

# The Paper

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

Langston Hughes

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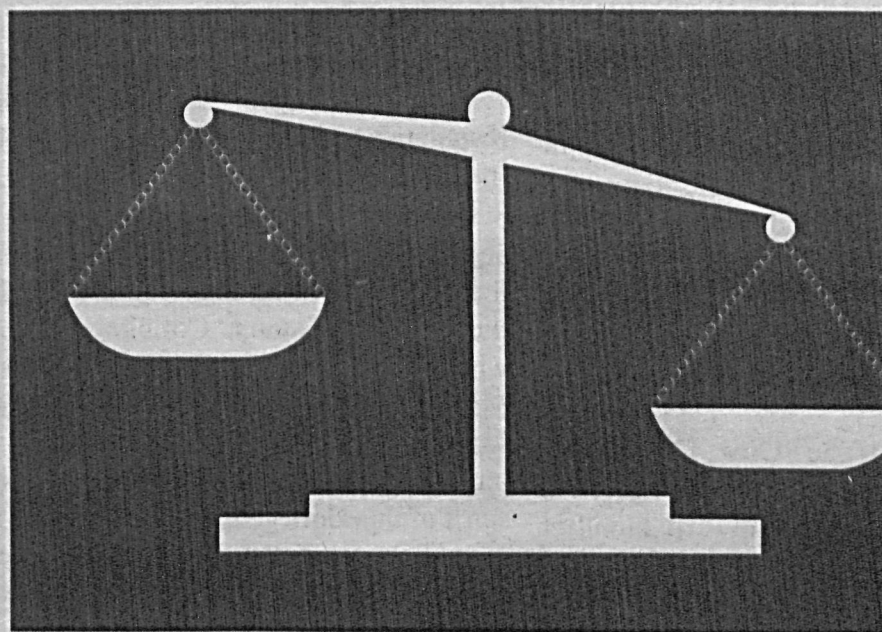
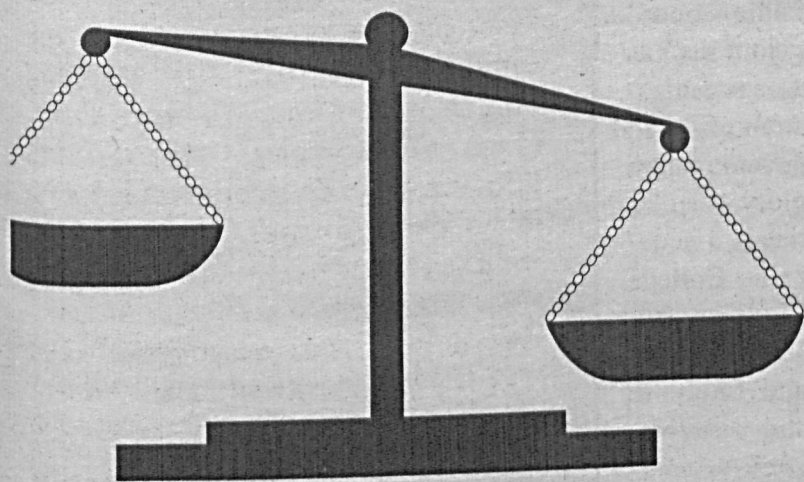
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*The City College Student Government Elections will be held on the 11th, 12th and 13th of April 2000. With A Debate on April 6th. Every City College Student must participate.*

# Vote



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# EDITORIAL FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The other day, I was discussing the upcoming Undergraduate Student Government elections with a friend of mine, and within our conversation, he mentioned he had no intentions of voting adding, "The College Student Government body does not affect me in anyway." After hearing this response, I began to wonder how many other students felt the same way.

It turns out that too many City College students either do not know or do not care about the Student Government body on Campus and as a result, have no desire to participate in the electoral process. While I find this revelation disturbing, I also find it not surprising, after all, how many college students vote in National or State elections? Today's students do not vote, but are the first body of people called upon to rally or protest an action resulting, one way or another, from a decision made

by and elected official (does this sound familiar, my fellow African Descendants?)

Another equally disturbing fact is that many students who said they will vote, will do so either as a favor, or because they have some sort of personal connection with a person running for one of the available positions. In other words, these students do not care what this person will do for the college, or its students. They vote with the hope or understanding that they will reap some personal gain resulting from that person's appointment to office.

With College being an institution for (besides the obvious) creating responsible members of society, not participating in college student government elections is inappropriate, to say the least. Some students argue that they never get enough information about the students running for office to vote for them. For such stu-

dents, here is some good news. On Thursday, April 6th, a debate and question and answer session will be held in the NAC Ballroom during club hours. This session, which will include all students running for office, will allow students to be better acquainted themselves the nominated students and hear what they plan on doing to help the student body on campus, if elected.

For those students who will not be able to attend the debate, The Paper will, in its next issue include a information on all students running for office, as well as information on what they plan on doing to improve quality of student life on campus. The Paper will offer this information with the hope that as many students as possible will exercise their voting rights come Election Day. Let us start the New Millennium by rebuilding our Great College from its base: Its Student Government.

## THE CCNY STUDENT

By Sayfullah Hafizah El

The past two years have brought major blows to the students of CUNY. The New York City media, our "esteemed" (chuckle, chuckle) Major Guiliani, the fiscal cuts and finally the end of remediation in four year Universities are gloomy omens of the future of higher education for people of color, and poor people in this city.

The City College of New York has been the premier institution of upward mobility for people of color around this city. It has opened its doors to immigrants from every walk of

life, and was a beacon of change in the sixties. What has happened to our City College? Leaks, cancelled classes, disgruntled students and employees and an overall attitude of resignation and despair infiltrate these famous halls. As 80th Street (CUNY Central), and the City of New York wage their war against the survival of the legacy of City College, where will we, the students be? Maybe it is time for faculty and students bond together and let incoming freshmen that the spirit of this College is probably the most powerful and resonant of all Colleges in this country. CCNY is indeed the education-

al statue of liberty.

The CCNY student must decide to support and defend his or her school by becoming involved. The members of the City College media board encourage you to join us, as well as other clubs or organizations on campus in an effort to defend City College and restore her to her former glory.

This editorial is a statement in defense of City College by a proud City College student; one who carries the Colleges legacy and future in her heart. Join the struggle, make a difference.

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Diallo

Donald  
Ferguson

Patrick  
Dorismond

# College Announcements

## Comptroller H. Carl McCall to Speak at CCNY

The Hon. H. Carl McCall, New York State Comptroller, will be at City College on Thursday, March 30th to speak on "The Future of Public Education in New York." The Lecture, which starts at 11 AM, will be held in Shepard Hall, Room 250. Mr. McCall's presentation is the 16th Annual CCNY Presidential Lecture, sponsored by the College's Marvin Rosenberg/Hubert Humphrey Program in Public Policy.

Mr. McCall has served as Comptroller since May 1993 when he was elected by the New York State Legislature to fill an unexpired term. He was elected by the voters of New York in 1994 and re-elected in November, 1998.

As Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, he is responsible for governmental and financial oversight and pension fund management. Mr. McCall audits the spending practices of the State and public authorities, and 1,600 cities, counties, towns and villages across New York State. As sole trustee of the 880,000-member State and Local Retirement Systems, the Comptroller is responsible for investing a pension fund valued at \$110 billion.

## WCC Defense Workshop for women

The Wellness and Counseling Center, in conjunction with the Division of Student Affairs is presenting a self defense workshop for women. The workshop featured 3rd degree blackbelt Crissa Skarimbis and 4th degree blackbelt Wilton Tejada and runs every Tuesday from 12pm till 1pm through April 11th at Wingate Hall Room 104

The Wellness & Counseling Center, (WCC) provides students with the following services: immunization services, emergency medical and ambulatory health services, individual health counseling and referrals to community health providers.

In addition, WCC in agreement with the Council Health Center (CHC) located on 145th

Street and Amsterdam Avenue, can pre-register CCNY students to receive comprehensive primary medical and dental care, nutritional counseling, gynecology and family planning, STDs education and treatment, as well as HIV pre-and post-test testing and counseling services. The above services is provided on a sliding scale payment plan. A similar program for student Veterans is planned with referral to the VA Hospital.

The Center is located in the Robert E. Marshak Science Building, Room J- 15, and can be reached by dialing (212) 650-8222.

## \$1M For New CCNY Continuing Ed. Programs

City College's Adult and Continuing Education Program has launched two initiatives that are supported by grants totaling nearly \$1 million dollars. They are:

The Fast Track GED and College Prep Program, supported by the Hospital League/1199 Union, provides members of 1199 with instruction in reading, writing and math skills; High School Equivalency Preparation(GED); and preparation for CUNY entry Exams.

POISED for Success, which helps pregnant women and mothers on public assistance to develop academic, parenting and vocational skills. The program is funded by the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) through The City University of New York. Both programs are currently underway.

POISED for Success, whose acronym stands for Perfect Opportunity for Individual Skills and Educational Development, was created specifically for recipients of public assistance who are between two and five months pregnant, or who have a pre-school aged child of up to five years old. Dr. MacKillop said. The program runs in three month cycles with approximately 100 students in each cycle. Four hundred students are expected to enroll during the current academic year.

According to Assuanta Howard, who directs POISED for

Success, the program is designed to help participants enter or re-enter the workforce. "In addition to reading, writing and math classes, it offers computer skills training, parenting workshops and counseling on personal, educational and employment preparation issues," she said. Ms. Howard is a member of the American Society for Training and Development and the Family Child Care Association of New York State, Inc.

For further information about the two programs, please call (212) 650-7051 (1199 Fast Track Program) or (212) 650-5859 (POISED for Success).

## City College Hosts 3rd Annual NASA in NY Day

The City College of New York on Saturday, April 8, 2000 will host its 3rd annual NASA in New York Day. Guest speakers from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Hayden Planetarium and Cornell University, as well as NASA exhibits, demonstrations and tours of CCNY's engineering and science labs bring the excitement of space exploration and aerospace engineering down earth.

Guest Speakers will include NASA Astronaut and City College alumnus Mario Runco, Jr. ('74), who will discuss "Exploring Planet Earth and Beyond."

Participants will also be able to view exhibits in The Great Hall from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center - including a replica of the Mars Rover - and current NASA and National Science Foundation programs being conducted at CCNY. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the College's research wind tunnel, robotics lab, and weather station, and attend demonstrations of cutting-edge research in computer modeling and communications, nonlinear optics and transportation in the School of Engineering and the Division of Science.

NASA in New York Day was created to help stimulate high school students' interest in pursuing engineering or science as a college major, increase awareness of the important role NASA plays in our society, and introduce City

College's Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Program to the city's math and science achievers. The event is a cooperative effort between CCNY's School of Engineering, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the NASA New York State Space Grant Consortium, and the New York City Board of Education.

Founded in 1847, City College has been a primary avenue to economic and social advancement for generations of New Yorkers who might not have had the chance to attend college.

CCNY's School of Engineering offers programs in chemical, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering and computer science. Next fall it will also offer a new, interdisciplinary program in Computer Engineering. Its new Center for Biomedical Engineering boasts a faculty described by evaluators from MIT as among the best in the nation. CCNY ranks 1st in New York State and 10th nationally in graduating minority engineers and is one of America's top producers of African-American Ph.D.'s in Engineering.

NASA in New York Day begins with registration and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in City College's Aaron Davis Hall, Convent Avenue at 135th Avenue, and runs until 3:30 p.m. For a complete schedule and additional press information, please call The Office of Public Relations at (212) 650-5310.

## Be a Part of the CCNY Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen takes place once a month at the NAC loading deck 138th and Amsterdam

**Next Soup Kitchens are scheduled for April 14 and May 19**

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# Teaching Opportunity Program

In September last year, 49 men and women began new careers as Math or Science teachers in New York City classrooms. It was a group as diverse as the city itself - recent college graduates and career changers (including a physician) - reflecting the spectrum of nationalities, racial and ethnic groups that make New York such a wonderful place. A year before many of these people had no idea that they would be standing, chalk in hand, bringing order and information to a class of energetic high school students. These novice teachers had just completed the first part of the Teaching Opportunity Program, an innovative joint venture of CUNY and the New York City School system and they were now embarking on part two.

The Teaching Opportunity

Program was established to attract talented students, who had not previously considered teaching as a career, into the teaching profession. It offers an intensive summer orientation program (including a substantial stipend) for college graduates who wish to begin teaching careers, guarantees a full-time teaching position in the New York City public schools following the summer program and extends a full tuition scholarship for a master's degree in education at CUNY. In return, TOP scholars commit to teaching in New York City's public schools for two years following completion of the master's degree.

The focus of the Program is on current and future areas of teacher shortage. In the first year, to be eligible applicants must have majored and had excellent records

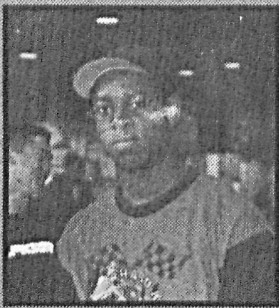
in mathematics or science. Because of the critical need for qualified teachers in these areas this emphasis will continue in Summer 2000. Once again, TOP Scholars will teach in a summer school program in collaboration with the school districts. And once again the New York City Board of Education has made a commitment to hire TOP Scholars-as teachers in the fall, and to ensure that they are placed in supportive school sites. The Board of Education will provide new teacher orientation and, during the following academic year, the colleges will support their TOP Scholars through mentoring programs. The students will also be guided through the process of preparing for the New York State Teacher Certification Examination and applying for state certification.

It is estimated that more than 40,000 teachers will be needed, in New York City alone, in the next 5 years. These shortages persist despite the desire of many college graduates to find work that is truly meaningful. The Board of Education is recruiting teachers throughout New York State and even across the country. The Teaching Opportunity Program will not solve the Board's problem but it is determined to put a dent in it. This year the program will accept up to 100 students. The financial incentives and the guarantee of a job are already bringing in outstanding applications. The deadline for applications is May 1. Additional information on the Teaching Opportunity Program may be obtained from the CUNY Central Office at 212-794-5446.

## CITY VIBES

In light of the upcoming Student Government elections We asked a cross-section of students what they knew about the Undergraduate Student Government and if they planned on voting.

Photos and questions by Cecile Paul



**Davey Pierre-Toussaint**  
(Freshman)

*No, I do not know the role of the student government at City College.*

*I have never had the opportunity to vote because this is my first year. Yes I plan to vote during the upcoming elections.*



**Gabriel Hughes**  
(Junior)

*Yes, I do know the role of the student government on campus.*

*I have voted in past elections. I plan to use my voting privileges because I know some people running and I am confident City College students will benefit from their goals and programs*



**Sannul, Ny**

*No, I do not know the role of the student government at City College.*

*I have not voted in the past student elections. Maybe this year I will vote, but I do not see the student government doing much anyway*



**Sherane (Left) Junior**

*I do not know the role of of USG.*

*I have never voted in past elections and I do not plan on voting. As far as I'm concerned, they have no*

*direct impact on my stay at CCNY I have not directly benefited from any of their programs and am not aware of their past achievements, if any.*

**Maria (Right) Junior**

*I do not know the role of USG.*

*I have not voted in past USG elections because there is no reason for me to vote*

*I have no clue as to who runs and what they can do for me as a student at City College.*



**Alex (Left)**

*Yes, I somewhat know the role of USG on campus*

*Unfortunately I have not had the opportunity to vote in the past.*

*This year, I plan to vote because I know that my vote can make a difference.*

**Eric (Right) Freshman**

*I do not know the exact role of of the Student Government. I think this issue needs to be addressed.*

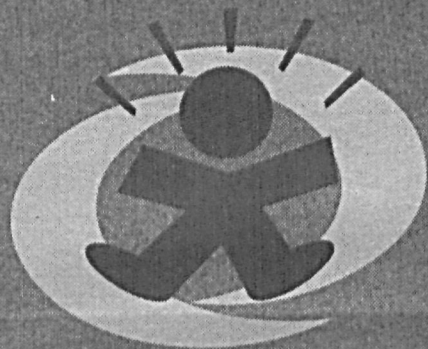
*I plan to vote once I know who is running for government. I will be voting for the candidates who present the best agenda and arguments to support them*

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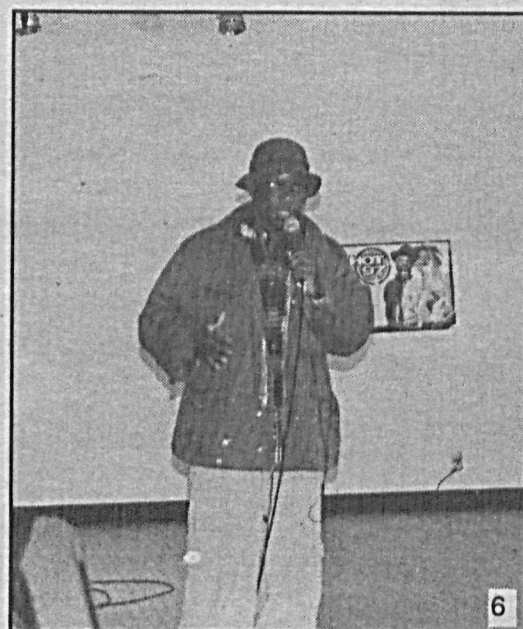
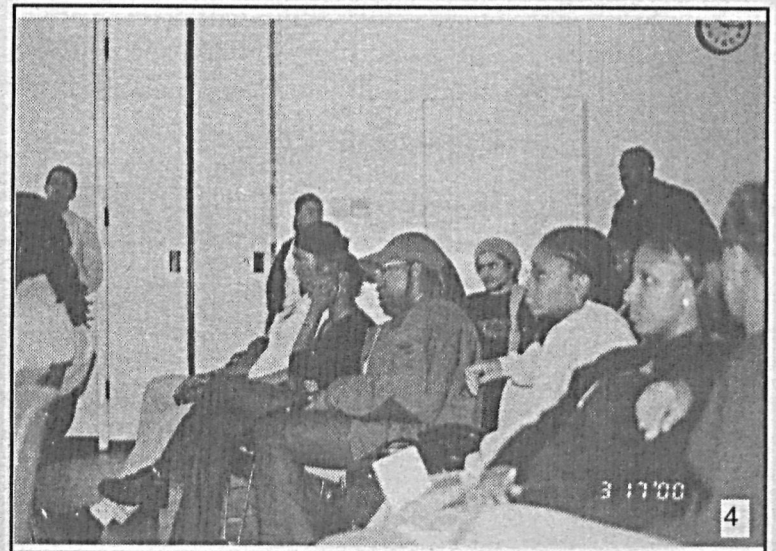
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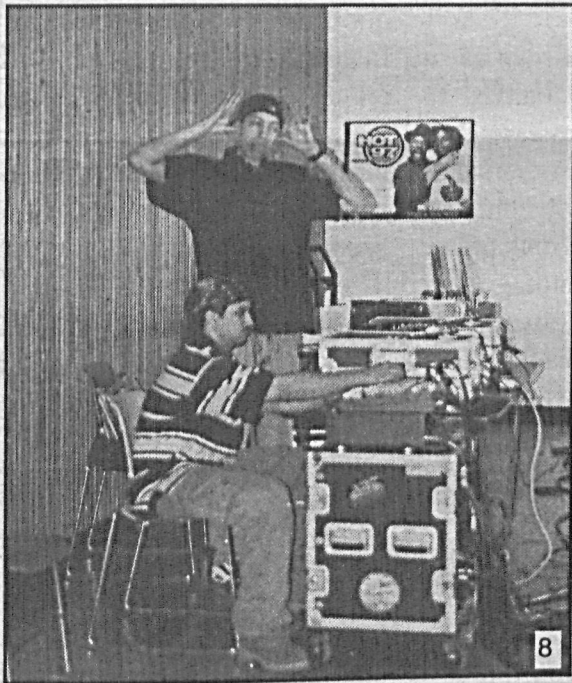
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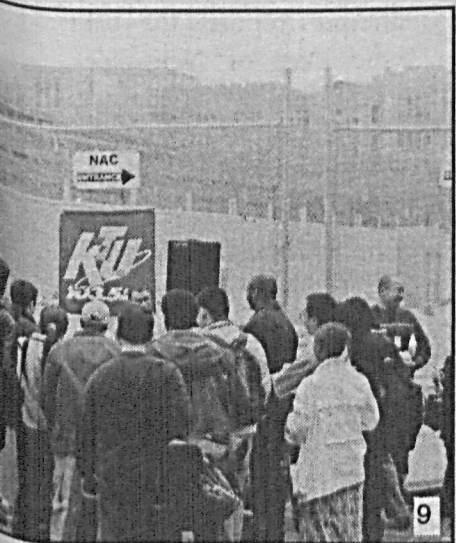
## CITY COLLEGE EVENTS



Photos 1-8 Open Mic and poetry session organized by WCCR on Friday, March 17 in the NAC Ballroom.

Photo 9 March 17 103.5 WKTU gave out free CDs and tickets to an Enrique Iglesias Concert.

Photos 10 & 11 City College Students as well as members of the Harlem Community were all smiles, despite snow and cold weather to take part in the College soup kitchen, also on March 17



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## Our Vote. . . NYC Policing and the Trickle Down Effect

by **Yashima Thompson**

On Thursday, March 16th Patrick Dorismond became the third (known) unarmed African-American to be killed by the police in the last thirteen months, gunned down by an undercover policeman. Mr. Dorismond was standing in front of a nightclub and was approached by a stranger who asked him if he knew where weed could be purchased. Mr. Dorismond was offended and an argument ensued. Two of Mr. Dorismond friends joined the argument and the stranger, who turned out to be Detective Anderson Moran a member of "Operation Condor," undercover cop buy and bust operation, signaled for backup. Two other undercover officers, one of them being Detective Anthony Vasquez, joined the fray.

Details of what happened next are sketchy but at the end of the scuffle, Mr. Dorismond, who was unarmed, lay dead from a bullet to the chest fired from Detective Vasquez' gun. A grand jury investigation is currently underway to determine whether or not the officer acted irresponsibly.

The thought that is foremost

in our minds is "Can we be assured that any indictments brought against this officer will result in a conviction?" Our "esteemed" Mayor was quick to release Mr. Dorismond's sealed juvenile records of indictments (not crimes), and stated that Patrick Dorismond had an "extensive criminal record." Mr. Dorismond had one juvenile and two adult "run-ins" with the law, all of which were either settled out of court or dismissed. According to Mayor Guiliani, this "extensive criminal record" is justification for a killing. The Mayor has always given the police department the benefit of the doubt. He gives the police department his full support while residents of our communities are left to fend for themselves.

Many police officers, especially undercover officers seem to be poorly trained. The officer who fired the first shot in the barrage that killed Amadou Diallo said he "panicked." In this case detective Vasquez' gun was supposedly accidentally fired, killing Mr. Dorismond, yet no one is willing to admit that the policing system of the New York Police Department needs to be overhauled. The police

department needs to employ appropriate people to train these officers and it should be mandatory that every officer be tested in order to determine their capability for performing their duties. In addition, New York City needs a Police Commissioner who will not act like not the mayor's puppet. This person must be held accountable for the lives of the residents of the City and be willing to denounce officers who commit atrocities against civilians.

When the Officers who killed Mr. Diallo were being prosecuted in Albany, the directive from the state capital was that the Police Officers will not be held liable for their behavior. The verdict reinforces what we have known for a long time; that rogue police officers are above the law and police profiling is an ingrained component of police culture.

With all this said, we as a people need to hold ourselves to some degree liable for what is happening to our fathers, brothers and sons. Changes in this city come by way of politics and current office holding politicians do not go out their way to assist us in our time of need. The reason for this is in part because Africans-Americans do not

exercise their right to vote. It seems only a small number of us recall the struggles of the many that have given their lives for us to cast our ballots. It is time that we begin to make our voices heard and our votes counted. Marching and holding rallies are a good start but we should not stop there. We need to make the politicians realize we mean business.

Voting stations in New York City are open from five in the morning until twelve midnight and it does not take a whole day to vote. As a result, here is no excuse for those of us eligible to vote to not do so. In order to make a difference we need to have elected officials who understand and are willing to fight for our cause.

Mayor Guiliani is running for the Senate seat, and there is no question that he is not on our side. In order to hit him where it hurts, let us get up off our fannies and vote. Let him know that we are no longer going to take his crap. Our vote will give the impact that we need.

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

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## Did You Know. . .

By **Rashidah White**

Did You Know...

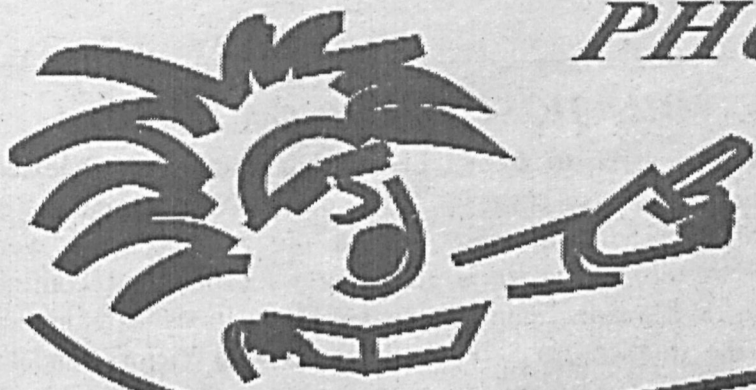
All races were born from the Black race. Science reports that everyone alive today descended from an African woman who lived 200,000 years ago!

Based on the evidence of recent findings, modern (white) science has 'officially' declared that ALL of present humanity came from one race...the Black race-the oldest race. Throughout the world prominent magazines have done front page articles of "the most incredible discovery of all time: Scientists have unearthed the ancient bones of a Black African (pygmy) woman who is indisputably the mother of all humanity!

They nicknamed her Eve - our common ancestor - a woman who lived 200,000 years ago and left resilient genes that are carried by all of mankind" reports the best selling issue ever of *Newsweek Magazine* (1/11/88) which depicts a Black Adam and Eve on its front cover headlining "The Search for Adam and Eve."

*Science Magazine* (9/11/87) stated that overwhelming evidence showed that "Africa was the cradle of modern humans... The story the molecular biology seems to be telling is that modern humans evolved in Africa about 200,000 years ago." *National Geographic* (Oct.88) reports of new evidence "of an African origin for modern humans."





# PHULL PHLEDGE PHLOETICS

## BLACK MIDNIGHT'S BLUES

Black Midnight  
with your eyes  
gazing across the window,  
what do you see?  
Do your past sisters  
Beckon you with lullabies  
Of History?  
Is it now you begin  
To understand their words?  
They did say  
Forgive them,  
They know not  
Their actions.  
For good or for hurt  
It all goes back  
To love, sister.  
Love of Amber tones mixed  
To be comforted  
At your midnight hour,  
Where sustenance sustains  
The sore strong.  
Even if sapping  
Your strength

leaving you in  
tear soaked pillows,  
you know what  
Magnet strength is.  
Look upon the midnight skies  
and see a reflection  
Few mirrors can mimic.  
Your visage  
Among a million stars,  
a million fingers multiplied  
pointing at you, sister.  
Signaling you are chosen,  
your way is paved  
through emotions epoch,  
your heart to be honored  
As prepared.  
So let not  
these stumbling blocks  
discourage your worth,  
you sister, are a  
Diamond  
among  
stones.

- Joseph Regis -

## BOBBY WRONG (DEDICATED TO RONI WRIGHT)

Bobby Wrong buck dung!  
Gimme di hammer  
Mek a bruck some . . .  
Pass mi di lass  
Mek me clean di pass!  
After a storm  
Mus' be a calm . . .  
After a storm  
Mus' be a calm.  
Come mek wi bun ei  
Til ei cayn bun, no more  
Bun ei 'til dem get pon di floor . . .  
Some a dem feel so high  
Mek mi burn ei  
'til dem get up to sky  
then when dem ask god why(?)  
nuff a dem will have to cry!!!

- Rebelyan Cyaltyme -

## UNTITLED

School, school  
The golden rule  
Sign your name  
At the  
Bottom  
Of  
The  
List.  
Capital sacrifice  
Unending tortured words  
And tired eyes.

It's like workbeggin'  
For what we think we deserve.  
From those who previously  
decided  
We don't.

Morningpeace taken  
So you dress industrial strength  
Waiting, along with the rest.  
Taken to our worlds of why's  
Where the real questions  
Never get asked.  
Sh\*t you just tryin to pass  
But where you going ?

- Ysis james -

## DAZZLING HEAVENLY BEING

It was night and darkness all over  
and so was the moon in full sphere  
dancing around in numbers were  
the stars  
looming over the horizon was the  
nostalgic  
feeling of something heavenly to  
come  
as the reggae band made their  
way through  
the corridors of mystic melodic  
vibration  
glimpse of African gyrating waists  
could be noticed  
as dance lights illuminated ran-  
domly in circles  
There, like a dash of light,  
a bestowed presence of a walking  
African princess overcame my  
eyes  
Seizing my reflexes for a quiet  
chaotic moment  
Like a wild horse in heat, my  
thoughts began ranting  
Ranting for avenue of escape from  
her spell  
Abruptly a voice piercing through  
my Thoughts, flashing hope and  
mandating that  
I move a little closer, released me  
I obeyed  
Palatable were the sounds  
streaming out her mouth as my  
ears feasted,  
my nose got acquainted with the  
Deliciousness of her aroma  
Wee! I didn't know God still  
Made beings like this  
So fresh is her eyes  
Without a tingle of harshness  
She harness her presence  
Like an Ethiopian pussycat  
Parading in her master's palace  
Dressed up as a godly goddess  
nibbling  
Around the doorway of danger  
and uncertainty  
Swerving in and out of the flash-  
ing night lights  
If only I could find myself I would  
step to her!

- Ikenna -

## REMEMBERING

I sit here and I wonder, about folks  
I used to know.  
Those Joyous friends from my  
young years, who helped me think,  
and love and dream and grow.  
Those folks who are now far away,  
somewhere in this wide world.  
Who never ever cross my path to  
talk of days of old.  
am I the only person who thinks of  
those sun filled days.  
Or are there others just like me  
who go around in a daze.  
I think of school and after school,  
of the things I used to do  
I think of recreation times that  
were boisterous and fun.  
Of running in forbidden fields, to  
play at hide and seek.  
To savor fruits so ripe and sweet,  
till all I did was eat.  
Life was just so care free then, you  
slept, you ate, you played,  
I never thought a time would come  
when that would seem worlds  
away,  
I think of places that I have been,  
of waters clear and blue.  
I think of hills, and rocks, and  
shrubs, that cost me many a shoe.  
Those hills were huge and tower-  
ing then.  
And shrubs as tall as you and I.  
But would only reach you knee  
high now, if you should visit these  
places again  
There must have been times of  
sorrow, but I only remember joys,  
Not too much money, not too much  
wealth, but a time filled with good  
memories and a lot of good  
health.  
This is life as it is and  
as it mostly be  
and remembering brings back  
memories to me.

- Joan Arthur -

## Lobby Day in Albany

by **Phuchong Srisuro**

On March 6, 2000 New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) with the help of The Government and Law Society and the Undergraduate Student Government held their annual Higher Education Lobby Day in Albany. I was among the City College students who had the opportunity to express their concerns about higher education to their elected officials.

In Albany we met with other students from other colleges around New York State. About 200 students in all showed up to lobby in Albany. All the students lobbied under a ten point platform campaign, of which we choose under our team leader the points that were most important to us. For me it was fighting for the elimination of the 90% cap on Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP) awards. With the current 90% cap on TAP assistance per student, we are forced to come up with 10% of our tuition, which comes to at least \$300, not including addition

expenditure, such as books and student fees.

Now with the state finances secure, we can lobby to remove the cap on TAP. Other points I lobbied for included a bill to reduce SUNY and CUNY tuition by \$250, to create new full-time faculty lines so the students can have more choices in classes, and to increase spending for opportunity programs like the Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) program.

Though I was not able to meet any elected officials in person, I did get to speak with members of staff of the offices of State Senator Carl Kruger and Assemblywoman Lena Cymbrowitz. Both of my elected officials supported the platform that I was representing and agreed to do as much as they could for us in Albany.

Being a part of the Lobby Day in Albany, as well as meeting other students from around the State was a very special experience for me, and I feel every student should be a part of the fight for the survival of our colleges.

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The Immigrants' center serves the College students and community with free and confidential counseling. It is an addition to the CUNY Citizenship project, well known for assisting thousands of CUNY students to become U.S. citizens. For more information, please call The Center at (212)650-6620 or stop by our office in the NAC building room 1/206.

## Know your past . . . Buffalo Soldiers

Nickname given to members of African-American cavalry regiments of the U.S. Army who served in the western United States from 1867 to 1896, mainly fighting Indians on the frontier. An 1866 law authorized the U.S. Army to form cavalry and infantry regiments of black men; the resulting units were the 9th and 10th cavalries and the 38th through 41st infantries (these four were later reduced to the 24th and 25 infantries, which often fought alongside the cavalry regiments).

The 10th Cavalry, originally headquartered at Fort Riley, Kansas, was commanded by Colonel Benjamin Grierson; his men were provided with aged horses, deteriorating equipment, and inadequate supplies of ammunition. Their duties included escorting stagecoaches, trains, and work parties and policing cattle rustlers and illegal traders who sold guns and liquor to the Indians, but their principal mission was to control the Indians of the Plains and Southwest. After the Red River Indian War (1874-75) the 10th Cavalry was transferred to Texas, where the 9th Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Edward Hatch, had long been based.

The combined forces fought outlaws and Indians who often conducted raids and rob-

beries from sanctuaries in Mexico. They carried out a campaign against the Apache, who were resisting relocation and confinement on reservations. After numerous battles with Victorio and his Apache band, the soldiers managed to subdue them in 1880. While the 10th Cavalry continued in action against the remaining Apache for another decade, the 9th was sent to Indian Territory (later Oklahoma) to deal with whites who were illegally settling on Indian lands. In 1892-96, after Grierson's retirement, the 10th Cavalry relocated to Montana Territory with orders to round up and deport the Cree Indians to Canada.

The buffalo soldiers were noted for their courage and discipline. Drunkenness, an especially widespread problem in the army, was rare among them; in a period when nearly a third of white army enlistees deserted, the black soldiers had the U.S. Army's lowest desertion and court-martial rates. In nearly 30 years of frontier service buffalo soldiers took part in almost 200 major and minor engagements. From 1870 to 1890, 14 buffalo soldiers were awarded medals of honor, the army's highest award for bravery. The 9th and 10th cavalries later distinguished themselves by their fighting in the Spanish-American War and in the 1916 Mexican campaign. One of the 10th Cavalry's officers was John J. Pershing, whose nickname Black Jack reflected his advocacy of black troops.

*From The Encyclopædia Britannica  
Guide to Black History*

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## Cargill Wins CUNY Player Of The Year Award

Lauren Cargill, a freshman/guard on the City College women's varsity basketball team, has been named the 1999-2000 City University of New York (CUNY) Athletic Conference's Player of the Year. The announcement was made at the CUNY Tournament Press Luncheon, held at The Water Club, on February 17th.

A 5-9 guard out of Queens' Benjamin Cardozo High School, Cargill, who is in her first varsity season, is second in the nation for Division III scoring, averaging 24.0 points per game. She also ranks second in the country for Dill 3-point field goals made this season with a Conference record 77 three-pointers for 232 attempts (33.2%). Cargill leads the CUNY Athletic Conference in scoring and is second in the league for 3-pointers made.

"I wasn't expecting the Player of the Year Award; I was hoping for the Rookie of the Year Award," said Cargill, who also posted a seventh-place ranking in the CUNY Conference for free throw percentage (62.5%) while

collecting 4.5 rebounds and 2.2 steals per contest. "This is the highest award you can get in CUNY basketball and I feel really good about winning it," said the 18-year-old Valley Stream, L.I. resident, who added that her next goal is the CUNY Tournament Championship.

"We're really coming together now," Cargill said of the CCNY team, which, she has helped propel from a 20-loss season in 1998-99 to a second-seeded 9-4 CUNY Conference record and a 12-12 overall mark this year. That is the most wins for the Lady Beavers since their last CUNY Tournament title in 1995-96.

A CCNY co-captain this year, Cargill is the first Lady Beaver to win the Conference's Player of the Year Award since guard, and former two-time CUNY Tournament M.V.P., Enma Rivera received the award in 1995-96. She is the first CCNY women's All-Star since 1997-98 and is the first CCNY freshman to win the Conference MVP award since Ayanna Parker did so in 1992-93.

A star scholarship prospect at Cardozo, Cargill was hampered

by a tear of her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee in 1997. A year later, during her fine senior-season at Cardozo, she injured the ACL in her right knee and feared her basketball career might be over.

But with ongoing-encouragement from her mother, Nanette Ross, six-months of daily-therapy and continued-interest from CCNY rookie coach Derrick Harrison who coached Cargill when she played AAU basketball at his family's "Harrison Hoops Classic Summer Basketball League" Cargill has come back to the game she's loved since childhood, and she has excelled.

A 26-point performance against CUNY-power York College in January (a 62-50 win for CCNY) and a 34-point outing in a loss to FDU-Madison during the *New Jersey City University Tournament's* consolation game in November, are just two of Cargill's memorable performances this season. In addition, she was twice named CUNY Rookie of the Week in November and was again so named twice in February. She was

also named CUNY Player of the Week in January (for week ending Jan. 10, 2000), and was profiled in such newspapers as the *Times Ledger* and *New York Newsday*.

Cargill's 551 points this season puts her well on the way to shattering the all-time CUNY Conference women's mark for four-year scoring (1,830 pts), held by Hilary Williams, who posted that mark at Baruch College from 1987 to 1991. "I've worked hard to overcome injuries and achieve the things I have this year," said Cargill. "I'm just loving every minute of it."

Coach Harrison sees Cargill's Player of the Year honor as a great individual accomplishment and as a beacon to other young players who have yet to join the CCNY program. "Lauren's success will help us because our recruits will see that a freshman can come in, make an impact right away and be recognized by the Conference," said Harrison. "I believe her example will encourage other young players to come to CCNY and CUNY."

## Bucknight Named CUNY Rookie of the Year & Perez Named CUNY Second-Team All-Star

Michael Bucknight and Ralph Perez, two members of the City College men's varsity basketball team, have been named 1999-2000 City University of New York (CUNY) Athletic Conference All-Stars. The announcement was made at The Water Club on February 17th.

Bucknight, a 6-2 out of CHSAA-powerhouse LaSalle Academy, was named Rookie of the Year. Perez, a 6-3 junior from PSAL-power Grady High School, was named a CUNY second-team selection. Fourteen CUNY honors were presented to players for the 1999-00 season, based on the selections of the CUNY Conference coaches.

"I think we have a bright future," said CCNY first-year coach Dan Nigro Jr., who also praised the play of six other CCNY freshmen and sophomores on this season's team. "We need to add a couple of pieces to the puzzle to

make us even more competitive. We're presently recruiting a point-guard and we're after another big kid who can rebound. Once those pieces are in place, along with players like Michael and Ralph, we'll be a force to be reckoned with."

A two-year varsity player for LaSalle, who played some of his high school ball with now-NBA star Ron Artest, Bucknight is the first CCNY player to win the Conference's Rookie of the Year award since Irie Humphrey in 1994-95. His talents have made him a high impact player since the opening of the season. A fine inside player and open court specialist, the three-time CUNY Rookie of the Week opened his collegiate career averaging 19 points and 9.5 rebounds in his first two games against Lehman and Stevens Tech., respectively, at *The New Jersey City University Tournament*.

Perez started his season in January, about six games into the

schedule. The former two-year varsity player at Grady is a transfer student out of Kingsborough Community College. He ranks fifth in the CUNY Conference in scoring (18.0 ppg), eighth in steals (2.4 swipes per game), 12th in assists (2.6 per contest) and fourth in rebounding (174), for a 9.7 per game average.

"At the start I thought I'd have a greater impact on the team

than I did," said a confident Perez. "I was a little bit out of shape, and it took me a little while to get into the swing of things. But I've played against really strong competition in the past, so I thought I would do well at this level," added the Brooklyn resident. The Beavers ended the regular season seeded fourth in the North Division with a 5-8 CUNY record and a 10-13 overall mark.

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## Letter to Black Americans

Dear Black Americans:

After all of these years and all we have been through together, we think it's appropriate for us to show our gratitude for all you have done for us. We have chastised you, criticized you, punished you, and in some cases even apologized to you, but we have never formally nor publicly thanked you for your never-ending allegiance and support to our cause.

This is our open letter of thanks to a unique people, a forgiving people, a steadfast people, and a brave people: Black Americans. We will always be in debt to you for your labor. You built this country and were responsible for the great wealth we still enjoy today. Upon your backs, laden with the stripes we sometimes had to apply for disciplinary reasons, you carried our nation. We thank you for that.

We thank you for your diligence and tenacity. Even when we refused to allow you to even walk in our shadows, you followed close behind, believing that someday we would come to accept you and treat you like men and women. Your strength in the face of adversity cannot be understated. You are truly a great people, and we thank you so much.

We publicly acknowledge Black people for raising our children, attending to our sick, and preparing our meals while we were occupied with the trappings of the good life. Even during the times when we found pleasure in your women and enjoyment in seeing one of your men lynched, maimed and burned, some of you continued to watch over us and our belongings. We simply cannot thank you enough.

Your bravery on the battlefield, despite being classified as three-fifths of a man, was and still is outstanding and beyond the call of duty.

We often watched in awe as you went about your prescribed chores and assignments, sometimes laboring in the hot sun for 12 hours, to assist us in realizing our dreams of wealth and good fortune. You were always there, and we thank you.

Now that we control at least 90 percent of all of the resources and wealth of this nation, we have Black people to thank the most. You were there when it all began, and you are still with us today, protecting us from those Black people who have the temerity to speak out against our past transgressions.

How can we thank you for your dedication? You warned us about Denmark Vessey. You let us know about Gabriel Prosser's plan; you called our attention to Nat Turner. And you even sounded the alarm when old John Brown came calling on Harper's Ferry. Some of you still warn us today. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Now as we look out upon our enormous wealth, and as we assess our tremendous control of the resources of this country, we can only think of the sacrifices you and your families made to make all of this possible.

You are indeed fantastic, and we will forever be in your debt. To think of how you have looked out for us for hundreds of years and to see you still doing the same thing today is simply amazing. Thank you for continuing to bring 95 percent of what you earn to our businesses. That is so gracious of you. Thanks for Buying Hilfigers, Karans, Nikes, and all of the other brands you so adore. Your purchase of these products really makes us feel that we are at least giving something back to you for your patronage.

After all, in the past, the brands we put on you were quite painful, but those of today can be proudly worn because they give you a sense of self-esteem, right? But it's the least we can do for a people who have treated us so well.

Your super-rich athletes, entertainers, intellectuals, and business people (both legal and illegal) exchange most of their money for our cars, jewelry, homes, and clothing. What a windfall they have provided for us! The less fortunate among you spend all they have at our neighborhood stores, enabling us to open even more stores. Sure, they complain about us, but they never do anything to hurt us economically. You are a very special people.

Oh yes, allow us to thank you for not bogging yourselves down with the business of doing business with your own people. We can take care of that for you. Please don't even trouble yourselves with it. Yes, you were successful at it after slavery ended and even as recently as 1960, but you know what happened when you began to build your own communities and do business with one another. Some of the "lower ones" of you kind burned you out time and time again. So, why bother? In today's business environment, your own people will not support you anyway. You just keep doing business with us. It's safer that way. Besides, everything you need, we make anyway, even Kente cloth. You just continue to dance, sing, fight, get high, go to prison, back bite, envy, distrust and hate one another. Have yourselves a good time, and this time we'll take care of you. It's the least we can do, considering all you've done for us. Heck, you deserve it black people.

For your labor, which created our wealth, for you resisting the messages of trouble-making Blacks like Delaney, Garvey, Bethune, Tubman and Truth, for fighting and dying on our battlefields, we thank you. For allowing us to move into your neighborhoods, we will be forever grateful to you. For your unceasing desire to be near us and for hardly ever following through on your threats due to our lack of reciprocity and equity, we thank you so much.

We also appreciate your acquiescence to our political agenda, for abdicating your own economic self-sufficiency, and for working so diligently for the economic well being of our people. You are real troopers. And even though the 13th and 14th Amendments were written for you and many of your relatives died for the rights described in therein, you did not resist when we changed those Black Rights to Civil Rights and allowed virtually every other group to take advantage of them as well. Black people, you are something else! Your dependence upon us to do the right thing is beyond our imagination, irrespective of what we do to you and the many promises we have made and broken. But, this time we will make it right, we promise. Trust us.

Tell you what. You don't need your own hotels. You can continue to stay in ours. You have no need for supermarkets when you can shop at ours 24 hours a day. Why should you even think about owning more banks? You have plenty now. And don't waste your energies trying to break into manufacturing. You've worked hard enough in our fields. Relax, have a party. We'll sell you everything you need. And when you die, we'll even bury you at a discount. Now how's that for gratitude?

Finally the best part, you went beyond the pale and turned your children over to us for their education. With that we have taught them, it's likely they will continue in a mode similar to the one you have followed for the past 45 years. When Mr. Lynch walked the banks of the James River in 1712 and said he would make you a slave for 300 years, little did we realize the truth in his prediction. Just 13 more years and his promise will come to fruition.

But with two generations of your children gone through our education systems, we can look forward to at least another 50 years of prosperity. Wow! Things could not be better and it's all because of you.

For all you have done, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Black Americans. You're the best friend any group of people could ever have!

Sincerely,  
All Other Americans

Taken from the Philadelphia News Observer, November 18, 1998.