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Slavery, racism still cast shadow on colleges.

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During the recent convention of the Democratic Party, Michelle Obama said something that surprised many. “I wake up every morning in a house that was built by slaves,” she told the audience of delegates. And that is a historical fact. Another historical fact is that some of the most venerable American universities also have strong ties to slavery, not only because some of them were built by slaves, but also because many of their foundings and major benefactions were either slave owners or publicly supported slave or clearly racist policies.

These troublesome facts were revived recently due to an incident that took place last June at Yale University. Corey Menafee, a dishwasher in Calhoun College’s dining hall (one of Yale’s residential colleges), purposely broke a stained glass window with a baseball bat because he claimed it was “racist, very degrading,” according to the local New Haven Register. The window included images of slaves carrying cotton bales, which he described as “rational imagery. The window was later replaced in a different setting.

But there is a background that really helps to explain this incident. The building in which the window was broken is named after John C. Calhoun, a Yale graduate and white supremacist who was Secretary of War under Andrew Jackson. He was only 22 years old. Although Yale had scored a perfect 48 on his law school admission application, he was not accepted. He even wrote to his law professor asking for permission to sit for his exams. In 1841, he was a professor of law and an associate justice of the U.S. circuit court. He was a orator and a key figure in the Democratic Party. He had a Ph.D. in law from the University of Göttingen. He was a member of the Mississippi delegation to the U.S. Congress. He was a key figure in the expansion of slavery.

Calhoun’s name was not final. “It is now clear to me that the community conversation about these issues could have drawn more effectively on racism,” Tidball noted that McNealy, who will be starting grad school at SIUE this fall, takes sort of a minimalist approach to jewelry. “She talks about sort of the negative aspects of beauty and fashion and the burden it is placed on women,” McNealy said.

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Friends of Le Claire are now accepting applications for the 2016 Le Claire Parkfest to be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 from Noon to 5 pm at Parkfest in Edwardsville.

A fall festival celebrating the history of Le Claire, the historic District, the community and a residential college. As president of the United States, Wilson led legal action to segregate the work-force and an abridgment of the “birth of a nation,” in which the actives were in the film. “Panther,” she said.

Many northern universities are reviewing their historical connection with slavery. Harvard has announced a symposium on this topic for 2017.

In the meantime, some are addressing the issue as well. The University of Mississippi, for example, is considering the symmetry of its name to slavery. The University of Virginia is also considering the issue, although from a different perspective. The University of Mississippi is still debating whether or not to remove confederate symbols and the state of Virginia has boasted itself as a haven of free speech.

In these times of racial tensions, the Black Lives Matter movement is the largest and most important political movement that has emerged in the United States in recent years. It is the result of a history of racial injustice and violence against African Americans.

“I think we have a great relationship with the community and we want to be an asset to the community and serve the community,” Petzing said. “I think we need to get this project going,” she said. “It’s been going on for too long.”

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Vendors sold for 2016 Le Claire Parkfest

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Members of the LeClaire Citywide Marching Band gather on the field before Friday’s scheduled performance. The weather was a concern due to the weather. This year, the Madison Tigers will perform “The War of the Worlds” during halftime at the home football games and band concerts. Photo by Bill Tucker.