

# 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.

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—L. Hampton Hughes

## Mini Institute Encounters Financial Difficulties

by Ian Carter

From its inception in 1974, the Mini Institute has been providing valuable services to the children and the parents of the community surrounding CCNY. Their services are usually rendered to families where parent and children have been undereducated by the traditional public school system. The program has been successful, but like many other institutions for Black and Hispanic self help it has and is facing financial problems.

The latest financial loss was a grant from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, (CETA). The restrictions of the grant were "unrealistic" in the words of its president Mr. William Burnes. "CETA wants us to produce people with marketable

skills in six months, taking them from a third grade reading level to an eighth grade one in six months, when eighteen months to three years is needed to perform such a task," Burnes added.

The time factor for the production of marketable people added to some recent guidelines have also issued severe blows to the Institute. From May 1975 until September 1979 the Institute had a contract for eighteen workers, but the new guidelines only provide for CETA workers to hold a position up to eighteen months. This has severely curtailed their staff. Because of a lack of funds, their comptroller has also left and volunteers have been doing the bookkeeping work for them.

Their phone bill is also an extreme financial burden. The current bill is \$2100, \$1000 of which has been paid. Similar bills have led to the loss of service for a period of up to three and a half weeks. For the past few months members of the Institute have complained about hearing strange conversations on their lines, as if a third party were utilizing the line. Burnes has also been complaining about the extraordinary amount that is billed to their phone. Burnes reports that on November 5th he heard someone speaking on his line and when he checked he found that The Finley Programming Agency was tapped into their lines. FPA has admitted to the offense, but stated that they did not know that it was the line

of the Institute that they were tapped into. Since then the line tap has been disconnected and Burnes

Out of a \$1,300,000 annual budget the staff of the Institute has to raise \$370,000 from private



Mr. William Burnes

has filed official complaints, which are awaiting an investigation.

Despite these odds the Institute still struggles to continue its services to members of the college and the surrounding community. Much needed skill building is provided for college students and for community children from the ages of six to thirteen. Eighty-five percent of their area professionals are from CCNY while the rest are from Hunter and Columbia.

Two of their latest adventures are an early parent survival program and a teenage training and job referral program. This segment of the program functions out of Rm. 230 in the Finley Stu-

dent Center.

contributors in order to help secure its existence. One possible solution to aid this situation would be the college seeking grants for the institution. This probably would lead to many strings which might hinder the program's outreach to the community.

Burnes concluded that hopefully through individual fund raising and continued private contributions they can reach their goal. Since the inception of the Institute there has only been praises from the community. The Institute is valuable to all of us. They are reaching out to the hearts and minds of our young.

## Chandler Addresses Black Alumni

by R.D. Black

Black Alumni Association President, Mr. S. Farrell graciously invited acting CCNY President, Ms. A. Chandler to address the members of the Black Alumni Association on Wednesday, November 7th.

Ms. Chandler's topic for the evening was "Access and Excellence: The Future of the College." Chandler began her speech by discussing the physical improvements at the college. She stated, "After several years of stagnation because of the city's budget crisis, we are finally seeing the completion of our physical master plan. We opened Aaron Davis Hall, our new performing arts complex with a gala performance starring Mikhail Baryshnikov and Ella Fitzgerald. Aaron Davis Hall is a splendid building, done with taste and imagination. We are also beginning to believe that the great Leviathan, the North Academic Complex will really be completed by the Fall of '81."

Chandler believes that the college still has many links to its past. In 1847 the Free Academy

was established to "give the highest education to the children of the people, to the children of

the Caribbean, as well as Europe. Our student body has been predominantly poor. But from a



Ms. Alice Chandler

the whole people." Chandler said, "The founding fathers of City College might be somewhat surprised to find that today the children of the whole people include the great grandchildren of slaves and current immigrants from all quarters of the world; Asia, Africa, Latin America and

tiny fraction of the student population in 1969, minority students have now become the majority. One-third Black, one-third Hispanic, and one-third White is the simplest way of presenting our current student body. City College has the largest and by general consensus, the best

SEEK program in the University. Under the able leadership of Robert Young, Malcolm Robinson, and George MacDonald it has now graduated well over 1000 students—a sign that access does work."

Chandler expressed her desire to use the academic resources at City College for the benefit of society at large stating that, "I believe that it is the social responsibility of the College to

develop such programs as our Bio-medical and Urban Legal Studies programs which meet the pressing needs of our cities, and develop other such urban-oriented programs as well. I also believe that one of our most important commitments in the 1980's will be to work with broad-based community agencies for the economic revitalization and urban renewal of the Harlem area."

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## Open Forum

The Paper is now accepting opinions, essays, poetry and other forms of literary productions. These works should be kept to a maximum of four type-written pages and cover CCNY affairs or the international arena to a lesser extent. We feel this is necessary in order to aid the growth of The Paper and also as a vehicle where students and the public can have a chance to air their views in an open forum.

All submissions are due the Thursday prior to date of publication and are subject to the discretion of the editorial collective.

## News In Brief

### New York State Democratic Party Forms New Committee

New York State Democratic Leader, Dominic J. Baranelle, announced today the appointment of Fernando Ferrer, to chair the State Democratic Party Affirmative Action Goals Committee. The ten member committee in formation, will meet during the first week in November at Party Headquarters in New York City.

### Communist Workers Party Buries Slain Five

On November 11, 1979 approximately 400 demonstrators buried five members of their party, who were killed a week ago in Greensboro, North Carolina. The five people who were killed were taking part in a "Death to the Klan" rally. There have been fourteen arrested for the shootings.

### C.A.R.P. Takes A Stand

C.A.R.P., the Moonie oriented organization, expressed dissatisfaction with Finley Program Agency. On Thursday, November 8 in Finley Ballroom the film, "Desires Within Young Girls" was featured. Members of C.A.R.P. felt that the film was in poor taste and it perpetuates negative attitudes towards women.

### Newman Alumni Association Medal

Dr. Martin E. Marty, noted religious historian, author and teacher of the history of modern Christianity at the University of Chicago's Divinity School, will receive City College's 16th annual Newman Alumni Association Medal, on Friday, November 16 at 8 P.M. at Rosoff's Theater Restaurant, 147 West 43rd Street. Admission is free.

## C.C.N.Y.

-VS-

## Morgan State

### Black Alumni

### 'Homecoming Basketball Game'

Friday Nov. 30th

Nat Holtzman Gym

Junior Varsity - 6 p.m.

Varsity - 8 o'clock

There will be an Open Hearing on NYPIRG's Campus  
Operations and use of the Student Activity Fee Monies.  
Sponsored By: Mike Edwards, Student Ombudsman (Off. F119)

Place: Bittenweisner Lounge—Friday  
Date: Monday, November 19, 1979.  
Time: 12 Noon-3 pm.

Everyone is invited and welcomed.

Refreshments will be served.

# Mike Edwards

## City College's New Ombudsman

by Andrew Watt

This article is an attempt to make students of City College aware of a person who can be very helpful to them in contending with some of their problems. This person is the Student Ombudsman, Mike Edwards.

According to the City College Governance Plan, "the Student Ombudsman's primary task is to serve as a confidential investigator in any specific case of alleged inequity, unfairness or maladministration and therein to be the impartial spokesman, both to the person or person(s) making the complaint and to the person(s) against whose performance the allegation is brought."

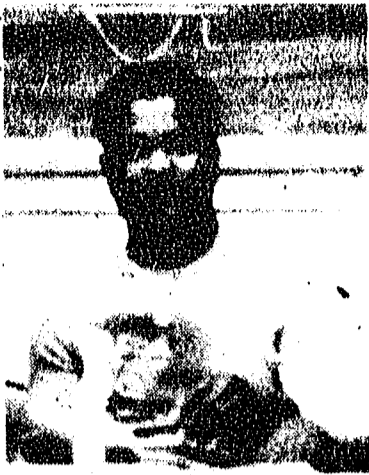
Mike Edwards is known for taking over a class last semester of a professor who made racist statements. According to Edwards, his major purpose as the Student Ombudsman is, "to serve as chief guardian of students' interests and well-being."

He intends, "to use power of office to right certain wrongs on campus."

The Student Ombudsman sees his powers as being on two levels: passive and active. On the passive

level his office mediates disputes that occur among students, student organizations and the administration. On the active level, his office investigates any corruption that exists on campus. To elaborate on this, Edwards said he has the, "right to investigate any organization or student who uses student activity money to harm the well-being of students, financial or otherwise. And in that quest no information on an institutional level can be denied to the Student Ombudsman." His office is now looking into the proposed Student Activity fee increase. He stated that he would "do his best to prevent increases and if it is inevitable he will try to keep it as minimal as possible." He is also trying to stop the cut in course offerings in the Political Science department.

Due to the lack of knowledge among the student body as to the role of the Student Ombudsman, Edwards intends to launch a publicity campaign to inform the students as to what he is and what he does. He has started creating more effective channels where students can seek better ways of



Mike Edwards

redress. Among his aims is to secure procedure by which students have a right to initiate disciplinary hearings against other students or professors.

Among the problems that can be brought to the Student Ombudsman are: students who feel they have been given an unfair grade, been sexually abused by a professor or been racially or sexually discriminated against by a professor. According to Mike Edwards, "any problem a student has that he/she cannot solve, the Ombudsman will help." He

suggests that a student with a grievance should bring a brief typewritten account of the problem and documents or evidence related to the problem to his office, Finley 119.

To aid students the Ombudsman has under his auspices the Legal Aid Center. He can refer the student to the Legal Aid Center which will counsel the student free of charge. The need for the Center is indicated by a 1977 survey of C.C.N.Y. students by the National Conference of Black Lawyers which showed that 40% to 50% of the students have legal problems; of those, 80% need but cannot afford legal counseling or referral services.

However, Mr. Edwards stated that, "the administration and past Student Governments put low priority on student legal services. This is reflected by the present Day Student Senate's low allocation of \$1000 to the office." This comes after a budget request of \$16,000. The Legal Aid Center has been handicapped because the Administration and student governments do not see the tremendous need. Mr. Edwards commented, "it is very

understandable why the administration has relegated the Legal Aid Center. It has power to right wrongs committed daily by administration against students." In the past, the most that has been allocated is \$3600. Edwards stated that "due to the lack of funding the planned services will have to be delayed." However, he indicated that the possibility of prepaid legal services at City was under investigation.

Among the duties of the ombudsman is to act as a liaison between community and school organizations that can help the community. The office of the ombudsman has plans to conduct forums in which people of the community will give lectures and speeches to students. In addition a mass voter registration campaign aimed at C.C.N.Y. and the community is planned by the office.

Edwards wished to express his sincere thanks to all students for their strong support and hopes that support will be on a continual basis. The Ombudsman and the Legal Aid Center can be reached at either 690-4191 or 690-8179. They are there for you. Use them.

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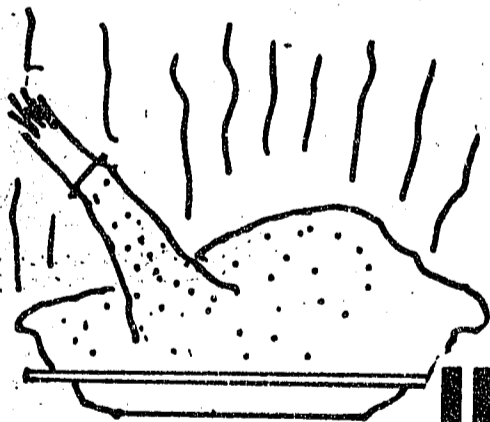
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