The Truth about My HBCU

Most people assume that Historically Black Colleges and Universities don’t uphold standards that predominantly white institution hold. Albany State University (ASU) has failed to meet the standards and showing the world that HBCUs are not striving at their full potential. Albany State University has kept secrets and feeding lies to the incoming freshman from high school. ASU sees their students as dollar signs and cares less about the safety and productivity of its institution.The real truth to why students should not attend Albany State University is because this university is dishonest and dangerous.

High school students should not attend Albany State University because it’s dishonest. The fast food restaurants on the campus were some of the unfulfilled promises that were told in the ears of both the students and their parents. The first promise that was made to the students here at Albany State University is that we would receive Chick-fil-A and a food truck during our first semester. Luckily, during halfway through the spring semester Chick-fil A showed its face after so many opening delays. The food truck was another disappointment it was said that the truck was to drive around campus, but it has yet made its appearance. The food truck was suppose to drive around late at night to provide students with late night snacks to help with their study habits. To make matters worse the fast food restaurants that are available for students on campus have limited food supplies. For example, Pizza hut runs out of pizza and Subway runs out of bread. This situation becomes a hassle when students like myself get tired of the cafe and want something different to eat. The intuition promised not only the students but their parents that we will not go hungry. The buses was another lie that was told. Though, the buses travel back and forth to each campus. It doesn't provide specific transportation to areas such as Walmart, Publix, and Fast Food Restaurants. Infact, RamRush isn’t even apart of Albany State University it’s apart of the Albany Transit Center. If a student wanted to get rides to certain activities or areas they must find rides with friends. The school has whispered many lies to the students as well as their parents and this is one of the reasons why students in high school should not attend Albany State University.

The students on campus are not safe and are living in dilapidated conditions. Pedestrians walk and roam freely on campus. In Fact, there was shooting between Hall one and two and two students got shot. This shooting is partially responsible because the institution is not a closed campus. There is no gate to surround the campus which is why pedestrians are free to engage with the students at the university. The dorms are also open to citizens because the entrance doors are broken and a student ID is no longer needed. RA’s are never on duty and Police officers are never in the security box. Anyone can stand in the lobby or drive to the dorms and harass the residents in the building. The university has also invested in fixing its facilities which is a total waste of time. There are open construction sites where students can get hurt. To make matters worse most of the dorms are old and mold has been founded in the dormitory and students have been evacuated several times to try and fix the problems. I was one of those students that were evacuated. Students live in unhealthy conditions by breathing in the black mold that has been founded inside their doors, in their vents, and even growing inside their showers. One boy even claims that his roof to his shower caved in due to to the mold. To make matters worse washing and drying machines has become a large issue in the dorms. Most of the washing machines and dryers are broke. If you were to call maintenance to come help you fix a problem don’t expect them to come anytime soon there's only one man that takes care of the job. Elevators constantly stop working, and buildings sometimes go months without heat and water. The dorms and buildings at Albany State University are falling apart. The students who live here are living in dilapidated conditions that are affecting their health.

Albany State University priorities are not straight and the students are not their first priority in this school. This institution treats us like dollar signs and constantly feeds lies to the high school students so that their pockets can get bigger. The truth of my HBCU is that Albany state university is unorganized and dangerous and no high school student should attend this institution in these conditions.

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