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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



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College Institutes New Security Measures

by Desa Philadelphia

With an increased emphasis on safety, City College has initiated a new security program.

In an interview with *The Paper*, director of security Timothy Hubbard explained the details of the security program that includes the introduction of new security personnel and the installation of technologically advanced security devices.

Security guards on campus are no longer contracted, but are directly employed by the college. The security force consists of "Level I and II" guards, employed to patrol buildings, parking lots and various other parts of the campus. These guards will also man guard booths and will provide security for special campus events.

Also essential to the security force are eighteen new "peace officers." These "Level three" officers are authorized to carry firearms and to arrest law offenders.

This has been a source of concern for many students. Hubbard insists that their concern is exaggerated. He said that since the peace officers have been on campus, the only arrests made were of outsiders found trespassing in buildings. Hubbard also said that the peace officers on campus will not be armed.

Another major aspect of the security program addresses building accessibility. Students are now only able to enter campus buildings through main entrances. All side doors are now locked. In addition everyone entering the buildings must present identification cards to security guards on post at the entrances.

The new building regulations are in response to the large number of crimes that occured on campus last semester. According to Hubbard, several departments have been hurt by theft. "In NAC alone there were about thirty robberies last semester," he said.

For this reason the North Academic Center (NAC), the largest building on campus, is the primary site for many of the new security measures. The major fortification of security measures in NAC has been the magnitization of doors. The building's doors can now be electromagnetically opened and closed from a centralized location, thereby allowing security to control their use.

Excluding the main doors from convent avenue that serves as both entrance and exit, all other doors now serve as exits only. The reason for this, Hubbard says, is that it is impossible to provide security guards to effectively man the building's forty-two separate doors.

In coming weeks, even this procedure will be obsolete. The main entrance and the entrance that borders 137th street and Amsterdam will be open at all times. Students will be unable to enter or exit the building from any other door since they will be electronically locked.

In a press release to the college community, CCNY Vice President Bruce Baron outlined several

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CCNY Black History Month Celebrations A Success

by Desa Philadelphia & Tlhabeli Ralebitso

Despite substantial obstacles, the Day Student Government, in collaboration with various clubs and organizations on campus, was able to organize one of the best Black History Month calendars to date.

Several organizations contributed to the celebration and for the first time in months, City College students were able to enjoy four weeks of uninterrupted student activity programs.

In an exclusive interview with *The Paper*, Jamaal Hartley, Treasurer of the Day Student Government described a few of these obstacles, many of which were imposed as a result of the new policies instituted by the CCNY administration. Hartley also described measures taken by the DSG in order to ensure a successful Black History Month.

Of paramount importance was the issue of insurance. According to Hartley, insurance prices and procedures were never standardized. This made it difficult to advise event organizers on the actions they needed to take in order to ensure proper coverage.

Another of administration's tactics for delaying or otherwise bumping-off "unacceptable" events was excessive paperwork. Hartley says that there was so much paperwork that several organizations were forced to cancel their events because they could not complete the paperwork to the satisfaction of the administration. This naturally meant that organizations which are deemed "radical" by the administration had an even harder time than usual in acquiring space for their events.

Fortunately though; judging by the final outcome; these turned out to be mere setbacks, not deterrents, largely due to the determination of the DSG and the participating clubs. Despite the seemingly rocky start, the month's events, entitled "African Celebration and Perspectives" were remarkably successful.

The celebrations were very diverse, but all relevant. They equally garnered great attention from the student body. From parties (Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity sponsored a party to benefit the Sickle Cell Anemia Association: Caribbean Students Association's "Do you know what it is to have a revolution?") to lecture series ("The African Holocaust," and "African Martial Arts workshop and lecture." both sponsored by the Statewide Africana Studies Movement), this year's African History Month calendar gave the college community a chance to not only socialize, but to gain more insight to topics which are not offered as part of the traditional curriculum.

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Letter

Dear Editor.

On March 2, 1993, at about 2 p.m., I went to the cafeteria to buy something to eat. I bought some fruit then went to class. When I got to class I opened the lid of the container and ate a piece of fruit. As I proceeded to put the second piece in my mout, in clear view, I saw an insect between the rest of the fruit. I was disgusted and decided after class to go see the person in charge. When I arrived at his office I explained to

to the

him what had happened. He apologized and with a nonchalant attitude he told me "Things like that happen. All I can do for you is give your money back or give you another one." He gave me my money and as was leaving I asked him his name. He said to me, "My name is JOE." JOE who?

Unfortunately, JOE does not give a damn if you find or eat things, insects etc. in the food from the cafeteria. I think WE should be a bit

Editor

more concerned about JOE's attitude towards us when we come to discuss problems about OUR cafeteria.

TWO TIPS:

1) BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU EAT.

2) LOOK AT JOE'S ATTITUDE — DOES HE CARE?

Sincerely,

Sandra Jeffrey

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Student turnout to the featured events was encouraging and most of the organizations were happy with the outcome of their respective functions and look forward to an even more successful celebration next year. "The students are enthusiastic about the expo. A lot more people turned out than we expected. There was a lot of energy and everyone was in a festive mood," said Viberta Caesar of "Sisters of Kemet" when asked about the success of their event. The Sisters sponsored a "Kugichagulia"

Expo" that featured vendors, entertainment and African foods.

"Those who were in attendance applauded our attempt at improving the college atmosphere by bringing films like "Black Athena" and other landmark films to them," said the President of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Andre Neblitt. The NSBE sponsored film festival featured landmark Black films like "The Spook Who Sat By The Door," "Color Adjustments" and "Joe's Bed-Stuy Barber Shop."

The Evening Student Government also contributed to the month's events by sponsoring a Black History Festival entitled "Blacks in Progress." The festival featured African arts and craft, food and lectures.

What was demonstrated by the success of the Calendar's events was that African student organizations can co-operate effectively. The fact that no negative incidents occured should encourage the administration to encourage similar activities throughout the semester.

An Argument For Student Involvement

by Mohale Masithela

Student Ombudsperson

For far too long City College students have expressed a regrettable level of apathy about their own governance. The average City student has no input into campus issues which affect their daily lives. As a result, City students complain constantly about the quality of student life on campus. The time for City students to take control of their own affairs is long overdue.

Just eleven percent of the total City College population chose the 1992-93 Day Student Government and the current Student Ombudsperson. The voter turn out for the Evening Student Government and the Graduate Student Council was so low that former City College President Bernard Harleston, refused to recognize the results.

Special elections were held early last semester to fill the Graduate Student Council and the Evening Student Government positions for the 1992-93 academic year. A total of 115 students voted. There are approximately 5, 500 graduate and evening students.

One reason why City students don't get involved is the percieved dubious effectiveness of past student leadership. Student voting has been relatively low for at least ten to fifteen years. This probably reflects the lack of faith in student government.

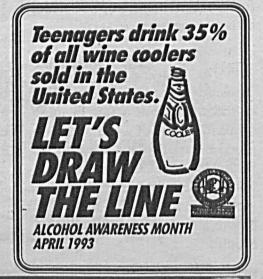
An objective truth is that the City College Governance Charter, the document that governs the college, grants the student governments a significant voice in the governance of the college. Students sit on the Faculty Senate, the Policy Advisory Council, the College-Wide Security Committee, the Student Services Corporation, the Auxiliary Enterprises Committee, and a host of other committees. These committees regulate virtually every aspect of City College life. It is understood that without student input administrative decisions are less legitimate.

Student representation does have a very legitimate role to play.

Every City College student has a vested interest in student government.

The problem is that even when students realize the relevance of student government, they often defer actual involvement to others. No time. No interest in politics. It doesn't make a difference anyway. Concentrating on school work. Don't have the ability. All of these "reasons" have been put forth, but few are valid.

True, being a student government executive does require a continued on page 3



Peace Officers Face Off Against Architecture Students

by Alton Stewart

The latest addition to CCNY's security force, Level III "Peace Officers," have declared war on the College's Architecture students.

The students, whose school and studios are located in the Shepherd Hall, have had a series of runins with peace officers on patrol.

The first of a number of incidents between peace officers and students occured Sunday, Feb. 21, 1993 at 5:25 a:m. Armed with video cameras, a polaroid camera, and a key to ensure access, two peace officers stormed the thesis room (Shepherd 109) where a number of students were sleeping. The students had spent the previous night completing individual projects.

The guards randomly took pictures and videotaped the students. The startled students were then asked to produce identification.

In addition to producing their school identification cards, Dee Briggs and Nicholas Chin along with other students, produced a letter addressed to Director of Security, Timothy Hubbard. The letter, written by Acting Dean of Architecture Gordon Gebert, stressed that the students were allowed 24 hour access to Shepherd Hall during this semester.

According to the students, the peace officers scoffed at the letter. Following the incident, the guards were seen making jokes at the pictures of Briggs and her collegues.

The second incident occured Saturday, Feb. 27, 1993 at 5:45 a:m. This time, three peace officers and a security guard with intentions to storm Shepherd 109 as they had previously done, found the door jammed from the inside. One of the students who had been present for the previous incident had alerted her collegues of the impending assualt from the security officers.

The students produced their identifications as they opened the door. This move apparently thwarted the guards' intent, which

was to surprise the students who were supposed to have been caught sleeping or engaging in other "inappropriate" behavior.

In another incident which took place on Feb. 28, 1993 at 7:30 pm, Carlos Alvarez, an Architecture student was arrested by an officer.

Alvarez, supposedly disobeying security guards' attempts at turning students away, made his way to the fourth floor of Shepherd Hall where the library is located. Security guards later approached him and summoned peace officers who promptly handcuffed the student and had him arrested on trespassing charges.

Ironically, on the week following the first incident with security guards, Briggs reported that she was followeed off the streets to the second floor of Shepherd by an unidentified individual whose intention it was to ask her out on a date. The man said that the security guard on duty did not ask him for any identification. On Tuesday, March 2, in a meeting planned and attended by faculty and students of the School of Architecture, the critical issues of 24 hour access to Shepherd and security guard harrassment were addressed.

At the meeting Gebert explained that since 1969 the School of Architecture has had in effect a 24 hour access policy. However, the unfortunate incident in December 1991 where nine people lost their lives in the Nat Hollman Gym, has threatened public and private funding to the college. Fear expressed by administration of the recurrence of a similar incident or any other mishap; like property damage by fire; that may result in the recurrence of a lawsuit against the college has lead to major security clamp downs.

The result of the issue is that many students are uncomfortable about the presence of peace officers on campus. They boil it down to concern for their own welfare — their not knowing if security guards are here for their protection or to harrass them.

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significant time investment. However, students have managed to fulfil the obligations of these positions quite well, while still maintaining the required 2.5 Grade Point Average.

Taking on a senatorial or councilor position, the requirements for which are only that you be a full-time student in good academic standing, requires a commitment of only two hours a week. During these two hours you will contribute to the policy-formation and decision making of the student government. It is from the senatorial ranks that the executives receive their orders.

City College politics have always been a competition between two rival slates. A more effective method of government formation would be the involvement of more independents, especially in the senatorial ranks. All major groups on campus should have representation in student government to advance their interests. The media should have representation. Ethnic clubs should have representation. As

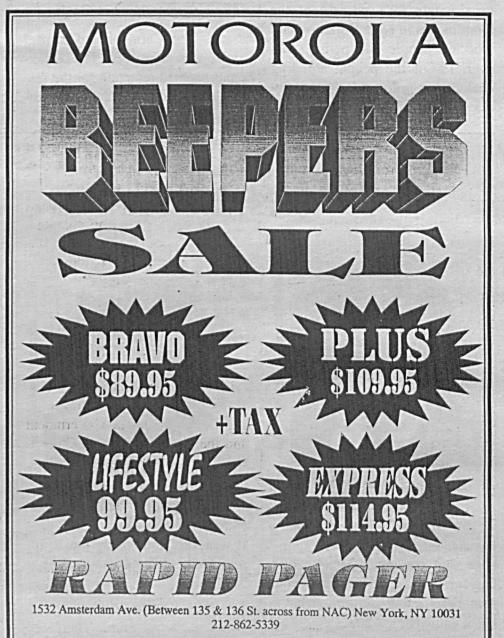
should groups based on religion, shared hobbies, academic specialization and politics. Every group needs to get involved.

I implore all City College students to get involved in student government. I don't mean to suggest that people sacrifice their academic integrity for the sake of student government. Yet, for those who can, and that is the vast majority, get involved!!!

If you can get involved and you don't, what you are in fact doing is forfeiting your right to initiate change and essentially your right to legitimately complain.

Get involved! If not, don't complain about: library hours, cafeteria service, student activities, security, faculty members, bookstore prices, lack of department secretaries, rude administration staff, laborious registration practices...

This year elections are tentatively scheduled for the last week of April. If you don't run for office, at the very least, VOTE!!!



Los Estudiantes Dominicanos Here At City College!!

by DJ Essence

On Thursday, February 25, 1993 the CCNY Dominican Students Association held a carnival and dance contest in the Aronow Theater hallway. The festive atmosphere was filled with the Latin-Caribbean sounds of Meringue, Salsa and Reggae.

Why all this fun? According to Lovell Quroz, the president of the CCNY Dominican Students Association, the organization wanted to give the college community a positive view of Dominicans.

The Dominicans are an intricate part of the Upper West side of New York City. A large number of them live in the Washington Heights, Inwood areas. They are active participants in the community but due to a few localized incidents, the Dominican community has been stereotyped as drug deal-

Manuel Almonte, one of the participants, says that he came from the Dominican Republic when he was very young. He said that "approximately 99% percent of the Dominicans in New York are hard working people and perhaps not even 1% of the people are drug dealers, but unfortunately the media plays up the negativity that is

caused by a minuscule portion of the community instead of the positive lifestyle of the majority of the community." Dominicans, a crosscultural people, want to erase this image.

This is why programs like this carnival are encouraged. But programs on campus are not as easy to arrange as they previously were. Quroz remarked that it was unfair that the whole college community was being punished and hampered by the tragic outcome of a community event. (This was in regard to the December 28, 1991 incident). He would also like to see more events like the carnival on campus so that the Latino community would be able to communicate amongst themselves and with the society.

Manuel DelVillar, another member of the club, pointed out that the music for the carnival had strong African - Latino - Caribbean origins. The origins of the music should encourage everyone to experience the Dominican culture which is strongly African based. DelVillar also pointed out that the club has Martial Arts training in Go-Ju.

The Carnival ended after club hours were over. The participants seemed reluctant for the festivities to end. CCNY student Angel Rodrigo said that she attended the carnival to have fun and to dance. She remarked that she liked the community music. Another student Yara Tavarez captured the feeling best when she said that she liked the carnival because it took her back home.

The office of the CCNY Domincan Students Association is located in Baskerville 107b. Everyone is welcomed during club hours on Thursday and 12:30 to 2:00pm on Saturdays for martial arts training.

WCCR Top 20 Playlist

compiled by Edmar "Baby Huey" Flores WCCR music director March 5, 1993

	Artist	Title	Label
	1) Brand Nubian	Love Me or Leave Me Alone	Elektra
	2) Crucial D	I'm a Gansta, but I ain't	Amherst
	3) Trends of	Off and On.	Motown * @
	4) NBN	Hip Hop Hooray.	Tommy Boy
	5) Dr. Dre	Nothing But A "G" Thing	Priority
	6) Onyx	Throw Ya Gunz	JMJ/RAL *
	7) Masta Ace	Jeep Ass Niguh	DeliciousVinly *
	8) BrotherHood	New Stylee	Amherst
	9) Black Moon	Who's Got The Props	Nervous Records
	10) Apache	Gansta Bitch	Tommy Boy
	11) Diamond D	Sally Got A Track Mind	Mercury
	12) Digable Planets	Cool Like Dat	Elektra
	13) Ice Cube	Today Was A Good Day	Priority
	14) RedMan	Time For Some Action.	Chaos
	15) Grand Puba	Check It Out	Eletktra
	16) Wrecks & Effect	Rump Shaker	MCA
	17) Heavy D	Who's the man	Uptown
	18) Heather B	I Get Wreck	Elektra
	19) Young Black	Tap The Bottle	MCA
	20) Pharcyde	Ya Mama	Delicious Vinyl
The WCCR top 20 playlist is compiled of the top 20 songs play			by WCCR DJ's during

CITY'S VIBES

by Dawn L. Palmore

QUESTION: What is your reaction to the mini-series Queen?



Omatala Hope Bio-Chemistry

It was an interesting African experience. But coming from an Afro-Guyanese, the U.S. has very stringent rules about defining what's black and what's white.



John Barclay Computer Science

It was very interesting but it appeased the feelings of mulattoes.



Shanene Pinder Communications

It was informative about slavery. It gave a good picture about what slavery was like after the civil war and attitudes about light skin blacks and dark skin blacks and it showed Queen's strength in many aspects.



Everton Hird Political Science

Queen was an attempt to insert into the minds of African Americans the false notion that sisters were willful in their association with white males and that we were in some way worse off after the abolition of slavery.

The Community Health Clinic Crisis

by Dawn L. Palmore

From 7 a.m to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, employees of the Community Health Clinic at 145th street and Amsterdam Avenue staged a one day strike.

The approximately forty participants in the strike consisted of both the employees as well as several sympathizers—regular clients from the community who were familiar with their struggle.

According to a press release by the 1199 Union that represents the employees, the reason for the strike was to protest the fact that there has not been an increase in wages at the clinic since the 1970s.

Ninety percent of the workers voted in favor of the one day strike. Their argument centers around their inability to "afford the 1990's cost of living with a twenty year old salary rate." According to the press release the Board of Directors, the decision-making body of the clinic, are ultimately responsible for the inadequacies.

Although the workers anticipate a contract, they feel that poor management of the clinic is the cause of many of the problems that they are experiencing.

Ella Larkin, a secretary at the clinic who also joined the picket lines, complained that the clinic's administration does not provide child care facilities. Larkin said that if "your child is ill, then you must come to work anyway." She also pointed out that the health benefits that the employees do have are insufficient. Employee health bills are paid extremely late and the clinic's administration acknowledges that there is the need for an adequate pension plan.

"In terms of the struggle it's even deeper than just wages," said Neeva Shillingsford an organizer for the Local 1199. Shillingsford explained that the employees that have been at the center for several years are committed to their work and clients, since many of them are residents of the community.

Trudy Dimiowitz, a child psychologist, pointed out another serious problem that faces the workers — the poor condition of the building. As with any other building, the clinic needs regular cleaning, painting and other maintenance procedures that it is not receiving. Physically, the building itself is in a very decrepit condition. Pieces of the building are constantly falling, endangering the lives of the workers and the community clients that ironically the health clinic is providing care for.

Other problems that the Board of Directors needs to address are well-known cases of embezzlement. Sources claim that a well known dentist embezzled money form the center, yet no charges were

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other security initiatives that have been instituted.

Students are urged to wear their identification cards at all times while on campus. This procedure was initiated to aid security personnel in identifying unauthorized persons on campus.

There are now eight closedcircuit television cameras located at strategic points on campus. While Baron says that to disclose the location of cameras would be a breach of security, he maintains that "the cameras have helped to apprehend criminals and to stop crimes in progress."

Emergency telephones have also been installed. Thirty one of them are located at different locations on campus. The telephones, housed in vandal-proof boxes, can be used to automatically call the security office and the campus emergency line.

Student reaction to the new security measures have been mixed. While several students say that the new security measures make them feel much safer on campus, several others complain that the security program is inconvenient. Hubbard says that student imput is necessary in order to perfect the security system.

"Security should be the concern of everyone on campus," he says. "I can't stress enough how important it is that we all be concerned about our safety."

For detailed information on any aspect of the security program, see Director of security Timothy Howard in NAC 4/201 or call him at extension 6911.

brought up against him. Some feel that the Board of Directors did not take proper action in handling the case.

A well known member of the Board of Directors staff is Adam Clayton Powell IV. Powell, a personal friend of Shillingsford's, ignored her advice to resign from his position in protest of the unfair treatment that the employees are receiving.

City College faculty members, Dean of Academic Advising Lilian Brown and Professor in the Special Programs department Olga Taylor, are also members of the twelve person Board of Directors.

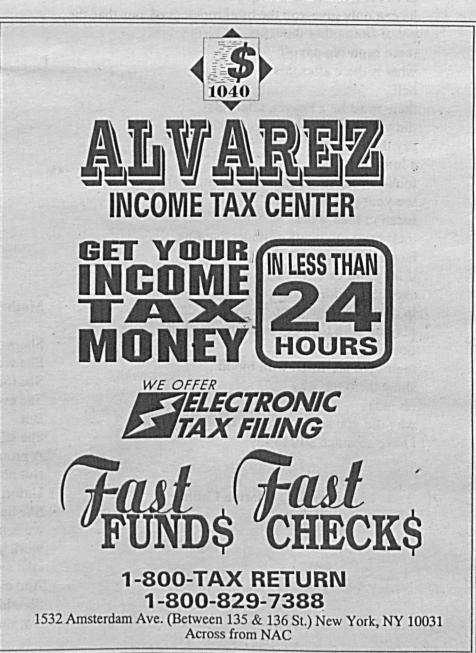
Both Brown and Taylor initially declined an interview because they felt it was inappropriate to discuss the prevailing issues of the Community Health Clinic. However, both faculty members pointed out that it is the board's Chairman, Bishop Norman Quick of the President's National Council of Churches, who ultimately makes decisions concerning the clinic and not the rest of the body. Quick could not be reached for comment.

Originally, the clinic's board of directors were chosen by the community, and the board meetings were open to the general public. According to Brown, someone on the board recommended her. Taylor confirmed that a similar "referral" to Chairman Quick landed her a position on the Board of Directors. Board meetings are now closed to the public.

Sources claim that the Board is now operating more from the position of power and revenue than that of it's original intentions, which was to recapture a community that is under seize.

Ideally, the Health Center should be a positive outlet for healing and recapturing the community. But because there are serious flaws in the administrative policies, the health clinic is not able to adequately utilize it's resources. This creates a strain on the employees who are unable to effectively perform their duties.

The real problem, however, is that the community's residents are deprived of necessary, basic health services.



EXPRESSIONS

why did you sell me for thirty pieces of silver oh judas of the jungle does not sounds of tears falling in your home make not your heart wring in anger if the man walks upon the dark streets will you bow down upon him what can he give but pain there is no joy in the jungle only laughter of the insane that ring amid the garbage cluttered street and the homeless and the unloved listen to those that cannot be seen must i show you your mother who walks the streets looking for a fix from the man what fills you what manner of man are you listen to the high priests of the jungle they speak the words of the drugged searching for another fix does the number man help you he can only give you the brief moment of peace from other thoughts there is no big payoff what is there after this there must be a heaven after this did you not hear your own mother say those words a long time ago look in your mind and not in your heart see your people in pain listen to their woes their brief moments of understanding laugh with them if they still can even the children that play in the street with their symbols of death playing with toys of the dangerous kind does not laugh no more their eyes are filled with blood show them the way oh judas why did you sell me for thirty pieces of silver? i have so much still to say

Marlon Calliste

BROWN EYES

Gimmie big brown eyes
I know your eyes are brown
Those are the only kind I like
Big brown eyes
Full of compassion, curiosity,
and hope

Your eyes say hello to me
They say "I'm mad"
They tell me you don't want me to
know
What's inside your head

From behind, I don't know you
I can't even tell
Whether or not you know
yourself
Full of agony, frustration and
despair
Your eyes say more than your lips
dare

I look for you
I don't pay attention to
Who you are, how you move
Your actions may not tell me

At times your words ring so hollow Only those big brown eyes Let your feelings show

I can escape your tongue I can escape your hands

But you swallow me in your gaze Gimmie big brown eyes and sweep the rest away

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Mother Africa

She worked in the white man's fields
She worked in his kitchens
She took care of his children
She even had his children
But
She still had time to bare an entire nation
A proud nation
But not a free nation
Unfortunately
She had to watch her nation, also
work in the man's kitchen,
work in his fields,
take care of his children
And even bare him more children
Should a mother have to sacrifice so much
No, she shouldn't, it's too much to ask.

Jillian Braithwaite

EXPRESSIONS

A Woman's Love

Letter From Daddy's Daughter

DEAR DADDY
LAST NIGHT I WEPT
THE THOUGHT OF LOSING YOU
DISTRESSED ME FROM MY SLEEP
STOP! I SILENTLY CRIED.
COME BACK! COME HOME!

DO YOU THINK I WON'T FORGIVE YOU I MAY HAVE BEEN UNFEELING DID I SAY THE WRONG THING? WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU STAY.

I AM THE SAME AS YOU.
I CAME FROM YOUR FLESH
AND YOUR SOUL.
IF YOU ARE HURTING ME
WAS IT BECAUSE I HURT YOU?

I SIT UP, MY HAND REACHES OUT BUT I CAN'T TOUCH YOU. A SWORD IS BETWEEN US AND ONE OF US IS BOUND TO GET CUT.

EACH ONE, YOU AND I HAS SOMETHING HOLDING US TO SAFETY BUT I AM WILLING TO GET CUT.

IF MY SPLIT SORROWS WILL BRING YOU BACK, I DON'T MIND FOR IT'S ONLY FAIR, YOU GAVE ME SOME BLOOD IN ORDER TO HAVE ME.

> LOVE YOUR DAUGHTER DJ ESSENCE 1993

I was once told that you have nothing to lose from true love, you could only gain. Then a fool for love is as well a fool for pain. Every man knows specifically what I speak of, when I say that there is no force on earth comparable to a woman's love. A woman's love can ease any pain, it's powerful enough to make you see the rainbow while your still in the rain. Many guys take this special love and abuse it, they never actually realize the gold until they lose it. Then they miss everything from petty disagreement to serious fights; Not to mention the warm feeling he gets when she lays beside him night after night. I had a woman's love once upon a time, but I'm with loneliness today. Because I'm alone now means that none of those ladies were mine to begin with anyway. From this I've learned never to toy with the affections of a woman and to never tell her I love her unless I truly do. For I've discovered something else about a woman's love which is scary but also true. Whether your in a city, country, a large town, or a small village...

Always keep in mind that a woman's love, real love,

isn't at all a right but merely a privilege.

by Ronny Suprin

Beautiful African Woman

I love you.

Sometimes it's hard to say,
But when I do, your smile is like a

Sunburst
I close my eyes and see your lips large and dark brown
Inviting;
Or smell a West Indian Cinnamon grove from your hair
Or touch skin like rose petals.
When moonlight in your eyes reflects into my own
The universe is ours.
When I hear a song I like,
I wish you were here to dance in my arms
To feel your skin, your lips, smell your hair, your body,
See your eyes, your love
Come and lie by my side.

Kent Butler

I Want ...

I wanted to make this into a song, But this stuff is not entertaining... I wanted to make it a poem, But these verses are never-ending. If I had enough canvas, I'd Probably make a huge painting I want to walk around with a smile, But my heart is still aching I want to say, "God Bless America," But who am I kidding? I want to dry my tears, But they won't stop flowing I Want, I Want, I Want !! I have worked, I have paid, I have sacrificed, I have shown you the way! So why then can't I sing, and smile, And wait, and paint - or even dance ? What's so wrong about me getting a fair chance?

David Falloon



Theories Of Revolution- Part I "Who Is The Enemy?"

by A Friend in the Struggle

A tyrant is defined as an absolute ruler who governs in an oppressive and cruel manner. "Definitions" include hitler, stalin, or mussolini — a single person, who rules by force or fear, to make people under his rule conform or obey him. But what of a system or a government? Can they be tyrannical? Can they be ruled by a person, or group of people, with the same appetite for power and destruction? I say yes.

For centuries, the u.s. government has served as the despot of AFRIKAN americans and other "minorities." AFRIKAN americans and their allies are often misguided in their attempts to rebel because they have absolutely no idea who to rebel against. This misdirection and uncertainty is not their fault. The true identity and purpose of the sys-

tem is purposely clouded, and is part of a well - devised plan to keep the power elite at the top, and to subdue any opposition. I call this system the "subtle tyrant."

The "subtle tyrant" that I allude to, unlike other tyrannical models in history, is not a single person or group of people. It is a system, ideology and means of governing. It is important to note that while there is a specific group of people that benefit from the system, they are also victims of the system that their ancestors created and that they helped perpetuate. This is a major point in my THEORY OF REVOLUTION, for I surmise that we have been misdirected in our revolution against oppression.

We have focused our anger toward white people and the institutions that they run. But this is too broad a definition of the enemy and

the fight would be way too interminable and tedious if we are to focus on every little puppet organization and institution they throw at us. For example, if we take on the police department and defeat them, they send in the national guard, the marines, etc. These institutions and the racists that run them are victims of a system just as we are. The system pits them against us to take the focus off itself. You need to ask yourself the following questions, "what is the reason for racist actions?" "Why do racists think the way they do?" and most important "Who is to profit?"

When I say profit, I do not necessarily mean monetarily. Examine the facts !!! While not excusing racists, try to imagine being brought up in a situation where every area of\your your socialization, you are told that members of a certain

group are inferior. Your religion, education, media, law, science, and history all confirm this theory. With such a large influx of negative knowledge, it would take a strong mind not to be overcome by the information. This is the tragedy of the white racist. He is a victim of a system which has shaped his personality and way of thought.

The reason that I bring this up is not to attain sympathy for racists, but to make my point that they are not the real enemy; they too are tools of the system. If we attack them, there will always be others to take their place. The system itself is the problem that needs to be eliminated. We must focus on the system as the prime target, and treat the institutions and racists as obstacles towards attaining our goal. I am not saying to avoid confronta-continued on page 11

You Get What You Pay For

by Evora Clarke

Fellow students, are you truly getting your money's worth at CCNY?

For the past year our college community has been subjected to the most radical and detrimental changes in the history of this so called "institution of higher learning." Although tuition has skyrocketted in an unprecedented manner, students are still unable to account for the whereabouts of that extra money.

CCNY administration has not only failed to fulfill the most basic needs of the students but has actually taken further steps towards sabotaging any meager service that was once provided. A simple glimpse around the campus would make us realize that the campus is a battle-ground, and guess who the enemies are? Yes, all of the so called "minority students." That's right let's face it. Before we got here, there was no tuition fee and the quality of services were so high that CCNY was considered the "poor man's Harvard."

Today even though we pay the highest tuition rate ever, we are being highly short-changed in services.

Even though all students paid for extra curricular activities, student activities were eliminated on our campus (don't you wonder who has that money?).

There was also a great cut across the board of college professors (because of the "budget cuts" as they would want us to believe). As a result, most students now find themselves in over-crowded classrooms, being taught by graduate students that barely speak English.

Notwithstanding all the blocks encountered along the way, African and Latino students at CCNY are somehow still managing to survive and to graduate with honors as scientists, engineers, nurses, teachers, psychologists, Medical and Law school candidates. This is not good news for the college administration who would much rather prefer to have a lillywhite college population. The administration can't just kick us out, at least not openly, therefore they are forced to use more subtle means of getting rid of you and me.

One way was the tuition hike

that surely took care of a lot of honest, hard working students. Many others had to work extra jobs in order to keep up with the rising costs of attending CCNY.

Other ways were the cuts in College Work study, the virtual elimination of the Finley Student

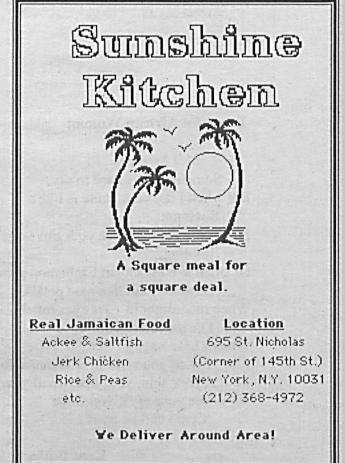
Center and the reduction in campus jobs. This, coupled with the silencing of the African Studies department.

The African Studies department represented, to a certain extent, the heart and voice of "minority students" on this campus and the Harlem community at large. Today it lays dormant under the puppet "leadership" of its chairman.

In this war students are not only being attacked mentally, morally and economically but physically as well. How is this so? Well have you visited the cafeteria lately?

For starters it needs proper ventilation and separation between the smoking and non-smoking areas

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Art/Entertainment

Portraits And Self Portraits: From The Teen's Point Of View

by Dawn L. Palmore

Portraits and Self Portraits, a photographic exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York, is a journey through East Harlem.

The exhibit features photographs that were taken by forty in-

ter (USCARC) at the Washington Houses community center, located in East Harlem.

USCARC is a center dedicated to providing various services for inner city residents. For instance, USCARC offers job training programs, HIV/AIDS preven-

identify with each photograph although I didn't grow up in East Harlem. For instance, there was one picture that I particularly remember where there were several young girls playing double-dutch. Other pictures portrayed a game of basketball, or friends hugging, that first kiss, or simply a "self-portrait." Whether the portrait was of one of these scenarios or of something else, each was unique and quite interesting.

Portraits and Self-Portraits

toured the exhibit, I could readily

Portraits and Self-Portraits is not exclusively a photographic exhibit. The exhibit includes various poems that some of the participating teens wrote. One such poem is by Derrick Holloway, entitled,

My Name Is...

"No, my name is not 'boy.'

It's not 'Black Slave.'

It's Afro-American,

A hopeless phrase,

Someday,

Some way,

I will know my true name.

But now it's 'boy.'

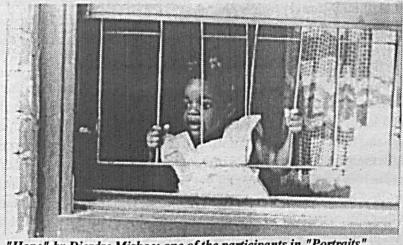
A hopeless black slave.,"

Holloway writes.

Another part of the exhibit displays various new clothing styles, "junk food" and even the cameras that the teens utilized for taking photos for the exhibit. This display was quite interesting because it allowed the viewer to experience some aspect of the unique culture of our inner city youth.

Although I enjoyed the experience of viewing these photographs, I couldn't help but wonder why there were so few brothers and sisters who visited the museum to support our neighborhood teens. So why don't you take a quick trip down to the exhibit? I'm sure that you'll have a positive experience.

The exhibit will be at the museum through March 26.

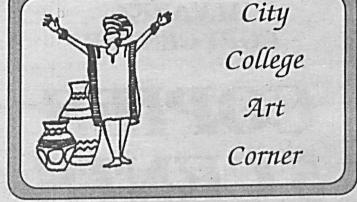


"Hope" by Dierdre Mishoe; one of the participants in "Portraits".

ner city youths. The photographs, taken exclusively in East Harlem, llustrate how the participating teens perceive the inner city.

The exhibit was sponsored by the Union Settlements Comprehensive Adolescent Resource Cention seminars, proper nutrition seminars as well as artistic programs like "Portraits and Self-Portraits."

"Portraits and Self Portraits was a three year experience for teens ages twelve through eighteen. As I

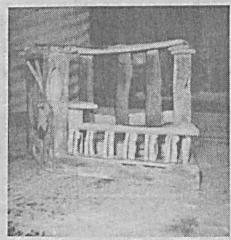


by Marion B. Mills

On Friday February 24, I hosted a demonstration given by The Morningside Gardens Workshop (Ceramic Section). It was the first one for the season. Ms Ellen Day, who is currently pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree here at City College gave an excellent slide presentation. She exhibited four pieces of her most recent work which was from a Raku workshop and was hosted by Sylvia Netzer, head of the ceramic program here at City College.

Ms Day works from an architectural perspective in clay. When I look at her work it reminds me of the great Komombo Temple of Aswan Abul Simbel in Egypt, and brings me back to New York City, Harlem, the South Bronx etc.

This is just the first of several exhibitions that will be sponsored by the Art department this semester. Make sure you put them on your calendar, they're a must. I'll keep you posted.



One of the pieces by Marion Mills at the ceramic exhibit.

Diamond Fellowship Program Choose A Career in College Teaching

Minority students who have completed their sophomore year at City College with a grade point average of at least 3.0 will be eligible to participate in the CUNY/Aaron Diamond Foundation Fellowship program.

This Fellowship will provide financial and academic support to prepare selected undergraduates for a career in college teaching. Benefits include: mentoring, stipends and academic credit for participation in the required institutes, full-tuition waiver for the junior and senior academic years and assistance in completing the application process for admission into graduate school, including GRE and GMAT preparation.

For further information and an application, interested undergraduates majoring in Business and/or Economics, Humanities, Mathematics and Information Sciences should contact the Undergraduate Fellowship Office:

NAC 6/316 212-650-8388 Deadline is April 30th

Uterine Fibroids And Prostate Cancer

Laurie C. Zephyrin

It is said that nine out of ten Black women have uterine fibroids and that prostate cancer is prevalent among Black men. These staggering figures are likely to affect the Black population in the coming years.

In order to understand how this is so, we must first know how these dis-eases are formed and how they can be prevented. The effective way of controlling this problem in a physical aspect is by realizing that what we eat contributes greatly to what happens to our bodies. The best preventive medicine is implementing correct eating habits.

The majority of the foods that we eat today are actually synthetic chemicalized non-foods. "It looks like food, tastes like food, smells like food, but it amounts to chemical waste junk food," says Llaila O. Afrika in his book African Holistic Health. All we have to do is look at the majority of the foods in our neighborhood inner city grocery stores and supermarkets. A lot of the food we see and eat is processed so much that it virtually contains no nutrients. Not to mention the fact that many have little or no fiber.

Fiber is a very important part of our diet. It is classified as nondigestible roughage meaning that it just passes through the digestive system without being processed. In this way fiber cleans the digestive organs, thus preventing the body from being overwhelmed with toxins. The combination of the lack of fiber and the synthetic non-foods creates a buildup of toxins in our system.

To understand the formation of these dis-eases and their relation to synthetic foods, we must also understand the cell civilization. The cell is the basic component of human life because it is the simplest unit of the body foundation upon which tissues are formed.

Cells display specific behavioral patterns which defend against the survival of harmful cells. Faulty nutrition allows the proliferation of harmful cells because our bodies are working harder to digest the synthetic foods. Faulty nutrition is known to alter this balance by allowing the production of cells that do not protect the body.

What this means is that our defense cells are not able to properly rid the body of harmful cells. Therefore, the amount of harmful cells in the body will increase and will cause an imbalance. If the body loses its biochemical balance, a cellular mutation will occur; thus, allowing a defective cell to enter the cell society. (Helpful mutations occur periodically in our body so that we are able to adapt to a changing environment, however harmful mutations can also occur for a variety of reasons).

Once the defective cell enters the cell society, it develops a behavior similar to a unicellular organism and begins to divide. The more the cell divides the more it diverges from the regular tissues. Soon the cell is feeding on its own surrounding tissue, getting larger and making more cells of the same type. The more the newly developing tissue diverges from the cell, the more malignant the tumor. The growth continues as these malignant cells (tumors) are protected and nourished by their own surrounding tissue.

There are two types of fibroid tumors; those formed by an excessive growth of tissue without the multiplication of defective cells or those formed by excessive growth of tissue with the multiplication of defective cells. These abnormal growths occur within the uterine wall and can also grow within the connective tissue. The uterus is the part of the female reproductive system where the embryo and the fetus are developed.

The primary symptoms of fibroids are excessive bleeding during pregnancy and uterine hemorrhage (excessive bleeding) between menstruation.

The treatment of fibroids by orthodox medical methods usually entails that of letting the fibroids grow and then removing them surgically. The fibroid, however cannot be removed from the uterus with-

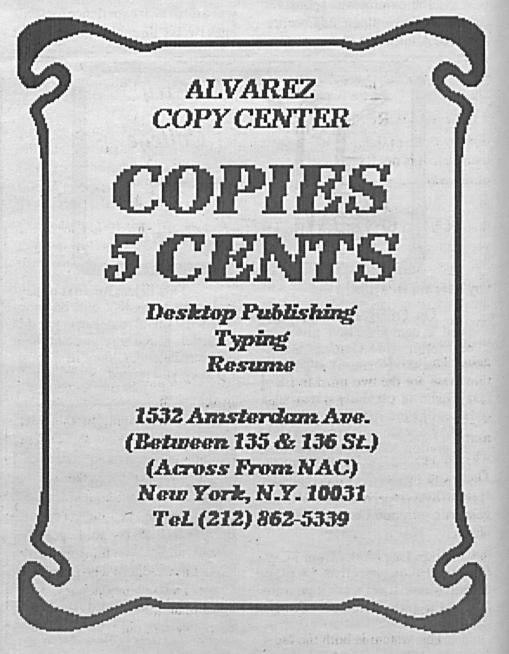
out a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus). If the fibroid is removed and the uterus remains, the area cannot be stitched effectively to prevent bleeding, therefore the woman would die from hemorrhaging. Thus, the conventional treatment for uterine fibroids results in the woman's inability to bear children.

Although prevention is the most effective and safe method, there are said to be other ways of treating fibroids that do not involve the removal of the uterus. One method involves a holistic approach in which all meats are removed from the diet and fasting and meditation are implemented. The main goal of this is to achieve a mental, spiritual, and physical balance. This approach will either shrink the tumor or make it "disappear" Documentation proves that women who eat meat have a greater chance of developing uterine fibroids than vegetarian women.

The prostate in the male reproductive system is two small glands that are somewhat wrapped around the urine tube (urethra). The urine tube leads from the kidney to the bladder where it empties out the urine. The prostate is known to make a liquid that is used in the seminal fluid. Without the prostate, the semen would be diluted resulting in the inability to successfully inseminate the female egg (sexual impotency).

Prostate cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer in Black men. This type of cancer does not usually produce noticeable preliminary symptoms. However, the obstructive symptoms occur late in the disease. If the cancer is large enough, it will put pressure on the bladder causing difficulty in urination. Prostate cancer also commonly spreads to the bone, lymph nodes, brain, and lungs. The symptoms due to the

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spread of the cancer are backache, hip pain, rectal discomfort, anemia, weight loss, weakness and nausea.

The orthodox medical cures for prostate cancer are either radiation treatments (if the cancer is detected in its early stage) or hormonal therapy. Hormonal therapy consists of either removing the testes (the male sex gland that secretes sperm) or administering estrogen (female hormone). This therapy is just a means of control, not a cure. Both types of hormonal therapy lead to sexual impotency.

The question we should be asking ourselves is what causes these diseases. In researching uterine fibroids and prostate cancer in medical textbooks, I never came across the direct cause or prevention of these diseases. I only came across the detection and the treatments. The treatments always seemed to encompass the virtual sterilization of the person involved.

In light of the information presented we must draw a conclusion. If the majority of Black women have uterine fibroids compared to other women and the majority of Black men have prostate cancer compared to other men and the treatments for these two disorders lead to impotency and inability to have children, what will happen to the Black population in the coming years?

We must cure these dis-eases by going back to our roots and using an African Holistic approach. We must look at the mental, spiritual, and physical factors that contribute to these dis-eases, we must look into methods that prevent these diseases. If we continue to cure these dis-eases by European orthodox medicine which basically involves the sterilization of the person inflicted, we will have no future generation.

So next time you pick up something to eat read the ingredients. Find out if it is real food. Feed your mind. Feed your body. Feed your soul. If each one of us does this, we will be contributing to the rise of our people and the next generation of African Kings and Queens.

NEXT ISSUE:

Ever wanted to know what is really in the food you eat. Well stay tuned to the next issue of Health News for this and more.

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tions with them, but to realize that their defeat is not the end-all battle of the war.

We must wake up and see that we live under a system whose very foundation is based on inequality. Its main purpose is to help maintain the power structure it was created to protect. The people that control the system are driven by their desire for power and material gain. The system has taught them that these are the two most important aspects of life, so that they see as the ultimate goals - power and material gain. This is the reason why this system must be destroyed. There can never be "MAAT" in a system that sees power and material gain as a goal, and morality as an obstacle. This is why I say it does not matter what race or ethnicity runs the system, the outcome would be the same: Power to a few and injustice to the rest.

The system is both the creator, and perpetrator of the oppression inflicted upon our people. We must destroy it to live in a society which will function on the basis of equality, inequality.

Throughout this article I have purposely kept many figures and institutions that have contributed in the oppression of our people in lowercase letters. This is because I feel that they are not important to me and I therefore refuse to capitalize them and adhere to a system that wishes to manipulate me into seeing things that are harmful to my people as important. In the next issue, my article "How the system manipulates the people" will outline many areas in which the system manipulates us, without our conscious knowing it, into accepting oppression. In doing so, hopefully we will attain two things: (1) A greater knowledge of who the subtle tyrant is and how he operates. And (2) A greater knowledge of how to take the system out !!!

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The food served is tasteless, greasy, frequently old, and extremely expensive. A simply note of advise - beware of the food you buy there. In a letter of complaint to this publication a fellow student wrote that she had found an insect in her salad. When she complained to the manager, she was dismissed as if that wasn't reason for alarm.

Now if you opt to bring your own lunch, you'd better be prepared to wait for a minimum of 30 minutes to heat it up (if lucky) in an old, beaten-up (broken down peace of s...) imitation "microwave" that was probably donated by Christopher Columbus himself. So you decide not to eat at all and just drink water til you get home. Well just make sure you don't drink CCNY's water for it tastes terrible and is probably still contaminated.

The latest object of oppression in this war is the new "security measures" which have totally changed CCNY's homely atmosphere into that of a prison. Side doors have been locked, highly restricting access to the college buildings.

This has created an unnecessary burden on the students because they now have to circle buildings in order to enter, thus risking being marked late or even absent in their classes.

To add insult to injury, we are no longer allowed to remain in the library compounds and other buildings past a certain time. Most CCNY students live in loud buildings, or live with other family members, in places that aren't conducive to studying. For these students, the college facilities used to serve as the only place where they could actually find a quiet environment in which to study. Why should students be denied the basic right (which we have paid for) to a place to study? This situation is very detrimental to achieving academic success, especially for architecture, engineering and science students that desperately need the facilities to complete their projects and to prepare their term papers.

"Power concedes nothing without a demand, it never did and it never will." These powerful words were uttered by Frederick Douglas as part of a speech in which he

addressed the plight of oppressed peoples more than a hundred years ago. It is apparent however, that in spite of the evidence that confirms the veracity of his statement; many African and Latino students actually deceive themselves into believing that there's nothing we can do to change our current situation.

Have you ever wondered what would happen if African and Latino students were to tell the CCNY administration (and really mean it) that we were no longer going to take depraved never-ending tuition increases, decadence of basic services (bathrooms and water) and their stealing our student activities fees?

What would happen if every "minority" person at CCNY and throughout the country was to work towards building our own justice, economic and political system? Our major pitfall today is that we wait for a problem to surface, then we react to solve it. When you wait for a problem, your direction is already limited.

Each one of us has to work just as hard at solving our problems. No one leader can save us; so stop passing the buck and help carry the baton. Our main problem is not the fact that the college administration is oppressing us, but that we fail to organize and focus effectively enough to stop them. My problem is not the fact that someone is oppressing me, but that I cannot organize and focus effectively enough to stop him. My problem is not the fact that pigs are feasting on my people, but that I keep on believing in them.

We continue to pay without question (each time more and more) for tuition, books, food and are repaid with lousy foods, biased professors, filthy bathrooms, overcrowded classrooms, polluted water fountains, etc. We must realize that our resignation rises out of fear and out of our blind belief in the American system. African and Latino students must stop being volunteers for martyrdom and tell this system that we will no longer settle for whatever scrap they want to throw at our feet. We must stop believing in this system. The perpetuators of the system feed on our fear and confusion because they know that as long as we believe in them, they will thrive.



African Fair !!!

New York African Fair invites you

to a family day of enjoyment at

Medgar Evers College (Amphithe-

ater) 1650 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn

(entrance on Montgomery Street),

on Sat Apr. 3, 1993 from 12 noon to

10:00pm. Advance tickets \$2, at

the door \$3. Continuous live enter-

tainment, lots of food, music, dance,

arts, fashion, crafts, jewelry, fun

and a whole lot more!!! All vendors

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Circle of Sistahs

Neo-Native Art

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The Valley of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and The Caribbean Cultural Center presents "Circle of Sistahs" a young woman's conference. The conference will present workshops aiming at providing young sisters with a cultural grounding. Conference is scheduled for March 27, at Ferris Booth Hall, Columnbia University from 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

The American Indian Community House Gallery/Museum, at 708 Broadway, 2nd floor, is giving a Neo-Native Art Exihibit. Paintings and text by Paul Deo, Birch Bark and Gouache Paintings by Will Grant. The exihibit can be seen through Apr. 10, 1993. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat., 10:00-6:00pm.

Spring Comes Early In New York

The 1993 New York Flower Show March 13-21, 1993

At Pier 92 & The Hudson River (between West 51st-55th streets). Hours: Weekdays- 10:00am to 8:00pm, Weekend- 10:00am to 6:00pm. Tickets: adults - \$10, children-\$4.

New York Telephone Scholarships

Apply to the 1993 New York Telephone Scholarship Program for Black and Hispanic Students. The Bachelor degree program provides \$1,000 scholarships to second-semester juniors majoring in engineering, science computer science or nursing. For more info, write NYT Scholarship Program for Black and Hispanic Students, Cote, P.O. Box 2810 Cherry Hill NJ 08034 or call (609) 573-9400. Deadline for requesting application is April 15.

Alvin Ailey

Alvin Ailey will begin their 1993 season at Aaron Davis Hall on April 1. Always a treat, the show will run through Sunday April 4.

Big Apple Job Fair

The CUNY Big Apple Job Fair welcomes CUNY Graduates: Class of 1993 & Recent Alumni on Wednesday March 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, 11th Ave and 34th St.

Miss Black and Gold Pageant

The Distinguished Men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Eta Chapter, present a celebration of Afrikan and Latino Womanhood in their first annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant. The pageant is scheduled for March 19th at 7p.m. in the Aronow Theater.

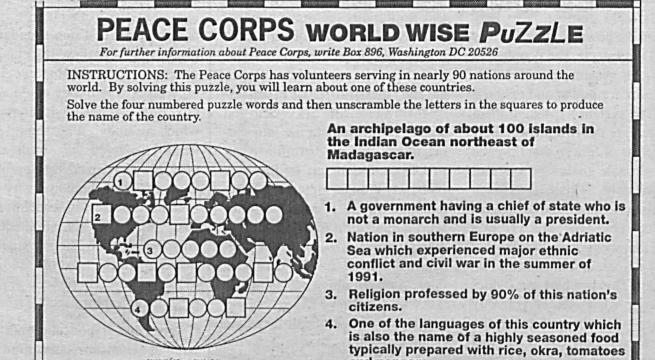
Egyptian Trip

The Black Alumni Association of CCNY and the Students for Cultural Exchange will be going on a trip to Egypt from August, 3 - 12. For more information contact Prof. William Wright, at his office, (212) 650-7922 or at home at (201) 923-5749.

NYPIRG Lobby!!

Meet with your legislators and tell them what you think. Travel to Albany for the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) higher education Lobby Day on Monday March 22, 1993. Speak out for your right to a college education, in Baskerville 306, 234-1628 ext. 20468

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