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

Students Rally In Support of Columbia Protest

by Frederick Kennedy

A couple of hundred students and faculty rallied against South African apartheid last Thursday in the NAC plaza. It was a show of solidarity with the protesting students at Columbia University.

The rally, led by Hayward Burns, the Chairman of the Urban Legal Studies Department, began with a few speeches and concluded with a march to Columbia.

Day Student Government President Carlos Mora, professors June Jackson Christmas and Jack Wiecher as well as Burns were among the speakers.

"We are here today to say not to apartheid; we are here to say yes to freedom," said Dr. Christmas. She equated the struggle in South Africa with that of other Black and minority communities across the U.S.

"I am sorely convinced that South Africa and South America will be free," said Mora. The DSG president led the march down Amsterdam Avenue from NAC to 116 Street and Columbia's Hamilton Hall, which protestors renamed

Mandela Hall for the imprisoned South African leader.

The City College rally and march occurred on the final day of the sit-in at Columbia, as the demonstration ended with a large rally the same evening.

A few of the students participating in the protest also spoke to the CCNY protestors.

"I am not proud for what we have accomplished, I am grateful," said Shawn Dash, Columbia student. "We have an obligation not to rest until South Africa is free. Although the blockade is adjourning the movement is just starting."

The marchers number a couple of hundred students, extending a block long. Many students carried banners and shouted "Freedom Yes, Apartheid No" throughout the entire march. The number of participants was surprising as only two weeks earlier during the same club hours, only about 30 students participated in a march.



New Architecture Facility Dedicated

by Frederick Kennedy

The City College School of Architecture and Environmental Studies celebrated the opening of its \$3 million newly renovated facility in Shepard Hall last Thursday (4/18). A convocation and open house were the featured ceremonies.

Richard Ravitch, former Chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was the convocations Keynote speaker. His keynote address spoke about the regeneration of New York City and the role of Architecture.

Also, a plaque was unveiled that marked the Landmark status of Shepard Hall and the five other gothic style buildings on the North Campus Quadrangle.

Shepard Hall as well as the Math Hut were decorated with purple drapes marking the convocation ceremonies, which began with a luncheon at 12 p.m. and ended with tours and an open house at five p.m.

In addition to Ravitch, convocation speakers included President Harleston, CUNY Chancellor Joseph Murphy, Acting Dean of Architecture and Environmental Studies Donald Mintz and Commissioner of New York Department of Parks and Recreation, Henry Stern, CCNY '54.

The landmark buildings were designed by George Post whose quadrangle included the following: Shepard, Baskerville, Compton, Goethals, Townsend Harris and Wingate Halls, from 138 Street to 140.

In 1981, the Quadrangle received Landmark status from the New York Landmark Preservation Commission and in 1984 the buildings were placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

The City College School of Architecture and Environmental Studies was founded in 1968 and formerly located on 133 and Broadway prior to the move to North Campus at the beginning of this past fall semester.

Group Discusses Crime on CCNY Campus

by Frederick Kennedy

A group of students met last week to discuss the situation on campus that led to the rape of a female student a week prior and to come to some solutions to prevent it from happening again.

Victor Mui, the President of the United Chinese Students Association was the moderator of the informal open conference, which was covered by video club SAME.

About 20 students participated in the discussion that not only addressed the college's handling of the rape, but also the condition of security on campus. The meeting turned-out to be an airing of dissatisfaction with campus security.

One student spoke of an incident where some guys were able to steal a computer terminal from the physics department without security intervening, even though it was aware of the situation. "Security didn't do anything," said the student. "There was no action to the incident. Security was poor."

"How efficient is security being run in school? I see a lot of guards walking around doing nothing," said another student. The students also voiced their objection to security's harassment in enforcing the college's identification policy.

One particular female student frequently voiced her personal dissatisfaction with the security conditions. She criticized the administration, student government officials and the student media for their non-response to the rape incident.

"We need to define what the crime is here," she said. "It's not only sexual assault to a female; it's sexual assault to students in general. There are a lot of professors, staff members and students who actually make remarks to students, and I feel this is a crime too. It's not only the physical damage you're doing to someone, it's intellectual and moral damage you're doing to people."

The meeting concluded with the participants forming a committee, dedicated to improving safety on campus.

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Jesse Jackson's appearance at Hamilton Hall last week was just what the doctor ordered, as it helped to revitalize the movement where it might have been beginning to flounder.

The demonstration at Columbia has been going on since April 4 now and it is very obvious that the demonstrators are very serious about their demands of Columbia divesting from companies doing business with the apartheid government of South Africa.

Over four thousand students turned out in the rain last Monday to hear Jackson speak in support of the protest and against the South African regime. If nothing at all, his words improved the morale of the many students dedicated enough to continue their demonstration. In addition to his words of support, Jackson urged those present at the scene to contribute money to the Coalition for a Free South Africa, the student organization which initiated the chaining of Hamilton Hall. The coalition collected dollars from many of the people present.

Jackson equated the atrocities of the South African government with those of Nazi Germany, calling it the "Fourth Reich." He also called the U.S. government a "John" sleeping with a prostitute in South Africa, using the metaphor to vividly express this country's investments in the apartheid government. Vernon Mason, activist Harlem attorney also spoke at the rally, as he is one of the lawyers representing the Coalition in their court struggles against the administration.

Ironically, Jackson's appearance received very little coverage in the media. Although the *New York Times* covered the story, it reported nothing about what Jackson said. Channel 4 *NBC News* also mentioned the story as a part of *Dateline*, which was less than a few seconds, as it only showed some video footage of Jackson on the scene and nothing else.

This seems to indicate that the media no longer finds the demonstration at Columbia newsworthy, even though it is well into its third week. This laissez-faire policy that the media has not taken reveals their insensitivity to the movement itself. It seems to have taken the same attitude as Columbia President Sovern, who seems to feel that the situation will eventually run its course and blow over.

The *Village Voice* reported that not only does Columbia have significant financial investments in South Africa, but so does many of its trustees in terms of their own personal investments. This is a strong indication of why Sovern and the university have been so obstinate as far as negotiation with the protesting students.

It is very sad and virtually pathetic that City College could only get 30 students out of its whole student population to march down to Columbia, which is less than a mile away. The march was scheduled during club hours so that the majority of students would be free to attend, but apparently it didn't matter.

During the time of the march the cafeteria and snack bar were both filled with students who had nothing to do with their free time (not to mention the gameroom). But, still only 30 students were able or willing to offer their support to the cause.

The majority of this campus is minority with a substantial amount being Black and Hispanic, yet City College students could only offer some 30 people for a serious show of solidarity.

This poor showing severely damaged

the integrity of the student body on this campus; those who didn't march have a lot to be ashamed of.

Where we have no trouble getting people to participate in parties or other events on campus, it is like pulling teeth to get people together for a common cause that has political ramifications. Again, although it seems almost redundant at this point, apathy is a big problem on the City College campus.

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Student Government elections will be taking place from April 29 of next week until May 2. It is imperative that as many students as possible vote during the elections because they have traditionally been an exercise in futility.

Any DSG organization that takes office is able to affect student life on campus. If you are dissatisfied with the conditions of extra-curricular life on campus, then the best way to pursue changing it is by electing the student government officials that you think could improve the overall campus environment.

Letters

Letter to the Editor

I am providing the following statement in response to Prof. Kinzey's memorandum of March 14, 1985, which appeared in *The Campus*. I am a member of the Anthropology Department's Executive Committee.

Several comments require clarification. Prof. Kinzey states that "One Candidate from the West was in town during the semester break, so all the members who were available (all but one) interviewed him at that time." What he neglects to mention is that I am the member of the Executive Committee who was not present at that interview; I was absent because I was not notified of the meeting. (This must be noted regardless of the fact that I was out of town. The precondition for my attending the meeting was being notified.) Also relevant is that the interview should not have been held during the recess: (1) the candidate could not give the customary colloquium before an anthropology class; resultingly, (2) the students did not have a chance to meet him; and (3) no one had the opportunity to see him teach before City College students or determine what kind of rapport he could establish with them. Clearly, this is very important, partly because most City College students are nontraditional and/or minority students.

Another comment needs clarification also: "This left three candidates, all of whom were considered 'acceptable' to the Executive Committee." All three candidates were acceptable in the sense that they met the job description. What Prof. Kinzey neglects to point out is that, at that meeting, I objected to a certain candidate's not having gone through the full process. His interview was scheduled incorrectly, and he had not given a colloquium in the proper manner. My objections were ignored; and, when I indicated that my objection was to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, Prof. Kinzey instructed the person taking the minutes not to do so.

Prof. Kinzey states that "A vote was taken to request the Administration to offer the position to one of these candidates: the vote was unanimous!" Prof. Kinzey's exclamation point indicates that he considers this point of special significance. The statement, however, appears to be an instance of purposeful ambiguity. "One" in such English sentences can be interpreted

as either specific (i.e., a specific one of the candidates) or nonspecific (i.e., some one of the candidates, one who had not been decided on at the time of the vote). Apparently, in composing this sentence, Prof. Kinzey wished to convey the impression that all present voted to offer the position to a specific candidate, the one voted first on the short list.

I did not vote to offer the position to that candidate, however. If a vote was taken to offer the position to (a nonspecific) one of the candidates, it was done merely to move the meeting in a timely fashion through the agenda for the day.

Note that the preceding comments concerning ambiguity hold, mutatis mutandis, for the phrase "a particular candidate" in the last sentence of Prof. Kinzey's memorandum. This second use of the same type of obviously ambiguous phrasing strongly suggests that Prof. Kinzey wishes to distort the facts in order to justify his questionable actions.

Prof. Arthur Spears

To the Editor:

My name is Debbie Bibbins. I am a student at Bronx Community, working as a Consultant Secretary for the Student Government. I am also a permit student at City College - and I love the school! I would like to make a few comments about the controversy concerning Bernhard Goetz. I have read last month's and this month's issues of *The Paper*. Both contained some articles about Bernhard Goetz. I would like to add that the articles on the Editorial - "Rhetoric on Campus" and "Gil Noble Inspires in a Tribute to Malcolm X," were both very informative and truly interesting.

I don't seem to understand why people must be so racist, and that everything has to be considered a racist act. I know it exists and in many violent crimes, that is the only motive. But, in the case of Bernhard Goetz, I believe that he was just a citizen that was fed up with crime, and he decided to take his own actions. I am a Black/Puerto Rican/Jew - as you can well see, I have all three strikes against me - but if I was confronted by some "criminals" and had a gun in my possession I would most definitely use it. And I am pretty sure that most of the people in New York would do the same.

I did not agree at all, with Mr. Roy Innis' outbursts and his speech (entirely) that he gave to the audience, but I especially did not agree with the statement he made that all people should have guns. That would cause total chaos in New York City, and New York is chaotic enough as it is. We as citizens, whether black or white, should not have to put up with these people who enjoy harassing innocent people on the trains, busses, even on the streets. I do sympathize with the four individuals that had to be "victims" themselves to this, especially the one who is paralyzed. But I have to say that they all deserved it. They all should learn from this, but the way society and the system is, criminals are getting offers to star in movies, while the man, whom I feel was defending himself has continued to be harassed by the courts and the media. But, I bet that these four individuals will not even think about doing something like that again. I don't even think that they'd want to look mean.

As for the mothers, in particular, the mother of the paralyzed boy, I feel very, very sorry for her. I know any mother would be devastated to hear that their child was shot, but to be shot because that

same child was harassing people on the train must be a blow, truly. This mother in particular, just won't admit that her son was one of those boys who was harassing Mr. Goetz. But, because it was her son she feels that Mr. Goetz should have used some other alternatives.

In an interview on 20/20 News Magazine with Barbara Walters and Geraldo Rivera; there was an exclusive with Mr. Goetz and the mother of the paralyzed boy. Mr. Goetz stated that the mothers or even some of the people in New York cannot and would not understand what he was going through unless they were sitting on that train. The only people who could have some understanding are those who have experienced a similar situation. Mayor Koch was one of these individuals who had a somewhat similar experience. Recently, he was attacked from behind during a speech he was giving. After the attempted assault, Mayor Koch said that he felt like doing something to the person; he had this burning rage within him that he wanted to let out on this person. But, he had a few minutes to say no to himself, that that was not going to be a wise thing to do. But at least Mayor Koch had those few minutes to think about his actions. What few minutes did Bernhard Goetz have. Just being surrounded by these four boys was frightening enough. He felt that he had to do something first before they would do something to him. He did not want to go through the humiliation, the pain, and agony that he went through three years back when he was mugged and beat up.

I don't know how anyone can say that he acted wrongly. It's true that we can't have every citizen in the United States in possession of a gun, whether they got it legally or illegally. But at the same token we can't be pushed around by some hoodlums, punks or whatever else you would like to call them. I guess it all comes down to the system itself. There has got to be a better way to deal with these people. They have got to get rid of this probation period for the accused whether guilty or not, they have to get rid of this excuse about temporary insanity, and most of all they must get rid of plea bargaining.

The people who are involved with *The Paper* may do what they like with this commentary. But, I would very much appreciate it if I can get a response to this.

Thank you. And I think *The Paper* is one of the best school newspapers that I have ever read.

Debbie Bibbins
Consultant Secretary
Student Government

To the Editor:

I would like to clarify some statements made in your article on the Executive Committee elections. Each department in the school has their own Executive Committee. Students who are majoring in that department and meet other qualifications can file a petition of candidacy. All petitions must be returned to the Office of Student Support Services by April 12th. The elections will be held, during the week April 22-April 26, in each department. This is a tremendous opportunity for students to see how their department operates and the enormous input they can have.

Joseph Gross, Counselor
Student Support Services

The Coalition of 100 Black Women Holds Annual Program

by Tangela Mingo

During the spring break of '85, several City College students (Black women) were selected and given a chance to participate in the role model program which involved the Coalition of 100 Black Women. Ms. Bernice Powell, the president of the organization, along with Dr. Joyce Brown, University Dean of Urban Affairs of CUNY, gave an introduction to the twenty seven Black women about the program.

"The Coalition of 100 Black Women is an organization that allows Black college women to meet with professional working women who have achieved success in their fields. As students, you will be given a chance to meet with these women who will in turn reward the students with information about the various fields that they may someday enter," stated Bernice Powells.

The women were divided into different groups which included: Finance & Banking, Medicine, Law, Engineering, Communications, and Computer Science.

On April 1, 1985, the multiple participants arrived at the Empire Hotel. The women were welcomed and then given a chance to settle into their rooms. Later on in the evening the entire group was formally welcomed by Ms. Powell, of 100 Black Women; George D. McDonald, Vice-President for Student Affairs at CCNY; Harry Lustig, Provost of City College; and other distinguished representatives at the Caribbean Cultural Center. The evening's atmosphere included not only the formal greetings, but gave several role models a chance to introduce themselves to the participants in a relaxed environment. The night was tipped with wine and an air of gratitude from both parties.

On April 2, 1985, the women arose early, and began their day with a delightful breakfast which was very well accepted. This allowed the students to be more energetic than ever. At 8:30 a.m., the ma-

jority of the students were heading to their job sites for their 9:00 appointments. The finance group went to the Corporate district within Manhattan, and made several stops at various banks: Bankers Trust Company, NYS Department of Banking, and Laventhal & Horwarth Public Accounting Offices. The Engineering majors headed for NYC Office of Management & Budget, the Army Corp. of Engineers, and the Port Authority. The Health Services career women toured Harlem Hospital and the Schomburg Library.

At the end of their tour they were filmed for televising which was aired April 6, at 10:30 p.m. on Channel 5. The Communications specialist talked with personnel at WLIR Radio, Essence Magazine, and CBS Television. The intensified schedule remained the same throughout the week with the exception of the changing of businesses and their personnel.

At the end of the tour the women were even more enthusiastic about sharing their experiences with the other participants. Everyone enjoyed and was satisfied with the opportunities that the role model program offered. The activities expanded the knowledge of each woman. Someday those experiences will be carried over into the field of their interest which will inevitably benefit the community at large. Ms. Bernice Powell and Dr. Joyce Brown were thanked at the closing reception for their time and energies that they provided in organizing such an enlightening program.

On behalf of the Black women role model participants of 1985, the coalition thanks President Bernard Harleston, Vice-President George D. McDonald, Ms. Rita Liegner, Director of Career Services and Ms. Nina Harris, Career Service Counselor, for allowing the representatives of the Coalition of 100 Black Women to implement and initiate such a fantastic and educational program at City College. The hours spent in developing the program was well appreciated.

Society of Black Engineers Moves More Progressive

by Andrew Brown

The Society of Black Engineers is working towards improving the quality of life of campus of both engineering students and Blacks on campus.

The SBE offers tutoring to its many participants as well as the general student population. It is the major objective of the SBE to increase the number of Black and other minority students who will graduate from the School of Engineering at City College.

The president, Carlton Harriss stated that something is wrong when only 33% of all the students who take physics for the first time will pass with a grade of D or better. Something is also wrong when a majority of the students are on probation of some kind. He also stated that the number of minority students who graduate each year is far below the number of students that is admitted each year.

The SBE is trying to avert this by organizing a tutorial system for its members. This tutorial task force is made up of science and engineering students in the SBE. Members provide tutoring in all levels of math and physics courses. Help is also available in a lot of Engineering courses and computer science courses, as well as biology and chemistry. The tutoring is available to all students including those who are not in science or engineering.

The SBE is trying to develop a working relationship with a few of the departments on campus.

"the SEEK department has a large concentration of Black and Hispanic students who are in much need of the services that we are willing to provide," said Harriss. In an effort to carry out this objective, we have representatives at each Freshman Orientation Workshop, in which students are informed what SBE is and what ways it can help.

This new breed of leadership of the SBE also sees fitting that there should be a fusing of the organization and the Black Studies Department. One of the reasons, said Harriss, is "there has to be unity among a people if they intend to move forward. Also, the Black Studies Department has information that is desperately needed in the Black society."

To bring this about, the SBE has sponsored lectures by members of the Black Studies department. Dr. Jefferies, department chairman, Professors Bains, Scobie and James Small of the department, all have spoken at the SBE meetings on issues relevant to the Black community.

Another objective of the SBE is to unite all Black and Hispanic organizations on campus. "It is a necessity for us to share our common experience so we can become effective in the resolution of our problems," said Harriss. "In light of this our membership is not limited to students of African heritage, but all those with similar goals and objectives.

The SBE was formerly known as the Engineering Student Council (ESC). One of the reasons for this change is that more than 90 percent of the members are Black students. In addition, there is a National Society of Black Engineers, of which City College is a part. Some of the other colleges and universities participating in the national SBE in this region are Boston University, Cornell, MIT, Columbia, Brown and Princeton, the University of Rochester and a few others. This year the eleventh annual SBE conference was conducted in San Francisco, on March 13 to 17. Both Harriss and the Vice President Neville Morriss attended.

"Because the school does not provide its students with all the things necessary for them to be successful, the SBE finds it an obligation to provide these services," said Harriss.



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EXPRESS

Old Boots

*From where I am standing
I can see the world.*

*My brother could see the
universe
From where I am
standing.*

Andrew R. Brown

Blindness

*Last night, leaving
everything behind,
I went out silently into my
hands*

*Carrying only thoughts of
my own blindness;
Of doves wounded out of
flight—*

*Let darkness tremble for a
moment
Then went deep*

*And travelled, through the
night,
Your long, slow body...*

J.C.

New and Improved

*Invasion of Grenada
New and improved
Neocolonialism
New and improved
Intervention in El Salvador
New and improved
South Africa apartheid
condoned
Not new
But certainly improved
Social Darwinism
Not new
But certainly improved
Poverty level soaring
The masses are crying
Ronald Reagan
Assuring
that
America
Is New and Improved.*

Judith Freeman

Consciousness

*Those vague and confused
mornings
When I awake, startled
At the thought of my own
consciousness*

*My heavy limbs, like
strange lands
Floating nearby, gather,—
Claiming to be mine;
Listening*

*To the sound of a stranger's
breathing
As if it were their own...*

J.C.

Hot Fire

*Fire is Hot
And so are we
Our flames are spreading
Very awesomely.
If
You stand
In our way,
We
Will smolder
You
Do--wn
Like burning hay.*

*(Must be dedicated to Miss
Bernadette Sampson)*

Tangela Mingo

Pamela

*I've been asked
meant to me
I cried; I've lo
past
Had to go sear
I thought I ha
letting it res
But I told wh
my best.
The beatings,
To them it was
My heart rang
My stomach ch
I could tell.
Did I enjoy say
I wasn't proud
more to me
I wondered, "a
about slavery
"Why wasn't I
ancestral bro
I carried on.
My babies wen
and put thro
I tried to breas
those white
My pride, my
true African
I nurtured the
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When I got fin
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And put me bo
breed more
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I looked aroun
my man.
I looked over
There was mas
his hand.
I fell dead to
So who asked
My spiritual b
They wanted
walk throug*

SIONS

Math (SBE)

My professor never moves
From behind his glasses,
And he has not
Yet learned the integral of
one
And he has not yet learned
Newton's First Law of
motion
And he has not yet learned
What it means to be Black

Andrew R. Brown

Dreads

The root
of
all
things
are
who we
are.
We have
even
reached
the infinite
stars.

Tangela Mingo

IN ME

Feelings, the waves
In the ocean of my mind

Emotion, the wind
blowing, fierce and
unkind

Heart, a tattered boat
lashing waves, struggle
for existence

Tears, the raindrops
causing ripples, in
remembrance

Joy, the rising sun
spread beams, of
happiness

Sorrow, the last leaf in fall
lost, in the early darkness

Dinesh Upadhyay

Politics in Real Life

Who will die before we see
they shoot our youth, our elderly
subway crime, self-defense
bullets in the back, makes perfect sense
shot gun blast for grandma, couldn't pay rent
her children's fault, money wasn't lent.

Isn't that awful, wasn't that a shame
yeah. Lets get some cheba, watch the game.
Grenada invaded, patriotic pride
Yankee will be everywhere, truth must hide
Global 2000 black babies die
drought in earth greenest ground, no one asks why
dont fight for South Africans, instead go to jail
wear your suit, you won't need bail
Peru, Nicaragua, El Salvador
Let's go to McDonalds and talk about the war.

Big Mac, Coke, order of fries
"They say they want freedom, but the gov't never lies."
Friday, party tonight, don't be late
pardon me, but what will we
celebrate?

Disease, distrust, oppression and pain
billboard minds, the post, beige cocaine?

Wallace, Koch, Damato, Reagan
tax cuts, chicken McNuggets, or return of tarzan again.
Homeless, soon harlemless being harmless?
stop. Light a joint, chill out, yeah thats best.
The third world is dying, why not die trying;
At least see the cold, blue steel, don't see the
post card, know they're lying.

Herb Wright

Hatshepsut

For Equality In Education

by Leo Benjamin

Why must we build our COMMITTEE FOR EQUALITY IN EDUCATION? We ask all our dear friends, our votaries, our far flung student body, our young dependents on every college campus, all our champions and benefactors, our community of the faithful this question,—"Why must we build our COMMITTEE FOR EQUALITY IN EDUCATION?" First, this is a grand proclamation of hope, of high-hearted life, of noble and throbbing defiance, not a slave's confession of defeatism and despair. In this undertaking flames courage and royal resolution, not faintheartedness and sniveling cowardice. In this is a fair world of comfort and cheer, not a wasteland of senility, decrepitude and death. Here is the flower of progress ever blossoming, not the dismal weed of stagnation, wretchedness and decaying idleness.

Why do we hear everywhere the words of hopelessness, the council of sadness, melancholy and moping inertia? Those who have resigned themselves to hopelessness and weary defeatism will naturally do nothing at all to advance the cause. Every heartbeat registers apathy. In their minds resounds the clamor that they must do nothing. Their souls are smothered under the dead weight of indifference. Their world is one of sickly abandonment and desolation.

Cannot we keep before our eyes the graven lessons and eloquent witness of time immemorial? How often in history have the most gigantic movements sprung from tiny beginnings! Throughout the nation the people acknowledge the need for

our undertaking. Far and wide now, as from some benign monitoring planet or our might mothering sun, flames the awareness that we cannot be saved without a great educational awakening.

Who does not know that we have thirty million Americans lost in a drear dread dark backwoods of illiteracy? Who does not know that we have over one hundred million more shackled down in a state of near illiteracy? How sad it is that this age has bred such widespread backwardness, benightedness and decadence that only one American out of ten can be termed a properly educated person!

Let us keep before our eyes the hallowed garnered wisdom and shining speaking evidence of the immortal ages. Forever to be respected, forever to be cherished, forever to be honored is the grand tableau of human progress born of the demands and strident appeals of well organized citizenry. What has been achieved before waits to be achieved again by a great body of people unconquerable in union and unison of heart and soul.

But those who join our community are impelled by a vision of glory. Blazoned in their dearest soul's sanctum is the picture of the wonder work which they want to achieve for America. They can see our land blessed with a wealth of free popular education never known before. They see the lights and benefits, the cheer and comfort of learning conveyed far and wide to our eager youthful citizenry who have the aptitude and desire for them, regardless how poor and downtrodden they may be. So they see the frontiers of knowledge and enlightenment ever expanding into a

realm of progress that dazzles all human imagination. They keep forever this beautiful vision of America, a land redeemed by education, ennobled by enlightenment for all time.

Our people should not be sluggards. They should be not lackadaisical. They should not be lazy. They should not fear. The great vision of the future should propel them ever onward as with energy of archangels.

There is one commanding fact of American life that should awaken our people once and for all. The highest priced universities in the entire world are here in America. Today the tuition charges in our prestigious old institutions average \$15,000 yearly. In a world of galloping inflation they are bound to go higher. Should this not grieve us all? Should this not rive our hearts? Should this not dismay us all? Better still, should this not inspire us to labor to establish education as a basic human right? Let us banish forever the sway of elitism that cumbers education with such tremendous cost. Let all education be dignified and exalted under the rubric of equality. The aim of our growing movement must be to enthrone all education as a natural human right inside the basic law of our land, to sanctify this forever in the American constitution.

Our movement is needed because of the inaction and the seeming indifference of the great organized bodies and societies that claim to support free tuition. We have always been wearing out our appeals for aid to that great array and the battery of the NAACP, the Urban League, the United Federation of Teachers, the District Coun-

cil 37 of Mr. Victor Gotbaum, and the entire organized labor movement presided over by Mr. Harry Van Arsdale. Let all those good people not take offense when we say that for all their prodigious numbers and their influence, they have been ineffective. Our organized Alumni bodies also do nothing for free tuition. For the Alumni functionaries and dignitaries free tuition is an antique mouldering in the grave, nothing more.

It should be proclaimed everywhere that the tuition fee arrangement is an extravaganza of waste and idiocy and madness that surpasses every other one of its kind over the sweep of the ages. How could such a rigmarole of nonsense and skulduggery have been dreamed up by the human mind? Today it costs almost one dollar and thirty cents to collect one dollar in tuition money from each student. On every college campus we see the apparatus of bureaucracy which our humble wage earners, the taxpayers, must support to satisfy the demands of the foes of free tuition. These fanatics in their savagery would have us live with a system hateful to us all. Everybody suffers from the bitter running torment of tuition charges, the students, their families, our administrators and staff people, the faculty, every category, all and sundry.

Something more remains to be said. Our people must banish their fool's paradise. What will happen if a Republican regime ever arises in Albany? The Democrats have not been overfriendly, but the Republicans would murder us outright. Let us go on building our mass movement. This will be our protection.

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NYPIRG Opposes Reagan Budget Cuts

In response to the Reagan Administration's proposed reductions in federal financial assistance to needy students, students at the City College of New York today announced plans for a "higher education rally" on Thursday, the 2nd of May at 11:45-12:10 noon in front of the College's Northern Academic Center.

At the rally, students will send over 1000 hand-written letters collected from concerned faculty, staff and students which urge Congressmembers from New York State to vigorously oppose any of the reductions in financial aid which have been proposed in the Reagan Administration's Budget Plan for Fiscal Year 1985-1986. A table will be set up to encourage those who have not yet written a letter to do so, and students who have worked on the issue will explain to interested students what the budget cuts could mean to the City College community.

The President's budget proposal asks Congress to reduce federal funding for higher education by approximately 25 percent, primarily by restricting eligibility for programs such as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (Pell Grant) and the Guaranteed Student Loan. Spokespersons for the Administration, most notably the Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, maintain that the proposed cutbacks are justified by the large number of college students who receive financial aid while at the same time spending their own money on luxuries like cars, stereos and three week vacations at the beach.

Organizers of the letter-writing campaign strongly disagree with the Administration's views, however. "To imply that students receiving financial aid squander money on luxuries is ridiculous," says Henry Mobley, the Chairperson of the New York Public Interest Research Group at City College, which together with the United Student Senate and City College's Day Student Government has engineered the letter-writing campaign and sent delegations of students to Washington D.C. to lobby Congress on the financial aid issue. "Around 75 percent of City College students receive some form of financial assistance. And most of those do work, many of them to help support their families. The Administration's attempt to cut off these students is simply an abdication of the Federal Government's responsibility to widen access to the op-

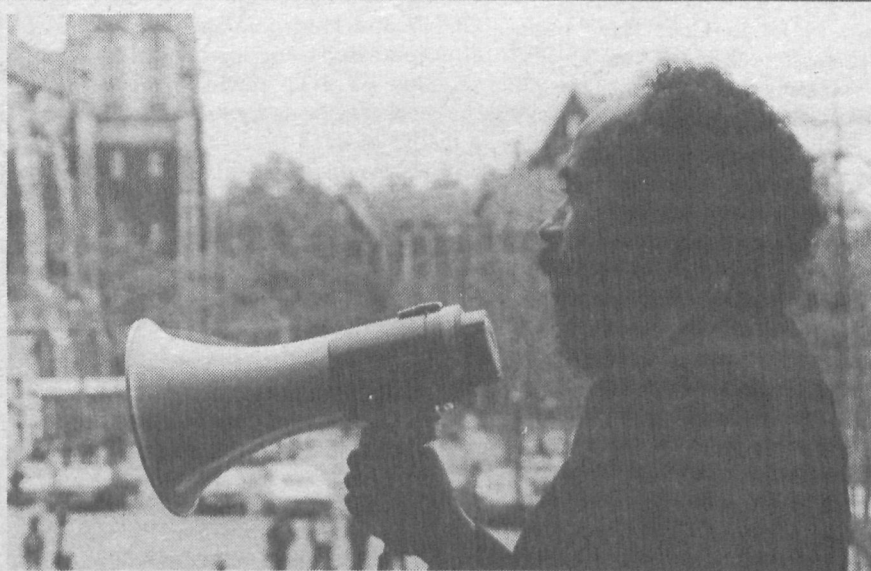
portunities which a college education provides."

Mobley acknowledges that most Senators and Representatives from New York State have been supportive of financial aid in the past, but in light of the intense budget debate looming on Capitol Hill, he feels that students have to make themselves heard. "Lobbying our Congresspeople at this stage is crucial," he says, "because that's the only way they will take a lead on the issue. We need them to go out and lobby their colleagues in turn, not just sit back passively and vote in favor of this or that proposal once they've already hit the floor."

Carlos Mora, President of Day Student Government at City College, notes that the issue of financial aid, unlike many issues on college campuses, has brought together a variety of groups to work together. "If you look at the figures put out by the CUNY financial aid offices, an estimated 24,000 of us will have our awards reduced, and 6,000 of us will get no award at all, if the President's proposal passes. That means that whether they are Black, Hispanic or White, male or female, conservative or liberal, all students here have an interest in stopping the cutbacks. Through the letter-writing and the rally, we hope more students find out what the proposed budget might mean to them personally. When they know, they should let their parents know, and when their parents know, we hope they let the larger community know, so we can build a broad base of support."

In a further attempt to forge links with groups outside the college campus, NYPIRG and Day Student Government will be sponsoring a forum on May 8th from 2-4 p.m. in Harris Auditorium to examine the effects the budget may have not only on education, but also on housing, mass transit and community development in New York City. Among the panelists scheduled to appear are a representative from Congressman Charles Rangel's office, Professor Francis Fox Piven of the CUNY Graduate Center's Political Science Departments, and Joyce Weinstein, Legislative Coordinator of New York City's Office of Management and Budget. All concerned members of City College and the surrounding community are invited to attend. For more information, contact the NYPIRG/City College office at 234-1628.

On Campus



Professor Burns speaking at the demonstration

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Protesting students at Columbia

photo by Joy Morgenstern



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Debate



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CITY SPORTS FYI

compiled by Richard Summers

City College basketball stars Richard Williams and Hilda Cruz have been named to post-season all-star teams. Williams was named to the men's Division III All-Metropolitan team while Cruz was selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III Metropolitan New York-New Jersey Women's All-Star squad.

Williams, a junior forward, was an All-City University Conference first team selection. He averaged 18 points, 9.2 rebounds, and three blocked shots per game to lead the Beavers.

The Bronx native also ranked among the league leaders in those categories and was a major factor in the improvement of the CCNY men's varsity basketball team in 1984-85.

Cruz, a junior forward, was the CUNY Women's Most Valuable Player. She led the Lady Beavers in scoring, rebounding, steals and field goal percentage. Cruz poured in 21 points, hauled down 10.5 rebounds and recorded 3.3 steals, while shooting 62.5% from the field.

A Bronx resident, Cruz led the City

College women's squad to both the CUNY and Hudson Valley Conference championships and their second consecutive E.C.A.C. post-season tournament bid. The Lady Beavers finished with a record of 27-3.

Williams and the other All-Stars from men's Division I, II and III were honored at the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Dinner on April 23rd at the Meadowlands Arena.

City College will honor its undergraduate athletes at the 40th annual All-Sports Nite Dinner on Monday, May 13th, at 6 P.M. in the Faculty Dining Room of the college's North Academic Center, 138th Street and Convent Avenue.

CCNY Athletic Director Richard Zerneck will serve as Toastmaster and will present the individual awards. Team awards will be given by the coaches.

Outstanding athletes will be singled out for special honors including trophies to the male and female "Athletes of the Year," and "Scholar-Athletes of the Year." Major and Minor letters will also be awarded.

Music Festival at City College

On Thursday, May 9, a music festival will be held here at City College. It will be an all day affair starting at high noon extending through the afternoon and into early evening. The Day Student Governments' Concert Committee with a little help from the Graduate Student Council will sponsor this part of the days events. The concert will be held in the Quadrangle in North Campus between 12 and 2, and 4 until whenever, and indoors at the Arnow Theater between 2 and 4.

The music played will be mostly different types and styles of folk music. The concert is free and everybody from the Metropolitan area is invited. A suggested donation of \$1 will be asked to raise money for the African relief fund. Below is a tentative schedule of who will be performing and at what time:

12-12:30 David Masingill
12:35-1:05 Christine Lavin
1:15-2:00 Rod McDonald Band

Outdoors
at the
Quadrangle

2:00-3:00 Los Pleneros de la 21
3:00-4:00 Not Yet Scheduled

Indoors in the
Arnow Theater

3:50-4:20 Peggy Atwood
4:35-5:35 Josh White
5:30-6:15 Don Carter Trio
6:20-whenever Not Yet Scheduled

Outdoors
at
the
Quadrangle

African Connection will perform at the International Festival on May 9th in Aronow Theatre. The program will be sponsored by the Evening Student Government and the Nigerian Student Organization.

City College is located at 138th St. and Convent Ave. in Manhattan. You can take the IRT #1 train to 137th St. or the IND A train to get there. For more information you can call Jean Charles at 690-8129 or John Benedek at 690-8177,78 or Carlos Mora at 690-8175.

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