

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 VOL. 35. NO. 6

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The Paper/Röbert Knight  
1. to r.: L. Rivera and B. Robinson. Both have been under heavy attack while running under New Front slate.

## Children To March On D.C.

A "Children's March on Washington" is scheduled to take place this coming weekend, March 25-26, in protest of a current piece of legislation aimed at welfare cuts.

The march, sponsored by The National Welfare Rights Organization (N.W.R.O.), is expected to draw tens of thousands of parents and children to the nation's capital in what many have called "the most significant attempt ever to unify poor and working class mothers."

The legislation in question, initially sponsored by Senator Mills of Arkansas, calls for mandatory training programs for welfare recipients with children three years and older.

The training programs are, according to interpreters of the bill, geared toward one trade: that of baby sitting aides. Welfare mothers, 60% of whom are white poor, would be expected to undergo a three week training session in the caring of children, and then subsidize cuts in federally-sponsored aid by taking care of children belonging to working class mothers.

In return, welfare mothers would be paid \$1.20 per hour, 65 cents less than the national minimum wage level.

Other features of the bill include directives which would hold mothers accountable for the whereabouts of missing husbands; eliminate educational pursuits by mothers, both on the levels of special skills and higher education; and allow for additional cuts of present child care facilities.

Participants of the march against the bill are composed mostly of welfare recipients and supporters from large urban areas.

The march, centered around the participation of children, will feature entertainment by professionals sympathetic to N.W.R.O., and several of the youngsters themselves.

The New York contingent is

expected to leave Saturday morning (6:30 A.M.) from four key locations. At press time the only one made known to this newspaper was the 125th St. YWCA, located between Convent and St. Nicholas Avenues.

A special rate of \$5.00 round-trip is available to all mothers bringing their children. For further information contact the Student Senate (Bill Robinson, president, Cecile Archer, Community Affairs V.P.), or this college's Child Care Center, 133rd St. Gatehouse.

## Letters

The following is a copy of a letter sent to all three day session papers in reaction to articles appearing in *The Campus* and *OP* last week.

— Editor

To The Editor  
Dear Sir:

It has come to my knowledge that a story in your newspaper quoted from another student newspaper to the effect that 5 reporters and photographers from *The Paper* "slept in rooms paid for by Basil Patterson." The story went on to call for the forfeiting of the \$20 a day lodging allowance for attendance at the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana.

I wish to set the record straight. I had a reservation at the Holiday Inn at Gary, Indiana. When I learned that these 5 students went without an accommodation and had no transportation available to them, I offered them my reservation. They used it and paid the bill.

I write to you for the purpose of avoiding any embarrassment to these young people who I observed doing a fine job at the convention.

Virtually yours,  
Basil Patterson,  
Former N.Y. State Senator

## Slander Charges Held In Wake of Elections

Charges against two of the college's student publications for printing slanderous material last Friday are expected to be formalized this week by members of the present Student Senate and presented to Dean of Students Bernard P. Sohmer for clarification and investigation.

The newspapers, *The Campus* and the *Observation Post*, both day session publications, are being assailed for articles appearing in their March 17th issues entitled, "Paper junket paid for by endowment funds," and "Senate Execs Go Tripping to Convention in Indiana," respectively.

The range of charges include:

- the printing of slanderous material in an effort to undermine the credibility of candidates running for current senate positions;

- the printing of a series of misquotes believed to have been contrived purposefully;

- the attributing of quotes and insinuations to persons claiming not to have been asked those questions or not to have answered as reported;

- and misuse of undergraduate newspapers by graduate students and persons not enrolled as students.

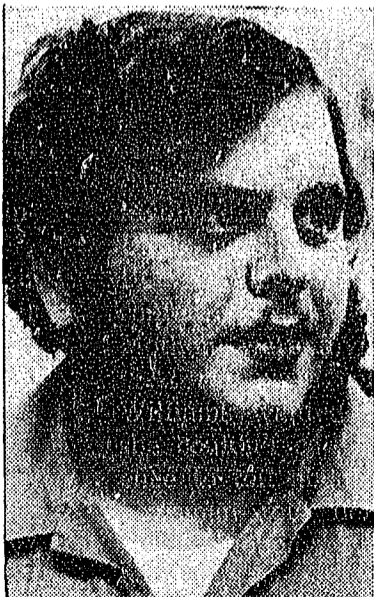
### Slander Charges

The charge of printing slanderous material stems from the appearance in *The Campus* of two photos of candidates who were not mentioned or implicated in the insinuations embodied in the story. One of the photos portrayed Bill Robinson, incumbent Presidential candidate, and Bob Grant, incumbent Student Ombudsman candidate.

Also, the article quoted David Wu, Senate Treasurer, as having said that he would be "asking *The Paper* to return \$200 of the Senate money which he (Wu) claims they haven't used." The Treasurer denied having "made any such statement."

The article asserted, as did *O.P.*, that "they (members of *The Paper* covering the convention in Gary, Ind.), slept in rooms paid for by Basil Patterson . . ."

Upon hearing of the article,



The Paper/Jeff Morgan  
Sam Pitowsky — Evening V.P.  
"I think those articles were kind'a unfair."



THE PAPER/Jeff Morgan  
David Wu — Treas.  
"I have not made any such statement."

Patterson, a former State Senator, immediately wrote a letter to all three day papers clarifying what actually did take place, and where both *OP* and *The Campus* distorted their coverage [see 'Letters'].

Along with David Wu, Tony Spencer (University Affairs V.P.) and Sam Pitowsky (Evening Session V.P.) (candidates in the current Senate race), reportedly stormed into *The Campus* office demanding explanations.

The three officers, all running on the same slate, indicated to members of this publication last week that they would write letters of explanation to "clarify this blatant example of yellow journalism." Neither of the three has done so thus far.

It was noted by student Ombudsman Grant that "the article in *The Campus* attempted to make Tony Spencer (who is running against Robinson) look better than Bill. They ran pictures of both of us but didn't run one of Tony."

Spencer has been endorsed by *The Campus* as their choice for candidate.

### OP Illegality

Aside from charges of slander, *OP* has also been charged with misuse of the undergraduate press at this college. *The Observation Post*, having gone through half a semester with internal conflicts, was ordered by the Student Senate last month to cease printing until the total staff had properly elected editorial officials.

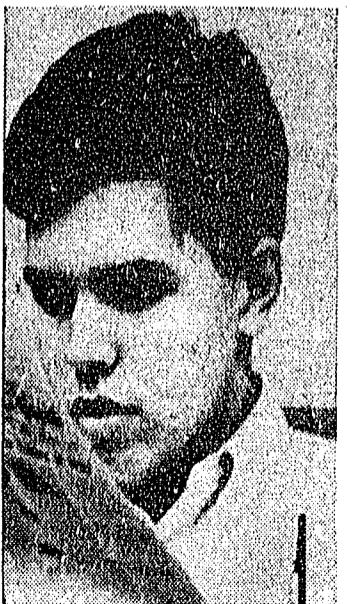
Two major factions within the publication had emerged near the end of last semester. One was headed by Peter Grad, an undergraduate associate editor; the other, by Steve Simon and Tom McDonald, a graduate student. Simon, previously known as *OP*'s "perennial editor," was disqualified from entering the current presidential race because he was not a registered student. Consequently, an unknown, Paul Winikoff, was pushed by the Simon/McDonald faction.

Dean of Students Sohmer, according to sources close to this publication, observed that the issue published by *OP* last week was illegal because private funds were used to pay for it.

Informants claim that most of the material used in the stories appearing in both newspapers were based on information supplied to McDonald by David Wu. Wu, in turn, is believed to have repeated to McDonald what Tony Spencer told him.

Spencer allegedly was overheard last Friday to have confronted Wu, asking him, "How did *The Campus* get that information?" The incumbent Treasurer replied, "McDonald must have told them."

Spencer then reportedly turned to a member of this newspaper and said, "What I'm worried about is how *The Campus* involved Basil (Patterson). That's my bread and butter. That's my job."



L. Lumenick — Campus associate editor — co-author of article in question.

# News In Brief

San Jose, California. While Earl Caldwell, 33, a Black New York Times reporter, was covering the Angela Davis trial, police arrested him on charges of possessing marijuana. However, he denied that he possessed it. "The police say they found some marijuana. It would be ridiculous for me to carry marijuana into the courtroom."

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Five suspects of a \$20 million smuggling ring are awaiting hearings in the case following two weeks ago in the Federal Court at Cadman Plaza, Downtown Brooklyn.

Joyce Massey, 31, of 134-19 166 Pl., Queens and Lloyd Smith, 44, of 1058 Northgate, L.I. (a baggage handler) were arrested in their homes. They were charged with attempted smuggling of pot from Jamaica, W.I.

The three other suspects were Arthor Ferguson, 48, of 131 E. 58 St., Dexter Ferguson, 43, of 1001 President St., and Evangeline Porter, 39, of 75 Sterling St., all from Brooklyn.

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There is racial discrimination in hiring minority group teachers in C.U.N.Y. The report was obtained privately by the Amsterdam News.

Less than 20 percent of C.U.N.Y. instructors are Black and Puerto Rican.

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**URGENT CRISIS.** C.C.N.Y. stands to lose \$418 million in next year's budget.

President Marshak has considered possible measures to meet the oncoming deficit. Some of them are the laying off of 520 employees (including faculty); closing school for one month (possibly January 1973); and freezing of salaries of faculty and workers.

In a meeting, Friday, with faculty, students and community groups, Marshak suggested that teachers set aside time for a teach-in during the classes.

1. House Plan Association believes that S.E.E.K. and Open Admissions will not be threatened, but the Department of Romance Languages predicts otherwise.

2. The week of March 20-March 24 will be spent mourning the death of C.U.N.Y.

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According to a rough draft of the Student Budget, the Third World Student Organizations are not receiving enough money for their activities.

The organizations are as follows:

	Requested	Recommended
1. National Black Science Students Organization	\$3364	\$ 50
2. O.A.A.S.U.	1125	390
3. The African Nationalist Students Movement in America	550	100
4. Asian-American Students Community	1266	470
5. Black Pre-Law Society	665	75
6. Black & Puerto Rican Music Students Union	170	20
7. Theater of the Black Experience	1615	245
8. Watu Weusi Umoja	1145	275
9. Chinese Students' Association	600	215
10. Dominican Students' Association	465	100
11. Puerto Rican Students' Union	4267.50	500

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While heavy cuts have been made to the majority of Third World Organizations, Ilana Hirst asked for \$500.00 for a personal fund, in her position as Campus Affairs V.P.

Bill Robinson argued the allotment down to \$300.00 with heavy opposition from Spencer, Wu, Dickens (execs), Harry Meisel and Dean Sohmer (administrators).

Hirst also appointed herself chairman of the \$28,000 Concert Committee fund, and has been functioning without Senate approval.

# Classified

Al: Nobody noticed.  
Frost: Noticed what? (looking at his chin.) What?  
Al: I shaved!!!

The Paper's business staff is looking for dynamic people to join their exclusive staff.

Baby sitting — payments reasonable. Call Sandy, 475-4798.

Room available for two. Call Joe Romeo, 931-4966.

Leather goods made to order. Inexpensive. Call Bruce, BA 5-3341.

Wanted: Bill Robinson as student President.

Wanted: 20,000 voters for this week's election.

Minolta SRT-101. Call Carol, 878-8638.

Buy a 50 cents lottery ticket from the day care center.

Wanted: One 26" girl's bike. Contact Jaime Rivera.

"adding momentum to his temper" ayad's addendum

Roc,  
When is Louie getting out of School?

He wants to stay around for the new school.

Bill: Do you want to treat Louie to some tea?

Sheryl: I'll treat him as if I don't know him.

Bill  
Ayad: You've been caught napping.

Louie: Not only are they messing with me in the primaries, but my own colleagues won't give me any deference.

Ayad: Ain't that a shame.  
Sandra: Not only is your name small, but so is your damn handwriting.

Louie: It beats a blank, doesn't it?  
Sandra

We are going to have a special feature — The Black Athlete at City College.

Is that going to be in our political issue?

Did you vote yet?

No, I'm not eighteen yet.

## Black Brothers and Sisters

Are you adjunct or first year faculty?

Are you a provisional or non-tenured line?

Will you have a job in September?

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## Black Action Council

Thurs., March 23 5:15 Finley 438

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Oscar Lumpkin — Faculty Advisor

## Paper Slander

We condemn the slanderous attacks on this newspaper by The Campus and OP in their recent (March 17, 1972) issues regarding our coverage of the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana.

The articles on the "Gary Junket," to quote both papers, contained statements and information which were inaccurate and were grave distortions of the actual truth.

The Campus and OP connected the funds given the senate members with those granted The Paper; this is incorrect. This paper sent reporters to the convention, not representatives of any political organ.

The information gained from this trip will be part of a special issue on "Politics 1972," which will be published shortly after the Easter break.

The money we received wasn't achieved by any arm twisting methods. We got the \$300 from Marshak because Harry Meisel and Dean Sohmer questioned the legality of the Student Senate allocating funds for such endeavors.

We initially requested the money from the Student Senate and not from Marshak. He received a copy of the request and donated a portion of the cost. The \$300 he gave was not on the condition that the Senate allocate \$200 more.

Marsnak did not, to quote Ilana Hirst, "usurp" any authority from David Wu, Treasurer. The Senate did not have to authorize the \$200; but unanimously, that body felt that this was an event worth funding — for this paper. Both Meisel and Sohmer concurred.

There are more meaningful and relevant issues for papers to be concerned with, rather than spending time printing gross distortions of the truth just to be controversial; just because they didn't think about the convention first.

It is worth noting that both newspapers, under the guise of straight news coverage, attempted to discredit the credibility of candidates not endorsed by either.

## 'Equal Time'

Once more we explain policy on the "Equal Time" column. Equal Time was designed to allow any and every element of our readership to air their respective views on any subject.

What we ask for is that material be typewritten, double-spaced, that its length be no longer than 2½ pages, and that it says "something." The content in this column is not edited outside of basic grammar and paragraph break-up, and we are not responsible for its point of view.

Its purpose is to enhance readership participation in the expression of ideas not necessarily held by members of this publication.

It is simply a service, just as our poetry sections and letters to the editor.

## Endorsing...

This paper announces its unequivocal support of Bob Grant for election as Student Ombudsman, and urges all students to vote for him. Grant has been instrumental in easing student tensions.

He has installed an ombudsman staff which has facilitated the handling of student difficulties.

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# Equal Time

## I

Regretfully, I find myself drawn into a totally unnecessary controversy involving Miss Toni Minett, a former student worker in our drug counseling program. Miss Minett has seen fit to make allegations that are libelous and unfounded, and which appears at best a deliberate attempt to distort the truth.

Miss Minett was initially employed by me as a clerk through the work study program. Over a period of weeks she persisted in attempting to become part of the counseling team.

I was impressed by her determination and interest in our field and offered her a position as a clerk, with the understanding that we would help her develop into a counselor. Despite the reservations of my superior, Mr. Surita, about her capability to respond to the very sensitive needs of the work we do, she was hired. It became evident, almost immediately, that Miss Minett was unsuitable for the job because of her insistence to qualify herself as a counselor, despite her lack of training or

experience in this area, and her attempts to engage in that capacity whenever the opportunity presented itself. When Mr. Surita informed Miss Minett that she did not fit into our plans, she responded by making a number of threats that she is currently acting out.

The most insidious of those threats was the one in which she categorizes Mr. Surita as an ex-addict. Miss Minett is quite aware that this is not true.

I am an ex-addict, and I have worked with Mr. Surita for several years as the other half of the team. In an atmosphere of supposed enlightenment, City College, I find it extremely disappointing that being an ex-addict is a stigma that dirties anything that I have to offer humanity.

I come to my expertise, not merely via my experience in the drug culture, but through my training and experience in the field of drug rehabilitation. It is not a case of the blind leading the blind, although it might be noteworthy to know that in many rehabilitation centers for the blind, that is exactly the type of experience that is used to help blind people make adjustments.

Miss Minett makes further allegations in stating that she knows of a counselor who was smoking pot in the interviewing room. This is an irresponsible and cruel allegation; it is, furthermore, an out and out lie. Freedom of speech does not include the license to make false statements simply because they can buttress one's position. That is the sort of thing we resent most in the political structure we have inherited.

I will not comment on her other allegations and propositions, because anything that starts off on a false and dishonest note is not worthy of further consideration. But I will state that I am deeply disturbed that a fine weekly like *The Paper* did not investigate Miss Minett's charges before they published her article.

I resent this personally because my livelihood is at stake. As an ex-addict and an ex-convict, I have finally found an area of experience that is rewarding and meaningful. To those that belong to the legion of which I am a member, opportunities for gratifying and meaningful work are severely limited because of the attitudes of people of Miss Minett's stripe.

If my reputation as a drug counselor were destroyed via vindictive, unfounded, and false charges, it would be totally devastating to me. People such as Miss Minett serve to resurrect the old ghost that this is a world, a society, in which there is no truth, no honesty, and no possibility of redemption.

Further, I feel that *The Paper* should be more careful about material that is potentially libelous in nature, because the primary responsibility of any newspaper is to provide its readers with the truth.

Willie Colon  
Drug Counselor

## II

By BILL ROBINSON

It is unfortunate for most of us, that our only image of politics, government, and authority is based on the media. We seldom get a first hand view of the subject, and through mass media a weapon is forged whereby character assassination, image distortion, and personalities become the focal points.

By distracting the masses of students from the issues (who will do what, how effective can "so-and-so" be, how qualified is one as leader/organizer, et. al.), structural characteristics are distorted, twisted, and torn through the techniques employed.

Without an understanding of the energies supporting the structure which the New Front wishes to change, the effect of the attack on the characteristics only affect the illusion of images. Yet when the force behind the personality is abused it echoes and boomerangs the same abuse. If you frown into a mirror it frowns back at you.

The faction of O.P., led by one graduate student and one non-student, and the faction in *The Campus* led by Lumenick, are both well versed in the techniques of image distortion and character assassination. They've been doing it since the spring of '69.

But neither faction of these two papers understands that to snatch a man's name in printed letters, steal his image in a camera, and irresponsibly distort and manipulate both name and image is like the child chastising a doll, believing it is a real person.

Lashing out at someone's name and picture is psychotic because it has nothing to do with the real person. Especially when that person understands who he is, what he is, where he comes from, how he got there, and has some strong ideas of how and where to proceed.

The O.P. editorial of last week, "We Won't Give In," goes through a long critical blast at O.P. itself, the Student Senate, the candidates for President, only to turn around with "now vote for our boy Winikoff, former editor of O.P." It is because Steve Simon, leader of the OP faction which illegally published an issue funded through private sources, was disqualified as a candidate for president because he is not a student, that Winikoff is running.

The Campus has a reputation for printing distorted pictures which are not tied into the stories surrounding the photos. During the WCCR investigation last term *The Campus* printed a contrived photo of a ransacked file drawer which was not upset during the investigation. It was ransacked afterwards for the exclusive frame-up photo for *The Campus* front page.

In the last issue of *The Campus* pictures of myself and Bob Grant, candidates for president and ombudsman, accompanied an article in which neither person was mentioned, quoted, or referred to, except for their names in the captions.

The slanted article was about an educational trip to the national convention in Gary, Indiana, partly funded by the Student Senate.

The Student Senate voted at its last meeting that the Senate should allow the two executives (Tony Spencer and myself) to use executive funds for the trip. According to the vote (unanimous) the Senate felt that the trip was important.

It is sad that, at a time when the City University's survival is threatened by a budget cut of millions of dollars which may close down departments, force hundreds of faculty and staff to lose their jobs, student newspapers have time to jealously bicker over a weekend trip.

Those who went to Gary (the Senate executives as observers; *The Paper's* staff for coverage) were responsible students who were seeking understanding of the social dynamics beyond the walls of this campus, as well as the opportunity to meet with, speak to and learn from some of our leaders.

Sadder still is the fact that neither of the two newspapers have dealt with the issues in the Senate race. Neither has done much to realize the questions of whether or not which candidates are capable of handling the office, or what each intends to do when elected.

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