

## PAPUR

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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Special Election Issue

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May 4, 1993

# TAKE PART IN CHOOSING YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT



May 4th, 5th, & 6th
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Find out just how much power you have.

YOUR
GUIDE
TO THE
SPRING
1993

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

READ IT
THEN
VOTE!!!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE Meet The Candidates For Student Government Positions!!

Who Will You Vote For??

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### **Editor's Note**

#### Why did we produce this issue?

City College is slowly gaining a reputation of having an outspoken student body. We don't just make noise, we make our point.

It's time for us to make our voices heard once again. This week, on May 4th, 5th and 6th, we will let the campus know who we want to represent us for the next year. We will vote in our next student government.

The Paper felt that in order for students to know who they want to be their next representative, it is essential that they know who the candidates are. This is why we've produced this issue; to give you a chance to familiarize yourself with the candidates beforehand. Read it and by all means, vote!!

The issue, however, didn't turn out like we had planned. When I had the idea to do this issue, I contacted the leaders of both slates. They were told what the issue was to be about and what what would be required of them in order for their slate to be represented in the issue. Both slates were given approximately four days to turn in pictures and one page biographies of their major candidates. At deadline we had submissions from everyone from the Progressive Horizons slate. No one from the New Generation slate had even visited the office.

In order to ensure that the issue would be balanced, we extended the deadline for New Generation—twice. For an additional three days. In addition we offered to take their pictures for them—everything except write their Bios. When we went to print no one had come by the office to let us know why they were not co-operating. In fact, everytime I made contact with anyone from the New Generation slate, I had to hunt them down on campus.

Their lack of co-operation is the reason why New Generation is not included in this issue. The Paper does not endorse any of the slates and continues to be an impartial entity. The views presented by the candidates, who have decided to share themselves with you in this issue, in no way reflects the views of this organization. This issue is just a service to the students of this college because you need to be a part of the election process.

Being active in the process of Student Government Elections is the first step towards ensuring that we will have an active campus life. It is also the only way that we can be sure that our Student Government President is someone who makes more points than noise.

See you at the ballots.

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Editor-in-chief

### **Student Government Duties**

### Just so you know what you're voting these people in to do, here's a run-down on what their duties are:

PRESIDENT

The representative of the Student Senate (direct student representatives) and the undergraduate students of the college. The president is the chief executive officer of the Student Senate and its executive committee. He implements the policies decided on by the Student Senate. He/She must also maintain good public relations on behalf of the Student Senate and the students of City College.

#### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

On occasions that the President cannot or is unable to perform his duties the Executive Vice President assumes all duties of the President. In addition, The Executive V.P. will also perform duties assigned to him by the Student Senate and the Executive committee.

VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Community Affairs V.P. is Student Government's link to the general community and is responsible for all matters pertaining to the college's, and the Executive and Student Senate's policies on the community.

#### VICE PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

The City College Student's representative to the City University Student Senate and is responsible for providing all information on the CUNY Student Senate's proceedings and resolutions to the Student Senate.

#### VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS AFFAIRS

The Executive responsible for developing and implementing Student Senate policy in the campus affairs of the college including student life development and student personnel (Alumni Activities, Finley Center).

Aslo, consultation with all fuculty Senate Committees on college-wide services.

#### VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Chairs all the Student Senate committees concerned with the educational policies of the college and consults with all other college-wide committees concerned with educational policy. The Educational Affairs V.P. will also provide the executive committee with information on the carriculum and teaching committees and the library.

#### TREASURER

The cheif financial officer of the Student Senate and shall assume the responsibilities of the President and the Executive Vice President in ther ab-

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### **Election Checklist**

#### NEW GENERATION

#### DAY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Juan Mata - President Robert Pichardo — Executive Vice President Adalberto Gonzalez — Vice President Community Affairs Franciasco Urena — Vice President University Affairs Warner Uribe — Vice President Academic Affairs Carlos Castro — Science Senator Guerline Pierre — Vice President Campus Affairs Lovell Quiroz — Treasurer Anny Garcia — Education Senator Agustina Montesino — Humanities Senator Jose Bonifacio — Humanities Senator Maria Fernandez — Social Science Senator Carlos Alvarez — Architecture Senator Joanna Santos — Humanities Senator Christian Vasquez — Humanities Senator Shemroy Johnson — Science Senator Andre Motta — Humanities Senator Leo Tineo — Architecture Senator

#### EVENING STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Richare Bowles — Humanities Senator

Elvys Grullon — President Julio Genao — Vice President Victor Mejia — Treasurer

#### GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Virgilio Minoño — President
Edgar Acosta — Vice President Social Science
Ana D. Pichardo — Vice President Legislative Affairs
Una N. Ijeoma — Executive Secretary
Meldri Jerez — Treasurer
Eugenia Al-amin — Councilor
Kabeya Mbuyi — Councilor
Sanjay Kulkarni — Councilor
Rosa M. Marinez — Councilor
Juan Blanchard — Councilor
Monica Nolasco — Councilor

#### PROGRESSIVE HORIZZONS

#### **DAY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Oswald Willis - President Mark Keller — Treasurer E. Tyson Gaines — Vice President Campus Affairs Nichole King - Vice President Community Affairs Tyler Hemingway — Vice President Academic Affairs Sandra Jeffrey — Vice President Social Science Malik Small — Executive Vice President Gerlie Fravien — Engineering Senator Ian Nathaniel - Science Senator Cyrus During — Engineering Senator Sara Coombs — Science Senator Shelly - Ann Downie - Science Senator Kishma Larsen — Senator Social Science Yonette Lampley — Engineering Senator Monique A. Minto — Humanities Senator Frances Rice - Science Senator Neil Veloz - Science Senator Andre Neblitt — Engineering Senator Maria Callaghan — Science Senator Dawn L. Palmore — Humanities Senator

#### **EVENING STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Bolanle Olagudoye — President Tina Thompson — Vice President Peter Andre — Treasurer

#### GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Kent Butler — President
Wendy Field — Vice President
Zacchaeus Akinleye — Vice President Legislative Affairs
Derick Roberts — Treasurer
Curley Potter — Executive Secretary
Kenny Bartholomew — Councilor
Verano LaRue — Councilor

#### **OMBUDSPERSON**

David Vargas
Kesler Carrie — Progressive Horizons
Alpha Robinson
Shelly Brathwaite
Phillip Wright

### **Outgoing Presidents**

### **Steering The Course Of Change**

BY RICARDO PARKER

DAY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

In terms of accomplishments, the outgoing DSG has been most instrumental in offsetting the changes and attacks that have been subjected to the student government coming from CUNY and the college in respect to student activity and student life, student government, and it's role on the campus.

We have somewhat steered the course of change by offering valid arguments and suggestions to what direction the college should go toward during this changing process that would benefit the student body. We've done this by challenging those within the administration, that sought to strip or de-value the authority of the student governments, by questioning the authority of the government leaders. I impress upon you to constantly question the actions, motivations, and decisions that administration will impose upon you in the future. As you know, the issues that they pursue will ultimately have the greatest effect on the student body.

Because I plan on graduating within the next two semesters, I have to put an extra effort into my studies, therefore, I will not be involved in the student government. Upon graduation I plan on advancing on to graduate school. In terms of the future student governments, I have confidence in the Progressive Horizons slate. The Progressive Horizon slate has the most potential to carry on and improve the things that my administration has accomplished.

Interms of my office's coming to a close, I would first like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the students of City College for granting me the opportunity to represent their concerns in several different forums during the course of my tenure. Secondly, I would like to thank all the officers of the DSG senate that struggled and toiled with me in insuring the rights and concerns of our student populaceparticularly, Mr. Jahmal Hartley, the Treasurer and Mr. Mohale Masithela, the Student Ombudsperson. I would like to extend a special thanks to the members of the statewide Africana Studies movement, National Society of Black Engineers, Caribbean Students Association, The Paper, The Campus, S.A.M.E, WCCR, Male Mentorship Society, R.O.U.S.E. House, African Dance and Drama, ACM, and Students for Cultural Exchange.

#### **Which Way Forward**

BY BEKOE ADIGUN
GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

The days ahead for students at City College presents many challenges. Student leaders must develop visions for our students and be willing to bring their vision to reality. They must also expect an administration that will do everything to discourage positive leadership.

Over the last two years, the student leadership here at CCNY has been under constant attack by the administration, which led to the tragedy in December 1991 and to the disruption of student life in 1993.

The demand placed on the administration by student leadership over the last few years has been consistent and simple. We wanted and continue to demand twenty-four hour study facilities. We want a library not only with extended hours but with more updated journals and materials necessary to encourage research. We also want a school that sees the community as its responsibility. These three areas have been most difficult and can only be acquired with demands.

CUNY graduates less than 25% of its students within an eight year period of senior colleges and four years for community colleges. The college has not sought to encourage or assist students in developing

those skills necessary to complete their desired goal. The engineering school for example may boast about graduating more minority engineers than any other school in the country; however, they do not discuss that they discourage more engineers than any other school.

The road that lies ahead is a challenge. Most of our students cannot study at home and need facilities that will enable them to complete their program. Every school that has the interest of its community at hand will provide facilities to encourage its youth. We understand this is not so with the administrators here at CCNY and therefore must demand it.

Student leaders need to understand that they are the ones to envision for the students and community, and not the administration. They must also be prepared to deal with an administration that violated every bylaw agreement that serves their interest.

They must take on the task of rebuilding a student center to serve students' interest not administration's interest. This was an area in which we saw a violation of all rules and regulations by the administration.

Finally, students will receive what they are entitled to, only when they are prepared to demand it.

### BY DARLENE LEWIS EVENING STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Thank you, my loving students, for welcoming my slate into your lives for the past six months as I tried, to the best of my ability, to make a difference in your lives. As the president of the Evening Student Government (a job which sometimes was not the most delightful), I had to endure the watchful eyes of an administration that beyond a shadow of a doubt assumed that I could not fulfill the shoes of a president. Maybe they did, maybe they didn't, but I know in the beginning it was a rough road, a road that the next president (may Allahbe with you) may find very smooth indeed. You see, not very long ago, another aspiring idealist named Cassandra Kirnon thought that she would make a big difference in the school. Based upon her fundamental ap-

#### It's Been Real!

proach, she probably would have been the most conscientious individual this side of heaven, had it not been for the miscommunication between administration and the governments, had it not been for an unfortunate incident that took place in the gym in December 1991 which caused many lives to be lost, and had it not been for a few co-officers in her government who tried to make her life miserable. She probably would not have had to leave the school and she probably would have made a difference (at least I believe she would have).

Our accomplishments (ESG) were somewhat strange, because in the midst of adversity I saw several beautiful things happen: I saw my board meet and rectify issues that would have proved detrimental to the government. I saw the day and grad governments express concerns for stu-

dents and actually have administration listen. I saw (even in the midst of controversy) a calendar, which promoted academic excellence, published. I met President Kappner (again) and had the opportunity to speak for several hours with a woman who will probably be listed in history as a quiet warrior. I saw my co-officers approve several scholarships for evening students. I sat on many boards that help fund several organizations and was glad to be on the board that assisted in funding Citinet, the Media Board, and several allocating bodies.

I am ecstatic about the long overdue audit of Finley center and the SSC board. I am really pleased that we chartered some evening student clubs and fulfilled their monetary needs. It was a great compliment when, after attending a leadership conference, my government attendees and I received awards. And it is with pleasure that I am able to inform you of the night care program ESG will hopefully be providing parents in the fall.

As I move onward and upward in my quest to find a niche in society, I will remember the offices I held at City College: Business Manager and Vice President of S.A.M.E. T.V., Editor of Nightwatch Newspaper and finally President of ESG. I will remember those nights that I lay in bed studying every bylaw, every fiscal handbook of accountability, Roberts Rules...and so on and so on...

Anyhow it has been real, and I will always be dedicated to the students and if by chance you need guidance, assistance, or just a companion, call ESG. They'll always be there for you: 650-7206.

See Ya!!

#### An Argument For Student Involvement

BY MOHALE MASITHELA
OUTGOING STUDENT OMBUDSPERSON

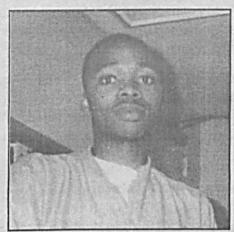
For far too long City College students have expressed a regrettable level of apathy about their own governance. The average City student has no input into campus issues which affect their daily lives. As a result, City students complain constantly about the quality of student life on campus. The time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



MOHALE MASITHELA STUDENT OMBUDPOERSON

ulty 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 stu-

dent 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 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 May 4th through May 6th. If you're not running for office, at the very least, VOTE!!!

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sence. The Treasurer enforces regulations concerning te financial aspects of the campus organizations and media and keep all financial records as prescribed by the Student Senate.

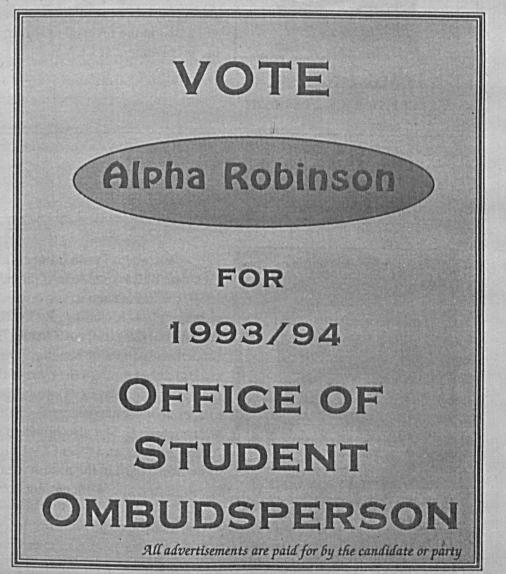
#### SENATORS

Are direct student represantatives and make up the Student Senate. They are responsible for developing and introducing student government policy. Each senator is assigned to at least one committee under the leadership of one of the executive Student Senate members.

#### STUDENT OMBUDSPERSON

Shall protect the welfare of any and all students whenever it is determined that their legitimate rights, privileges

and prerequisites may have been denied or abused., he Shall work with the appropriate bodies to effectuate change, where it is determined that existing policies, procedures or structures could, to the advantage of students, be improved. Shall be the chief executive officer for all student elections and referents and shall chair the Student Senate Elections Agency, except when a candidate. Shall be exofficio, without vote, a member of the Student Senate and the Executive Committee of the Student Senate. Shall establish and maintain a regular schedule of hours which shall be posted on the office door, in the Senate Office, and in the information Office of the Student Center.



### **Meet The Candidates**

#### **Progressive Horizons**



OSWALD WILLIS
PRESIDENT

Hi my name is Oswald Willis. I'm running for the President position in Day Student Government under the slate "Progressive Horizon". My major is Political Science and this is my fourth year at City College. I'm the former President of R.O.U.S.E House and I'm currently the President of The StateWide African Study Movement (T.S.A.S.M). I'm currently a Social Science Senator in Day Student Government.

My main objective is to work for the interest of the students. During my two semesters as a Senator, I have learned that the students are being cheated of their extracurricular activities by the Administration. I have also learnt that the Administration have been misusing Student Activity Fees which is illegal. My campaign promise is to continue to fight the Administration in the interest of all City College Students.



MALIK SMALL
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Malik A. Small is running under the Progressive Horizon slate for the position of Executive Vice President. Malik is a English/Literature major. Currently, Malik is an Engineering Senator in the Day Student Government and is also Vice President of The Statewide Africana Studies Movement. He is a tutor at the CCNY writing center and he has also done tutoring for the Bridge to Medicine program. This extensive work done with City College students has enabled Malik to develop an appreciation and understanding of the needs of our diverse student body.

Growing up in Harlem as part of the CCNY community, Malik has witnessed the decline of student life and the lack of a college-like atmosphere that has developed within recent years. As Vice-President, Malik will assist in the reversal of this trend by enhancing student activities, and by promoting student awareness and involvement at CCNY.



ELIZABETH TYSON GAINES VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Elizabeth Tyson Gaines is a English/Elementary Education major currently running for the office Vice President of Campus Affairs on the Progressive Horizons slate. Since her entrance into City College, Spring 1990; she has taken a strong interest in the quality of student life on this Campus. She has taken an active role in many clubs including; R.O.U.S.E House, T.S.A.S.M., WCCR City College Radio. African Dance and Drama, and the Sisters of Khemit. Tyson has also served on the Student Disciplinary Committee and as a Day Student Government Senator. During the course of her involvement she has had the opportunity to view student needs through the eyes of the Day Student Government, and those of the Student Clubs. Because of this experience, she has a strong agenda with goals to strengthen ties between the two, thus allowing for clubs to operate in a more successful nature where allocations, use of facilities, planning programs, and chartering are concerned. She also hopes to work closely with the Finley Student Center, child Development center, career services, and other City College offices to make the City College Experience an enriching one. Tyson has worked hard in the past; it is not rare to see her on campus at 9:00 am and not leave until 11:00pm. She is committed and will continue to work hard for the student body.

### **Meet The Candidates**

### **Progressive Horizons**



NICHOLE J. KING VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Nichole J. King is running for Community Affairs Vice President under the Progressive Horizons slate. She has been a volunteer tutor at East Harlem Tutorial Center as well as a volunteer for the Open Housing Center. She has been secretary and treasurer of R.O.U.S.E House. Currently she is a writer for "THE PAPER" as well as DJ Essence for WCCR. Nichole's major is Urban Legal Studies, in which she plans to pursue a career in the field of law. She is interested in the office of Community Affairs Vice Presidency position because she is very concerned with the plight of the City College community. After taking classes in Latin American Caribbean Studies and Black Studies Nichole hopes to bring her educational and social skills to benefit both the City College students as well as the community.

Her college goals are to use the diversity of the community as its strength. By working together towards a common goal such as the education of our children and ourselves she feels we can build a better future.

Nichole J. King esta corriendo debajo de Progressive Horizons para el puesto la Vice Presdencia. Ella era una tutor voluntaria en East Harlem Tutorial Center y tambien una voluntaria para el Centro de Salud de la comunidad. Ella era secreteria y tesorera para la organicion de R.O.U.S.E. House. Ella ha sido una escritora de "The Paper" y tambien DJ Essence para la radio stacion W.C.C.R de City College. Su carrera es Studios Legales de la Urbano en el cual ella plana perseguir su carrera en la ley. Ademas de esta interesada en el puesto de Vice presidente de las concurrencias de la comunidad, porque ella esta interesada en los problemas de la sociedad. Despues de haber tomado classes en Estudios Latino Americano Y Caribeno y estudias de Morenos. Ella se ha dado de cuento que hay varios servicios de la cual communidad falta. Nichole espera traer la aptitude educacional y social asia communidad. Su meta es usar diversidad de la communidad como la base fundamental. Ella tambien cree de trabajando juntos hacia una mete comun como educando a nuestros ninos, y a nosotros mismo para crear un futuro mejor.



SANDRA JEFFREY
VICE PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Hello, my name is Sandra A. Jeffrey. I am running for University Affairs Vice President under Progressive Horizon slate. I am as committed to students rights as CUNY students. Upon applying for college, my high school guidance counselor told me I would never get into City College. He told me I just couldn't make it. That summer I was selected to be a student ambassador from the Eisenhower Institute. The organization sent me to England, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, and the Soviet Union. Upon returning from my trip, I received letters of acceptance from all of the universities that I applied to.

Currently, I am a junior at City College, and Urban Legal studies is my major. My focus has been in law and urban policies. However, I am not limited to the community's interest alone, I have studied abroad. Just recently, I spent five months studying mandrin in Guangzhou, China. It taught me about the relationships between power and culture. Within each culture we all have a set of values which must be recognized and understood.

Because of my interaction among various cultures I am able to recognize the fundamental issue of all — the value of education at CCNY.



TYLER HEMINGWAY
VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Tyler Hemingway is presently seeking the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Day Student Government under the Progressive Horizons slate. Tyler is a Sociology (B.A./M.A.) major and is presently the director of Safety Services (the parent organization of the Volunteer Emergency Services) here on campus. The increased level of emergency care administered on campus is provided by VES in conjunction with security and student participation. This effort is a testament to Tyler's proven leadership and administrative skills.

As the Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tyler plans to address the concerns of the students with regards to the educational curricula and the faculty's commitment to providing a quality level of education. Tyler feels that in order to accomplish these goals, he intends to foster an environment that will promote greater student participation in the student government.

Your vote for Tyler Hemingway, a proven leader committed to student enhancement will guarantee the best person for the Educational Affairs Vice President.

### The Senators

### **Progressive Horizons**



GERLIE FRAVIEN ENGINEERING



YONETTE LAMPLEY ENGINEERING



Andre Neblitt Engineering



SARA COOMBS SCIENCE



MONIQUE A. MINTO HUMANITIES



MARIA CALLAGHAN SCIENCE



NEIL VELOZ SCIENCE



KISHMA LARSEN SOCIAL SCIENCE



FRANCES RICE
SCIENCE



DAWN L. PALMORE HUMANITIES

### **Evening Student Government**

### **Progressive Horizons**



BOLANLE OLAGUDOYE
PRESIDENT

I, Bolanle Olagundoye am a Computer Science major seeking the office of President of the Evening Student Government. As President, I plan to make life easier for Evening Students. As a former day student, I am aware of many programs that are available for the enhancement of student life during the daytime. I would like the opportunity to make these programs available in the evenings. Programs such as tutoring, writing center, day care services, legal aid and career services. I also plan to extend hours for the Library, the Computer Room, Financial Aide Office, Office of the Bursars and the Office of the Registrar. I would like to see more evening student clubs and present more programs during the evening clubs hours. I am willing to put in the time and the energy in order to make progress for my fellow students. All I need from you are your ideas, your thoughts and especially your vote to make it all happen.



TINA THOMPSON
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Tina Thompson is currently running with the Progressive Horizon slate for the position of Executive Vice President. Tina is a third year sociology major. She has plans on attending law school in the future.

Currently, Tina holds the position of Corresponding Secretary for the National Council of Negro Women Inc., Bronx Section. If elected, she would like to incorporate new programs that will benefit evening students.



PETER ANDRE
TREASURER

Hello my name is Peter Andre. I am running for the Treasury position in Evening Student Government. My major is Sociology in Deviant Behavior and this is my fifth year at City College. In the past I have been a member of R.O.U.S.E House where I held positions as Secretary and Treasurer. I intend to use my past experiences dealing with various organizations at City College to good use. My main objective is to fuse the connection between Evening students and Day students, to keep all parties well informed on matters dealing with City College.

### The Race For Student Ombudsperson

A recipient of the CCNY Black Alumni Association Scholarship who is committed to serving the community at large. He has worked as a volunteer tutor at Minisink Town House (in math, reading, sponsored by Operation: Helping Hand's Youth Intervention and Development (YID) and as a mentor for black youth in their rite of passage. Bro. Phil was also a recipient of the 1993 Memorial 9 Scholarship given by the Evening Student Government, which was created in commemoration of the tragedy in December 1991 at CCNY. Prior to this semester, Bro. Phil was a Project Administrator's Assistant at Phase: Piggy-Back Inc., a community based organization responsible for pursuing grant proposals to seek funding for substance abusers in the area of HIV and AIDS. Among other activities, Bro. Phil is a member of the Fredrick Douglass Debate Society and the winner of he Roemer Poetry Reading contest given by the Speech Department.

Bro. Phil decided to seek this position to become more involved in the educational process and have a voice within it. In addition to getting the best out of the undergraduate college experience,

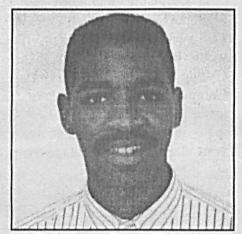
"I feel it is our responsibility to take advantage of the struggle that made it possible for all of us to be here (in college) and to set a precedent for those who will come after us."

I am fully committed to setting forth an agenda that is critical and fair which includes:

a) Taking seats on any and all committees that are permitted including an ex officio seating, (on the Executive Committee of the Day Student Government), which allocates necessary monies to clubs. I will also have a major influence over essential committees dealing with: the library, cafeteria, security and several other policies. This is why the Ombusdsman must be impartial in his/her candidacy. There can not be

any underlying/under-the-table dealing for personal agendas.

b) Going directly to department heads and reaching critical solutions to problems for clubs or individual students.



BROTHER PHIL WRIGHT STUDENT OMBUDPOERSON

- c) Analyzing any conflicts with Professors and holding caucuses to find solutions.
- d) Using the powers of the Ombusdsman to report such recommenda-

tion to supervisory officers including the President of the college.

- e) Accessing any and all records pertinent to any allegation of inequity that come under my jurisdiction.
- f) Settling all disputes with the interest of students at heart (this means I would have to be impartial to all factions of student life including the administration, all departments, deans and even student governments).

No ones agenda comes before the students and the clubs organized and managed by the students for the purpose of their sobriety and survival. With you support I will carry myself as the students' advocating lawyer who always stands beside them not in front.

MAKE BRO. PHIL YOUR CHOICE

IF YOU WANT A STRONG
VOICE!

Dear Fellow Students,

My goal of being an attorney, committee to serving our under-represented communities is what brought me to City College. But even as I prepare to launch into part two of that goal, I am also painfully aware that right now I am part of a smaller under-represented community: the students of City College.

The most common excuse we hear is that the current fiscal crises are the cause of all our problems. But even if that accounts for the reduced quantity I am not persuaded that it is the reason for the reduced quality of services that we continue to receive. My ideas for improvements are many and with your vote for the position of Student Ombudsperson and my commitment, we can see substantial change.

While having leadership skills is clearly an advantage, it also involves accountability. Sadly these fundamental qualities have been lacking among past elected representatives and yet we find them running for office year after year. The high calling of the Student Ombudsperson is one that should remain untainted by par-

tisan strains because it carries with the responsibility to serve all students without partiality. The integrity and respect that attends this important position should be free from compromise. I feel very strongly about this



SHELLEY BRATHWAITE
STUDENT OMBUDPOERSON

and would question any candidate that cannot fulfill such a responsibility. My record here, both academically and in the eyes of my peers can support my confidence about fulfilling such a responsibility and I urge you to cast your vote wisely because change is desperately needed.

Working in leadership positions is nothing new to me. From as

far back as junior hugh school, I have been involved in student government and related student activities. But it is the exposure gained through my City College experience that have sharpened my skills and channelled my commitment to social issues significantly. The awards from the Rosenburg/ Humphrey Public Policy and New York State Legislative Internships are particularly important ones. Through them I gained unforgettable foresight into the process of policy making at a level at that impacts on our lives right now at City College. More than ever I am convinced that we must be the watchdogs that question the rationale behind policies here on campus that are supposed to serve our best interests.

To be effective in this area requires strong analytical skills to look beyond the easy explanations offered for decisions made by administration. I am committed to challenging any decisions that do not reflect the best interests of our students. I am equally committed to offering counter proposals, after all we must accept the challenge of producing workable ideas.

Most importantly the Ombud-

sperson should have the necessary skills for resolving conflicts and disputes that may arise from time to time. I am proud to say that I have been a part of the first group of City College students to receive such training. That training is beneficial even before disputes arise because it highlights the process of remaining focused on the real issues. My integrity and standing as a serious student will also earn me the respect and credibility as a student advocate.

It will take more than popularity to be an effective Ombudsperson. When the election is over and the dust has settled the real job begins. At that time even commitment is a poor substitute for the right skills. It is vital to put the responsibility of such a position in the best hands, my hands. If the occasion ever arises that you need someone in your corner to represent your best interests, I am sure you would want the very best there is. It is just like choosing an attorney, you want the best. For this reason I say to you that when making your selection for Ombudsperson, choose Shelley M. Brathwaite, tomorrow's attorney, today's student advocate. Thank you for your vote.

### The Race For Student Ombudsperson

Alpha Robinson, a candidate for the 1993/94 Office of the Ombudsperson, is majoring in Urban Legal Studies. Her career goal to become an attorney as well as her extensive advocacy work and arbitration/mediation skills would be of great benefit to the student body of City College.

Alpha Robinson, a volunteer at NYPRIG's Small Claims Court Action Center, assisted and advised clients on strategies and techniques which furthered clients' opportunities in successful litigations in New York City's Small Claims Court.



ALPHA ROBINSON
STUDENT OMBUDPOERSON

Alpha Robinson, a case manager for foster care children, advocated and contracted services where issues in housing, health, mental health, education, financial, guardianship, prevention services and legal assistance were needed as necessary components to promote and improve the childrens' environment.

Alpha Robinson, as an arbitrator and mediator, will investigate, define, and recommend solutions as part of the intervention process to resolve disputes. Her communication skills will serve to promote and encourage positive dialogue in order to encourage constructive debate. She will be able to approach problems as an impartial

third-party in order to assist parties settle conflicts by mutual consent and bargaining.

Alpha Robinson's goal as Ombudsperson will be to strive towards supporting students in order that they might achieve their academic goals, thereby achieving their professional goals. Her ability to advocate, investigate, mediate, advise, communicate and counsel which serve as a foundation that will bolster, push, and advance student needs, while she carries out her duties as City College's 1993/94 OMBUDSPERSON.

### **Graduate Student Council**

### **Progressive Horizons**



KENT BUTLER
PRESIDENT GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

My name is Kent Butler and I am running for the office of President Graduate Student Council. I am a student in the School of Education, Environmental Studies Program. My presence as a teacher in the Public School System, at A. Phillip Randolph Campus High School shows a commitment to our youth, our future.

I am dedicated to the people in and around City College. I have done my best to be of service in The Student Government as Vice President of Legislative Affairs.

I believe my experience as student, teacher and Vice President has prepared me for the Presidency. I urge you to vote for the Progressive Horizons slate next week.

Please feel free to contact me in the office of the Graduate Student Council Rm. 1/113 daily, telephone 212-650-5319.

Independent

WENDY FIELDS
VICE PRESIDENT
EVENING STUDENT GOVERNMENT

My name is Wendy Fields. I am running for Vice President of the Evening Student Government. I began my studies at CCNY fresh out of high school, back in 1982. I have lived through the tuition increases, decreases in services for students, and an overall insensitivity for the type of students who attend CCNY today.

As a teacher and a graduate student I sincerely believe that we as students and/or educators must pave the road for future scholars. In order to make that road a solid one that can be frequently traveled, we must ban

together as students and fight for change.

The Graduate Student Council is one way in which students, like myself, can fight for change through the legal and political avenues of the college.

Student government organizations like GSC have been able to make differences in past regimes and can continue to make changes, but only with your help and support.

As a future candidate for office, I would appreciate it if you would support me in making the 1993/94 academic year one of progress and change in favor of the students of CCNY. **Elections Are On** 

May 4th, 5th, & 6th

POLLS IN
NAC ROTUNDA
WILL BE OPEN
FROM
9AM TO 8 PM

The Paper does not endorse any slate. The Slate New Generation was given several opportunities to be represented in this issue. Our efforts to include them were ignored. A list of their candidates is provided on page 3 for your convenience.

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