

EDITORIAL

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In 1997, KCKCC recognized the need for a campus leadership to implement a program of multicultural organizational development (MCOB). The Intercultural Center was established with Professors Melanie-Scott and Charles Reitz to run the Center. Few years ago, Prof. Reitz retired. And, this spring is Prof. Melanie Jackson-Scott's last semester with the KCKCC. As Melanie retires, KCKCC will be losing one of its greatest advocates for diversity and multiculturalism. This essay chronicles the conceptual and operational history of the KCKCC Intercultural Center, a place where foreign and local students call "home" on the main campus.

Chieke's paper explores why the Igbo ethnic people seem to put so much value on age as compared to most other societies. In the United States, for example, many people seem to dread old age and constantly attempt to disguise or conceal their true ages. But, in the Igbo society, age is seen as a distinctive privilege that God bestows only on virtuous citizens who deserve it. According to Chieke, "Age is not power dependent. It is not *ike keta o rie* or survival of the fittest. Age is not something that could be usurped by the most powerful in society. Instead, it is something universally sought after, but only a few are lucky to attain it."

Curtis Smith essays are informative, educational and fitness-based. This one is not different. However, the weight loss issue has become a national problem in our country. Recall that the First Lady of the United States, Michele Obama, champions the cause of weight loss and obesity among the youth. Curtis' essay is a must read for all those who care seriously about their health and the future.

Ernest Evans compiles an annual statistics on the Crime Situation in Kansas City Missouri. Every year we look forward to the crime trends and curiously wait to compare our society to other communities nationwide. Ernest's research is unique because he makes critical recommendations that help to highlight subaltern conditions and how government and society can ameliorate crime. Enjoy the read!