

Islam In Tuskegee

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An orientation period is a part of every college's admission program. It is designed to familiarize young incoming freshmen students with the school's policy, buildings, departments, faculty, class registration, social activities, etc. Yet, having just arrived on a college campus, the young women of my freshmen class and I were anxious to "fit in" to the general trend of campus life at Tuskegee Institute.

I SOON came to realize that the test of acceptability was based on the number of young men on campus who were interested in dating you and the number of social affairs you were invited to attend. Every human being has a desire to be accepted, loved and to belong. An aspect of the beauty of Islam and the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad is that he cultivates this basic desire and teaches young Black women into the knowledge of the Nation to which she belongs, the mannerisms and conduct that make her acceptable among men of her own Nation and the civilized Nations of the world.

She is taught to love and want for her sister that which she would love and want for herself. This is the way in which a young female is orientated in Islam whether she is entering a Mosque of Islam, a University of Islam, courtship or marriage etc.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Kenneth B. Young, selected a group of students who would help to suggest rules and procedures that could be implemented in situations involving pregnant, unmarried students. The suggestions were to be entered in a summary report and given to the President, Dr. Luther H. Foster. I was asked to serve on this committee and help to formulate the report.

Whenever I injected the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad on the moral conduct befitting the Black Men and Women, the constituents of the group felt that these teachings were too rigid for the student body. Yet, if you allow a situation to arise wherein a young woman feels that her acceptance and popularity is based on her ability to physically attract men, then there is no need to be disturbed when you see young freshmen girls walking around in mini-skirts. The orientation class did not make clear to her the moral responsibilities that were

incumbent upon her.

I witnessed Indian, African, West Indian and white students dating Black women on campus. Yet, the Indian student would not allow a Black student from America to date an Indian woman and the same rule applied and was understood where dating involved the African, West Indian, Chinese, and Japanese Woman. The only two odd people dating each other was the white woman and Black Man and vice versa.

ORIENTATION classes did not give us the desire to love self and be with self. Every other woman on campus seemed to be respected by the men of her nation except the Black Woman. I did not truly know what it meant to get the respect of a Black Man until I had heard, accepted, and practiced the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. I can never thank Allah enough for all that he has Blessed me to learn from His Messenger. The problems involving immoral conduct on the campus of Tuskegee Institute and other Black Institutions can not be solved by European standards of etiquette.

The Woman in Islam

By Margary Hassain

ALL Praises are due to Allah (God) Master Fard Muhammad. THE WOMAN IN ISLAM forever gives Thanks to Allah (God) for His Divine

Messenger Muhammad and the Divine Message which teaches us the knowledge of good and evil so that we may walk in the way of good and live.

BIBLE, Proverbs, Chapter 7:

"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.

Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman:

That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words.

For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding.

Passing through the street near her corner; and he went