

THE PAPER

So we stand here
On the edge of Hell
In Harlem
And Look out on the world
And Wonder
What we're gonna do
In the face of
What we remember
Langston Hughes.

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What's up with the cuts?

BY NNEOMA E. NJOKU

City college president, Yolanda T. Moses, welcomes the members of the College community as the '95-'96 academic year begins.

She held her first press conference with representatives of various student media; The Paper, SAME TV, The Campus and City College Radio (WCCR), on September 28.

At this meeting the president discussed the budget crisis being faced by City College, as well as the CUNY system as a whole.

She explained the causes and effects of these cuts.

Of all the CUNY schools "City College was hit the hardest," said Moses.

City College has 900 less students in attendance this semester than it did last semester. Many departments and programs were also cut, namely; The School of Nursing (B.S. degree), the department of Classical Languages and Hebrew (a number of languages such as Greek, Hebrew, Latin and

Swahili will be taught in the newly constituted Foreign Languages department, based on student's demand), School Psychology (Master's and Certificate Programs), Occupational education (B.S.), Technology Education (B.S.), Theater and Dance B.F.A. in both) and Meteorology (B.S.).

"In addition," wrote Moses in her September 5 letter to the college community, "we are reducing expenses by combining programs and carefully monitoring elective offerings, while trying to maintain our core and support programs."

In addition to City College's loss of students, departments and programs, there has also been a retrenchment of 57 tenured and untenured faculty and staff.

Also, according to Moses, City College had been running a \$2.5 million deficit each year prior to the budget crisis. "This is because," she explains, "in the wake of the last cycle of budget cuts in 1991-92, the college was hopeful that the state's budget sit-

uation would improve. As a result, around \$2.5 million in CCNY's non-tax-levy resources were used annually to help cover operating expenses."

Moses, however is pleased to report that a "bridge funding will be available to assist the college in coping with a budget deficit of approximately \$4 million this year."

The former vice President for Development at the New School for Social Research has been hired as CCNY's new Vice President for Development and Institutional Advancement to help raise funds to help pull City through the school year.

Moses says that City College may have to start operating like a private university instead of the public institution that it is.

Is the worst here or is it yet to



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President Yolanda Moses

come? Will there be a mid-year budget cut? The Paper will keep you posted. □

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Editorial

Welcome back to school, faculty, staff and students of CCNY, and to our new transfer students and freshmen.

As the new Editor-in-Chief of The Paper, it is my duty and honor to keep City College and its community informed on what is going on on its campus and community.

I have included columns that were not in previous issues such as Student Organization Corner, Student Government Corner, NYPIRG Corner and a Sports page, to see that the area of interest of all our readers are covered. As for our

other columns, I will try to see that they are covered efficiently.

Due to our shortage of staff members, however, it will not be possible to cover all activities and issues necessary to fulfill everyone's area of interest.

The shortage of staff members can be accounted for by the Budget Crisis being faced by the whole CUNY system.

For starters, there are over 900 less students in City College this semester than last semester, and the students who did make it back have less time than they did last semester

because their time is being consumed by an effort to make ends meet, trying to cope with the cuts.

But regardless of the situation, The Paper is here to keep you informed and, where it fits, to keep our readers informed of you.

Election day is just around the corner. If the "wrong" people are elected back into office, that one less student in school might be you. So, please do the right thing, — VOTE!!!

Nneoma E. Njoku
Editor-in-Chief

Student Government

STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

The Role/Responsibilities/Duties of a Student Ombudsman

He/she shall protect the welfare of all students where he determines their legitimate rights, privileges and prerequisites may have been denied or abused.

He/she shall determine any existing policies or procedures or structures be approved to the students advantage.

He/she as student advocate shall be the Chief Executive Officer for all student elections and shall be ex-officio without vote of all Student Senate Committee and Executive Committee.

The primary task of the ombudsman is to serve as a confidential investigator in any specific case of alleged inequity, unfairness or mal administration and therein to be the impartial spokesman, both to the person or persons making the complaint and to the person(s) against whose performance the allegation is brought. He/she is to

have all relevant facts in the case. He/she is to carry out his/her work in privacy and full respect for the rights and immunities of all parties.

a. Ombudsman Areas of Responsibility

I. Equity: to help student in specific cases to seek just and equitable treatment.

II. Critical Review: to help administrative functionaries (whether connected with student government organization or with the officers of the facility or the administration) to improve their processes and procedures, not only to correct a particular inequity or injustice, but also to prevent its recurrence.

III. Recommendation and Report: to recommend such changes in procedure and practice as may be appropriate and to make final report on his action.

b. Methods appropriate to the Ombudsman will be those which are appropriate to the foregoing functions:

I. As to Equity, the Ombudsman will:

a) in confidence of any complaint or grievance, from any student or any faculty member or staff alleging unfairness, inequity, discourtesy, undue delay or other malfunction in the process of City College.

b) he/she shall investigate, in confidence, to determine the degree of validation of this complaint

c) mediate or otherwise resolve the problem arising, in confidence, at what appears to be a just resolution {including dismissal of complaint or recommendation of action based on the verification of the complaint and,

d) report the disposition of the specific case directly to the Office of the President.

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DON'T BE STRANGERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Faculty Spotlight

A Different Way of Life

BY RENEE ASHMEADE

"Journalism is a way of life," says professor Linda Prout, a teacher of journalism, in the Communications department here at City College.

Was it this way of life that led professor Prout to cover the Fourth Annual International Conference on Women, held in Beijing, China.

Professor Prout sat back in her chair and recalled how she was chosen for the assignment. She received a call from one of the editors of the Forum. The editor asked if she knew someone who would be able to cover the Conference in China, initially she said she didn't know of anyone.

"I thought for a minute, then I called back and I told them I'll do it," she said.

Later she sent in a resume and she was chosen for the assignment. The Non Government Organization Forum was the sponsor for the trip to Beijing.

Some of the issues that were discussed at the Conference were abortion, rape as a form of torture. But the big theme at the conference was geared at stopping violence against women. Another issue under discussion was women should not be coerced into having sex by their husbands.

Professor Prout said that she did a Journalistic piece on domestic workers, and that she also did a story on female workers in the Dominican

Republic and Latin America.

"We put out a good paper," she said

When asked What were some of the obstacles that she encountered, professor Prout spoke of the different journalistic approaches. In one instance she spoke about two Chinese journalists who were covering the Conference. She was surprised at the fact that these journalist didn't question the government.

"One roadblock was technology. Some Journalists were not acquainted with Apple's sophisticated technology, so the editor had to teach those Journalists as wheel as edit the stories," she said.

Electricity was also a problem, there wasn't enough outlets and fuses were constantly being blown. But the major obstacle by far was politics, and the fact that she wasn't able to get officials to talk.

Professor Prout said, "overt censorship Was used. Subtle censorship was selfimposed.

Overt censorship was clearly exerted in one instance when printing was prohibited for one day. There were two articles from IPS that showed the Chinese government in a bad light, therefore printing was hindered to keep these articles, deemed controversial articles from reaching the Chinese people.

The other case where both overt and subtle censorship was used was when Professor Prout came back to

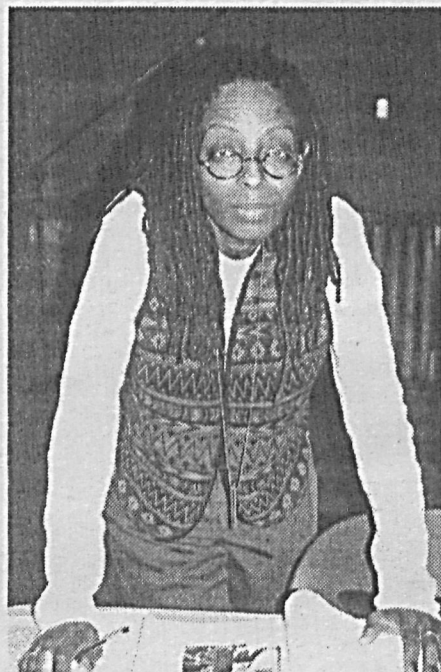


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Professor Linda Prout

her room to find it ransacked, but she found out that her equipment and her valuables were not stolen. She believes that it was someone from the government who went through her things. She believes that they were probably looking for something that could be construed as offensive to the Chinese government.

When asked if language was a problem, she said, "Oh definitely."

Communication was a problem because none of the journalist from her group spoke Chinese. Fortunately, they had good interpreters, all female, from a University in Beijing.

Despite all the positive and negative aspects of reporting in China,

professor Prout chose to accentuate the positive. She summed up the entire experience with one word, "fantastic."

"It helped to put my world into perspective," she added.

Professor Prout also spoke about the way the Chinese people reacted to her, and her feelings about the conference.

"People were curious about me, especially about my hair. (Professor Prout has dreds). People would come up and ask if they could touch my hair. Some Chinese women wanted to know if I could make their hair look like mine," she said.

She said that there was a lot of networking going on at the Conference.

"It was a great experience seeing a lot of people coming together. Good interaction," she said.

Professor Prout's face lit up when she recalled the reactions of the Chinese people to the African sisters in their brightly colored outfits. The Chinese people seemed to be mesmerized by the difference in culture.

While I was speaking to Professor Prout I could hear the enthusiasm in her voice when she spoke of the warmth of the Chinese people. I could understand her zeal, because I too could feel a warmth, and it was radiating from this professor of Journalism, who apparently chose the right field as her way of life. □

Fruitful Hands

BY RENEE STEVENS

Harlem is filled with in-house talent. Graceful dancers, poetic authors, and brilliant musicians have travelled far uptown to absorb Harlem's culture and to be inspired by its essence. Among the talented artists who have made the journey is a sculptor named Rubin Gonzalez.

Raised in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, U.S.A., the forty year old Gonzalez has lived in Harlem for the last twenty years. It is here in this vast body of culture that his natural talent has materialized in diverse forms from refuse art to classical sculpture.

The overriding theme of Gonzalez' work is the positive imagery of Black and Latino life. The artist's hands have molded the likenesses of such heroes as Malcolm, Martin, and Mandela, as well as the profiles of the legends of the Harlem Renaissance, into decorative pins and collector dolls. In addition to the well known faces, Mr. Gonzalez captures

the beauty and unique detail of the "average" African and Latino face in much of his artwork.

Following his philosophy of always giving back to the community, Rubin Gonzalez volunteers his time to work with the youth in Harlem. Through programs with local libraries, he helps to cultivate the skills and artistic talents of aspiring young artists through work with clay and other mediums. Gonzalez also allows his work to be used in fundraising efforts by students and neighborhood organizations.

Mr. Gonzalez' three-dimensional pieces not only celebrate our strength and beauty, but the majesty and grace of our relationships and our heroes. His hands help to solidify memories of the great people who have laid paths before us and remind us of the awesome presence of the ordinary man.

Anyone interested in Mr. Gonzalez' artwork, dolls, or pins, may contact him through *The Paper*. □

AN URGENT APPEAL

Someone very dear to our hearts is fighting for her life and desperately needs your help. You probably don't know Lisa, but if you did, you would be touched by her love for life and family. Lisa, a young mother of two, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She has a rare blood type and the prognosis is not good. Lisa's condition continues to deteriorate. Her only hope is a Bone Marrow Transplant. That is why we need your support.

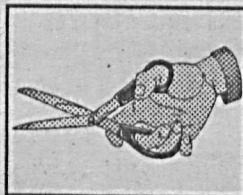
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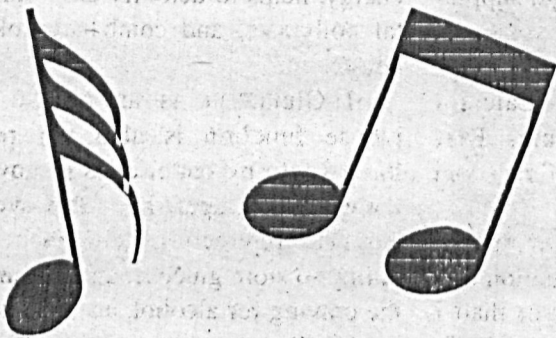
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Atonement and Responsibility: Black Males in the USA

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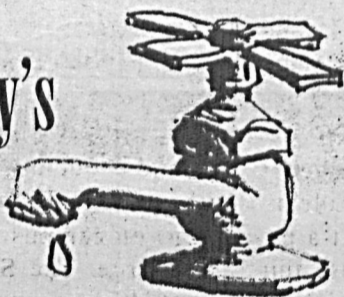
PATTERNS OF RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCY AMONG AFRICAN
 AMERICAN YOUTH: IMPLICATIONS FOR THEORY, RESEARCH, AND
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Thursday, December 7, 1995
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD: LESSONS LEARNED
 FROM COMMUNITY INTERVENTION

New Yorkers: Protect Your City's Drinking Water!



Creeping development and pollution are threatening the quality of New York City's once pure drinking water supply.

Governor Pataki must approve strong anti-pollution regulations by September 15 or New York City may be forced by federal law to spend billions to build a filtration plant.

The price for not preventing contamination of our drinking water is crystal clear:

- more polluted water that threatens our health
- skyrocketing water taxes to pay for filtration.

Children, the elderly, cancer patients and the immuno-suppressed are especially at risk from drinking water contamination. Parasites from pollution in a filtered water supply recently sickened 400,000 and killed more than 100 people in Milwaukee.

That's why Governor Pataki must act fast to protect NYC's upstate reservoirs from further contamination. He must:

- approve strong pollution prevention regulations by September 15 and
- permit acquisition of sensitive land around the upstate reservoirs.

If he doesn't, NYC may be ordered in 1996 by the federal government to build a budget-busting filtration plant that would cost at least \$4.5 billion. This would double—or triple—your water rates without guaranteeing pure water!

Keeping contaminants out of our drinking water by protecting the area around the reservoirs is the cheapest and safest solution.

Contact Governor Pataki today!

Urge him to move quickly to protect NYC's drinking water.
 The financial and public health of the city is at stake.

To Filter or Not to Filter

The Safe Drinking Water Act was amended in 1989 to require that drinking water supplies from surface sources be filtered—except for cities that devise a watershed protection plan that ensures pure drinking water.

An adequate pollution prevention program for the watershed must include strong regulations, upgrade of sewage systems and acquisition of sensitive land. In 1993 NYC received a 3-year "waiver" from the federal EPA.

NYC recently submitted proposed watershed protection regulations to Governor Pataki's Department of Health for review—the Governor has until September 1st to act on these regulations. No land has been acquired.

Facts about the Drinking Water Supply and Filtration

The State Public Health Law of 1904 empowered NYC to purchase land to create reservoirs in the Catskills and to regulate that land with the approval of the state's Department of Health.

The watershed area covers 2000 square miles in three reservoir systems: Croton supplies 10%; Catskill supplies 40%; and Delaware supplies 50%. Whole towns and villages were flooded to create the reservoir system.

The gravity-fed system delivers 1.5 billion gallons a day to over 9 million people in NYC and Westchester.

Many people say that the traditionally high quality of NYC's water is the reason for its stellar pizza and bagels.

97% of the water in reservoirs comes from runoff via rivers and streams, making pollution prevention the key to pure water.

Comptroller Hevesi estimates that filtration for the Catskill/Delaware System would cost \$4.5 billion to construct and \$505 million per year to operate and pay debt service.

Water and sewer rates could jump by 45% to pay for filtration.

Filtration plants are not effective at screening out some microbiological pathogens, parasites (like cryptosporidium) and certain dissolved organic carcinogens.

The estimated one time price tag for watershed protection—\$700 million to hire personnel, acquire sensitive land and upgrade sewage systems—is a fraction of filtration's cost.

Major sources of pollution of the drinking water include: 100 sewage treatment plants (many owned by NYC), septic systems, road runoff, pesticides, animal waste, toxins and landfill leaching.

Sample Letter—Do Not Send

Governor George Pataki
 Executive Chamber
 Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

I urge you to protect New York City's priceless drinking water. Specifically, you should:

- approve strong pollution prevention regulations through your Department of Health by Sept. 1st and
- permit sensitive land to be acquired around the reservoirs through your Department of Environmental Conservation.

Filtration would cost billions and cause our water rates to skyrocket without guaranteeing pure water.

Keeping contaminants out of our drinking water through watershed protection is the cheapest and safest solution.

Sincerely,
 Your name and address

Get More Involved in the campaign to Protect NYC's Drinking Water Call NYPIRG today at 212 234-1628 or go to NAC 1/120

Health News

To The Health of Your Semester!

BY ROCHELLE CAMPBELL

In these first few weeks of classes, it behooves all students, both in graduate and undergraduate courses of study, to broaden their horizons when it comes to health and nutrition. Since we are proclaiming to learn the latest information that science and technology can offer us, we must also keep abreast of the developments that will enhance our performance in the school.

How many of you actually consider researching what kinds of vitamins and/or supplements will assist your body in dealing with stress and strain of constant overworking of the brain muscle. You forgot. It is a muscle. And just like other muscles in your body, it needs a workout, but then it needs relaxation.

One of the first and foremost things a student can do to assist their body and their brains during CCNY's hectic 13 week semesters is to get an average of 7 hours of sleep a night. This may seem like a very tall order with full course loads, work and your other responsibilities, but if you do not recharge at night time, what you're doing is burning the candle at both ends. For now, this situation will be sufficient for most of us, but in time, as our bodies grow a bit older, the

strain of this behavior can become too much.

Another no-no during this all important time is to be very mindful of your sugar intake, especially before 5:00p.m. The body is geared up and ready to go when you wake up in morning. By giving your body sugar (even honey and turbinado sugar are included), you are giving it a substance that will trigger the body to produce L-Tryptophan which is a chemical the body creates and releases in the night to slow your body down to prepare you for sleep. So, if you want to slow down and mellow out, fine, take sugar. It will give you a nice high, but then as you know full well, you have a slump as well.

Coffee is another substance to be mindful of. Yes, it keeps you awake and alert. That's due to the caffeine in it. But, that constant jolting of the nervous system with a stimulus ruins your nervous vitality as the years go on. Keep coffee to about a cup a day. And if you're having a major exam, drink the coffee right before the test to give you that extra edge. And don't drink coffee after 5:00 p.m. because that's when the body is gearing down for rest and sleep. The added stimulus of coffee can (and in many cases does) disrupt sleep.

In addition to these simple observations, there are vitamins and supplements that you can take that can increase your energy levels and sharpen focus. They are: Calcium Pangamate (B-15), 150 mg, B-1, 100mg. L-Glutamine, 500mg, and Smart Pill or, Ginsana.

Now, I'm no doctor, I'm just an avid 'finder-outer' of information that will make me a better student than I have been. There is no required daily requirement for B-15 but, athletes use this vitamin extensively for its cellular oxidation properties. Because of this, it helps to improve alertness, verbal skills, etcetera. It has no side effects (unless you take 100,000 mg a day for several months), and is pretty cheap (about \$6 for 100 tablets).

B-1 is a vitamin that is well researched. In *Formula for Life*, by E. Kronhausen, P. Kronhausen, and H. Demopoulos, it says about this vitamin, "In our bodies, high concentrations of B-1 (thiamin) are found in skeletal muscles, heart, liver, kidneys, and brain. In fact, about half of all the thiamin in our bodies is found in the muscles—a measure of how important it is to physical performance." Later on in the paragraph, it says that B-1 is strong immune system stimulant (something we all need these days...),

and it's important for generating cell energy, helps to detoxify environmental pollutants, and combats smoker's cough.

L-Glutamine is an amino acid whose function is also not really looked into by our friends in governmental health agencies. However, it has been reported to help the brain's ability to store glucose, and to remove the craving for alcohol, according to a book called *Optimizing Health Through Nutrition* by R. Amen (Khamit Corp, 718-469-3199)

Smart Pill and Ginsana are two natural preparations available in most health food stores. Now, of course there are no scientific data on these two products, but this writer has taken them and has felt the benefit of being more awake than usual during the 3 months that I took them last semester. Now, whether it was mere power of suggestion or an actual improvement, I don't know. But, when it comes down to it, what matters is that I felt more sharp, more clear and was able to pass my two classes with A's, change residence in mid-semester, work 32 hours a week, and actively work as freelance writer sending out 4 to 5 letters of inquiries to editors a week. Now, if that's not energy, I don't know what is.

Until next time! ☐

Health Insurance for Students

BY SUZETTE OYEKU

As busy college students, many of us take our health for granted. For many, health insurance is the last thing on their minds until they become seriously ill or involved in an accident. If you had to be hospitalized, would you be able to pay the thousands of dollars in hospital bills? Most of us would answer with a resounding NO!! Well, Group Health Incorporated (GHI) in association with City University of New York (C.U.N.Y.) has developed an affordable health insurance program for matriculated students and their spouses who are taking six or more credits.

The program offers three different options, High option, Low option with prescription drugs and the Low option that were designed with the student in mind. These insurance packages are only for medical coverage not dental coverage. The plan allows you to choose your own physician from a pool of over 18,000 participating GHI providers in New York City. The aforementioned options cover up to 365 days of hospitalization which includes a

semi-private room and board given that you precertify before a hospitalization. Precertification necessitates that you or your physician call GHI before admission to a hospital. If you fail to precertify, it may result in a penalty of \$250.00. Many of you may be asking, what happens in the case of an emergency? In case of an emergency hospitalization, you are not required to precertify but you do need to notify GHI as soon as possible after admission. You are required to pay a \$50 outpocket fee (otherwise known as copayment) for emergency room treatment.

Here is a brief overview of the available plan options:

High Option

- have the choice of using physicians outside of the network, but you would have to pay the provider first and then wait for a reimbursement from GHI. This may result in a greater expense because you are only allowed to be reimbursed up to 50% of the cost of service.

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Student Health Services

BY LAURIE C. ZEPHYRIN

Have you ever been sick on campus and needed a place to go? Have you ever needed a doctor or a nurse to talk to about any health problems you have had? There is in fact a place to go on campus for all these things and more. The Student Health Services (SHS) in room J15 is the place to go. SHS was established in the late eighties. Prior to its establishment students had no place to go when in need of health information or health services. SHS was created due to an increasing need for the availability of health services to the students of CCNY.

SHS at City College was the first of its kind in the CUNY system. No other CUNY school had provided this service at that time. The City College SHS thus served as a model for other CUNY Student Health Services. City College's SHS has undergone a lot of change in the past three years since the former director and founder, Larry Payton, left. Because SHS has been beset by this continuous change in leadership (three directors in the past three years) it has been difficult to identi-

fy resources and implement change. However, SHS is now on that road to change and is off to a great start this semester. The present director, Mary Heard, wants to try to get SHS back to the model it used to be in the CUNY system. Her initial goal is to increase visibility of the office. Not all students at City College know what they are here to do. Some of the services provided by SHS are as follows.

-Free immunizations given to comply with registration

-Free Hepatitis B injections(until supply runs out, then the charge will be 25-27\$ per shot. Note that Hepatitis B vaccine usually costs 80\$)

-free physical exams by appointment. Lab fees extra but minimal.

-free TB testing

-pregnancy tests done

-appointments can be made with Family and Women's health practitioner

-Condoms are sold for 10 cents a piece with a minimum of ten to be purchased

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- is not just a City College campus paper but also a City College community paper.
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- would love to have you.
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*You do not have to be a journalism or communications major to join. The wider the variety of majors, the better!

*All reporters, opinion writers, typists, music & art reviewers, poets, photographers, graphic artists, cartoonists are welcome.

*No experience necessary.

Club Corner

Are you one to just come to campus, go to class, then go home? Do you have long breaks between your classes and don't know what to do with it? Would you like to get the best out of college life? Would you like to put a little more into school than you are right now, and get a whole lot more in return? If you answered yes to any of these questions, it's time to join a club today!!

Here are just a few of the clubs on campus and what they're about. To find out about other clubs and Student organizations, keep reading The Paper and/or call the Finley Student's Center at 212 650-20309, or pick up a list from the information desk.

ROUSE HOUSE

BY OMAR SIMPSON

RO.U.S.E. (Recreational Organization utilized for Student's Enhancement) is one of the houses of House Plan Association established in 1934.

ROUSE was opened in 1985 by a group of students who defied the contemporary norms of the college community. City College has traditionally been a commuter college, as a result, students attend classes and go home.

ROUSE House draws common fellowship students from different ethnic

backgrounds and different fields of interest. The Goal of this organization is to work towards the same objectives as that of the college; to prepare the students of City College to function effectively in the global village.

This organization enriches its members with skills not taught in the classroom, but are invaluable in the business world.

The office is located in Baskerville 101B. Meetings are held every Friday at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome. □

Hear and be heard

BY ANDREW M. ALEXANDER

A.K.A. "SCREW")

Have you ever walked through the halls of the first floor in the N.A.C. building and wondered where that music was coming from? Well, it's coming from the City College Radio station (WCCR)

WCCR is one of the oldest student run organizations on campus. It has been around since 1945.

At the beginning of each semester, WCCR accepts applications from both new and old members.

Do you have to be a communications major to apply? NO! All are welcomed. The only qualification is that you be a registered City College Student.

As a new member of WCCR, you are trained in the department of your choice; from disk jockeying to hosting your own talk show, wherever your interest lays.

WCCR has a News department where current affairs, weather, time and traffic updates are broadcasted live. There is also a promotions and advertising department. The station also has music directors and operates just like

any other radio station.

In our case, however, we only air on the first floor of the NAC building, but we are in the process of working on airing in the hallways of other campus buildings as well.

Your show can be aired live, or you can tape it and it will be slotted in on your air time.

As a new member, you will not be allowed to participate in elections until your second semester with the station, neither will you be eligible to become part of the managing board until your second or third semester.

WCCR is like a large family that help each other in times of need and give positive support to fellow members.

The station is only interested in serious-minded students.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like additional information, call (212) 650-8171, or drop by the office in NAC 1/108. If no one is there to receive you or your call, please leave us a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

For those who wish to join, applications are available on the door.

Pay us a visit today! □

BIPA Profile

The Biomed Indo-Park Association (BIPA) is a culturally oriented club devoted to spreading awareness of and preserving the history, values and ideals of people of the Indian subcontinent. It provides a forum for students to share and celebrate their heritage. By making an effort to invite people to understand and participate in the South Asian culture, and by reciprocating that effort, unity and diversity can co-exist, therefore all people are welcomed and invited to join.

In the past, BIPA has accomplished these goals by celebrating the popular Hindu holiday, Diwali, organizing a cultural arts show including Indian and Pakistani dance, music, fashion and food, holding a dinner

and dance party at the Bombay Palace Restaurant, and hosting a guest speaker on ????????

Plans for the following year are in close association with a number of other organizations, including a cultural festival in conjunction with the United IBP Society, a social excursion with BAHC members, a multi-ethnic food 'bake' sale, and a dance party in association with UIBPS and the club Zamana at Columbia University.

There are no membership dues collected. For more information, contact Ranjan Ahua (2nd year) or Anita Dhawan (3rd year) via mailbox on the Plaza level of the Marshak building, across from the student affairs office. □

Things won't be the same without S.A.M.E.

BY OLANSO GABBIDON (PRESIDENT)

Students for Arts, Media and Education Television (S.A.M.E. T.V.) is a student run organization which was established in the 1970's to help minority students get hands-on experience in T.V. media.

Students learn the basic knowledge in media such as editing, hosting your own show and gives allowance for creative ideas.

As the college television station, we do a number of things. We have produced shows that airs on Manhattan cable, channel 34.

We have also had distinguished guests such as Russell Simmons, the late Arthur Ashe, M.C. Hammer,

ONYX, Fat Joe, Black Sheep and many more.

The staff of S.A.M.E. is working on advancement. We hope to start using digital equipment for editing and recording and producing shows. Since our goal is to give students experience in the field, we have to keep up with technology, and SAME is doing just that.

This is not to benefit SAME members solely, but the entire CCNY community.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this worthwhile and benefitting Organisation or if you would like more information give us a call at (212) 650-5028 or (212) 650-5014 or visit our office in R 1/117 □

GET INVOLVED JOIN A CLUB OR ORGANIZATION TODAY

Health Insurance, continued from page 5

- there is a \$15.00 copayment for all office and home visits.

- there is a \$10.00 copayment for all X-ray and laboratory tests

- prescription drugs are covered (\$2,500 maximum per person/per year)

- for students under 40 yrs old, the quarterly premium is \$370.80

Low option with Prescription Drugs

- there is a \$27.00 copayment for all office and home visits

- there is a \$15.00 copayment for all X-ray and laboratory tests

- prescription drugs are covered (\$500 maximum per person/per year)

- for students under 40 yrs old, the quarterly premium is \$273.66 **Low option**

- there is a \$27.00 copayment for all office and home visits

- there is a \$15.00 copayment for all X-ray and laboratory tests

- prescription drugs are **not** covered

- for students under 40 yrs old, the quarterly premium is \$249.48

As you can see there is a plan to

meet everyone's needs. If you are interested in Group Health Incorporated's student-only coverage you can obtain a brochure and application in the Office of Student Health Services -Science Bldg-Rm 15. Those students who want to enroll their spouse or eligible dependents should visit the Student Health Services Office to determine what paperwork is needed to complete the application. The quarterly premiums for students over 40 or those students who enroll their family will be higher than the premiums quoted in this article.

This article presented only a brief

summary of information pertaining to the plan. If you have any other questions regarding the GHI/ CUNY Student Health Insurance Program, you can call GHI at (212)501-4444 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is my hope that with the information provided in this article you will choose to insure yourself. Don't wait until tomorrow because tomorrow may be too late!

(*Information for this article was obtained from the GHI/CUNY Student Health Insurance Program Brochure- 8/95) □

EXPRESSIONS

When You Walked Out

When you walked out of my life
 So many years ago
 Each day i prayed that you'd come back
 God knows i loved you sso
 My heart just could't understand
 Why our love didn'twork
 I cried myself to sleep at night
 but deep down inside i hurt
 I tried to reclaim my life
 To let go of the pain
 But despite how hard i tried
 I still cried when i heard your name
 I never thought the pain would end
 But all pain dulls with time
 And now after all these years
 I finally feel my life is mine
 Here you come out of the blue
 You want me back in your life
 You're sorry that you hurt me
 Sorry you didn't make me your wife
 I never thought i'd see you again
 After all the years gone by
 But now you come with regrets
 You want to give our love another try
 What do you want me to do?
 What is it you want me to say?
 That i love and forgive you
 and that everything is okay
 Well things are different now
 And though you may love me
 It'snot you i'm in love with
 It's your memory me to say?
 That i love and forgive you
 and that everything is okay
 Well things are different now
 And though you may love me
 It'snot you i'm in love with
 It's your memory

COMPARISONS

the broken lamp post
 stood
 as my father had stood
 when he could not
 provide
 work no more.

the silent tree
 with no leaves on its branches
 breifly madly
 remains me
 my mother cried
 when her first child died
 on the old fort
 above the hill
 in the isle of Grenada.

the swift falling rain
 washes away
 all in its flow
 its the same manner
 that the tears of my lover
 dose tomy anger.

marlon calliste

DREAMBIG, DREAM ALONE

The big dream has died
 And lno longer reach
 for the sky

My eyes swelling with tears
 Never falling into a cry
 The love for you has left

Eyes of our children
 Ask's why
 Refusing to lie
 Inside i cry

nothing moves me anymore
 No matter how hard i tried

-james F. Gallishaw

EXPRESSIONS

SUBJECTIVE

death is sentence
that i have been given
to preach

there are no birds in the sky
no white fluffy clouds
lions and lambs
lying together
no peace on earth

two black boys
ran silently in the snow
clutching guns
and sounds of sirens fills the night

there are no songs
of joy
no dreams of success
in the struggle of life
no brotherhood of man

falling without signs
bullets take the lives
of two kids playing
double dutch
in the projects

in the hearts of those
that dwell
within the circle
of poverty
there is no sunshine
no brief period of hope

men of the blue clothing
and glinting badges
hurts those
of the darker skin
in the twisted name justice

in this world
deeds of perversess
are done in the name
of that which is scared
and respected
and are jutified by words of no meaning
as they are said by those
that are ignorant of the pain
that exist
in the gettos of men
where nothing is forgotten
and forgiven.

marlon calliste

To retrieve you is A chance
To be near you is A wish
A man Idream of
A man I long for scores
To retrieve you is A chance
To be near you is Awish
Love displayed at the fore of your eyes
Love embellished at the core your heart
Entwind me only
Now my love I want to see foward
I think only of you
I crave only for you
And together our happiness will be A
joint sensation
To retrieve you is A chance
To be near you is Awish
Day and night is A replica of our love
Nothing will frighten you
While our hands and hearts are one
I want to run through the streets
Deliriously screaming I love you
Consumating it with A
Lingering kiss
Lingering kiss

by Yves May Dorfeuille

Opinions

It's All Greek To Me

BY NATASHA MURRAY

Why would any Black person join an organization to be Greek?

I, myself, am a Black female who is a member of a so-called 'Greek' organization, and as a very proud and hard-working member, I feel that it is my duty to address many of the misconceptions and expose many of the hidden positive aspects that are intrinsically apart of my organization and organizations similar to it. First and foremost, I would like to make it clear that I am reporting these ideas and facts based upon one Black sorority which will remain nameless as not to switch the focus of this document from a source of information to trying to sell my organization.

Why a Greek organization as opposed to a Black one?

The first fraternities and sororities that became national acclaimed and established themselves as functioning organizations on college campuses were White organizations who had decided to use Greek letters to differentiate themselves from the other clubs and groups on campus, indicating that it was a sorority or fraternity. For this matter, the first group of Black men who sought to form a brotherhood organization similar to the White fraternities and sororities already established, chose to use the Greek letters in order to disguise themselves. This enabled them to conduct their fraternal business without having their efforts unjustly disregarded due to the times when the first Black organizations

came about, (around 1906). Thus, numerous groups of Black women and Black men later decided to follow in the footsteps of this first Black organization which has resulted in the use of Greek letters for all of the national and international sororities and fraternities, to date. Hence, the proper use of the term is Black Greek-lettered organizations, the phrase used by members of these fraternities and sororities. The founding of these Black organizations span from 1906 through 1922. In fear of being biased, I will name the eight nationally reknowned organizations in founding order: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Why does one have to go through a pledging process?

Actually, according to the dictionary, the word pledge means a solemn promise or agreement, as one would pledge allegiance to their country. The idea that is usually meant can be referred to as hazing. This term refers to the mental and physical abuse that some people think pledging entails. As history states it, this used to be a fundamental part of joining or pledging a Black Greek-lettered organization. However, hazing has been officially abolished since 1990. This means that the negative misconceptions about the activities that occur before joining a Black sorority or fraternity, are not true.

Are Black sororities and fraternities only about stepping?

This could not be further from the truth. Stepping originated as replications of dances from Africa and since then it has developed and expanded into somewhat of its own form of expression and entertainment. Stepping is apart of these organizations but it is definitely not the main focus. The fundamental purposes of these organizations may consist of, but are not limited to, promoting sisterhood/brotherhood, scholarship, community service, and other various community oriented, self-uplifting principles. There are a plethora of events that are organized by these groups to improve and educate the community. Many of these projects are continuous throughout the year. In fact, if the proper research was done, you would find that much of the earnings of an organization from hosting the stereotypical activities such as stepshows and parties, go toward donations to other community service projects and/or inventing new projects of their own. Don't dwell on the idea that there are many different sororities and fraternities because the basic founding concepts are the same.

Can you only join these organizations in undergraduate schools?

No. In fact, most of the members that efficiently run these organizations have distinguished professional jobs and/or are attending graduate school. This helps to form a bridge between undergraduate members and the older, more experienced mem-

bers. This enables the younger members to learn about the organization historically while also bringing their new ideas and concepts.

Networking is sparked by interacting with different members who are from various backgrounds and cultures. The mutual learning and teaching of these such members formulates a well-educated and well-rounded individual.

Some of the people you know and love are apart of one of these organizations. There are members from most professions and areas in the world. The following are a few famous that are members of one of the previously named Black sororities and fraternities: Zora Neale Hurston, Lena Horne, Johnnie Cochran, Jasmine Guy, Michael Jordan, Emmitt Smith, Blair Underwood, Martin Luther King, Jr., Bill Cosby, Jesse Jackson, Arthur Ashe, Scottie Pippen, Kwame Nkrumah (past president of Ghana) and James Weldon Johnson (writer of the Black National Anthem) just to name a few. These Black Greek-lettered organizations have developed phenomenally, expanding their membership nationally and internationally, spanning from Africa through the Caribbean.

The brief histories of these organizations are documented in the Schomberg library. For further questions or information you may contact the national headquarters of the respective organizations or individual members that attend your school. □

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In addition there is an ongoing relationship with the Psychological Department, where students in need of counseling are referred if the need arises.

The services SHS provides are endless. Once you walk in the office, you see tables of pamphlets giving information on HIV/AIDS testing, TB testing, Blood donorship, Contraceptives, Nutrition, Breast Cancer, Lead poisoning... The list goes on.

In addition to all these services, SHS is strengthening their relationship with student clubs and organizations. For example SHS works very closely with the Volunteer Emergency Squad. Their combined goal is to get every one on campus certified in CPR. Vision Latina, a Biomed club, is also collaborating with SHS on a health promotions project as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

In the past SHS has had a close relationship with the Nursing Department, where nursing students would do internship at SHS. However, because of budget cutbacks, the School of Nursing has been eliminated. However, efforts are being made to continue the relationship with nursing students from other campuses such as PACE University and Lehman College, where many nursing students from CCNY will be transferring. So when looking for a place to do internships, nursing students will have a place to go.

A strong relationship with CUNY Medical School is also one of the future goals of SHS.

SHS identifies resources in the community. Referrals to satellite clinics and community agencies in the area can be made for students if there is a service that a student needs that cannot be provided by SHS there will always be a place to go, at a minimal, if no,

cost to the student. Because of this close working relationship the student can practically be seen right away.

With all these services SHS are providing, how much does this cost each one of us? Well approximately six dollars of Day Students activity fees goes to the Student Health Services. According to Ms. Heard, there is no where in the world where you can get free physical exams, hepatitis B shots, immunization ser-

vices, Women's health care etc. etc. for six dollars. So please take advantage of these services.

In conclusion, remember you do have a place to go, if you are sick, need a physical exam, some health advice, or just someone to talk to. This place is The Student Health Services Room J15 in the Science Building. Ms. Heard and the entire SHS staff are anxious and quite willing to help you become a healthier student at CCNY. □

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212-234-1628 or go to NAC 1/120

Rebuilding the Subway & Bus System & The \$1.50 Fare

THE FACTS

Rebuilding the Subway & Bus System

THE FACTS

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THE CITY'S TRANSIT SYSTEM WAS A TOTAL NIGHTMARE. We've still got a long way to go, but transit has improved a lot. This wasn't an accident. It was the result of more than \$20 billion of transit investment since 1981 by the city, state and federal governments. But now Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani are threatening a return to the bad old days. They are pulling billions of dollars out of the transit system over the next five years. That's why we are facing a whopping 25-cent fare hike and massive cuts in service. And that's why the progress rebuilding the transit system is threatened. The Straphangers Campaign has prepared this fact sheet to let riders know what's at stake — and how you can speak up for transit.

Why do we still need to spend billions to fix the transit system?

Things are better, but much more needs to be fixed. Here are just a few examples:

- Many subway cars are more than 30 years old. Some were moving riders when Eisenhower was President in the 1950s! Starting in 1997, the Transit Authority must buy 350 new subway cars a year. At a cost of about \$2 million each, that adds up to \$2 billion by the year 2000. The new cars are essential to save us from a return to miserable, unreliable service.

- New York's aging buses break down far too often. If the Transit Authority buys the 2,000 new buses it needs, service would improve. This is also a chance to get rid of diesel-pumping buses that pollute our air.

- Subway accidents have taken the lives of eight transit riders and workers in the last five years. These tragedies remind us about the unseen parts of the system: the nearly 80-year-old subway signals that contributed to the recent Williamsburg Bridge collision; the subway tunnel fans that didn't work during a smoky 1990 subway fire in downtown Brooklyn that killed two riders; the inadequate track switches that contributed to the derailment at Union Square in 1991. All need to be replaced with modern equipment.

- Scores of disgusting subway stations desperately await rehabilitation. Everyone knows an awful station they want fixed. For riders on nine lines in Brooklyn, it's the dungeon-like Atlantic Avenue terminal complex. Plans for rebuilding the squalid Times Square station, one of the busiest in the world, have been on hold for years because of lack of funding. One whole subway line—the Franklin Avenue Shuttle—is in danger of collapse. The list goes on and on. Funding is also needed to make more stations accessible to people with disabilities.

- We need new public address systems in subway stations that you can actually hear... modern communications systems that will let riders know how soon trains will arrive... automated bus tracking systems that will reduce bus bunching and reduce waiting times.

- Suburban rail commuters also stand to gain greatly from transit investment. Key projects include making Grand Central far more convenient for Metro-North commuters and new locomotives for the Long Island Rail Road to reduce the number of standees.

VITAL TO KNOW

Average age of subway tunnel fans:	65 years
Year current Williamsburg Bridge subway signals installed:	1918
Number of new buses needed over next five years:	2,000
Cost of a new bus:	\$250,000
Number of new subway cars needed by the year 2000:	1,050
Cost of a new subway car:	\$2 million
City contribution to previous five-year transit rebuilding program:	\$1 billion
City contribution to proposed 1995-99 program:	\$500 million
Breakdown rate for subway cars in 1982:	Every 7,145 miles
Breakdown rate in 1995 (after 15 years of transit investment):	Every 56,270 miles

Rebuilding the Subway & Bus System (continued)

What's to make sure that the money isn't being wasted?

There's no guarantee. But the last 15 years of investment has improved transit a great deal: Subway cars are nearly 7 times more reliable today than they were 13 years ago. Virtually all subway cars and buses have working air-conditioning. Some investment has brought direct returns. For example, new turnstiles and gates have reduced fare evasion, saving millions.

The transit rebuilding program has also been a shot in the arm for our economy. Between 1981 and 1992, it produced nearly 15,000 jobs a year, raising transit and generating \$19.5 billion in economic activity.

There have been problems in the 15-year-old rebuilding program. The station fix-up program is behind schedule and over budget. And there's been little progress in replacing worn-out buses. But the solution is better management and stricter oversight by the independent MTA inspector general—not punishing riders by slashing rebuilding funds.

What's the connection between the \$1.50 fare and the rebuilding program?

"In the next five years, cuts in federal, state and local subsidies will leave us with a projected budget shortfall of \$4 billion," says the MTA head, E. Virgil Conway. Since the MTA is being socked by Mayor Giuliani and Governor Pataki, the MTA is socking the riders. Much of the fare increase goes to support a new five-year, \$11.9 billion repair program. By 1999, the last year of the plan, riders would be paying 30 cents a ride just to fund subway repairs. That kind of burden is unheard of in transit systems around the world. Riders here shouldn't stand for it.

Where are the mayor and governor?

They're trying to get away with disinvesting in the future of the transit system. The governor let the MTA go ahead with its sock-the-riders fare hike plan, waiting to see if it absorbs the brunt of public anger. The governor appoints all 17 members of the MTA board. The mayor has proposed cutting \$600 million in rebuilding funds over the next five years, saying that a more efficient MTA could do more with less. The reality is the MTA needs more city and state support, not less — especially as federal funding for transit repairs declines. During the 1993 election, Mayor Giuliani criticized former Mayor David Dinkins for a previous \$500 million cut in transit capital funds. He said those cuts would "prevent the MTA from making the type of system modernizations and safety improvements needed to bring our mass transit infrastructure into the 21st century." The Dinkins cut cost us upgrades of 31 subway stations. The Giuliani Administration continued the cut once in office.

What can riders do to speak up for decent transit?

Contact the mayor and governor right away. Remind them that they should continue to fund safe, decent and affordable transit. Urge them to look for ways to fund the transit rebuilding program without sending fares shooting through the roof. There are ways to do so. For example, the Port Authority contributed to the rebuilding program in the 1980s, but isn't now. It should. The state could also scale down some boondoggle highway projects, like the Route 9-A highway in Manhattan and use the savings for transit.

How can you speak up for rebuilding transit?

Call or fax our top elected officials.

Governor George Pataki:

☎ 212 417-2100

☎ 212 417-4709

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani:

☎ 212 788-1400

☎ 212 788-3247

Speaker Sheldon Silver:

☎ 212 385-6611

☎ 212 385-6619

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno:

☎ 518 455-3791

☎ 518 455-2448

The \$1.50 Fare

THE FACTS

How You Can Fight the Biggest Proposed Fare Increase in City History

The MTA wants to raise the fare a quarter by November. "Its plan to sock New Yorkers with the largest fare increase in history is a giant mistake," as the Daily News wrote in a recent editorial. "It must be stopped in its tracks." The Straphangers Campaign has prepared this information sheet to help riders speak out against a fare hike. Here are the facts:

"A fare hike, especially one this large, is a tax hike by another name," says the Daily News. Governor Pataki agrees—and he appoints all 17 members of the MTA board of directors. Now he asks Mayor Giuliani must prevent a quarter fare hike. The buck—and the buck-fifty fare—stop with them.

A \$1.50 fare would hit low and moderate income riders hard. If you ride twice a day, a \$1.50 fare would mean you'd pay at least \$130 more in fares a year! If you live in a two-fare zone—as 350,000 riders do—you'd pay \$260 more! One or five families in the city is struggling to survive on the minimum wage of \$4.25 an hour—\$34 a day, \$170 a week. A quarter fare hike would be murder for these hardworking families.

Riders are also being asked to pay more for less. The MTA just voted the worst service cuts in 20 years. Starting this September, there is a lot less service on 11 subway lines and 97 bus schedules. For many riders that means longer waits, more crowding and fewer seats.

City riders already pay more of the costs of running the transit system than riders anywhere else in the U.S. At \$1.25, we now pay 60.3% of the costs of operating the subway and bus system. If the fare jumps to \$1.50, riders will be socked with an unheard of 71.7% of the bill. Compare that to Long Island Rail Road riders, who now pay 45% of the costs of running the LIRR.

At \$1.50, New York would have one of the most expensive fares in the nation. Just traveling to and from work for

"Fare increases should be the last priority. We're trying to lower taxes, lower fees, and obviously an increase in the subway fares... is headed in the wrong direction."

—GOVERNOR GEORGE PATAKI
AUGUST 10, 1995

four weeks would cost \$60. That's \$750 a year; \$1,500 in a two-fare zone. Compare that with New Jersey PATH riders who pay just \$1 a ride (\$40 for four weeks)—the same fare they've paid since 1987.

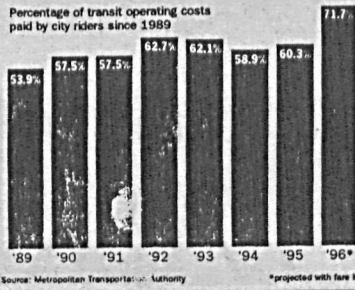
A \$1.50 fare would be very bad for the city's economy and environment. There would be a drop of at least 50 million riders a year. More people would use cars and congest our streets. Traffic jams now cause a loss of more than 350,000 work hours each day. More cars will mean filthier air and the city already has the third worst air pollution in the nation.

Why are we facing a huge hike? Many point to wasteful practices. It's true that the transit system needs to be more efficient. But the chief culprit is huge funding cuts. "The city, state and federal governments are expected to cut subsidies to New York's transit system so severely over the next year — by more than \$250 million — that it is unlikely that any amount of cost-cutting can prevent a fare increase." (The New York Times, August 13, 1995.)

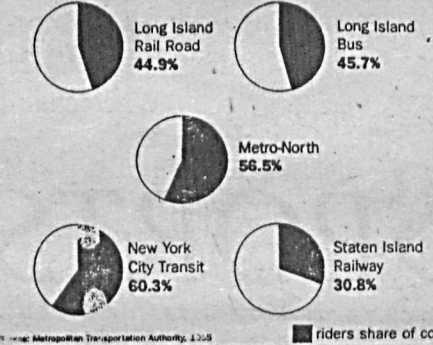
Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani can find ways to stop a \$1.50 fare. It will take their leadership, working with the heads of the state legislature. They can find the additional resources to save the fare, as well as fund the continued repair of the transit system. The MTA's \$1.50 fare plan places too much of the costs of rebuilding our subways and buses on riders. (The Straphangers Campaign has a separate fact sheet on the rebuilding program.)

On the back, you'll find more information about why a fare hike is unfair. You'll also find there how to get your views to public officials and how to register for upcoming fare increase hearings in September and October. Your voice can and will make a difference.

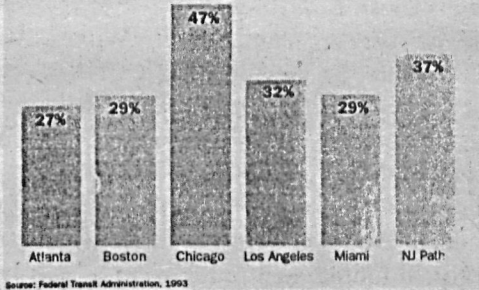
City riders share of transit operating costs is going up, up, up...



While suburban commuters pay a smaller share of transit operating costs



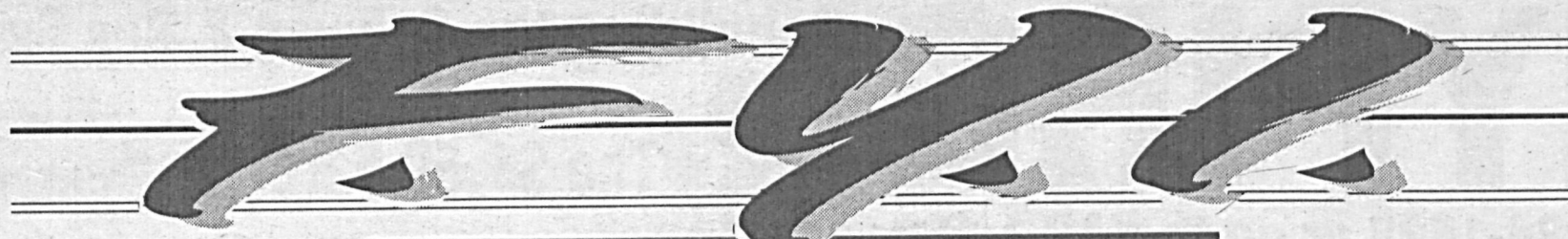
Riders around the US also pay a smaller share of the costs of running their transit systems



Riders in other US cities have either lower fares or better discounts than New Yorkers do

City	Basic fare	Unlimited-ride Monthly pass
Boston	85¢ subway/60¢ bus	\$27 train; \$20 bus
Washington DC	\$1.10	\$65
Philadelphia	\$1.15 (10 tokens for \$11.50)	\$64
Atlanta	\$1.25	\$45
Chicago	\$1.25 (10 tokens for \$12.50)	\$88
Miami	\$1.25	\$60
NJ Transit bus	\$1.25	\$41
Los Angeles	\$1.35	\$49
New York	\$1.50 proposed fare	No transit pass

FARE HIKE=TAX HIKE	
At \$1.50, extra twice-a-day yearly commuting costs:	\$130
Extra costs of \$1.50 fare for a two-fare rider:	\$260
Extra costs of \$1.50 fare for married couple:	\$260
1995 savings from Governor's tax cut for married couple earning \$50,000 (who don't itemize):	\$70
1995 savings from Governor's tax cut for married couple earning \$50,000 (who itemize):	\$9
Percent of subway riders with household incomes under \$50,000:	Two-thirds



For Your Information

ΣΚΔ Sorority in coalition with NYPIRG asks



CAN YOU DANCE? prove it!

Dance party to benefit the homeless.
Thursday, October 26
Noon - 2pm
NAC Ballroom
Admission: 1 can of food

ART FACULTY SHOW

The Art Department of the City College presents The 1995 Art Faculty Show October 10-27, 1995. Opening Reception: Tuesday, October 10th, 5-7 pm. The Art Department Gallery Compton-Goethals Hall Room 135 Amsterdam Avenue at 140th Street New York. For more information, please call 212.650. 7426/20

*Wheelchair accessible

SPORTS TALK



Go Beavers, Go Beavers, Go!!

BY NNEOMA E. NJOKU

The soccer team coach, Wilson Egidio, is now leading CCNY's beavers for the eighth year as Head Coach.

He lead the team to 12 victories last season and gained an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) regional tournament bid.

The team seized the CUNY title for three consecutive years, 1991-1993. Coach Egidio sparked CCNY to extend its CUNY conference winning streak to a record 35 consecutive wins, winning eight straight CUNY games.

But York College broke the Beavers' winning streak when they beat CCNY in the 1994 CUNY cham-

pionship game, 1 - 0, on October 29, 1994.

Last year Egidio trapped the "Coach of the Year Award", CUNY conference, for the fourth time, and was inducted into the CCNY's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991.

Samuel Farrel is the assistant soccer coach starting his 26th year affiliation with the CCNY soccer program.

Farrel knows what's up. He played his first competitive contest at the age of eight and later played at Osmond High School, Queens royal college and Caribbean Union College in Trinidad.

Records will show that these coaches are doing a splendid job, but let's not forget those in the outfield,

...the players!

Who are these players? Mario Casseus, Devon Williams, William McDermott, Ricardo Gomes, Sergio Leandro, Mark Green, Edwin Navas, Norman Rochez, Asuen Imuetinyan, Fabio Miranda, Philip Long, Amo Augustus Kubeyinje, Mohamadu Fusaini, Everton Prospere, Constantine Martin, Macio Romero, Martin Francis, Kwame Delandro, Alex Pallares, Tomas Ramos, Dirk Ramrathan, Rafael Vasquez, Mathias Blaber, Agim Gashi, Momolu Hoff and Sonny Franklin.

Look out for up-dates in issues to follow. And please, support the team where you can, ...go see a game and cheer them on! □

FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM SEEKS APPLICANTS

The City College Fellowships Program is seeking a recruit academically gifted undergraduate students interested in academic careers. Students are invited to apply on their own or members of the faculty may submit nominations. Faculty nominations (consisting of the names of students and, if possible, their ID numbers) should be sent to the undergraduate Fellowships Office, NAC 6/316. Application forms are available at the Fellowships Office and should be submitted by October 30. For Eligibility Requirements, Fellowship benefits and program highlights, Call Renee Philippi or Saul N. Brody at 212-650-8388

YOUNG WITNESSES FOR CHRIST CHOR

(City College Chapter)

Rehearsals held Wednesdays 4pm to 8pm Look out flyers for our one 1 year Aniversary Celebration at City College on October 27.

WOMEN'S FORUM EDUCATIONAL AWARD

The Women's Forum of New York is offering an educational award to encourage maturewomen to fulfill their potential through the pursuit fo education. Awards of \$,000. Will be given in the 1995-1996 academic year to women over the age of 35 who, after an interruption in their education, are now pursuing undergraduate college degrees. The deadline for applications is December 1,1995 and it is Critical that our students submit their applications by this deadline. Applications are available in the office of Vice President Thomas Morales, A201. Additional on eligibility requirements, and general information are listed on the Applications.

ASA

The African Students Association ASA holds a general meeting on thursdays at 12:00-1:45 in room 4/129 The Following films will be shown in NAC 0/201 on Tuesdays, 12-3pm Each film will be preceded by a 15 minute introduction Questions?- call 650-6357
September 19, Oedipus Rex;
October 10, Pride and Prejudice, Part 1; October 17 Pride and Prejudice, Part 2; October 24 A Doll House; October 31 Macbeth (Roman Polanski) (THE Halloween date movie); November 14 She's Gotta Have it; Noember 21 The Fly; November 28 Man of La Mancha; December 5 Erendira;

THE BUSHWICK MASS CHOIR

30th Reunion Anniversary Celebration. Saturday, November 4, 1995 at the Bethesda Baptist Church, 1170 Bushwick Ave. Brooklyn. 7:00 pm Sharp