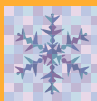


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## Running Rebels Community Organization Comes Full Circle



Running Rebels Community Organization celebrated its 25th Anniversary at their Scholarship/Awards banquet on Friday, November 4th at the Italian Community Center. The keynote speaker for the evening was Larry Hisle (former player for the Milwaukee Brewers). Mr. Hisle encouraged youth to set goals, work hard, and never give up their dreams. Over 350 people were in attendance.

The purpose of this event was to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization over the last quarter century and also recognize and reward the youth who have overcome the obstacles in

their lives, and have decided to pursue a college education. Other youth were also rewarded for their improvements they have made educationally and personally. Running Rebels' Alumni shared their stories of how the organization has changed their lives, and how they are now back at the organization to help with the next generation of youth. Running Rebels also unveiled its building plans for the rehabilitation project of their current location where they have been operating since 1999 and recently purchased. Plans include new office areas, expanded recreational facilities, an auditorium, cafeteria, work-out center and gymnasium. The Capital Campaign for this project will begin in January.

25 Years ago, Founder/Executive Director Victor Barnett saw a need in the community for additional outlets for youth that

would deter them from participating in gang activity, substance abuse, and other negative activities. He began by utilizing basketball to teach not only the fundamentals of the game, but also the characteristics of the game that carry over into life: discipline, focus, communication and teamwork. Victor went from funding the entire operation himself, to a current operating budget of over 1.5 million dollars. Running Rebels Community Organization now employs over 75 men, women, and young adults who facilitate programs for high risk youth including: mentoring, tutoring, crisis stabilization, anger management, daily living skills, job preparation, an after-school and summer safe and sound program, a school safety initiative, gang reduction program and separate programs for serious chronic offenders and firearm offenders.

**Scholarship recipients included:** De'Marcus Mitchell - UW-Platteville (\$500), Tanya Evers - Cardinal Stritch University (\$500), LeaDrean Jordan - UW Milwaukee (\$250), and Curtis Allen - Iowa Lakes Community College (\$250).

**Raffle prize winners:** 1st prize (IPOD) Randall Logan, 2nd prize (19" color TV) Tom Alberg, 3rd prize (DVD/VHS player) Rafal Krolik, and 4th prize (Running Rebels t-shirts and latest youth CD project) Devon Ellis.

## Milwaukee Youth: Local Success Stories

Congratulations to Honor Roll students who turned in their report cards and received a grade point average of 3.0 and above: Jaylen H., Job H., Deon'ta J., Jessica T., Danielle B., Derrick S., Sabrina S., Deshawn J., Ceron

R., and Quaran S. Those recognized for Honorable Mention (2.0 and above) are: Antonio P., and Deandre W. Keep up the good work and we hope to see those who didn't make the list **on the list** next time!

## Running Rebels History

**-Excerpt from upcoming novel-**  
"Ten years ago, the Running Rebels ran its programming out of a church recreational facility. Because the youth did not attend that church, we were not allowed use of the facility." No matter the differences, we *must* work together!!

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**Things To Come**

By Job Harper

Hi everyone! The biggest event of the upcoming year for the Running Rebels will be the renovation of our Community Organization. That's right, the RR headquarters is going to receive a complete makeover, which will cost roughly around \$2 million. You don't have to imagine what types of exciting things will happen with that magnitude of money: just make sure you check out the next newsletter volume in 2006, when we cover what the remodeling will include.

Until Next Time...



**A Whole New Light**

By Derrick Shoates

Although last season was not the best for our hometown team, there is hope for the Bucks. Leading into this season, fans were unsure about how things were going to turn out, but with the combination of Bobby Simmons, Andrew Bogut, as well as T.J. Ford's return this season, they are on the right track. In fact, it's very likely that they'll be playoff-bound.

**RECONCILIATION**

By Andre Burnett

I've made peace with the enemy  
 Erased negative energy  
 To the best of **my** ability

I've reconciled

Smiled at the mean-mugger  
 Shook hands with the thugger  
 Gave attention to the bugger

I've reconciled

And, finally, now **I** can say  
 The burdens have truly gone away...for **all of US**



**High School Basketball**

The Wisconsin High School basketball season is up and rolling, and once again the state is loaded with talent. Rufus King High School is the early season favorite to win the gold ball, but Homestead should not be over looked. King has three seniors who have signed to play Division I basketball, and Kori Lucious is ranked among the top 10 sophomores in the country along with Brian Brown who is ranked among the top 50 sophomores nationally. King returns their top 9 players from last year's team, which won a share of the city conference championship. Homestead is a senior-dominated team also. The Highlanders are physically, fundamentally sound and well coached, which should carry them a long way in March.

The City Conference has the potential to have a balanced attack again this year. Tech, King, and Vincent should rumble for a first place finish, while Custer High School is expecting a big year behind the leadership of Marc Mitchell. The Cougars are loaded with size and talented guards. South Division also should compete at the top of the conference as they return two four year starters in Steve White and Thomas Shumpert. The best of the rest includes: Juneau, Riverside, Bay View, Washington, and Marshall.

**Players to Watch:**

Player	High School	Height	Year
Fredrick Woods	Riverside	6'7	Sr.
Brandon Allen	Vincent	6'2	Sr.
Perry Petty	Juneau	5'11	Sr.
Thomas Shumpert	South Division	5'10	Sr.
Steve White	South Division	6'6	Sr.
Mitchell Carter	Rufus King	7'0	Sr.
Louis Pruitt	Rufus King	6'2	Sr.
Dwight Buycks	Bay View	6'2	Jr.
William James	Marshall	6'2	Jr.
Dominique Scott	Vincent	6'3	Jr.
Byqius Perine	Vincent	6'2	Jr.
Jaquin Pruitt	Washington	6'0	Jr.
Kori Lucious	King	5'10	So.
Monte Gordon	Custer	5'9	So.

# Feature Page

## It's All About the Bu\$ine\$\$, Women!

By Jessica Turner

Everyone knows that you won't be successful without knowing some background information about the career of your choice. These days it's all about the businesswomen. African-American business women to be precise.

I learned that it's very hard to get people to take women seriously, especially African-American women, when opening their own businesses.

One thing that makes a businesswoman so strong is that she never gives up. Much is involved, though, in the process of being business-savvy. For example, you need an education, which involves studying your profession to the fullest. In order to remain in the business, you have to stay focused and confident. Many African-American women in our own back yard have been successful in owning and running their own businesses.

Valerie Daniels-Carter, owner of various Burger King restaurants in Milwaukee, and Deloris Sims,

Margaret Henningsen, and Shirley Lanier, owner of Legacy Bank, are just some of our local African-American businesswomen.

It goes without saying, then, that African-American women have come a long way in history. From freedom of slavery, to the rights of education, to voting, women have continued to raise the bar on the meaning of success, and there's no stopping them now.

Hold your breath men, because here we come!

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## Black Creativity

By Kendall Baer



The video "The Third Man" tells about three young black men accused of robbery and rape in 1930's klan country, Marion, Indiana. Two of them, Tom Shipp, 18, and Abraham Smith, 19, were lynched.

The third, a 16 year old, was not hung. He admitted to being there

but took no part in the assault. He served four years in jail. The female victim later confirmed that he had no part in the assault, and he was paroled.

That "third man" who miraculously escaped the lynching is Milwaukeean James Cameron. His creative spirit led him to write a book, "A Time of Terror", about that fateful night in 1930.

In 1988 he founded America's Black Holocaust Museum. He wanted to help people have "a deeper understanding of history as it related to racial injustice and the African American experience."

More about Mr. Cameron and the museum in the next issue.

The museum is located at 2233 N. 4th St. Phone: (414) 264-2500.

## KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

The following organizations work with the Running Rebels Community Organization to make the community better:

- Nehemiah M Project
- New Concept Self-Development Center

"Being down to earth keeps you grounded."

- Andre Burnett

## Poetry Night #3: "A Family Affair"

By Andre Burnett

I have good news for those of you that have the "drive" to write and speak poetry. I just saved a bunch of money on car insurance by switching to....Nah. Our 3rd Poetry Night event is happening on Friday, December 30th, 2005 from 6p.m. to 9p.m. The theme for this event is "A Family Affair". Bring all of your family members and enjoy a night of poetry with hosts Chantel and me, Andre. Our special guest will be Dasha Kelly, a renowned poet and self-

published author. As always, we will have surprise special guests as well.

Tickets for those attending poetry night with a photo of family members on their clothing will be \$1.50 and \$3.00 for those without family photos on their clothing. All proceeds will go to the Running Rebels Music Program, a program that helps youth to better their music skills as well as business skills in the music industry. During the evening, there will be an open mic session, allowing poets to take their poetry from the paper to the people. For more info, call (414) 264-8222, and ask for Andre or Chantel. See you there!

## Poetry Night #3

Friday, December 30th, 2005  
@ the Running Rebels Community Organization  
1300A W. Fond du Lac Ave.  
(13th and Vine)  
6pm-9pm

### Tickets:

- \$3.00.....general tickets
- or-
- \$1.50.....attendees wearing clothing w/family photos

**MY POINT EXACTLY:  
Do What You Love and/or Love  
What You Do**

By Andre Burnett



As an avid traveler, I've been to the west side of the country before; I visited my brother in Las Vegas in 2000. I've been to the south many times; both my paternal and maternal family are from the south, and of course, I've been all over the Midwest.

So I decided to boldly go where no man has gone before: 1500 + miles to the east in the middle of November to see one of my favorite artists, the beautiful India.Arie, perform live.

It turns out that traveling from Milwaukee to Camden, NJ was to my benefit: The director of the Scottish Rite Auditorium, as well as India.Arie allowed me to sit in on her rehearsal, where I was the only audience member in the quite small auditorium watching their sound check.

I had the opportunity to meet and converse with her and her mother before and after the show.

India.Arie is a R&B soul artist, who plays the acoustic guitar and sings about the beauty of things in life that other artists often pass up. Her peaceful lyrics, paired with her smooth, soulful voice and the perfect guitar melodies, provide for a listening experience unlike any other.

To date, she has released two albums, "Acoustic Soul" and "Voyage to India". Her highly anticipated album, "India's Song", is expected in March '06. In a time where many music artists, including those in R&B, fill their performances

with negativity, it shouldn't seem far-fetched to hear of a supporter of positive music "going the distance" to catch a glimpse of rarity.

In one of my favorite songs and hers as well, "Strength, Courage, and Wisdom", she talks about her being fearful of a situation, realizing that she has the potential to face the situation, and finally utilizing her abilities to overcome them. I've faced and overcome similar situations in my lifetime.

In fact, I've named the photograph of us "Strength, Courage, and Wisdom" because of our ironic order in the photograph as well as our roles. She, at left, is a source of strength to her fans, I guess you could call me "courage"ous for traveling to NJ for the first time, and her mother, Ms. Simpson, at right, is wise, which shows through India.Arie.

My advice to you is to "do what you love, and love what you do".

Even if it takes 1500 + miles to do it!

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## Upcoming Events

### Spreading Holiday Cheer

This season, the staff at Running Rebels Community Organization will be helping the youth and families throughout our community. If you would like to help also, please feel free to send your donations to the Running Rebels Community Organization. Thank you for your support.



### Wednesday, December 21st, 2005

Running Rebels Community Organization's Breakfast Special  
**9am-11am**

\$3.00 per plate, which includes eggs, and your choice of meat or grain.  
Meat- sausage, bacon, or croquets  
Grain- rice, biscuits, or pancakes

### Thursday, December 22nd, 2005

Running Rebels Community Organization's 1st Annual Holiday Celebration  
**-Open to the community-  
12pm-7pm**

12:00pm-3:30pm: Santa's Gift Shop;  
3:30pm-5:00pm: RRCO Holiday Snack and Food Giveaway;  
5:00pm-7:00pm: Holiday Dance with performances by Rebel Life Entertainment.

### Ways to Help Running Rebels

**CDs and T-shirts for sale.** Running Rebels Community Organization sells CDs containing music from jazz to R&B to positive rap. Proceeds from each sale go to the various programs promoting youth entrepreneurship. Donations are also appreciated.

