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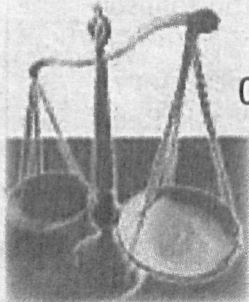
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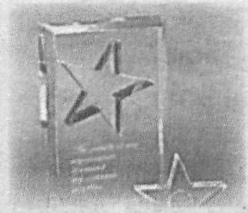


"I have a dream that one day, out of the chaos of the world, there will be a peace that will be the result of their own, but by the content of their character. I have a dream that..."

Illustration by Kim

"One of my principal visions is to create a think tank to strengthen the voices of inner city residents in the shaping of public policy development analysis, and advocacy"

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By: ReskQ

On Monday, January 19, 2004, hundreds of Americans gathered at the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem, to remember and pay tribute to a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand: "The King," who help heal wounds and was a great beacon of light and hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the combustion of withering injustice.

Dr. King's day celebration was organized and led by civil activist Dr. Alfred Sharpton of the National Action Network, a 2004 Presidential Candidate. In attendance were some of the New York politicians, Charles Wrangle, Senator Chuck Schumer, Mayor Bloomberg, and Councilman Charles Barron, just to name a few. Dr. Al Sharpton and all others spoke in honor of Dr. King and his legacy. Senator Schumer highlighted on the progress of African Americans in supremacy.

Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Chairman of the National Action Network, Senior Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in New York's Harlem community and Former Chief of Staff for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was remembered in prayers as he was announced ill and unable to attend the celebration of Dr. King's day.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. catapulted to fame when he came to the assistance of Rosa Parks, the Montgomery, Alabama Black seamstress who refused to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery bus to a White passenger.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., born on Tuesday January 15th, 1929 in Atlanta

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How else can I categorize it? The recent murder-by-cop shouldn't be a shocker. Similar shootings occur at least three times a year. This police officer is not an anomaly, or a case of a good cop going mad. Coincidentally, all the victims are Afro-American, while the officers are of European descent and always "just doing their job." The latest resultant of stupidity took place in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.



Timothy Stansbury Jr., 19, was shot once in the chest around 1:30 a.m., on the roof of the Louis Armstrong Houses on Saturday, January 24. He was unarmed, but black. Housing Officer Richard Neri, a 12-year veteran, was conducting vertical patrols with a partner when Timothy and his two friends used the rooftop route that the Housing Authority forbids, as a shortcut to another building.

The Daily News reports: "Police sources said Officer Richard Neri, who had not fired a shot in the line of duty in his entire career, seems to have been startled when his partner, Officer Jason Hallik, 33, opened the roof door from the outside just as Stansbury pushed on the door from the inside." Neri, 35, whose gun was already drawn, shot Stansbury at a range of three or four feet. After being shot in the chest, young Stansbury staggered down five flights to the lobby, where he collapsed. He was then taken to Woodhull Hospital and was pronounced dead at 2:40 a.m.

City Councilman Charles Barron, our choice for the 2005 mayoral elections, said of the incident, "Heads should

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Got a problem ? Don't just talk about it, write about it.



RESKQ

I sustain sturdily to construct a difference on tomorrow today. While I endure and enjoy the challenges of various responsibilities. I urge all of you to get involve as we build on our future today. You could only succeed when you realize that success is never "a one-time tryout," and, as Frederick Douglass confirmed, "Without a struggle, there can be no progress."

Do not get overwhelmed while you take on other responsibilities. Enjoy the challenges while you manage your time wisely. Remember, winners don't

quit! Know your rights. Become involved in what is going on around you, in your school, community and in your nation—be part of the decision-making process. Vote in this year's upcoming election. Do not waste your power to vote. Get educated and know about your candidates. By getting involved, you are also continuing the legacy of those who fought for freedom and equality.

Dr. King's words offers us an opportunity as students of all ages to think about people making a difference, the importance of getting involved, inspiration through words, and change through nonviolence: "As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapon of love. Let no man pull you so low as to hate him. Always avoid violence. If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in your struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos."

The Paper positioned itself to serve as "the voice of the Voiceless". In this issue of The Paper, we have integrated new ideas to interest you, the reader. While we search for the news around the community.

I am not afraid of any controversial issues that will help impact changes. Got a problem on campus? Don't just talk about it, write about it. The Paper has a history of impacting changes in the community through investigative and analytical reporting. The Paper serves as a medium for people of African Descent, I remind you once again that whether you are from the North or South America, the Caribbean, or in any part of the world, you are AFRICAN and belong to the AFRICAN NATION. Join in the struggle for progress. Serving in the interest of the student body, RESK Q!

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To the Editor

Dear Editor,

As its December 4 plenary, the CLAS Faculty Council adopted the following resolution on the CUNY Proficiency Examination:

Whereas, The CUNY Board of Trustees has instituted the CUNY Proficiency Examination (CPE) that students must pass in order to proceed beyond 60 credits; and

Whereas, the CPE can provide useful information, but its current function contributes to an anxiety-ridden academic atmosphere that impedes enthusiasm for learning; and

Whereas, the CPE currently depletes scarce staff and financial resources; now therefore be it Resolved, that The City College CLAS Faculty Council recommends the abandonment of the CPE as a requirement for student progress and recommends, instead, its more selective use as a diagnostic tool for curriculum development; and be it further

Resolved, that The City College President Williams shall bring this resolution to the Council of Presidents so that it may be transmitted to the Board of Trustees.

Bill Crain

Professor of Psychology
Chair of CLAS Faculty Council

World Peace

By: kodzo klenam anastui (Dr. Dee)

When will all the war cease

When will there ever be peace

Everyday poverty is on the increase

Yet I wonder if our leaders can hear our plea

When will all this war cease?

When will there ever be peace?

As you read this piece, look up to the prince of peace

Just believe somewhere beyond the land and seas,

There is peace

Peace only god can release

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\$900K FEDERAL GRANT FOR CCNY-BASED TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Calling it an investment in the ability of Americans to travel more safely and efficiently, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta has announced a \$906,000 grant to The City College of New York-based CUNY University Transportation Research Center (UTRC).

The grant is in support of advanced research for the planning and management of regional transportation systems.

"President Bush knows the importance a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system has to our quality of life and the economy," Secretary Mineta said. "This transportation research and development grant is an investment in Americans' ability to travel more safely and efficiently in the years to come."

CUNY Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering Robert E. Paaswell, who directs UTRC, said the grant brings the amount of money received by the Center since its inception in 1988 to over \$20 million dollars.

It's also the latest funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), which awards close to a million dollars annually in competitive grants to UTRC, a leading resource for the transportation industry in the northeast region.

A consortium of twelve major universities throughout the region, including Columbia, Cornell, Princeton and Rensselaer Polytechnic, UTRC conducts research in critical areas related to transit, inter-modalism infrastructure and regional funding and pricing. The Center taps the resources of outstanding faculty in a wide variety of disciplines at CCNY and throughout The City University of New York.

Located at City College's Institute for Transportation Systems, it is the lead institution within the con-

sortium. Other centers are located at leading colleges and universities around the country, including MIT, the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Texas.

The purpose of DOT grants to regional centers like UTRC is to advance U.S. expertise and technology in the many fields comprising transportation through investment in education, research and technology.

More than 75 colleges and universities throughout the United States participate in DOT's University Transportation Center (UTC) program, conducting combined programs of transportation research, education and technology transfer. Last year, the UTC colleges and universities graduated over 1,000 students with advanced transportation-related degrees, offered almost 2,000 undergraduate and graduate transportation courses, conducted over 400 research projects, and trained over 25,000 practicing transportation professionals.

UTC grants are administered by DOT's Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) and must be matched by recipients on, at a minimum, a dollar-for-dollar basis in order to leverage the value of the federal investment.

UTRC's director, Professor Paaswell, is a transportation expert who is highly regarded for his work in transit. He has served on various bodies, including the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, and is the first Chair of the Transit Standards Council Education and Training Committee.

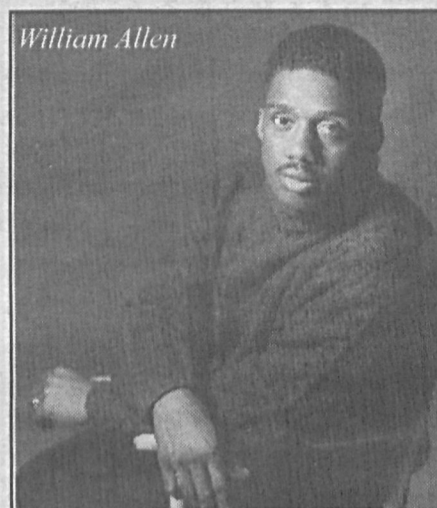
Professor Paaswell, who has taught and headed transportation centers at SUNY-Buffalo and the University of Illinois, also served as Executive Director (CEO) of the Chicago Transit Authority, the second largest system in the U.S. He lectures and consults widely on policy and management issues.

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OUR BLACK LEADERS OF TOMORROW

An In-Depth Look at Community Leader William Allen

By: Sanayi Beckles



William Allen

February is Black History month and a time to celebrate and recognize our leaders in the African-American community. During this time, the focus is mostly placed on leaders of African descent who have made major contributions to the struggles and issues of our people in earlier times, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Charles Drew, Malcolm X, Adam Clayton Powell, Jesse Jackson and a whole list of others. Many of their contributions have changed our lives and how we exist as a society today. Their struggle to create equality and peace in a place of constant strife and injustice has opened doors for better opportunities for generations to come. But rarely do we take time out to recognize our future leaders of tomorrow, who are dedicating their lives daily to promote positive changes in our communities and society just as our ancestors have.

One of these great individuals is William Allen. His contributions to educate and empower his people and others who have faced similar struggles are tremendous and heartfelt. He has been on many community, private, and governmental boards that have been instrumental in changing the policies and lives of many New Yorkers, and CUNY students in particular.

William Allen is currently a graduate student at Hunter College, CUNY, where he is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Urban Affairs and a Juris Doctorate in Law at the City University of New York Law School. He is a great example of someone who has dedicated his entire life to advocating and empowering others. Before attending

Hunter College and City University of New York Law School, you could've found William walking through the halls of City College, back in the late 1980's. During his undergraduate years, his skills helped to build diverse coalitions that prevented tuition increases and the elimination of open access to higher education. He is currently serving his third term as Democratic District Leader of the Harlem community.

He is one of the most influential voices in the CUNY system, where he also serves as the Chair of the Council of Presidents of CUNY Student Senate and the Board President of the Graduate Student Association of Hunter College. The service he has given to his community is remarkable and unforgettable. Since his teenage years, he has been a leader. He continues to be the voices for youth, the poor, and working people all over New York City. Through his grassroots approaches, William has helped build organizations and create services that did not exist for CUNY students and others within and outside of his community. He is a magnificent role model and leader for future generations to follow. William stated, "One of my principal visions is to create a think tank to strengthen the voices of inner city residents in the shaping of public policy development analysis, and advocacy. Since high school, I have been in and out of institutions of higher education, but I will never forget the lessons taught by the heroes in my community."

Leaders are not always people who are famous because of their ability to sing, act, or play a sport, but are often those people who are willing to give of themselves to help better the lives of others, as they fight to change the injustices that sometimes invade our society. Leaders are the ordinary people who go to ordinary schools and live in ordinary communities, but do extraordinary things. This Black History month we celebrate William Allen as one of our great leaders of the future.

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CUNY NEWS



Stronger Student Media at CUNY

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Sherrill-Ann Mason

Student journalists at the City University of New York (CUNY) have made a commitment to strengthen their organizations and to create a vibrant network among the various media outlets throughout CUNY.

This commitment came as the student journalists met at the inaugural CUNY Student Media workshop held at City College on Monday, January 12, 2004. The workshop brought together students and practicing media professionals in New York City to discuss ways that students can better improve their skills and the quality of their product. A highlight of the workshop was the student media roundtable. In this session, the students discussed the strengths and weaknesses of their organizations, and ways in which they can help each other to ensure that there is a stronger student media voice on the campuses at CUNY.

One of the key areas of agreement was that there is a greater need for collaboration and the sharing of information among student journalists so that they can become stronger advocates for students throughout CUNY. The group decided to pursue the establishment of a student media union and to establish an e-discussion group so that they can continue to share experiences and information.

Also, it was decided that more needed to be done to promote the work of the University Student Senate (USS) using the campus media, and to make a clarion call for that student body to become more visible on the various campuses.

Facilitators for the workshop included Jessica Otigbe, a

media consultant and lecturer at New York University. Otigbe conducted a workshop in television production. A panel discussion was also held with distinguished CCNY alumni attached to major publications in New York City. These were Salvador Arena, Daily News; Anne Mancuso, New York Times; Ande Brown, Daily Challenge; and Esther Tolkoff, Backstage.

The event was sponsored by the CCNY Media and Publications Board in collaboration with 'The Paper,' the student newspaper of CCNY. Editor-in-Chief of 'The Paper,' Redeemer Amedzekor, has said that every effort will be made to make the workshop an annual event. SM

RESTROOM TORTURE!

By ReskQ

Don't even think of "relieving yourself" while being on the first to the third floor at the NAC (North Academic Center) building.

CCNY students have experienced the torment of "holding it" since the fall semester of '03. Nobody knows where the bathrooms are anymore. As reconstruction of the women and men's restrooms takes place, we all feel a bit displaced.

"No manners at all! Not even a sign to re-direct us to the nearest one. I ran around from the first to the third floor looking for a restroom. I partially urinated on myself," a student bitterly complained. "This is torturous. I go around looking for a place to relax, or just to have a break, and it's very frustrating to no longer have a student lounge, but not even restrooms on the main floor? This is absurd!" a freshman added.

As students and visitors walk around the NAC building looking for the nearest restroom, the school's staff and administrators have keys to open their respective restrooms. It is unknown at this moment when the renovations will be completed, but until then should we all suck up to our professors for toilet privileges, or buy some Pampers? RA

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE "USS" REPORT

From: The Desk Of Vice Chair Of
Graduate Affairs

Jean-Daniel Dorfeuille

Weekend Program for Graduate

Students are Coming to CUNY



Jean-Daniel Dorfeuille

The City University of New York will now have weekend programs for graduate students on many campuses, beginning next fall. It will be a great opportunity for graduate students to take all of their classes for their degree on Saturdays and Sundays. This is an initiative that the administration, especially the Provosts of different colleges and the University Students Senate, have initiated to help CUNY to serve its students more efficiently.

This past December, members of the City College Graduate Student Council met with the Provost of City College, Dr. Zeev Dagan. Joining me in this meeting were the former Chairperson of the Graduate Student Council, Ms. Sheria McFadden and the new Chairperson, Mr. Michael Harnar. We discussed the viability of having weekend graduate programs, and agreed on many points during the meeting. Dr. Dagan felt that the Graduate Education Program could support weekend courses as soon as the Fall 2004 semester. A weekend program in Graduate Psychology will be pursued next.

On January 15, 2004 I met with administrators at Brooklyn College. Provost Roberta S. Matthews was joined by Anselma Rodriguez, Coordinator of Graduate Studies and Louise Hainline, Dean of Graduate Student Affairs. The college currently offers graduate weekend classes in Education, Computer Science, and the Arts. They were very pleased with our interest and welcome any support from the University Students Senate. I still plan to meet with the other CUNY Provosts this semester.

As the University Student Senate Vice Chair of Graduate Students Affairs, I realize that leadership does not work well without vision. It is an attribute that is fundamental to serve our fellow students in appropriate ways. There are many things that need to get done. I intend to write a follow-up to this article at the end of the semester.

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New Trial Scheduled in Persecution of Hostos Student Leader

by Abram Negrete, Hunter Internationalist Club

The ongoing legal persecution of Hostos Community College student leader Miguel Malo, is an attack on all CUNY students. Arrested in August 2001 for protesting cuts at the campus, located at Grand Concourse and 149th Street in the Bronx, Miguel had to go to court 27 times before receiving a trial in December 2003. After a mistrial was declared, the office of Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson (egged on by the vindictive Hostos administration) intends to proceed with yet another trial, tentatively scheduled for early March 2004, in the Bronx County Criminal Court. Attempts to suppress CUNY students' right to protest, to object to practices that affect us as students and community, are a part of the ongoing war on basic rights. The vendetta against Miguel Malo is aimed at CUNY students, faculty and workers who mobilize against everything from tuition hikes, TAP cuts and police brutality in NYC to escalating imperialistic wars abroad. Miguel Malo is being attacked for standing up for the rights of us all. We must stand up for him, and redouble the fight demanding that all charges against him be dropped now!

The persecution of Miguel Malo has been an abomination from day one. He is being tried for daring to hold up a sign protesting cuts of bilingual and English-as-a-second-language courses at Hostos in August 2001. He faces several assault charges and up to a year in prison, if convicted. Yet, the fact is that Miguel was assaulted by several CUNY "Peace Officers," while he was standing peacefully with a cardboard sign talking to students. Witnesses to the arrest testified that the police threw Miguel to the ground, and put a knee in

his back while handcuffing him. Photographs taken minutes after he was released from police custody showed welts covering his entire back.

There have been innumerable complaints from students and professors about the police-state atmosphere at Hostos, which even the New York Times reported. On the day Miguel Malo was arrested, thrown to the ground and brutally manhandled, three other students were also arrested. One was a Hunter student, arrested for trying to enter the building; the second, an Hostos student, for protesting that arrest; a third, also from Hostos, made a sign reading "Stop Arresting Our Students" and stood on the public sidewalk holding it - for which he too was then arrested. The next day a CCNY professor was arrested for

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"crime" of trying to enter Hostos with his CUNY ID. Later, Hostos Security staff tore down a banner a block away from campus protesting the police-state measures.

All this originated as retaliation for protests by hundreds of Hostos students in May 2001 that forced the administration to back off on cuts in bilingual and ESL programs. The Hostos administration sought to intimidate and silence students, and since then, the campus has been without a student newspaper. The list of outrages and abuses goes on. Last March, a Hostos professor was threatened with arrest for holding up a sign protesting the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Last fall, when a list-serve

was set up for students (using their Technology Fee), it was announced that all messages sent to more than one person had to be approved by the Hostos Administration. A Bronx Community College professor who sent his students to the Hostos library to retrieve books for their Spanish class found they were barred from entering the building. Students were turned away a second time by campus Security. Last time we checked, CUNY students can visit and make use of our sister schools' facilities by simply providing CUNY identification.

The campus is on permanent lockdown. Campus security is obviously a necessity and a service that we all appreciate, but when the line is crossed from "ensuring safety" to "exercising your duties to the point of entrenching on the civil rights of

a civilian," then we have a problem. Police brutality is an epidemic that is steadily spreading through our city. Amadou Diallo was killed in a hail of 41 bullets that will never be justified. And as shown yet again with the cop who just murdered black teenager, Timothy Stansbury Jr., racist police brutality is always accompanied by attempts to blame the victim. Hostos cops have used the same tactic in trying to justify their brutal arrest of Miguel and attempt to wipe out student activism at the overwhelmingly Latino, black, and immigrant campus. We would hate to think that an educational institution is participating in these shameful plots, whether directly or not directly, and not be aware of the

long-lasting consequences, including the future of their jobs.

CUNY Action to Defend Miguel Malo has organized demonstrations at the court in his support and attended trial sessions. A special Faculty Day in support of Miguel was held at the court during the first trial. Students from throughout CUNY, joined by labor, community and left activists, and organized contingents of workers fighting to unionize NYC delis, have come out to defend Miguel.

With another trial expected to begin this next March, we will reinforce our efforts against the trumped-up charges against Miguel Malo. For more information, call (212) 460-0983. Also, Activists are currently gathering hundreds of signatures on a petition started by Hostos students and faculty, demanding the exoneration of Miguel. The petition (as well as a dossier on the case and daily reports from the first trial) is available at: <http://www.internationalist.org/malopetition.doc>.

Contact office of The Paper for more information.

After gathering signatures on your campus, mail completed petitions to: Sandy Brereton, University Student Senate, 101 W. 31st St., Suite 1245, New York NY 10001.

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City College Student Burdens

By: Christina Hiale

The City University Board Directors are responsible for students having less money in their pockets and making it harder for students to graduate, especially during this time of financial distress for the working class.

Public hearings were held by the CUNY Board of Trustees to discuss proposals to increase tuition at all CUNY colleges. "I believe further that this Board of Trustees has failed the people of the City and has not duly exercised its fiduciary role to maintain an institution that is affordable. It is just too easy to sit at a Board meeting and voice affirmation of a resolution whose consequences can only be imagined," states Cecelia McCall, Secretary/ Legislative Director for Professional Staff Congress Union for faculty and staff at CUNY, according to PSC's written hearing testimonies. Soon after this public hearing, the Board of Trustees approved tuition increase of \$800 for New York residents who are full-time students attending the eleven senior colleges in the five boroughs. The Board also approved a \$300 tuition increase for full-time students attending the University's six community colleges. This sets the full-time annual rate for residents at \$4,000 at four-year institutions and \$2,800 at those that are two-year.

"Increased tuition, no matter how small or great, is a burden on working class people who already are facing increased taxes on goods and services, housing and transportation," continues McCall. McCall may understand that the extra fifty-cent that the MTA requires us to pay for transportation is an additional hard hit to students' pockets.

"I had to take a loan out this year for tuition, something that I didn't really want to do," complains City College student, Toni Sterrett. Now that students are struggling and broke, the CUNY Board of

Directors doesn't stop there; they continue to make graduation almost unattainable.

As of September 1, 2003, Board of Trustees began to require that all students take a CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE) in both associate and baccalaureate programs. According to the Office of Academic Affairs, the purpose is for students to demonstrate certain vital academic skills by the time they reach their 60th credit.

"I don't think the CPE is a roadblock toward graduation. Degrees shouldn't be given out that easily. The exam effectively examines thinking, writing and comprehension abilities," explains Sterrett. Others feel differently. "I think it's a waste of time. It's equivalent to English 210. People get restless because it's three hours and given during the same time as finals, but the passing rate is high," explains a Chief Prompter for the CPE, who wishes not to be named.

"I think the test is a waste of time. We need to stay focused on the curriculum, because with the current conditions today, the rising tuition and cost of living, we students have enough to worry about," argues York College student, Dyani John-Richberg.

Chancellor Matthew Goldstein announced a five-point program offering help and information on financial aid, scholarships, part-time jobs, career counseling and interest-free tuition payment plans. **CH**

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INSUFFICIENT LIBRARY HOURS

By Augusta Jenkins

The City College's libraries play a substantial role in the life of the students who attend this institution. Altogether, there are four libraries at CCNY: the Morris Raphael Cohen Library (located on the second floor of the NAC building), the Architecture and Music libraries (both situated in Shepard Hall), and the Science/Engineering Library (in the Marshak Building). The purpose of these libraries is to provide excellent, resourceful assistance to the student body in order to facilitate the successful attainment of their academic objectives. The limited work hours of these libraries are what I wish to bring to your attention.

To the student population, these libraries serve as a haven for peaceful studying, researching, and group discussions before, after, and in between lectures and classes. Material availability and access to the Internet, are other library features. Students who wish to visit the library on weekends, maybe due to a tight work schedule, as well as students who cannot study at home because of the typical distractions, have the pressing need to make use of the library facilities. On weekends, they carry their entire burden of papers and textbooks to work at the school library in hopes of accomplishing much...and what happens? Just when they might be not quite finished with their work, the clock strikes 6 p.m. and they have to pack up and leave.

The Morris Raphael Cohen Library is the only one open until late Monday through Thursday. Even that is ridiculous because in collegiate terms 'late' does not mean 11 p.m. The resting libraries are closed before 9 p.m. On Fridays, each library closes its door at 9 p.m. Is Friday supposed to be a holiday?

Study space is more than crucial for students. The great resources of our libraries are frequently under-used because working hours are not compatible with students' study periods. There is not enough student space on college grounds, except for designated rooms in Shepard Hall, which are open around the clock for students to study. However, during non-exam periods Shepard Hall isn't the most populated, a.k.a. safe, or even well lit building.

When asked for her opinion, Sarah Aponte, Librarian for the CUNY Dominican Studies Institute, affirmed that indeed, the library hours are insufficient and it would be wonderful if something could be done about it. In agreement was Cynthia Tony, a sophomore, who believes that library hours should be extended. Our sister college, Baruch, is able to provide 7a.m. to midnight service, which can't help but make CCNY students envious. Given tuition and fee hikes, students should not be deprived of those facilities that make the quest for higher education complete. minican Studies Institute, affirmed that indeed, the library hours are insufficient and it would be wonderful if something could be done about it. In agreement was Cynthia Tony, a sophomore, who believes that library hours should be extended. Our sister college, Baruch, is able to provide 7a.m. to midnight service, which can't help but make CCNY students envious. Given tuition and fee hikes, students should not be deprived of those facilities that make the quest for higher education complete. **AJ**

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Celebrating Black History

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Carter G. Woodson

By ReskQ

Negro History Week—now evolved to be Black History month—was started in 1926 by historian Carter G. Woodson of Washington D.C., who aimed to defend black humanity and highlight the accomplishments of his ancestors. It began as a weeklong celebration in the Washington D.C. and Baltimore Black School districts where exhibitions of artifacts, photos, and books highlighted and detailed important achievements of African Americans.

Some of us might joke around, saying that the month of February was chosen because it's the shortest month of the year. Research, however, shows that February was chosen because of the significance of the month to African Americans. A large number of African American pioneers and institutions were born and established in this month, from W.E.B. Du Bois and Langston Hughes, to the NAACP and the first Pan African Congress. Some researchers argue that Woodson chose the second week of February because of the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, born February 12th and 14th respectively.

Today, the concept has evolved into a month-long observance that is recognized nationwide. When we celebrate Black History month, we celebrate our history, the American history, the accomplishments, the struggles, and the better days to come.

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Black history month is about educating you with the valued African American history and knowing about the accomplishments of the legend and today's emerging leaders that fought on our behalf in building our school, the community and America as a whole.

We honor the God Father of Black history month Carter G. Woodson.
RA

Hail To The King continued

Georgia.

A pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement. He was elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, the organization that was responsible for the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott from 1955 to 1956 (381 days). He was arrested thirty times for his participation in civil rights activities. He was a founder and president of Southern Christian Leadership Conference from 1957 to 1968. He was also vice president of the national Sunday school and Baptist Teaching Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention. He was a member of several national and local boards of directors and served on the boards of trustees of several institutions and agencies. Dr. King was elected to membership in several learned societies including the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., shot while standing at the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4th 1968 by James Earl Ray. Mr. Ray was arrested in London, England on June 8th, 1968 and was later on convicted and sentenced to ninety-nine

years in prison in the Tennessee State Penitentiary.

Dr. King's concept of human right encouraged black and poor people of a new sense of worth and dignity. The letter he wrote while in Birmingham jail is one of the most important American documents being taught in philosophy in most colleges today. While others refer to him as "soft" because of his philosophy of non-violence direct action, and his strategies for rational and non-destructive social change galvanized the conscience of this nation. A man with wisdom, his words, his actions, his commitment, and his dreams lives forever!

The time of struggle where Ruby Bridges, a six-year-old black girl could be hector and spit on by a white New Orleans mob because she wanted to go to the same school as white children. Emmett Till, a 14-year-old black boy could be hunted down and murdered by a Mississippi gang because he had allegedly made suggestive remarks to a white woman. Even highly educated blacks were routinely denied the right to vote or serve on juries. They could not eat at lunch counters, register in motels or use whites-only rest rooms; they could not buy or rent a home wherever they chose.

Today, Black Americans have federal legislation, which provides access and legal protection in the areas of public accommodations, housing, voting rights, schools, and transportation. These fight which was not easily won nor easily accepted but through the importunate and courage of the man who was fearless. "No man is free if he fears death," Dr. King told the crowd at a civil rights rally in 1963. "But the minute you conquer the fear of death, at that moment you are free." He continues, "I cannot live in fear. I have to function. If there is one fear I have conquered, it is the fear of death...I submit to you that if a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live!" However, racism still exists in our homes, schools, work places and communities. "I

was surprised to walk to a children's day care here in Harlem to see all only "white kids" and when I walk crossed the street of 'Broadway' to another children's day care there were only "black kids," when do we become visor of our skin's color and do a way with segregation? A student marveled.

We need to remember that though great strides have been made in the last 4 to 5 decades, there is yet work to be done. Economic justice and equality of opportunity are still elusive. Poverty is widespread,

and medical care grows ever more expensive. Quality public education is shrinking

The struggles of Dr. King will be worthless if we do not stand and promote integration in our community. We must nonethe-

less act now to employ the teachings of Dr. King. "For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Wait" has almost always meant "Never." We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied." stated in a letter Dr. King wrote in Birmingham jail in response to the clergymen.

Dr. King's life is to be celebrated everyday with dignity and pride while we follow his legacy to put into action the changes that he fought for in his short years of struggle. For most Americans, Dr. King's day is just another day off or better yet an excuse for a long weekend. While his vital and real message becomes more obscured and reduced to just posters and poster stamps.

Dr King has left a legacy of political struggle and individual courage as exemplified in the inspirational work and prophetic words. Remember the dream of the Dr. King.

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today." RA

Rev Al Sharpton speaking on the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King



U NETWORK ON CUNY CAMPUSES

A resource to empower students. In a press conference attended by various college student leader representatives on January 15th, 2004, MTV announced its newest renamed network MTV U formerly known as College Television network (CTN). The network is to bring resources onto college campuses. MTV U programming is geared toward the "University" and the student, every aspect of college life, and seeks to reach students everywhere they hang out, through a three-pronged approach, on-air, online and on campus.

Focusing on music programming, news, student life, features, events, pro-social initiatives and more, Van Toffler, President of MTV, MTV2 and MTV U stated, "We are going to be a resource for students' lives, everywhere they are. Students don't just want entertainment, so we'll also provide them the practical resources they're demanding on everything from jobs to travel to dating." MTV U promised to provide various opportunities, access and resources to students by working closely

with student leaders and administrators to present numerous opportunities exclusively to students at all MTV U campuses. MTV U also proposed to provide grants to college students. The grants will not only recognize student activists' achievements, but will also jumpstart a community initiative. MTV U will partner with Youth Venture to give a \$1,500 MTV U grant to a young social activist every single week of the school year.

More importantly, MTV U is making a priority of empowering students to vote in the 2004 elections. MTV U will coordinate with MTV's "Choose or Lose and 20 Million Loud" voter campaign. MTV U promises to partner with ROCK the Vote, National Campus Voter Registration Project, United States Student Association (USSA) and Project vote smart to bring a polling stations to college campuses. MTV U is said to be working towards the larger "Choose or Lose" goal of getting at least 20 million young adults ages 18-30 to vote in this year's election.

In an interview with Stephen Friedman, General Manager of MTV U, he emphasized that this project will empower and increase student participation: "Without access to voting booths on their campuses, college students are disempowered. MTV U will work to give students

the access they need to make their voices heard." MTV U will launch officially on January 20th 2004. Some of its programming will update audiences on-air and online with news coverage and campaign developments, providing resources to college audiences to take action, including sample letters to local commissions, making the case for polling stations on college campuses, petition to generate student support on campus, an election commission search function and voter registration forms, and also, educating students about running candidates, their various issues, and political opportunities. "Our goal is to have every young American get involved in the political process," said MTV U's staff member.



In an interview, MTV U staff member Mayleen Ramey who landed a career as a VJ, described her duties

and love for the job. Based in Los Angeles, CA, she graduated in 2002 with a degree B.A in Business Economics. She involved herself in extra curricular activities during her college years, including various clubs like a hip-hop dance team. Mayleen passed her resume to MTV and got auditioned only to find out

that she'd gotten the job as Video Jockey "VJ". "I have only been working with MTV U for about a year, and I've enjoyed traveling, interacting with students, interviewing celebrities and artist. I love my job and the pay is fine. I travel once a month to MTV U's newest Studio here at New York City to conduct interviews with various students and celebrities. Best of all, it's a lot of fun being in front of the camera, something I've always dreamt of." MTV U currently works with CBS news and MTV news to deliver hourly updates covering a variety of issues including world events, college news, sports, music, entertainment and more.

College Television Network (CTN) was purchased by MTV in October 2002, adding to the large family of Viacom International Inc. Some of Viacom's network includes MTV, MTV2, VH1, Nickelodeon, TV Land, Spike TV, CMT, and has recently the purchased BET (Black Entertainment Television) and MTV U.

Currently, MTV U is said to be at over 720 college campuses across the country, including a couple of our own CUNY campuses, Lehman College and Queens College.. RA

**Know Your History
Black History Month**

Eminem Rhymes: "BLACK GIRLS ARE BITCHES"

By ReskQ!

The February issue of the Source magazine released proof of the racist remarks towards Blacks made by the white Detroit rapper Eminem.

After a court battle, Source Magazine received the "go ahead" to release a recording of a Detroit basement tape which features series of raps that contain blatantly racist and derogatory statements about black women and black people in general.

According to UPN 9 news, white rapper Eminem apologized and said he made the tape out of anger after breaking up with a black girl he was dating then, back when he was

"young and stupid." He continued by stating that he didn't mean it nor did he mean to hurt anyone. Apparently Eminem's rival Benzino, co-owner of the Source Magazine, referred to the evidence tracks as "a nail in the coffin" for Eminem.



On the tracks, Eminem raps that black girls only want men for their money and that black women are

dumber than white girls: "Black girls are bitches/ that's why I'm-a tell ya/you better pull up your britches," he rhymes. Source Magazine issued a recent press release announcing a third song in which

the white rapper Eminem called blacks "porch monkeys," and other such slurs.

Some attest that Eminem is successful because he is white, and that the music industry juggernaut that supports him oppresses black rappers. One would agree that while Eminem can rap about just about anything, including his rough childhood, killing his mother, and other pains of his life, while black rappers must rhyme about riches, violence, and partying to get attention from the giants of the industry, such as record labels, radio stations, and other media. The black culture of hip-hop has elevated the white rapper Eminem while other young talented black rappers struggle to get recognized.

Surprisingly, Russell Simmons of Phat Pharms and the founder of Hip-Hop Summit Action Network

commented in support of Eminem, which caused Dave Mays, co-founder of Source Magazine, to resign from the board of Hip-Hop Summit Action Network RA

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CD REVIEWS

Single Reviews

By:ReskQ



GOOD 2 GO!

Elephant man is really "GOOD 2 GO." The long-awaited, and much anticipated album finds itself flying off the shelves of record stores with the best reggae dancehall songs that will keep you dancing non-stop, exploring and inventing new dance moves. His smash hits "Pon De River, Pon De Bank", "Fan Dem Off," & "Cock Up Your Bumper," featuring Sasha, has got the clubs heated. Most of his tracks have fine tunes, styles, unique vocabulary of slang, and catchy melodies that ring in your head. Collaborations with various reggae superstars and hip-hop artists have elevated Elephant Man to the top of the charts. "I just couldn't get enough of this album," exclaimed one of his newest fans. Elephant Man, O'Neil Bryan as his mother calls him, has proven himself to be one of the ever-increasing number of dancehall superstars, and his appearance, unique delivery and energetic performances forecasts an even brighter future. VP & Atlantic records found themselves proud parents to debut the reggae super and the self proclaimed "Energy God," Elephant man. RA



VP's Strictly The Best vol.31

Truly it is "strictly the best" of reggae vibes, I affirm, with

compilations of various reggae superstars on Strictly The Best vol.31. With this newest series of Strictly The Best, be rest assured that Sean Paul featuring Fat Man Scoop and Crooklyn Clan will get you busy to "Clap Your Hands Now," while Wayne Marshall confirms it is "Hot in the Club." Morgan heritage makes you "Jump Around," while the Energized God sings it "All Out," and Bounty Killer featuring Rik Rok teaches you how to "Do it Right" and to "Feel Alright," by Sean Paul. This compilation comprises of all your reggae taste from the dance hall to the love mood where Mr. Wayne Wonder teaches you the "Perfect Proposal," and Sizzla remembers "Just one of those days." Strictly The Best vol. 31 is one compilation you've been waiting for, with more of the biggest reggae hits. In stores RA

Single Reviews

By:Jasmine Brito



Jay-Z

Change Clothes
Label: Roc-a-Fella/Def Jam

With plans to retire, Jay-Z still has what it takes to get people bumping his music in their systems. "Change Clothes" is the 1st single off his latest and last album, The Black Album. Jay-Z teams up with Pharrell Williams on the hook, again creating a killer jam for the ladies; he's basically explaining his skill to them. He raps, "Best believe I sweat out weaves/ give afro-puffs like R.A.G.E." He lets us know what he's capable of doing and how people view him. Like most of his songs, he's very confident. This is a very catchy single, similar to Pharrell's "Frontin'." Jay-Z fans, if you're looking for something with an edge to it, check out "What More Can I Say," which is also receiving attention on mix tapes. JB



Jagged

Edge

Walked Outta Heaven
Label: Sony

It's nice to hear Jagged Edge again, but I expected them to come back with a different style. I must admit, this is the kind of song that has to grow on you. You don't respond to it in a positive way instantly, but once you hear it a few times, you'll find yourself grooving to it. This song reminds me of their previous hit single "Let's Get Married." Even though I'm not impressed with their new single, I must say, it's a beautiful song. JB

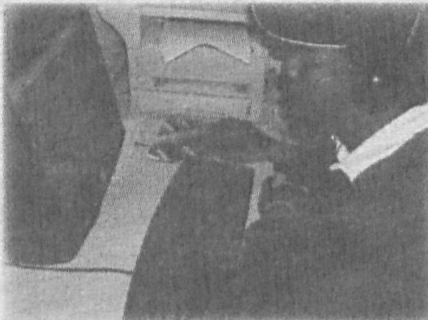


OutKast,

featuring Sleeping Brown
The Way You Move
Label: Arista

"The Way You Move" features Big Boi's rapping and Sleepy Brown's singing. This track has a wonderful hip-hop beat that everyone can dance to. It offers a variety of genres: rap, R&B, and dance. Such a combination crystallizes OutKast's unique musical vision. "The Way You Move" is a must have single! It's a song I loved since the first time I heard it. The hook is...off the hook! It's a carefree song, that's all about having fun. JB

MUSIC DOWNLOADERS



DOWNFALL

By:ReskQ

The music industry is on the hunt for the down loaders. With over 500 hundred people currently accused and being threatened with big lawsuit seeking up to 150,000.00 per violation.

Apparently, the music industry claimed to have drastically declined in CD sales due to the illegal downloading of copyrighted materials over the Internet. According to amNewYork, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has file about 400 law suites last September against down loaders of all kinds, individuals sitting at the comfort of their homes, including a 12 years old Manhattan school girl and a 71 years old Texas grandfather seeking \$150,000.00 per their violation.

"That's the only way I get my music, I love music but can't afford to buy the CD. I can understand where their coming from though. I guess I just have to find another way, maybe burn CD's from friends". A student stated.

As different means of legal down loadings are being launched, the industry is on the hunt tracing down all individuals who are still downloading illegally. The RIAA is trying to have some sort of legal agreement between the Internet service providers to help them in instantly tracing and bringing all the illegal downloader's to the downfall. RA

Housing in Harlem: Is There Really Affordable Housing?

By: Sanayia

Walking through the streets of Harlem on any given day you will find evidence of a booming economy sweeping through this area, compared to

previous years. From Magic Johnson's Movie Theatre and his partnership with Starbucks Coffee, to big corporations like Pathmark, Old Navy, and Washington Mutual, commercialization has taken over the neighborhood. Looking closer into other parts of Harlem, you will see that along with this new wave of commercial revitalization is a thriving real estate market. People are flocking to Harlem because of its affordable housing, compared with the rest of the city. Harlem rents are what some people would consider affordable, but for current Harlem residents this new wave of residents has created an escalation in housing prices. The fear with these new rent increases is that with time, current low and moderate income residents will be forced out of Harlem. Steve Williams, director of real estate for the Harlem Congregation for Community Improvement (HCCI), believes that eventually, low-income individuals could be entirely priced out of Manhattan.

Even with this new boom of business and real estate occurring in Harlem, there is still some affordable housing for low and moderate-income people. In December of 2002, Mayor Bloomberg launched a new housing initiative program called, "Creating Housing for the Next Generation," which is headed by Housing Preservation Development (HPD). This project is supposed to create new markets for affordable housing at all income levels and at the same time ensure that there is movement within the existing housing market place to make room for new apartment units.

Secondly, the focus is on rebuilding low-income neighborhoods to prevent another calamity of housing abandonment and disinvestments, like the ones that swept through Harlem, the South Bronx and central Brooklyn in the 1970s and 1980s, which left 321,000 units abandoned and nearly 800,000 residents displaced (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1981 New York City Housing and Vacancy Survey). If you are looking for affordable housing in Harlem, below is a list of housing resources.

Housing List

Housing Preservation Development:
Tel. 212- 863-5610

Abyssinian Corporation Housing Division:
Tel. 212-368-4471

Harlem Congregation for Community Improvement:
Tel. 212-283-1377

Mitchell Lamas City Sponsored Housing:
Tel. 212-863-6500

Internet:

www.nyc.gov/html/forapartment-seeker/mitchell-lama.html

www.easy-apartment-to-rent.com/harlem-apartment.html

Same O' Shit continued..

roll...he [Police Commissioner Kelly] don't want to micromanage, so he'd rather have us shot down like dogs, like animals. To me, that's an imbecilic response that makes no sense. You have to do things to prevent death. You are paid to protect us, not to kill us."

When will these ubiquitous incidents cease? And where's the outcry? There should be uproar emanate by all Afro-Americans, as a way of taking action in order to prevent similar incidents; not just the few participants marching behind Al Sharpton or Reverend Daughtry.

Although there aren't any excuses for complacency, I will, however, attempt to explain the reasons for being unconcerned, with my Same O' Shit theory. Repetition and redundancy (like that) becomes jaded after awhile, especially when the outcome is the same. Hence, people develop an "I don't give a f**k" or "It will always be like this" mindset. As a result, we become self-satisfied, that is, until it's their door death is knocking on.

Police officers have been beating and killing African-Americans for generations. After the tragedy come the mournful, televised pleas for justice by the victim's family and friends. Then the small protests are held, of course, after the Police Commissioner defends the officers (which did not happen, surprisingly, in this case). Finally, the acquittals and settlements are made. And nothing else is heard from the media, police department, or even the community, until the Same O' Shit happens again. Let's flip the script and start some s**t, or better yet, let's end it. AJ

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Old South Lingers in a Legal Lynching

By Marian Wright Edelman

This article was originally published in the Los Angeles Times.

There is a boy in Georgia who almost beat the odds. An African American born to a 15-year-old, drug-addicted mother and an absent father, Marcus Dixon nonetheless went on to become an honor student and all-state football star. His football skills, 3.96 grade point average and 1,200 score on his SAT won him a full scholarship to Vanderbilt University.

Marcus, 19, was supposed to enter Vanderbilt last fall. Instead, he is serving a 10-year prison sentence with no chance of parole for having consensual sex when he was 18 years old with a white girl who was three months shy of 16. He is the only person in Georgia history this close in age to his victim to be convicted of "aggravated child molestation," a charge that was intended to protect children from predatory adults, not imprison teenagers for having sex with other teenagers.

That such a promising young man could be sucked into the prison pipeline and become another African American statistic speaks volumes about blacks' vulnerability and about their disparate treatment in the justice system. From 1999 to 2000, there were 791,600 black men in jail or prison, compared with just 603,000 black men in higher education.

And even though nearly 50 years have passed since Emmett Till was murdered in Mississippi for whistling at a white woman, Dixon's case raises eerie echoes of the old Southern obsession with miscegenation.

Marcus was raised in Rome, Ga., by his partly disabled grandmother. With her blessing, a local white Little League coach, Ken Jones, and his wife, Peri, became Marcus' legal guardians when he was 11, and he became part of their family, which includes a teenage son and daughter. Marcus did not drink, smoke, use drugs or get in trouble. He sang in the high school

chorus and worked and volunteered at the YMCA. Universities came calling; two boxes full of recruiting letters still rest beside his bed at home.

Then, in February 2003, Marcus had sex with a girl who was almost 16, a virgin. Two days later, she accused him of rape. Investigators didn't give either of them a lie detector test or look for the condom Marcus said he used and threw away.

"I didn't believe him," the investigator explained. But the charge didn't stand up. In May, a jury of nine whites and three blacks took just 20 minutes to acquit Marcus of rape. There was no forced sex, they concluded. They



Marcus Dixon

then were obliged to consider a lesser charge of "aggravated child molestation" - a charge that was applicable even if the sex was consensual. This statute had never before been used to prosecute consensual sex between teens with less than a three-year age difference, and a majority of states have passed "Romeo and Juliet" statutes - which deal with teen sex when both partners are close in age - for exactly these types of cases. Later, several jurors said they thought the charge was minor and were shocked when the judge announced the mandatory 10-year sentence.

The case has been appealed to the Georgia Supreme Court, and arguments were heard Wednesday. Marcus has already missed his high school graduation and lost his scholarship. If the conviction is not overturned, you can almost hear the death knell ringing for this young man's future. Once out of prison, he would have a felony record and be required to register as a sex offender wherever he lives, effectively killing his aspiration to be a teacher and coach.

The racism and disparate treatment that underlie this case are widespread. In 1997, although

they made up only 34% of U.S. teens, minorities represented 67% of youths in detention. For those charged with violent offenses, blacks are jailed nine times more often than whites. Marcus' case brings back memories of all the black men who were lynched, executed or imprisoned for having relationships with white women, and it recalls the way black males are perceived to this day.

Almost 50 years may have passed since Emmett Till was lynched, but the unjust treatment of African American males goes on. No example could be more egregious or heartbreaking than that of Marcus Dixon.

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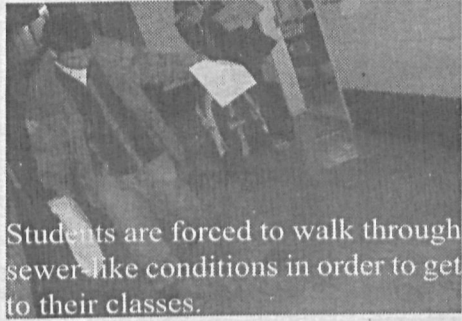
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Buildings and Grounds Worthless

CCNY buildings falling apart
by Geniesha Jones



Students are forced to walk through sewer-like conditions in order to get to their classes.

Pictures by Resk Q

On more than nine occasions, CCNY's North Academic Center (NAC) building has been flooded. On Thursday, February 5, 2004, the whole first floor flooded with sewage waste from the lavatory covering a large part of the hallway, preventing students access to their classrooms and some student offices, as the whole floor reeked of human urine and feces. Literally, the hallway of the building was stinking with sh@t! No one seemed to be doing anything about it. What is going on? The department to blame is Physical Plant Services (Buildings and Grounds). The mission of Physical Plant Services Department of City College is to "provide the best physical environment in support of the overall campus mission". However, the department of Physical Plant has been ignoring some of the campus's physical conditions for too long. While the supervisor on duty, Gerry Miller, refused to answer any questions, one physical plant staff replied, "the building is old", when asked what the problem was. The building seems to be falling apart. The leaks and floods victimized WCCR Radio, SAME TV, "The Paper," the Humanities Department, and even the Student Government offices. Before the holiday break, the NAC building was flooded more than seven times and even during the break session. The hallways where the escalators are located were all submerged.

What is our Student Government doing about this? The current government also seems to be reserved with the physical condition of the college. "I've walked into the Student Government office on many occasions to ask for assistance from Lev Srinov, the ever-elusive

president, while other members in the government's office, more pre-occupied with playing video games and the likes, they were of no help. The Student Government of 2004 needs to fight for students and for the extinction of the problems that plagues us" James Winston, CCNY student complained.

Building and Grounds will not even address complaints made by students about the building's leaks and floods. When "The Paper" persisted in finding some answers, another staff member from physical plant retorted, "this is not our responsibility, the Dormitory Authorities were paid to have these problems fixed." As its stands, no one wants to claim responsibility. "My next step is walking to the office of the school's president" James added. After paying the high cost of textbooks and "high jacked" tuition fees, students are not willing to tolerate this appalling situation.

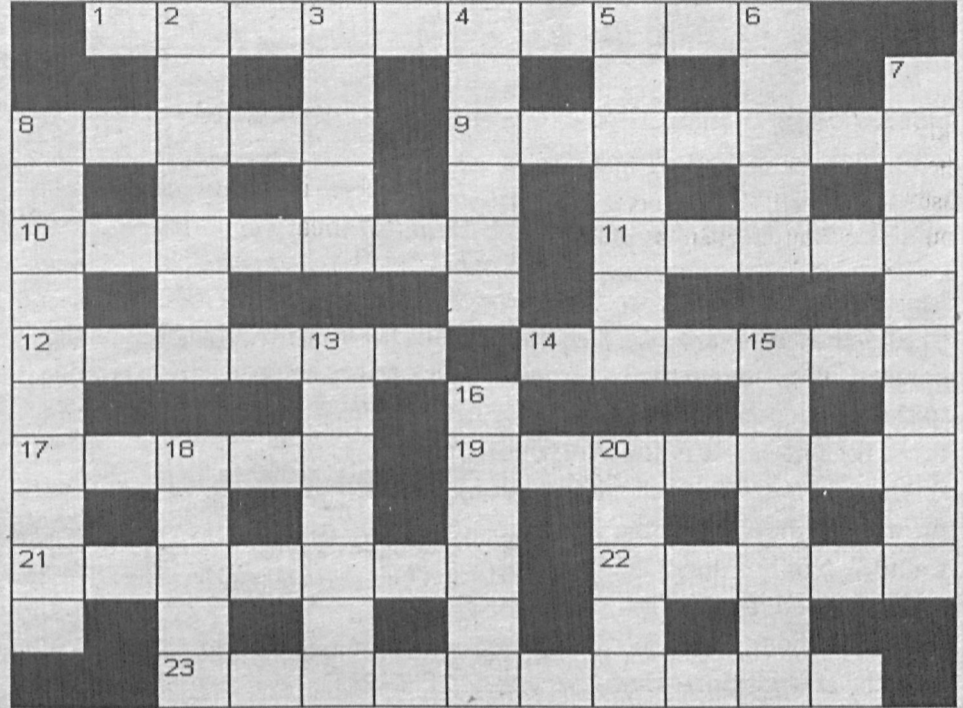
G.J

Pictures by ReskQ

These four shows the horrible conditions of the school and its flooding woes



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Across

- 1 Anxious period during trial (6,4)
 8 They are posted either side of the door (5)
 9 Cunning employed in any lawless state (7)
 10 Train me to change gear (7)
 11 Two letters are said to name her (5)
 12 Introduce one with stern disposition (6)
 14 Perceive a voyage beset with trouble (6)
 17 Conclude there's no getting away from Hades (5)
 19 Powerful agency about to take on a player (7)
 21 Naturally colourful, it looks excellent in brown perhaps (7)
 22 Cook and sew (5)
 23 Community tax payment? (10)

Down

- 2 Bones for stays (7)
 3 Lives with a girl in spring (5)
 4 Note rates of student allowances (6)
 5 Disorderly orderly's place of work perhaps (2,1,4)
 6 Ninety in general to rise and shine (5)
 7 Anger badly out of place generally speaking (2,3,5)
 8 It won't stand for cut flowers (10)
 13 Undercooked morsel that's eaten (7)
 15 Sculpture is one article made by a craftsman (7)
 16 Minor scoop for the nursery? (6)
 18 Fires made up for cooks (5)
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DO YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY ?

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Money. Realistically we all need it, and thus all want it. This new column is not exclusively targeted to those students with an insatiable thirst for riches. It is for everyone. A shopworn quote undeniably, yet fitting, "Money makes the world go round." Not building capital due to undisciplined tendencies, negative views of money, or obliviousness propels stagnation. Being a college student myself, I feel justified in making generalizations such as: Our money is short, quickly spent, and hardly saved. Agreed? To live comfortably in America you need financial stability. We therefore learn that language.

Changing one's spending habits requires a change of lifestyle. In order to do this, one's psyche must first undergo changes. A psychological disability that I've suffered from, and certainly many other low-income, inner city youth have, was the "name-brand" infatuation. No matter how tacky the sneakers were, if it said Jordan, I was sporting it. It was not until I opened my eyes have I realized that my flamboyant attire was an unintended smoke screen I presented to disguise my actual financial situation. The ironic thing was that while I was creating the illusion of being financially empowered, with each expensive purchase, I was moving further from the ideal stature I was fronting.

Let's change our way of thinking. Let's stop pretending to be — and actually be. But know that that hyphen symbolizes the long hard road to actually being. AJ

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your Taxes
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RELATIONSHIPS

The Art of Compromise

By: Kerry F.A. Hyre
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It's Friday night and Aida's boyfriend calls her up with the suggestion that they go see a movie; however, Aida would rather go to a nice romantic restaurant. Aida's boyfriend says no, they argue, he hangs up the phone and no date is made between them that night. Can you relate? Do you find yourself arguing a lot about who should get the upper hand in your relationship? Do you feel you must always have the last word? If you want to save yourself a couple of headaches, you might want to read on about the art of compromise.

Being in a committed relationship, while beautiful and rewarding, can be very exhausting and should not weigh heavily on only one partner. Respect and communication are said to be the keys to successful relationships, but the undercurrent theme is compromise. I was curious to know how CCNY students felt about the tug of war that romantic relationships could, at times, develop into. The degree of compromise that is exercised in a relationship varies in the level of commitment that the relationship carries. The likes and dislikes, possible power struggles, and the addressing of your partner's every little need come to mind when I think of relationships.

I conducted a survey of nineteen men and fifteen women on campus concerning their interpretations of compromise. Ten men interpreted the idea of compromising as satisfying their partner's need, while only five women felt the same. These very people admitted that their relationships ended within six or eight months because one party found the other one too demanding.

The busy, sociable student who has only the weekends as his/her time to hangout, with a partner who also likes to be socially active, but who doesn't attend school, is the perfect example of a couple that

constantly has to negotiate. If these individuals are engaging in a healthy relationship, the activities throughout the weekend don't revolve around one person alone, or necessarily around each other, every single weekend. The established compromise prevents feelings of anger and resentment from developing down the road.

Out of the thirty-four students surveyed, seventeen said that the power-struggle within the relationship was too much for them to handle. Do not feel that you have to be a slave to your partner's demands; neither should you make your partner feel that way. Based on my survey, many men enter a relationship feeling that they have to be the dominant partner and are put-off when the woman behaves in an assertive/aggressive manner. Machismo issues aside, the concept of r-e-s-p-e-c-t should be employed.

When my ex and I broke up, he made a comment that took me off guard: "I never enjoyed eating after 8p.m., but you never listened and always served dinner after eight." It was such a shock to me that such a "little" thing had bothered him and even more peculiar was the fact that he didn't voice his discontent firmly.

The little things that your partner might find annoying, such as leaving the bed unmade, having clothes scattered around the room, drinking from the juice carton, tardiness, having a hot temper and so forth, are character traits that may have to be rectified in order to co-exist blissfully, but may also have to be, to a certain degree, accepted. I love for who you are, is a phrase that sounds great coming from the mouth of someone you care about.

The art of compromise is the choice of not partaking in torturous sacrifices, but rather coming to an agreement that is mutually satisfying. If you continuously butt heads, then you need to ask yourself if the relationship is worthwhile. KH

MASS MEDIA TO JOIN FORCES IN HIV/ AIDS BATTLE

By ReskQ

In an AIDS forum held in New York City on January 15th 2003, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged media personalities around the world to use their resources to influence people on protecting themselves from the widespread, deadly disease, HIV/AIDS. He stated, "If there is one thing that we have learned in the two decades of this epidemic, it is that in the world of AIDS, silence is death. As broadcasters, you can bring the disease out of the shadows and get people talking about it in an open and informed way." Mr. Annan continued by informing the participants about a recent survey taken around the world, which showed that in over 40 countries, more than half of adolescents and young adults have serious misconceptions about HIV/AIDS and about how the virus is actually transmitted. "You can create an enabling environment, where individuals are free to explore ways of keeping themselves safe and changing their behavior as necessary." He added that "We must and we can change this situation."

General Kofi Annan encouraged the mass media to make this fight their priority by dedicating airtime to public service announcements and providing prominent news coverage to the epidemic, including special educational and awareness-raising programming. "More widely, you can join together to form partnerships that draw on shared reach and resources, as some of you have already done." Mr. Annan continued to say that the UN Family and the media could build an alliance with an aim that would inform and "edu-tain" people around the world, "as a means to giving them the knowledge and incentive they need to protect themselves against HIV/AIDS."

Annan went on to assert that he believes "this is a unique opportunity none of us would want to miss - and its greatest impact will be where it is most needed, among young people. If we can get young

people to take the lead in the movement for change, the pandemic can be turned around."

This forum was organized by Global Media AIDS Initiative, an alliance between the UN system and the media, born of a partnership between the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Some of the media leaders in attendance were Robert Johnson, Founder and CEO, Black Entertainment Television, Taiwo Allimi, Chairman & Director General, Broadcasting Organisations of Nigeria, Voice of Nigeria, Mark Byford, Deputy Director General, BBC, Zhao Hua Yong, President, China Central Television, Hidetoshi Fujisawa, Director-General, Bureau for America, NHK Japan Broadcasting Corporation, K.S. Sarma, and Mel Karmazin, President and COO, Viacom Inc.

The media leaders discussed and agreed on ways to use their resources to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and leverage broader support for the global fight against the disease. The meeting concluded with the signing of a Statement of Support by media participants.

FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON JOINS THE BATTLE...

In an opening luncheon of the William Jefferson Clinton Foundation at the World Economic Forum at Davos, Switzerland, on January 21st, 2004, former President Clinton spoke about how to ensure globalization with wide spread peace and prosperity. He maintained that world leaders must create mechanisms on a large scale to address inequality and other challenges. Former President Clinton then turned his attention to the war against HIV/AIDS. He described how former South African President Nelson Mandela launched a road show to ask for more money to fight HIV/AIDS. He urged participants to join in this war against the deadly disease. RA

WORLD BANK TO SUPPORT GHANA WITH \$1BILLION

At a recent event at Dapaa in the Volta Region of Ghana, West Africa, Mr. Marts Kalsson proudly announced that the World Bank would support Ghana with one billion dollars for health, education, water, and other projects, under a four-year program, to improve socio-economic conditions in the country.

Mr. Marts Kalsson, the country Director of the World Bank, who is also in charge of Liberia and Sierra Leone, urged Ghanaians to support the initiative to strengthen the economy.

The event was to mark the sod cutting and the inception of a construction project on the 33-Killometer Dzindzin-Dodi-Papase road. Mr. Kalsson further assured that the project would link Ghana to Burkina Faso. "I believe that considering Ghana's role in ECOWAS is important... you'll have this first class road link of Ghana and Burkina Faso because the interaction among the people would give true meaning to regional integration." RA

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Health

Stay Away From That Junk

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College students are victims of junk food. Our lives revolved around processed, refined foods. Across the street of every campus a McDonalds, Popeye's, Wendy's, or Kentucky Fried Chicken can be found, not to mention the ridiculously large array of different cakes, cookies, and chips in every bodega. But the energy and satisfaction we get from these foods dwindles within a short period of time. These types of foods contain a very small serving of vitamins and minerals that are essential to our health.

A great way to sustain energy is to drink lots of water, eat colorful fruits and vegetables (which are rich in carbohydrates, nutrients that supply the body with energy), and most definitely, refrain from taking in caffeine. The human body is about 70 percent water. This is how the nutrients of those colorful fruits and vegetables you intake (or should intake), reach your cells. Try to think of it as a luxury to be able to bring lunch from home, where you can make a tuna or salmon sandwich, or even tortilla wraps, instead of having to spend \$5 on Chinese food every day.

Have a fruit salad. Eliminate those cakes and potato chips from your diet. Instead, pack a protein snack. Make baggies with almonds, dried cranberries, chopped strawberries, and raisins. Sound deliciously, right? Dried fruits are full of antioxidants. According to Prescription for Nutritional Healing, "antioxidants are natural compounds that help protect the body from harmful free radicals." This guide to natural health goes on to say, "[free radicals] are atoms or groups of atoms that can cause dam-

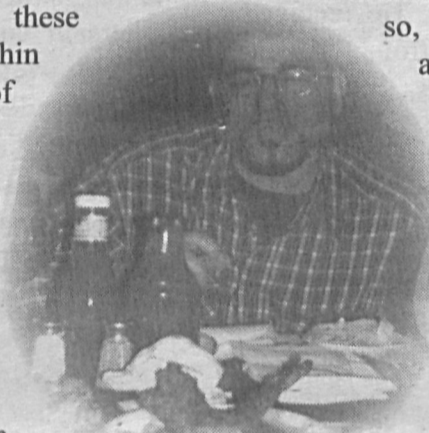
age to cells, impairing the immune system and leading to infections and various degenerative diseases such as heart disease and cancer." Antioxidants play a pertinent role in the prevention of disease and infections, so you have the Lipton Tea; stock up on green tea, white tea, and black tea, to make this available to you.

A healthy diet makes life enjoyable. Encourage family members and even friends to participate in healthy eating. By doing so, you are creating a support system. Now, when coming home after a day of healthy eating, you'll open your door to the fresh aroma of stemmed veggies, instead of fried spam! Taking the time to be creative with healthy foods lessens the urge to eat out. Too much "eat outs" can contribute to poor eating habits which might also lead to weight gain.

We would feel a whole lot better about ourselves knowing that when we die, it will be because of old age and not from an illness. So drink green, eat dark-green vegetables, nut and seeds, fish and blueberries. In the end, you will thank yourself for a new and improved you. YJ

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Africa & Beyond



Kwame Nkrumah

Kwame Nkrumah was born in the Gold Coast, present-day Ghana, in 1909. He received his early education from Catholic missionaries. In fact, after teaching elementary school for a few years, Nkrumah even contemplated becoming a priest. However, his deepest desire was to complete his education, an aspiration that brought him to America's first black institution of higher learning, Lincoln University. In America, Nkrumah received a number of degrees in Economics, Philosophy, Sociology, and Theology.

Dr. Nkrumah returned to the Gold Coast in 1949, amidst hopes that his country too would gain its independence from the British, as did India. Becoming increasingly

dissatisfied with the speed that the current nationalist organization was moving, Dr. Nkrumah, with the aid of a few associates, formed a new party called the Convention People's Party (CPP). Within two years, he was elected Prime Minister and made responsible for internal government and policy. He quickly made it known that he wanted full independence, which he summarized in the now famous quote, "Seek ye first the political kingdom, and all else shall be added unto you..."

In 1957, Ghana gained its independence and Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was elected president. Sometime afterwards, he named himself Osagyefo, "the Redeemer." Unfortunately, nine years later, while touring in China to help solve the Vietnam conflict, his government was overthrown by rebels. He died in exile in Guinea in 1972. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah remains one of the greatest states men in world history.



Nelson Mandela

Mandela, one of the most

obstacle-enduring men in history, was born in South Africa on July 18, 1918. After his father's death, he became the Paramount Chief in his village. It was during this period that Mandela's interest in law grew. He enrolled at the University College of Fort Hare, where he was suspended for participating in a protest boycott. Mandela completed his education at Johannesburg, and it was here that he began his journey into politics when he joined the African National Congress (ANC) in 1942.

With sheer discipline and commitment, Nelson Mandela was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) in the ANC in 1950. When the ANC launched its Campaign for the Defiance of Unjust Laws, Mandela was elected National Volunteer-in-Chief, a position that landed him in jail for six months. He was convicted of violating the Suppression of Communism Act. When in jail, ironically, Mandela studied law.

In 1962, after years of rigorous service to his people, Mandela left South Africa unlawfully to address the Pan-African Freedom Movement of East and Central Africa. Upon his return, Mandela was arrested and given a five-year imprisonment. To make matters worse, he was charged with sabotage in a separate trial, and sentenced to life behind bars. At the end of the trial, Mandela stated courageously:

"I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination. I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die.

During his incarceration, Mandela was repeatedly offered bargains for his freedom. For instance, he refused to renounce violence in order to be freed. He said, "Prisons cannot enter into contracts. Only free men can negotiate."

On February 11, 1990, Nelson Mandela was released from prison into a wealth of honorary positions and awards. In 1991, he became the president of the ANC, and two years later, received the Nobel Peace Prize. He accepted the award on behalf of all South Africans who suffered for peace. Then in 1994, he was inaugurated as the first democratically elected State President of South Africa; his term ended in 1999. Ever more beautiful, the venerable Nelson Mandela currently resides in Qunu, Transkei - his birthplace. **AJ**

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HAITI'S BICENTENNIAL AMIDST POLITICAL CHAOS

By Melina Vargas

A 10 foot high bronze statue of Touissant L'Overture, Haitian patriot, is to be unveiled this coming spring in the heart of Miami's Little Haiti. The largest Haitian community of refugees resides in Southern Florida and relishes in this proclamation on the eve of Haiti's Independence Bicentennial. On January 1, 1804, Haiti became the first black republic of the world. Two hundred years later, this pride is tainted with frustration. The second-oldest independent nation in the Western Hemisphere, after the U.S., remains impoverished and troubled after years of institutionalized terror and

more recently, the denouncements by human rights groups of corruption, political assassinations, failure to establish an independent police force and judicial system, and even government hostility against the press and opposition groups.

Haiti, a Taino Indian word meaning land of mountains, shares the Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic. In 1492, the island was occupied by Christopher Columbus in the name of "exploration" and automatically annihilated of its Indian occupants by violence and disease. To replenish labor supply for the sugar cane fields, African slaves were imported. Today, Haitian culture, including its predominantly practiced religion of voodoo and the mix of races stem from

that arrival. Years after maniacal dictatorships, weak leaders, international embargos, deadly riots and American intervention, in 1990 the people saw hope in a former priest named Jean-Bertrand Aristide who spoke of redemption; since then, he has disillusioned the country and felt the majority's wrath.

Irregularities in Parliamentary elections and lack of political stability have resulted in the decision by international donors to suspend aid, adding to the economic woes. The financial deficiencies of many of our Caribbean countries have led to immigration to the United States by the loads and a place bearing witness to the fact is our CCNY campus.

Haitian-American quote.....

The bicentennial celebration of Haiti's independence is not to be undermined by present dissonance. More than five-hundred thousand people in the tri-state area can claim the crimson red and indigo blue flag and observed the holiday by attending Catholic mass, calling home, and maybe enjoying a bowl of pumpkin soup, a post-slavery tradition representing equality and power, as it was a dish preferred by many slave owners; the liberty to savor embodies the commemoration. **MV**

An Issue Of Race

By Geniesha Jones

Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

These are the words to a song I've grown up listening to in Sunday school, which I found myself singing one afternoon. My friend Peter gaped at me. He was surprised that my church would incorporate a song about different races. He asked, "But at church?" Personally, I had never thought about it, except for the times when as a young girl, I would try to figure out who was red and who were the "yellow children." I then laughed at Peter, who is Asian, and jokingly said, "Well, I guess you're the yellow people." Peter found this offensive.

Whether or not we agree, race is a relevant issue. It determines how people treat each other in every day life. From riding on the Metro North to shopping at the mall, one

can sense that people are treated differently. Even in my native country of Jamaica, where I had never physically seen a white person before arriving in the U.S., there are issues concerning the color of people's skin. Dark-skin Jamaicans feel that lighter skin Jamaicans receive better treatments from employers and from others in a position of power. This story is reminiscent of the current black and white issues in the U.S., except that the blacks here have endured a longer treatment of discrimination at the hands of white people; as we speak, there are Affirmative Action debates aimed at deciding whether or not blacks—and other people of color—should be given preferential treatments to ensure equal opportunity at universities.

Growing up in Jamaica, the racial issue was never as strong for me as it is now that I live in the U.S. I remember making a defense case for white people one day in a discussion with my older cousin Kerry-Ann, who argued vehemently that whites still continue to discriminate against blacks. Personally, I

had considered the mistreatment of blacks something of the past, based on my experience of living for a year in the predominantly white city of Fairfield, Ohio. For the first time in my life I was completely surrounded by white people and at times it was awkward; however, I never encountered any racially motivated incidents or sensed apprehension on their part. My cousin on the other hand joined the military, trained in South Carolina, and witnessed the mistreatment of African-Americans in a manner that seemed to be racially derived. Racial issues continue to be a concern for many people as they decide what college to attend, what state to live in, and whom to marry—even for Peter, my friend whom I innocently referred to as being a part of the "yellow people." The degree of open-mindedness with which we handle all of those scenarios will determine the type of existence we shall achieve.

GJ

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The Man in My Bed

By Sanayi Beckles

*I kissed his lips
Like a baby exiting his mother's womb
As he touched me, I melted
Like ice on a hot summer's day
Dripping in my panties
The smell of cinnamon rolls
Baked between my legs*

*Soft as cotton, bright as diamonds
Our love was like Siamese twins
His touch was smooth
Yes, I thought
We reached the peak of a Love Jones again*

*Trying to remember
Who this man was in my bed
Visions of some joy or pain once shed
Had me thinking
Did I really know this man?*

*Maya once said, "When people show you who they are, believe them the first time."
I guess it was my turn
To look beyond the past
I need a fix
And I need it bad
So, bitter like vinegar
The bullshit, I swallowed
To stop the hurt from flowing
A remedy to fix
What had been broken*

*I could feel his heart racing
Racing against mine
I opened up
Just like the first time
Thoughts of his touch
Filled my mind
It was bursting like a fountain
And it tasting like fine wine*

*with other
guard/thugs & shoving another
naked human onto the floor,
(even though the prisoner's arm
was already broke?)*

*Let's get the corporations out of
U.S. prisons, where Victoria Se-
crets is made, by prisoners (work-
ing for pennies!)*
*Is there a socialist alternative to
this commercial capitalization of
prisons & the US domination of
the world?*
*Let's get the corporations out of
U.S. prisons, where Victoria Se-
crets is made by prisoners working
for pennies!*
*Is there a socialist alternative to
this commercial capitalization of
prisons & the US domination of
the world?*
Is there a socialist alternative?
Is there a socialist?
Is there? Is there? Is there?
Are you there!

Poetry Corner

*I sent this poem to the political
prisoner of African
Descent, Sundiata Acoli, who al-
lows his email to be
published for folks to get more
info about the case.*

STANDING UP TO TORTURE ON MUMIA'S DAY

By La Lupe

*DEDICATED TO all political
prisoners and G. Baba Eng (af-
ter watching the brother's filmed
torture!)*

*i feel sick to my stomach
the video made me sick to my
stomach the video of Baba (the
new york STATE prisoner of con-
sciousness)*

*call 646-336-6789
call 646-336-6789 (if u or some-
one u know has been abused by
the new york police department)
"But no u can't use that number
for cop watch, this torture was
upstate!"*

*"if it's ANYWHERE report
it....report the abuses...stop the
abuse."*

*i am overwhelmed by these thugs
(called guards)
this is how they make a living
THEY MAKE A LIVING BY
TORTURING PEOPLE & THEN
THEY GO HOME & RAISE
CHILDREN!
(probably beat those kids too)*

*What woman would wanna fuck a
guy like that?
(a guy who makes his living delib-
erately hurting people?)
"Some women want houses, color
TV's, SUV'S,
& they are willing to close their
North American eyes
when their prison guard thug/
husband comes home."*

*SHE does NOT ask: What do you
really do at work honey?*

*It's like slave owners who broke
slaves down for capital, to make
\$\$, to make us willing to work for
the owners, make the greedy rich*


*(who be the real thieves), even
richer...make us not protest, keep
us from changing the system, keep
us from creating socialism!
(that's what prison torture of pris-
oners in the usa is!)*

*It's like the concentration camp
commandantes, ripping the fin-
gernails off of (YES inside the
U.S.) political prisoners...
"How do those males, mostly
white, females mostly white,
(some of color/but no conscious-
ness) so-called guards... live with
themselves? "It's like us in the
U.S., when we keep paying our tax
dollars to kill Palestinians,
with U.S./israeli tanks brutalizing
Palestinians with rocks!"*

*"I'm just doing my job," slobbers
out of the guard/thugs mouths!
What does a guard dream about
when he sleeps?
What will the torturer say on his
deathbed?*

*Does anything haunt him?
Does he remember using his boot
in a black man's groin?
Does he remember ganging up*

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AAE & USS AWARDS WINNERS

First CUNY- Wide Talent Show
By Melina Vargas

The student associations, All About Edu-tainment and University Student Senate, joined forces to sponsor a talent show that is to showcase annually, the vivacious spirit of CUNY students in the performing arts. In many ways, the 1st CUNY-Wide Talent Show served as a medium of support for these students possessing specific skills, like singing and dancing, who might be lured into pursuing that career full-time. Scholarship awards, which are to increase in prize amount in the subsequent years, are a way of encouraging our CUNY peers and acknowledging their talent and hard work.

This all took place on December 11 of 2003 in the Aronow Theater, with the participation of Leon, actor/singer, Eleven, rapper and comedian Osei Caleb, among other special guests. Our MC of the night was C.N. Ible, executive member of AAE and Student Ombudsman, who did a great job of keeping the crowd energy level high with the catchy slogan "Double Double".

Students participated in dancing and singing, among displaying other talents, for a chance at scholarship awards that ranged between \$250 and \$1,000 in amount. "The highlight of the night was the Michael Jackson impersonation," remembered Lauren Fasano, who also found it to be "positive" to have an event that included the participation of all CUNY students. Winners of the talent show were determined on different criteria by five (5) judges around the city. Let's celebrate the accomplishments of 1st Place Winner: Cliff Foster,

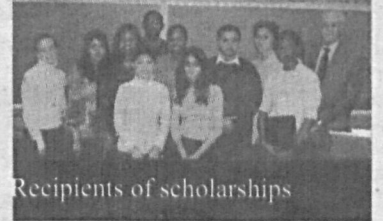
20, Kingsborough Community College, who dazzled the judges with his Michael Jackson impersonation. Total score: 213 (out of 250). Prize: \$1000 Scholarship Award.

2nd Place Winner: Edmerald Gan, 20, City College, sang "Come Fue", featuring background dancers, and a drummer. Total score: 204. Prize: \$500.00 Scholarship Award.

3rd Place Winner: Brian Phillip, 23, and Amit Chhabra, 24, City College students, teased the audience with a song, then used dancing techniques ranging from hip-hop to reggae. Total score: 197. Prize: \$250.00 Scholarship Award.

On March 4th 2004, all participants will receive a commemorative certificate of participation and plaque in an official ceremony. MV

Ten Scholarships For Students



Recipients of scholarships

Ten fourth-year students in the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education at The City College of New York have been awarded Sophie and Leonard Davis Scholarships for medical school. The presentation of the awards was made by Dean Stanford A. Roman, Jr. at the Biomedical School's General Assembly recently. They were honored for their academic excellence and recognized for their financial need. The recipients were Carolyn Chang, Marina Frimer, Sharmin Haque, Ajita Kundaikar, Donald McLaren, Tiffany Newman, Priya Patel, Mohammed Bilal Shaikh, Henry Siu, and Chizoba Umeh. Recipients receive \$5,000 a year for their first two years of medical school at The Sophie Davis School and \$10,000 a year for the third and final year of education at the cooperating medical schools.

Now in its 30th year, the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education offers a unique five-year BD/MD program for 340 students that integrates an undergraduate education with the first two years of medical school. Upon completion of the five years at Sophie Davis, graduates transfer to one of six medical schools in New York State: Albany Medical College, SUNY/Downstate, New York University, New York Medical College, SUNY/Stony Brook, or SUNY/Syracuse, for the final two years of medical education and to receive their medical degrees. The Sophie Davis School's mission is to increase the accessibility to careers in medicine for inner-city youths of New York City, especially minorities under-represented in medicine, and to train primary care physicians to serve in medically under-served communities. PR

