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HCC Week in Review

HCC Week 2009, whose theme was “Konnen’l Pat Konnen”, was a week so packed with exciting events that it was eight, not seven, days long. The week began on Sunday, November 15 with a church service at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and a potluck dinner that evening. On Monday, not one, but two community service events provided members with an opportunity to serve others – the kids of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Big Bend and the family adopted by HCC and the Social Work Association of Graduate Students (SWAGS) through the auspices of the Children’s Home Society. On Tuesday, the momentum of HCC Week continued with the health fair. Representatives of the FSU Thagard Student Health Center, the FAMU School of Pharmacy, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the FSU School of Nursing, and HCC itself, presented informative talks and provided useful materials on topics such as sexually transmitted infections, hand washing, seasonal and H1N1 influenza, and diabetes.

HCC Week continued on Wednesday with the always-popular and anticipated Bullion Night talent show. The evening began with an informative talk by Dr. Jean Beaudoin, who explained the significance of the November 18, 1803 Battle of Vertières, in which Haitian revolutionaries defeated the French. The evening continued with members of HCC, the campuses, and the community entertaining the audience with music, dance, poetry, stepping, and comedy. After the informative and entertaining performances, delicious bouillon was served to members of the audience. On Thursday, the HCC left the campus environment again to spend an evening enjoying a performance by Michael Winslow the Comedy Zone.

On Friday, a weekend of social events was kicked off at the HCC Jam. This was just the beginning of a three-day weekend of fun. Saturday night began with the annual HCC Week banquet, with special guests from the University of Florida’s, sister organization, Club Creole.

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From the Editor By Claire Cohen

I am delighted to assist in producing this academic year’s second issue of the Haitian Star newsletter. We hope to make this a publication that you will find educational and entertaining.

This is *your* newsletter and we welcome your input and contributions. We look forward to your news, art, poetry, recipes, opinion pieces, as well as all other contributions, as well as your assistance in producing the newsletter and your input as to what you would like it to include. We also invite you to join the Facebook group HCC Newsletter Committee.

If you have any contributions, questions, or comments, please email them to haitiancc@gmail.com or post them to the Facebook newsletter group.



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HCC NEWS



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Dec. Birthdays

2nd Antoine Spacagna
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3rd Brunette Tercier

11th Lawrence Gonzalez

19th Karen Jean-Louis

25th Guilmate Pierre

29th Dariauna Vertus
Miriam Etienne



From the HCC President

I am honored to be your president for the 2009-2010 school years. My Executive Board and I have been working very hard to have a successful and fun filled year with activities such as HCC Week, community services, socials, general body meetings, food sales, and of course the Hottest Caribbean parties in town! We have plenty more for you in store for you, look out for our mini HCC Week in the spring semester. We are working on the pageant, a carnival, and a bal (concert). As you all know the holidays are here and I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also, Congratulations to all the 2009 Graduates.

Before closing I would like to thank every dedicated member of HCC, I appreciate all your hard work, and because there is no HCC without its members. Thank you Committee Chairs, we couldn't have done a lot of things with out you. Also, a Special thank you to the best Executive Board ever, all of your long hours of hard work are not in vain; I love you guys. I wish you all love, peace, and prosperity.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Harold R. McAlidon

Sincerely,
Andremene "Angie" Jacques
HCC President 2009-2010
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Fall '09 Graduate

Andremene "Angie"
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HCC Dues

A reminder from Nicole Pierre
HCC Treasurer:

Are you a due paying member?

THEN PAY YOUR DUES TO HCC

\$20.00 for the year
(Fall, Spring, & Summer)
\$15.00 for the semester

FREE T-SHIRT. DISCOUNTS.
KOMPA Mix CD. and More!

Contact haitiancc@gmail.com
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HCC & CAMPUS NEWS

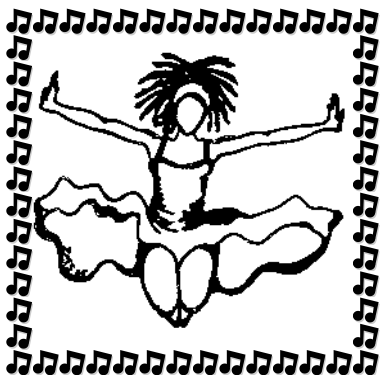


HCC Week (continued)

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The evening included an amazing and thought-provoking one-man show by Egypt, aka “Devin T.” Robinson X and incredible music and dance performances by members of HCC and Club Creole. The banquet was just the first of two events. It was followed by a night of kompa, dancehall, and hip-hop at the Black-n-White Masquerade after-party at the Roxy, which was also attended by the members of Club Creole. The weekend ended with the farewell cookout at Tom Brown Park, an afternoon of food, fun, and games.

The individuals and organizations that supported HCC Week by planning, participating in attending, hosting, and funding events are too numerous to name, but our gratitude goes out to everyone who made HCC Week the memorable week that it was.



HCC Dance Troupe Report

By Karen Jean-Louis

Drive, hard work and dedication are just a few of the words to describe the illustrious Dance Troupe of HCC. From the time the sun rises on the east and sets on the west HCC DT is constantly striving and creating prodigious routines to entertain and educate others about the Haitian culture.

If you haven't seen these guys on the dance floor you are clearly missing out. Gracing the stage with eloquent Kompa and Folklore dance moves, HCC DT definitely puts on a show. The guys are as smooth and fluid as debonair GQs and the ladies are as graceful and lustrous as doves, but what drives and sustains them the most are the invisible threads bind them together as a family - sharing a bond that no one can break.

With Coordinator Cindy Fertil and Co-Coordinator Tracey Saint-Hilaire keeping this family bond going, Dance Troupe continues to grow mentally and artistically. Families are the tie that reminds us of yesterday, provide strength and support today, and give us hope for tomorrow. Check out their exceptional performances on Facebook or YouTube and you won't be disappointed.

Global Haiti Initiative

from www.haiti-initiative.com

The Global Haiti Initiative serves as the first ever intercollegiate clearinghouse for developmental programs in Haiti. By creating progressive sustainable change, the Global Haiti Initiative will transform compassion into action while addressing the social and economic problems in Haiti. While striving to improve the overall quality of life, the Global Haiti Initiative will also infuse a new aura of mutual cooperation and partnership within the non-profit organization community.

What is unique about our organization is that it is not just an organization it is a movement. A movement to start building interest in helping Haiti, and unique at that. Each university or group that starts a chapter, or who runs a chapter has total autonomy over what aspect of Haiti they are going to help, each unique to their universities or groups best skills, each working under the umbrella of the Global Haiti Initiative. So, the Global Haiti Initiative helps Haiti in all arenas, and its boundaries are limitless.

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HCC MEMBER PAGE



First Impressions of Tallahassee

I hated it !! It was raining one minute, hot the next, but it has grown on me.
Sharee Latensha Robinson, New York City, NY, Junior, Education, TCC

I didn't like Tallahassee, but after making friends, I've grown used to it, but I love FAMU.

Rachelle-Mercius Desir, Riviera Beach, FL, Junior, Elementary Education, FAMU

My first impression here was that the city looked ancient and different like how Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz was saying "We're not in Kansas anymore." That's exactly how I felt.

Derline Dormezil, West Palm Beach, FL, Sophomore, Pre-Medicine, FAMU

Very country. Fresh air and open spaces. Lots and lots of trees. Not too many Haitians. Now a lot more Haitians.

Vladimir Narcisse, Brooklyn, NY, Electronics Engineering, FAMU/TCC

Well my first impression was that it was a very slow city. No where I would want to live if I wasn't a student.

Cindy Fertil, Miami, FL, FAMU

My first impressions of Tallahassee as I drove into the city via I-10 was: Where was all the development? I didn't expect to live in a city with so much trees and space ! Mezanmi Bondye ! I personally thought the city was too slow for me. However, the thing I love most about Tallahassee is people's friendliness. No city is perfect, but it is a very calm atmosphere.

James Saint-Fleur, Hollywood, FL, Senior, Criminal Justice & French, FAMU

Me and my father looked at each other and was like what is this...Port-au-Prince is more developed than this and they have the nerve to call this the capital ?

Fadley Charles, West Palm Beach, FL, Senior, Criminology & Political Science, FSU

A deserted place with too much trees and nothing to do.

Renaldo Louissaint, North Miami, FL, Sophomore, Secondary Education, FAMU

Wow :-) These people can't drive and these lanes are so small :-) So many country people and they say down south is country :-) Where can I find a Haitian restaurant ?

Ruth A. Cadeau, West Palm Beach/Loxahatchee, FL, Junior, Chemistry/Pharmacy

Great !!

Sebastian Wahl, Tallahassee, FL, Undergraduate, Anthropology, FSU

Christmas Wishes & New Year's Resolutions

Christmas Wishes

To have complete happiness. Material things are worthless.

Widline Ciceron, Junior, Nursing & Juciness, FAMU

See my brother. My brother comes home from Iraq soon.

Rachelle-Mercius Desir, Junior, Elementary Education, FAMU

Thank You !

Special thanks to all who contributed to the success of HCC Week and to this newsletter:

"Angie" Jacques

Cindy Fertil

Karen Jean-louis

Marie Fleurimond

Nicole Pierre

"Sr. Marie"

"Ton BK"

Vladimir Narcisse

Your talents and hard work are very much

appreciated.

Merci



Ask Ton BK + Sr. Marie



?How do I get money without having a job?

♂ **BK:** Stand on the corner! Lol!

♀ **Sr. Marie:** Why don't you want to get a job? I don't understand? Most Haitians have at least two jobs and something on the side? Y'all people must be getting real lazy! But you can always try tutoring since your parents since you here to school. Teach others for a small fee. You can do it in your own time and make your own schedule. While you at it, look through your closet for all that stuff that you told someone you "must have" and never wore. Sell it on EBay. People will buy almost anything there. If none of that works you could always try the Lotto?

?How to survive without money up here?

♂ **BK:** Find a significant other. Budget your Financial Aid.

♀ **Sr. Marie:** Make a lot of friends. Friendship can get you a lot of things that an empty bank account can't. In this way you pull together what you have with another and you both mutually benefit. And don't forget these friends once you get some of that money.

?Yo Sr. Marie + Ton BK,

HELP!! I have a crush ☺ I think very highly of this guy but I don't know how to approach him. He's very strong, articulate, black young man. He holds leadership positions throughout campus. I guess the problem is fear or rejection. How should I approach this situation?

~Fear of Rejection

♂ **BK:** 1) Be a friend to him! 2) Find out his interest & attractions to the opposite 3) Seduce him without being slutty! Hoe! Promiscuous!

♀ **Sr. Marie:** If you have a crush you may be doing things you don't normally do. Such as being bumping into things because you are daydreaming of them, stuttering on your words, or having stomach aches. Stop that! You making the person think you are retarded or crazy! Be direct or play games. If you want to be direct, ask the person if they single? They been to jail? Have they bought a ticket to the HCC Bal (you know the good stuff). Then tell them that you are physically attracted to them (don't lie you ain't in love with them...you don't even know if you really like them yet) and would like to spend some personal time getting to know them. If you want to play games, find them on Facebook and poke them EVE-RYDAY or until FACEBOOK sends you a SPAM warning.

?Does BK stand for Burger King?

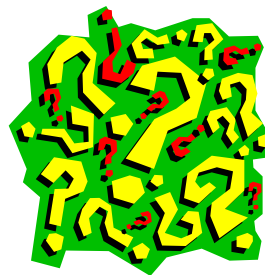
♂ **BK:** Your mamma!

♀ **Sr. Marie:** Moun ki ekri kesyon sa fre ka

?Sr. Marie are you a nun?

♂ **BK:** Sometimes!

♀ **Sr. Marie:** Ala kaka mezami?



Dr. Ton BK + Sr. Marie,

I have two friends and they both like each other but they refuse to make a move. I feel that they are perfect for each other. (Well lets say compatible) what's a friend to do to help a fellow friend?

♂ **BK:** (BK has had a long week) Why are you in their business! If it's meant to be it will naturally happen!

♀ **Sr. Marie:** Let them be friends. Friendships are the best foundations of respect, trust, and admiration which can grow to great intimacy (on its own time). Friends should be able to communicate to each other what they are feeling. Dating may be too much for them to deal with. When friends start dating they aren't "dating" they are in a "relationship" because they already know a lot about each other. One or both of them may see this is too fast of a pace for them. ***But if you still want to play match maker...Haitians communicate by dancing. If one of them can't dance, SE PECHE! But if they can, buy them tickets to the ball and make sure they ONLY dance slow ☺

?Is Nicole single?

♂ **BK:** Are you 6'4?

♀ **Sr. Marie:** (laughing...while listening to Spice Girls)



EACH ONE REACH ONE

**Ways to help others
here and in Haiti**



Yéle Haiti



From www.yele.org

Yéle Haiti is a grassroots movement that builds global awareness for Haiti while helping to transform the country through programs in education, sports, the arts and environment. Yéle's community service programs include food distribution and mobilizing emergency relief. Grammy-Award winning musician, humanitarian and Goodwill Ambassador to Haiti Wyclef Jean founded Yéle Haiti in 2005.

Mission

Our mission is to create small-scale, manageable and replicable projects to contribute to Haiti's long-term progress. Each initiative is imbued with Wyclef's passion, as Yéle Haiti's founder. Whether utilizing local hip-hop musicians to deliver awareness messages in forgotten neighborhoods or bringing his famous friends to Haiti to support the movement, what Wyclef radiates is profound wishes for the country.

Each of Yéle's projects is conceived to renew hope for Haitians to rebuild their nation. Yéle Haiti wants to project a new forward-thinking image that accurately reflects Haiti's youthful population and their unique and irrepressible spirit, which is an integral part of their culture. We firmly believe that given a genuine opportunity to shape the future, Haiti's youth will shock the world with their ability to take Haiti to the next level.

Statement from Wyclef

"Haiti is my native country, one I know as the first black nation to gain independence in 1804. Most other people seem to know Haiti only by the statistics about how bad things are there. The majority of its 8 million residents live on less than \$1 per day. Unemployment is close to 80 percent, and more than half the population is under 21 years old. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere."

"I have been spending a lot of time talking with people in my native country to try and understand what is behind these statistics and the past escalation of violence, all of which brings tears to my eyes. I have had conversations with gang leaders, met with the police officers and sat down with the leaders of the militias and the army. I have talked with Haitians from all walks of life, all colors of skin, all backgrounds and beliefs. From all these people I hear only one thing in my head and feel only one thing in my heart—that there is only one Haiti. Every Haitian loves their country like a mother loves her child."

"I see old women with large bags of rice on their heads and men on street corners selling sugarcane and mangos, all just trying to survive with a strong sense of pride. Walking past a church in my village, I hear the congregation singing an appeal to God to hear their cries and grant deliverance to Haiti. Through experiences like this, I sense where my mother and my father got their strength. Now the whole country needs to reach deep into the spirit and strength that is part of our heritage."

"The objective of Yéle Haiti is to restore pride and a reason to hope, and for the whole country to regain the deep spirit and force that is part of our heritage"

Meaning of "Yele"

Yele was coined by Wyclef in a song and means "a cry for freedom." The logo means STOP THE VIOLENCE with one hand, PEACE with the other... while the heart is LOVE



Earthkeepers™ Yéle Haiti Boots

Timberland and Wyclef Jean joined forces to design a collection of Timberland Earthkeepers™ Yéle Haiti boots for men, women and kids. For every pair of these boots sold, Timberland will donate \$2 to the Yele Haiti foundation to support reforestation in Haiti. The collection of eco-conscious footwear, made from recycled and organic materials, will be available in the U.S. in November 2009 and globally in February 2010.

Links:

<http://earthkeeper.com/wyclef/Yele-Haiti-Boots>
<http://www.yele.org>



Global Haiti Initiative

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The Global Haiti Initiative works in a variety of different arenas in order to better the quality of life for all of Haiti.

We believe that the most effective way to create change is to work with each local community in a bottom-up approach, versus a top-down approach. The work is implemented by the local people of each community who are motivated to see their lives improve to ensure sustainability; Projects must require community participation and responsibility. By taking a more holistic approach to the issues at hand, we believe that the massive movements of the leaders of today and the youth of today, we can impact Haiti as a whole.

Donations, large or small, may be made by PayPal or credit card at <http://www.haiti-initiative.com/donate.htm>. Contact the Global Haiti Initiative at oshea.jesse@gmail.com.



Christmas Recipes



Introduction

On Christmas Eve in Haiti, Roman Catholics attend midnight mass, followed by a celebration dinner and gift exchanges. Children will also travel through local streets carrying a small house or church that they have made ahead of time with strips of cardboard called a *fanal*.

Typically, only the homes of the wealthy will own a Christmas tree, but everyone in a village might get to enjoy *pis d'etoil* (firecrackers).

A typical Christmas menu might consist of fried pork or goat, *pikliz* (spicy pickled carrots and cabbage), fried plantains, *pain patate* (sweetened potato pudding), Haitian bread, and pineapple nog.



Jwaye Nowel
Joyeux Noel

Pikliz

Ingredients

6 Scotch bonnet peppers
2 cups thinly sliced or shredded cabbage
1/2 cup thinly sliced or shredded carrots
1/4 cup thinly sliced or shredded onions
4 whole cloves
1 teaspoon salt
8 to 10 peppercorns (optional)
3 cups vinegar

Directions

- Snip off the stem of the peppers, cut each into 4 pieces, and keep the seeds. .
- Place hot peppers, cabbage, carrots, onion, cloves, salt, and peppercorn in a quart size jar.
- Add vinegar.
- Close jar tightly and let sit at least 24-48 hours before serving.
- Serve with meat or fish



Pineapple Nog

Ingredients

1 can pineapple, crushed
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, plus additional for topping
1/2 cup coconut milk
1 cup milk

Directions

- Combine all the ingredients in a blender and mix well.
- Top the drink with additional nutmeg.

Sweet Potato Bread (Pain Patate)

Ingredients

2 lbs. white sweet potatoes, peeled and cut
1 large banana, peeled and cut in 1 inch pieces
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1 tsp grated ginger
1/4 tsp salt
12 oz evaporated milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 tsp grated nutmeg
1 tsp ground cinnamon
Rind of 1 lemon, grated
1 1/2 cups coconut milk
3 tsp butter

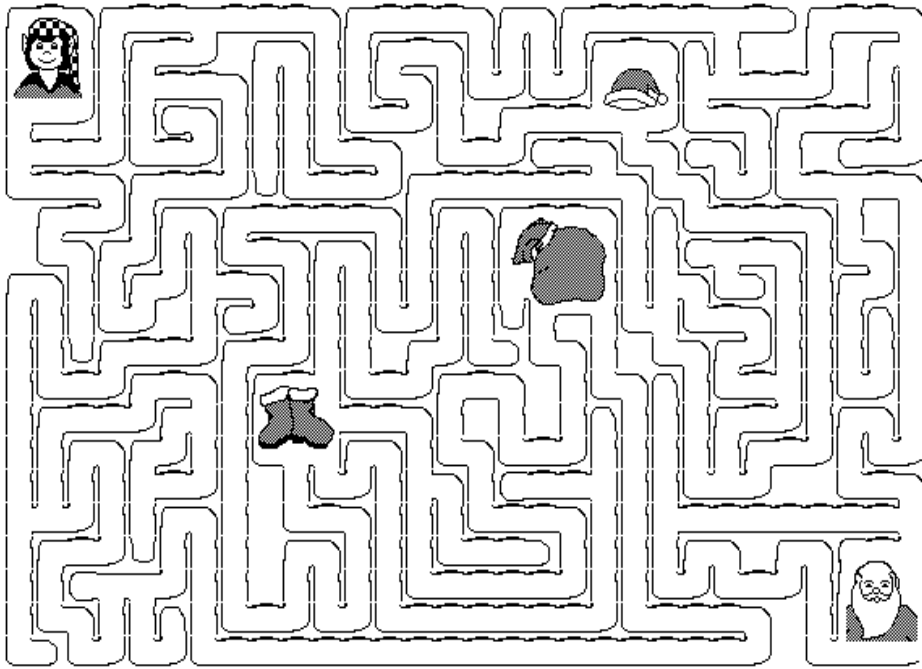
Directions

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
- Grate sweet potatoes into mixing bowl and mash the banana into sweet potatoes.
- Add all ingredients (except 1 tbsp brown sugar) mixing each ingredient at a time until each ingredient is fully blended into the mix.
- Spread evenly into 9x13 inch baking pan and sprinkle remaining 1tbsp brown sugar over the top of the pudding.
- Bake for 1 1/2 hour or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.



Christmas Puzzles

Anne Sa By Krezi



Help the Elf get Santa ready



G L E T W C R S T O C K I N G
 Y I P I D A E R B R E G N I G
 A C O V T R P Y A E C E F F U
 R E A S L E Q I X O C T A P Z
 E M I R Y H A U D P S A J O N
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 R E E D N I E R Q C A E E R T



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| 1. Bells | 9. Holly | 17. Sleigh |
| 2. Bethlehem | 10. Jesus | 18. Snowman |
| 3. Candy | 11. Manger | 19. Star |
| 4. Carol | 12. Merry | 20. Stocking |
| 5. Christmas | 13. Ornament | 21. Toys |
| 6. Elves | 14. Peace | 22. Tree |
| 7. Gifts | 15. Reindeer | 23. Wisemen |
| 8. Gingerbread | 16. Santa | 24. Yuletide |

ANE SA A !

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, si w'ap pot'on ti kado,
Tonton Nwel,
Yon ti Lanmou nap mande, pou ayiti
chanje

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, nou bezwen pi plis kado,
Tonton Nwel, Nwel.

Nou ka santi nwel la rive,
Pou jan n' we syel la pi klere,
Sepandan tout moun konstate.
Gen anpil male ki rive,
Pi fo nan yo te kab evite,
Si dirijan n' yo t'ap panse.

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, tanpri pot'on ti kado,
Tonton Nwel.

Se solisyon nap chache pou Ayiti change.

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, nou bezwen pi plis kado,
Tonton Nwel, Nwel.

Men Jodi a Nwel la rive,
Eske n' pare pou n'al fete,
Nan yon Lespri fratenite ?
Mesye se nou k' pi byen plase,
Le a rive pou sa chanje,
Pa kite sa dejenere.

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, si w'ap pot'on ti kado,
Tonton Nwel.

Se konesans n'ap mande, pou ayiti vanse.

Ane sa a,

Ane sa a, nou bezwen pi plis kado,
Tonton Nwel, Nwel.

Ann Seleb्रे !

Nan ke kontan pou sa ton nwel pral pot pou
nou

Fo n' al Fete !

Menm si s'on ti pate kode, on ti tranpe.

Ann Seleb्रे !

Bliye chagren paske Nwel la se fet Lan-
mou.

Ann al Fete !

Nwel la rive ! Fo bagay yo chanje, Woy !

Tout timoun yo ki nan lari,
Ki pa janm ka domi "wa pase we yo",
Tout granmoun sa a yo ki kouche, ki pa
janm ka leve

« Wa pase we yo ».

Tout dirijan ki gen volonte, pou yo pa
dekouraje...

Nwel la rive, FO BAGAY YO CHANJE,
WOY!

Ann Seleb्रे !!!