over it. It's your dress—and more importantly, your attitude—that will determine if you are standing outside or going home. I wasn't surprised the doorman told her to go around to the line in the back—she's lucky. The doorman could have told her to go home—or go elsewhere.

Besides, who wants to party with someone who has a bad attitude? I sure don't. Give the city's doormen a break, because they are doing the city a service by making nightlife a cut above what it has been in the past.

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SOUND OFF

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

Are teens today over-pressured?
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