

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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MANDELA FREE AT LAST?

By Lehloyo Thinane
Staff Writer

A flurry of activities revolving around the possible impending release of Nelson Mandela has reached peak level. Preparations both in the national and international spheres are underway to celebrate the long-awaited event. In South Africa, the National Reception Committee, which was established when Walter Sisulu and his colleagues were released, will act as a stand in for Mandela's reception.

Renowned church leader, archbishop Trevor Huddleston of Britain has established a Nelson Mandela International Reception Committee (IRC) in London. The committee has made appeals to other countries to form National Reception Committees in order to consolidate the efforts of all those who have campaigned for Mandela's release. The main purpose of the IRC is to intensify pressure on the South African government to release Mandela and all other political prisoners, including those on death row.

On Friday, February 2, President de Klerk is due to

address the opening session of the racist tri-cameral parliament which consists of coloureds, Indians and whites, specifically excluding the majority African population. The IRC will seize this opportunity to stage protests outside all South African Embassies, Consulates and Trade Missions throughout the world.

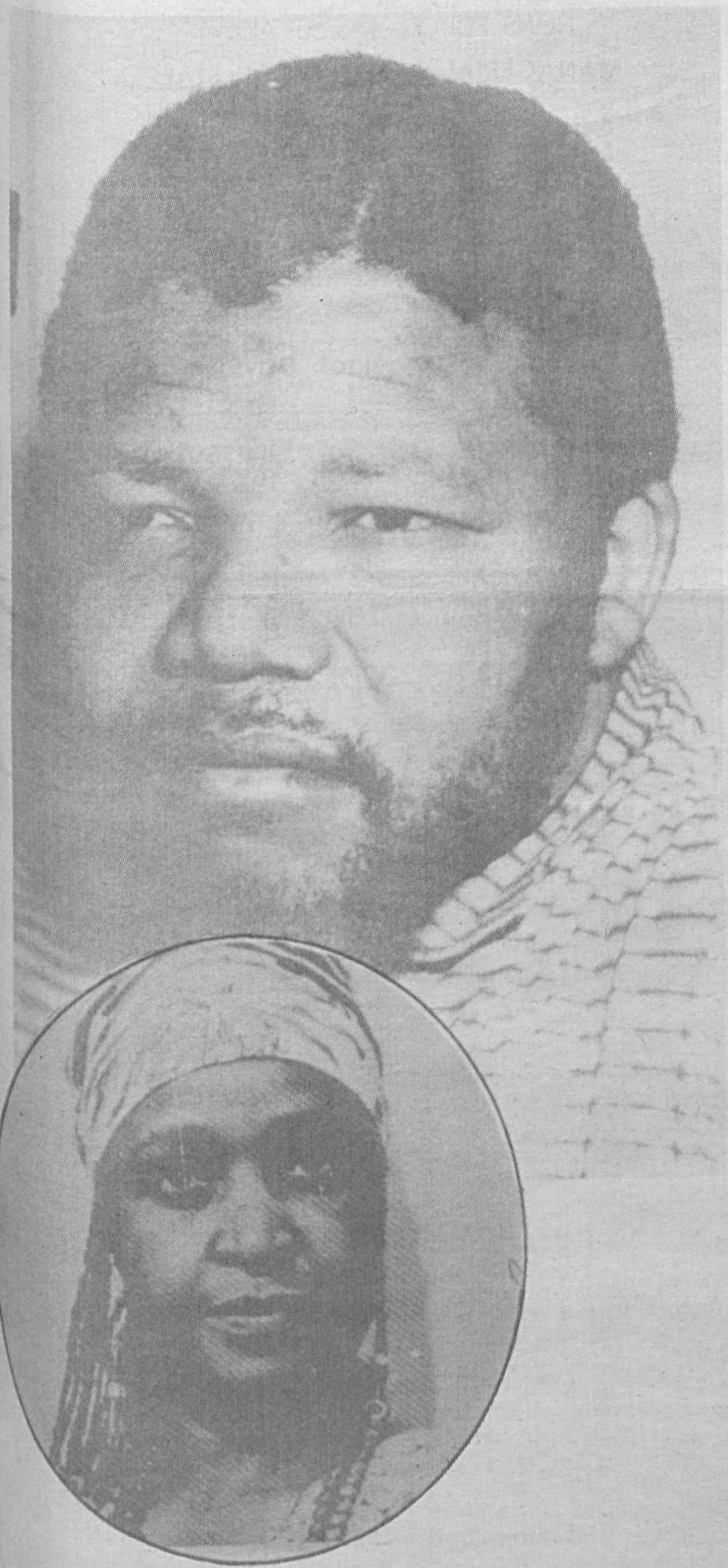
The widespread speculation about the release of Mandela has put the South African government to task; it cannot afford the luxury of procrastination any more. Increased international pressure and internal ferment is bound to force the regime to come to terms with reality.

The release of Mandela is seen as a significant gesture which may open up discussions for negotiations between the African National Congress (ANC) and the South African government. The ANC, in consultation with the mass democratic movements, unions and church leaders, formulated a document which spells out

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Letters To The Editor...

To The Editor:

I am a visiting student here at City this year from Cornell University. My ancestors immigrated here in 1623 - religious dissidents who settled the Rhode Island Company. My family would have to be considered privileged as even the women of my great grandmother's (1880) went to college. I have light brown hair and green eyes. There has never been any doubt in my mind as to my ethnic origin - WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant).

So you can imagine my surprise at learning that, by virtue of my two middle digits in my social security number being even, I am really a PERSON OF COLOR! Thanks to Louis Rivera's article "*Understanding Your Two Middle Digits*", I can stop going through life with the erroneous impression that I am white. I am so grateful for the enlightenment your Paper has provided me with. Sincerely,
Marcy Sylvester

Dear M. Sylvester:

Your point was expressed clearly and there was no need to use sarcasm. The article "*Understanding Your Two Middle Digits*" was written to make readers **think** about the possibility of racial classification.

We thought the article was important enough to print because we are all clearly classified in one form or other; most often by race. The possibility that the government **could** have a system besides the census bureau to keep tabs on us is of great concern.

The Paper makes the attempt to put forth viewpoints from individuals who feel compelled to express themselves. If you are as equally compelled to express *yourself*, or to respond to anything written in *The Paper*, please submit it to:
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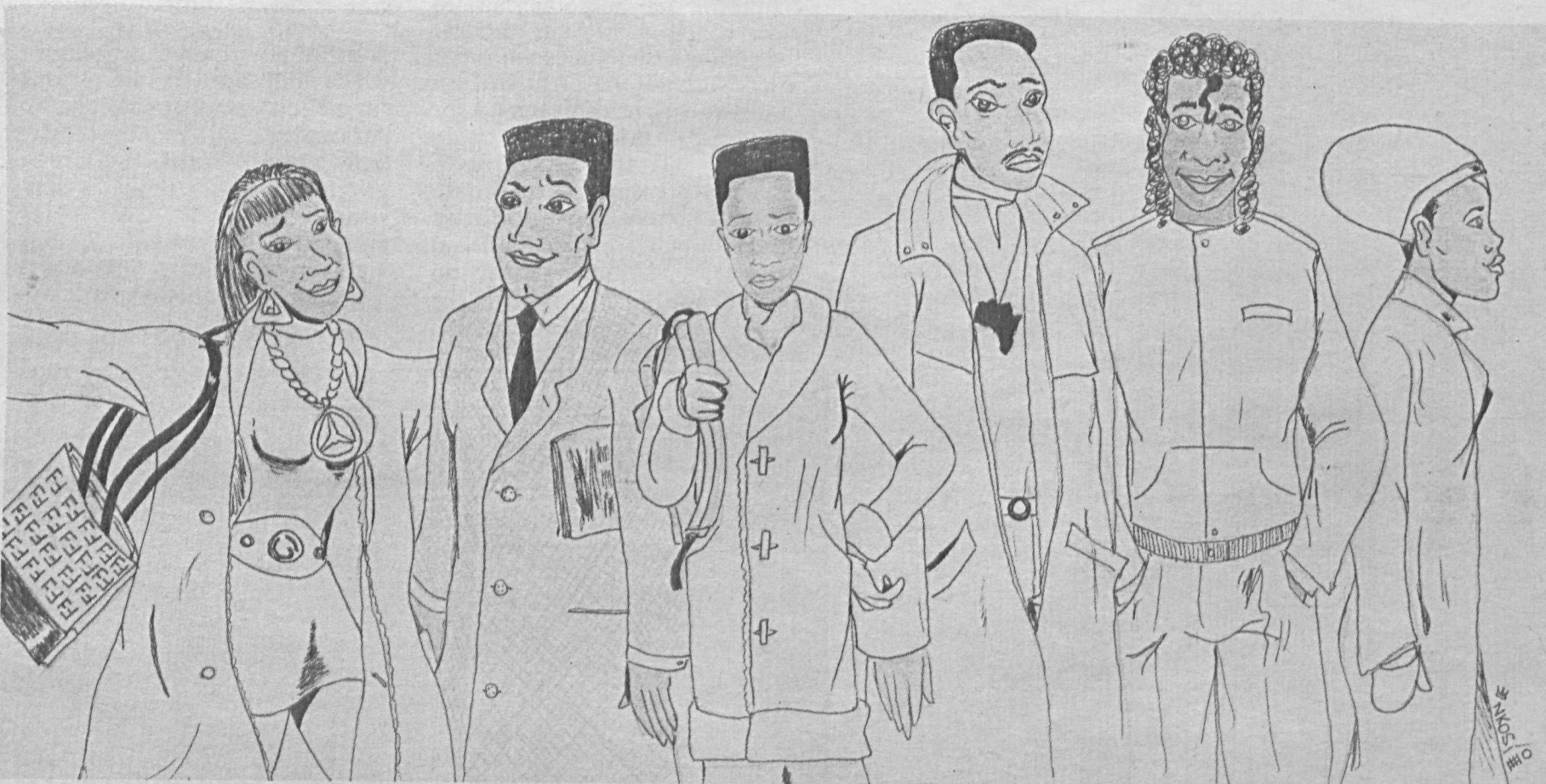
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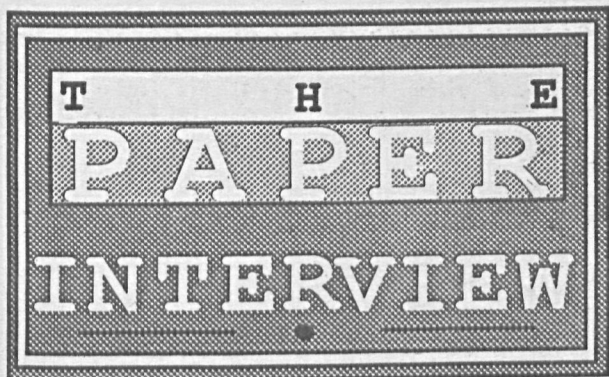
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This is a preview of the strip forth coming to *The Paper* which will provide an outlook for students in the 90's. As well as, a perspective on the world. Introducing some of the characters of:

Time 4 Change





On The Other Side of The Law:

VAUGHN WILLIAMS

It is not everyday that the African-American community of New York City hears about the accomplishments of our people through the media. We are usually portrayed in stories of wolfpacks, drugs and crime, which though prevalent in the community, seems to be a subject that the media constantly focuses on and makes it seem that all blacks are like this. Well lo and behold, we do have people who have accomplished a lot and do positive things in the community.

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to interview Mr. Vaughn Williams, a partner at the firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Skadden, Arps is the second largest law firm in the United States, with offices in New York, Boston, Chicago, Washington D.C. and Los Angeles and San Francisco. There are also offices in Hong Kong; Sydney, Australia; and London, England. An office will soon be opened in Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. Williams holds the distinction of being one of 21 African-American partners working in major law firms in New York City.

Vaughn Williams is a native of Los Angeles, California. He was educated through the L.A. public school system, and a graduate of Harvard University (1966) and Stanford Law School (1969). He has worked at Skadden, Arps for 13 years.

Following is our interview:

Q. What types of obstacles did you face in your career?

A. I have not encountered many obstacles during my career. I have not felt overt racism, except for a few minor incidents. The key to overcoming this was strong self-confidence. I graduated from law school in the late 1960's, at the height of the civil rights movement and law firms went out of their way to recruit me. I did very well academically and this helped a great deal.

Q. What are the challenges young African-Americans face in the law profession?

A. Two challenges. Number one is the environment. A young black coming into a law firm is going to be in a predominantly white environment. He should not let this deter him from working for a major law firm. There are going to be incidents which the young black lawyer feel are overt, but don't let them overcome you. The key is confidence and strong will power. Do not turn down a challenge. And, number two, the social factor. There is such a disparity between rich and poor blacks. When a young black law graduate is hired by a firm like mine they are going to make a lot of money, in many cases much more than their black counterparts. The successful black has to learn to

accept these benefits, but at the same time remain within his community. This experience greatly affects attitudes.

Q. What do the present times hold for African-Americans, and what effects do the recent Supreme Court rulings on abortion and civil rights have on the country?

A. Many of the Supreme Court decisions such as the funding of abortion have a direct effect on the black community. The issue of civil rights and recent decision of the Supreme Court to "back track" affirmative action will have a more dramatic impact on the black community. People need to be more knowledgeable concerning the powers of the Supreme Court and how it affects their lives.

Q. Many aspiring black lawyers dream of the six figure salary and the glamorous life-style of the corporate attorney; however, many recent reports and interviews have shown that very few black law graduates are hired by large firms upon graduation. Because of this, many graduates have ended up in public-interest law and feel that they will be relegated to a low-paying, dead-end job. What are the benefits of working in legal aid and should it discourage a young black lawyer?

A. Fewer blacks are applying to

major law firms because many feel there is no chance of being hired. In fact, more black students should apply. Public interest law practice is a very tough issue: Do you want to have the comfortable life-style or be a value to your community? One of the rewarding aspects of law school is dealing with change. Starting out with Legal Aid, the U.S. Prosecutor's office or the District Attorney's office is very good. This provides you with the practical experience of being a lawyer. These are real opportunities. The community needs and is looking for well-trained professionals. Thus, a young black lawyer should not become disillusioned, but see this work as a blessing in disguise. Even when you work for a major law firm you should give something back to your community.

Q. What do you think about activist attorneys such as C. Vernon Mason, Alton Maddox, William Kunstler and Colin Moore?

A. Activist lawyers are very important to society. It was due to such activists that the civil rights movement progressed. Activist attorneys have more of an obligation to be straight forward, which is very important. Activist attorneys are needed in the community.

Q. Which person, whether it be a relative or stranger, had the greatest influence on your life?

A. I consider myself lucky. Being that my father is a federal judge I was able to meet many influential blacks and I especially admire Thurgood Marshall, whom I had a chance to meet personally.

After the interview I spoke further with Mr. Williams. He is one of the many successful African-Americans we do not often hear about. The media tends to steer its programs toward the negative events of our community, and we do not get to hear about the positive role models that are so needed today.

By Mark Russell
A Contributing Writer

EXPRESSIONS

Sometimes pain can over-whelm a person.
To a point where it is no longer felt.
Losing sight of all goals and aspirations.
It was a mistake in accepting your beliefs
as to the way you saw things.
A disservice is evident in not asking.
I can hold on-yet, it's holding on to nothing.
If nothing is lost, then we've both told lies.
If there is, then why is this the final word.
Thinking, analyzing-caring, it doesn't help.
What could, when no one is listening.
How do you remain close friends.
When present, I, evoke no feeling: caring?
Your dreams, my dreams- all they were, were dreams.
Commitments scare people, truth hurts, lies are
more believable. You can only hurt so much.
Pain, whether emotional or physical is just
that- pain. Neither has the upper hand.
Time heals no wounds.
You always carry it with you.

- James Fredericks Gallishaw

sittin'

sittin staring into s p a c e
there's a vague vision
i think its your face
what am i doing
in this place
sittin staring into s p a c e

Terence M. Anderson

I Cried Like A Baby

I watched them,
my brothers and sisters
march.
They walked, head up
tall and singing'
"We shall overcome,
we shall overcome
one day."

Step by step
Jim Crow walls came
tumbling, tumbling,
those walls came tumbling

down,
down,
down.

I watched them,
my brothers and sisters,
marching, walking
crawling,
following THAT MAN.
The man who
had a dream.
One big enough
to fill the whole world.

Step by step
they walked.
And I cried like a baby.

'Cause they burned them,
and bombed them and
beat them
until they bled.

Still they marched.
"Nigger, what do you want NOW?
Their filthy epitaphs
shouted at MY people!

Their angry faces
faded into the wind
'cause my people kept on
marchin'.

Montgomery, Memphis,
Selma, Chicago and
Washington too.

My people walked,
they kept on marching
'cause they knew that
justice was long

overdue
And I cried,
I cried like a baby.

It was my people,
their blood,
their tears,
their steps,
that made the walls,
those stifling walls,
that caused those walls
to come tumbling down.

And when they killed
him,
shot him dead,
blew his life away,
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
the one who had been to
the mountaintop and
looked over,
the one who told us
what he saw,
the one who walked
side by side with
garbage men, maids and Jews.

when they shot him
and he died,
I cried like a new born
baby
hungry for mother's milk,
craving the sweetness of
true freedom.

I cried 'cause
they killed Yusef.
My chest heaved with pain
'cause Martin said,
"NO lie can live forever."

I cried 'cause
more blood
will be spilled
before we can finally sing,
"Free at Last,
Free at Last,
Thank God Almighty,
We're free at last."

I sat there
and cried like a baby.

- Marcia Kelly

EXPRESSIONS

CLASS

Nosey

by Tammie V. Lacewell (10/3/89)

Curiosity killed the cat
and JJ killed his girl
She broke in on him
and his buddies
a crack buy
He put an Uzi
to the back of her head
and said "Oh, baby
I wished you woulda
stayed outside
Now my boyz gotta
take you for a ride"
He pulled the trigger
and scattered her brains
from Flatbush to Bushwick

With no Identity what am I to do
You're gone now and I, I, I just
Exist. Not only to you, but to
You and you and you. No name to
be called by I'm no body and it's
Because of you. Are you what you
are made up to be. You lied to me
Daddy. Now who can I trust. I
Saw you in a picture clear; mummy
Said you were a teacher and for this
I adored you. Standing tall and in
Control of your class; but now, a-
Gain, you've disappointed me and now
I trust nobody. There's someone
There but whether I trust him or not
Is something else. Someone warm on
A cold night. I have no more expect-
Ations Daddy because of you. I al-
Ways relied on you and you and you.
But now I've learned Daddy; I've
Learned that you were only in my dreams
Never wanting to be here for me.
Daddy it's too late now. It's too
late. I've found another.

Terence M. Anderson

Uplift The Race

by Lamont Bullock

This great race of ours is in dire need;
for presently, majority of our youths are failing to succeed.
There's a confusion of priorities and discipline is at a minimum;
for today instead of avoiding the many dangers, persons are quick to
succumb.

While exterior elements affect, faction within is widespread;
Therefore we must disallow this, and work hard to get ahead.

We must realize that coming together in Unity;
will produce a far greater result for this element is the key.

We must improve our condition and set a uniform pace;
for then, and only then, can we put forth a full effort
into Uplifting The Race!

Subtle Shades of Racism

WHY?
YOU DENY ME ACCESS?
THINK WOMEN WILL ALWAYS VOTE
PAPERS SIGNED, YET
THE AIR ECHOES WITH WORDS
COUNTERACTING INTELLIGENCE
WITH RHETORIC
HYPOCRISY TOO WEAK A NAME
ANCESTRAL FEARS
CONTINUE IN LIVING COLOR

- JAMES GALLISHAW

On Your Back

by Tammie V. Lacewell
(October 3, 1989)

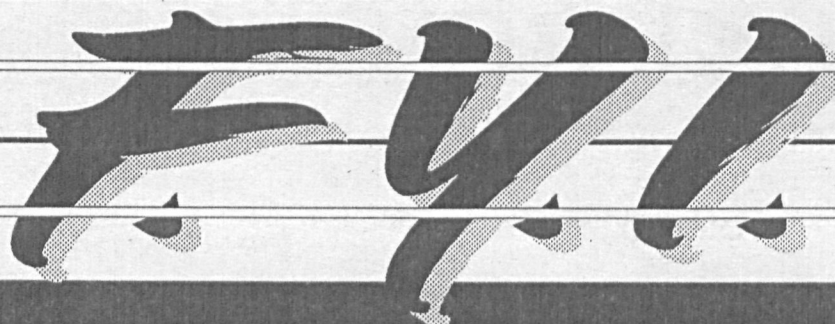
It's hard to think
clearly when you're
on your back
Everything and
everyone is
over you
You are beneath them

He is above you
Atop you sweating
hotter than the sun
outside

His deft African fingers
between your legs
and your breast
between his lips
and your eyes fixed
confused
on that painting of
White Jesus
on the wall
across the room...

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The National Institute of General Medical Sciences has approved the continuation of the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Program at City College, into 1993. The College has been awarded \$4,615,000 for the next four years, according to Professor Emeritus Myer M. Fishman, the Program Director.

Faculty members participating in the MBRS Program, include members of the Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry and Physics Departments, and the CUNY Medical School.

The MBRS Program is designed to increase the number of minority students who enter graduate or professional schools and who will pursue careers in the biomedical sciences. Highly qualified students are supported during their junior and senior years at City College, or as graduate students, with salaries of up to \$8500 per year. In addition, graduate students have their tuition fees paid at City College.

CCNY was selected to

On January 15, 1990, the *American Council on Education (ACE)* released a report stating that low and middle-income black and Hispanic youth are entering higher education institutions at significantly lower rates than in 1976.

ACE reviewed data over a 13 year period and found that rates of low-income dependent black high school students entering college dropped from 40% in 1976 to 30% in 1988. The same study done on low-income Hispanic high school also show a drop from 50% to 35%. According to the *Eighth Annual Status Report on Minorities in Higher Education* this is, "in-

dicating an educational failure rate of intolerable magnitude". Also while the study shows a drop in low-income blacks and Hispanics, the rates of low-income white high school graduates entering college are rising.

The report went on to divulge that of the minority students who do enter college, many of them never receive a degree.

For more information on higher education and minorities, copies of the report are available for \$10. Contact the Office of Minority Concerns, American Council on Education, One Dupont Circle, Washington, DC 20036.

From the OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

CCNY has started a Drug & Alcohol Education, Prevention, and referral Program on campus. It's our first time, so we'll need a lot of support from faculty and students.

It will start in march and run until the first week of April for 4 consecutive Thursdays 12-2pm

participate in the National MBRS Program because of its strong programs in the sciences as well as a historic commitment to equality of opportunity and educational quality, Dr. Fishman says.

Since its inception in 1980, many MBRS alumni have distinguished themselves.

For example, Robert Ashton '80, who completed his Ph.D. in Biochemistry with Professor D. Sloan, is a Postdoctoral Fellow with Professor Harold Scheraga '41 of Cornell University.

Dean Cuebas, who received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1987, under the supervision of Professor H. Schultz, is doing postdoctoral research at the College. He also taught at York College.

Yetunde Olowe completed her Ph.D. in Biochemistry with Professor H. Schultz in 1982. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of

Medicine. Recently, she completed training toward an M.D. at NY Medical College.

Donald McCain '84, who did his undergraduate research with Professor T. Axenrod, was awarded a Ph.D. in Biophysics in 1987 at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is now pursuing his medical degree at the same school.

Luis Sanchez, who carried out his research with Professor J. Lombardi, was awarded the Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1983. He conducted postdoctoral studies at Princeton University and is currently a research assistant with the DuPont Company.

Oscar Rago '88, who was a Salk Scholarship winner and worked with Professor A. Turk '37, is now in the second year at Harvard Medical School.

Xiomara Ramirez '89, also a Salk award winner, worked with Professor S. Cosley. She is in her first year at the NYU School of Medicine.

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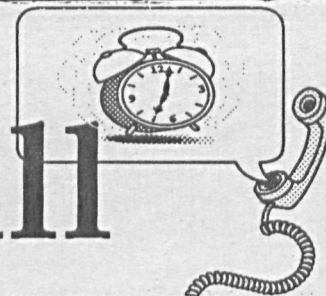
conditions for negotiations. The document was adopted by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and is endorsed by the United Nation (UN) General Assembly.

Outlining a number of principles and offering a set of guidelines for the process of negotiations, the documents also calls upon the government to create a proper climate for negotiations by: releasing all political prisoners, lifting bans off political organizations, removing troops from the townships, ceasing all political trials and executions, and ending the state of emergency. Thus far, not even a single condition has been met. The ANC concedes, the release of Mandela must not be misconstrued as a compromise, because all these conditions are intertwined.

According to Thabo Mbeki, head of the ANC International Department, it was necessary for the people of South Africa to define their own terms of negotiations, to avoid situations found in Namibia and Zimbabwe. Both Resolution 435 of Namibia and the Lancaster Manifesto of Zimbabwe were devised in the most part by western powers, who determined the scope of freedom and shape of the constitutions. In view of the fact that Margaret Thatcher has been holding talks with South African leaders, there was a strong likelihood that Mrs. Thatcher might have come out with a statement detailing her terms for the resolution of the conflict.

With most of its senior members out of prison and maintaining a high profile, it is worth noting how long the ANC, and other political organizations will remain banned inside South Africa.

The Wake-Up Call



Author: Anonymous

The Caribbean region, while comprised of about 108 different yet similar islands which are small in size, has managed to occupy the greater part of City College.

When thinking of these islands it's not difficult to become lost to the nostalgia brought on by them: the white sanded beaches; the clear blue seas; the fresh sea foods and fruits; and, the whole feeling of everyone being family.

However, on looking at the diversity found in each Caribbean student on the City College campus, I find it more disturbing to see that each individual has the same goals but refuses to cooperate with each other to attain them.

Four of the most prominent Caribbean groups on the campus: Antigua/Barbuda Students Association (A&B), the Caribbean Students Association (CSA), the Haitian Students Association (HSA), and the Trinto-Citi Achievers (TCA), appear to be dysfunctional. Yet, each of these organizations A&B, HSA, and TCA - were said to have been formed because of "lack of representation" within the mother group, CSA, claiming that CSA was, and is, comprised of mainly Jamaicans.

My point is that the digression of A&B, HSA, and TCA from CSA to form new clubs was supposed to give Caribbean students a greater identity on the college campus. But due to internal strife, and petty politics, this has not been achieved. And at the present rate will never be.

Within the four groups falls all Caribbean students. Yet in these clubs' rooms I've only been able to find: Antiguan in Antigua/Barbuda; Jamaicans in the Caribbean Association; Haitians in the Haitian Association; and Trinidadians in Trinto-Citi. Why is this so? What happened to the representation of the other countries? Why can other student organizations within City exist without this debilitating strife, which only serves to hinder the performance of your organizations; knowing that the odds of survival are against you? Isn't it terrible enough knowing you left your natural "home" to achieve a goal, and then coming to America to either totally deny or disassociate from your roots? You have so much to offer,

ranging from exchanging knowledge about each other's homelands, to basic tutoring in the already difficult classes. Each of these yields the same results: friendships which lead to more friendships...and so on.

What you, as Caribbean people, must do in order to attain your goals, and eventually return to the position of leadership you

once had on campus, is to first realize that each Caribbean organization has a common ground rooted in each Caribbean student. The only way to build on such foundations is to show what your countries, as a whole, represents; showing the same pride in your countries that the Asian students showed in Tiananmen Square, fighting the

establishment. Then, projecting that inner strength, being able to show others on campus that all is not quite what it seems; that there is a solid footing for those who doubt your ability to form a solid union.

Right now as Africans in Diaspora from the Caribbean "Divided you stand. United you fall".

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	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT
STATEN ISLAND	8	1	.889	714	672	9	8	.529
HUNTER	8	2	.800	857	699	10	5	.667
MEDGAR EVERS	4	3	.571	641	618	8	7	.533
JOHN JAY	4	4	.500	642	659	9	8	.529
CCNY	3	5	.375	650	681	4	8	.333
BARUCH	2	5	.286	528	582	5	9	.357
YORK	1	5	.167	388	431	3	10	.231
LEHMAN	1	6	.143	408	488	1	14	.067

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Milton Warden CCNY - 2 games; 49 points, 17 reb., 4 assists & 2 blocks.

Mens Varsity Basketball At City College

By Mike Spivey
Staff Writer

With the CUNY Tournament nearing (Feb. 19), the City College men's varsity basketball team is not exactly tearing up the league (3-6 CUNY, 6-11 overall). However, there are reasons to remain optimistic.

For starters, considering that the Beavers are devoid of their top two scorers from last season, Steven Mack (17.0 ppg) and Eddie Fontono (14.5 ppg), the Beaver's are receiving balanced scoring throughout their line up; with five players averaging double figures.

Leading the pack up front is forward Derby Ewing who averages 17.7 ppg. Forward/center Milton Warden averages 15.7 ppg; Freshman forward Albert Barbosa averages 13.8 ppg; Freshman guard Tony Rogers, 13.9 ppg and Junior guard Jamal Johnson averages 10.5 ppg and can play both guard positions.

In addition to the balanced scoring attack, the Beavers have some continuity. With four returnees from last years squad, the Beavers finished third in the CUNY competition, and advanced to the CUNY Semi-finals.

Team captain, Senior Terence Young (9.5 ppg), should provide leadership and stability to the front court.

The two key additions to the Beavers are freshmen Tony Rogers and Albert Barbosa. Rogers has great quickness and good shooting range, and can play both guard positions. Barbosa, on the other hand, has a soft touch from the outside and an aggressive style of play.

As the Beaver coach Gary Smith states, "Anything can happen during the CUNY's. I think we'll perform well".

Note: These scoring averages have been tallied through the first eleven games.

A Milestone For Our Lady Beaver

City College Women's Basketball Captain Wendy Jackson, scored her 1000th career point in a road game against New York University on December 13, 1989.

Jackson became the sixth woman in City College history to score at least 1000 points in her career.

"To be honest I didn't think it was a big deal when it happened," said Jackson, who averaged twenty points per game last season and was ranked 24th in the nation in scoring for Division III Women's Basketball. "But now that I've had more time to think about it, I'm excited about it," said the 1988-89 City University All-Star and CUNY Most Valuable Player.

Jackson, a 21 year old psychology major from the Bronx, joins five other former City College All-Stars who have eclipsed the 1,000 point career mark. Robbin Coles, City's present team manager, was the last woman to do it when she finished with 1,005 total points in 1988.

Patricia Samuel, the first

woman in CCNY history to score over 1,000 points, scored 1,056 when her playing career ended in 1977.

1989-90 Lady Beavers assistant coach Dawn Bovan Williams, scored 1,089 points in her career and Hilda Cruz, who holds the women's single season scoring title with 559 points, scored 1,320 total points.

Monque Rye, City's all-time Lady Beavers leader, scored 1,494 points in her career which ended in 1988.

Jackson, a senior who'll have 14 regular season games remaining in her collegiate career as of January 1st, 1990, has an outside shot at becoming the second leading scorer by season's end.

"Wendy joined the squad when it was really strong," said former Lady Beavers coach Gary Smith, who coached all of the lead scorers except Patricia Samuel. "She didn't play much her first two seasons because of that and that makes her achievement even more impressive."

C.C.N.Y. SOCCER STAR SELECTED TO N.Y.S. ALL-STAR TEAM

City College sophomore midfielder/defenseman Rolando Paz has been named to the All-New York State Soccer Team by The National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Paz, the 1988 CCNY Rookie of the Year, was a dazzling defender during the 1989 season. He also scored two goals, had one assist, and collected five total points.

Paz, a second year City University of New York Conference All-Star, was named to the 1989 CUNY First Team this season after being named a

Second Team player last season.

A native of San Pedro Sula, Honduras and now a resident of Manhattan, Paz was also named a 1989 New York Suburban Conference First Team All-Star.

"I'm very pleased for Rolando," said City's coach Wilson Egidio. "He's a very skillful player, a hard worker, very coachable, and very reliable. And, besides his athletic ability, he's a very nice young man. He's one of those players that every coach would like to have on his team."