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So we stand here
on the edge of hell
in Harlem
and look out
on the world
and wonder
what we're gonna do
in the face of
what we remember.

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—Langston Hughes

Black Unity Celebration Begins Today

by Avery Moon

Beginning this evening at 8 PM and continuing until Saturday Dec. 1 the Black Studies Department will present a "spectacular" Black presentation, entitled The Celebration of Black Unity.

"The program is a rebirth and recommitment of the Black perspective," stated Prof. Leonard Jeffries, chairman of the Black Studies department.

The program will feature several distinguished Black

performers, artists and speakers. Included are Alex Haley, Barbara Ann Teer, Dick Gregory, Gil Noble, Ivan Van Sertima, Judge Bruce Wright, Marie Brooks Dancers, and The Jess Oliver Dancers. The presentation also includes many distinguished guest hosts from the CCNY community. They are: Edward Scobie, Leonard Jeffries and Barbara Wheeler of Black Studies, Haywood Burns, Dean of Urban Legal Studies, Allan

Ballard of Political Science, Geraldine Price of Elementary Education, and Mike Edwards, Student Ombudsman.

Yvonne Partin, a member of the Black Collective and a student of Black Studies stated that, "The purpose of the program is to awaken the consciousness of the Black student to a Black culture from a Black perspective." Other students in the Black Studies program said that they were, "pleased, proud and would

support the program by attending."

The site for the program is the Aaron Davis Hall located on the southern part of the CCNY campus.

There will be a \$10.00 donation for each evening performance and \$25.00 for all three nights. Matinee contributions are \$7.50. Tickets can be ordered at the Box Office of the Davis Center (690-4100) or The Department of Black Studies (690-8177-4205).

Proceeds from the performance will be used to establish a Black Fund for Cultural and Educational Development.

One student summed up the event planned by stating that, "We have stumbled and fell in some cases, and have triumphed in others. Let us look at this "Celebration of Unity" as a step towards the unity and continuity of Black people."



Mr. Alex Haley author of Roots



Mr. Gil Nobel host of ABC TV program "Like It Is"



Dr. Ivan Van Sertima author of They Came Before Columbus



Dr. Leonard Jeffries chairman of Black Studies Department



Prof. Allan Ballard author of The Education of Black Folk

S.E.E.K. Shows Its Resiliency

by Andrew Watt

Do you belong to a family of three that has an income greater than \$7,500? Are you a self-supporting individual who earns more than \$4,500? If so, you are ineligible for entry into the S.E.E.K. program. The income requirements for admission into the program follows this pattern for various family sizes. These incredibly low income levels have existed for the past six years and have been exacerbated by the inflationary trend in the economy. Although figures are adjusted to account for inflation every two years, with the cost of living increasing at 14% per year, the figures approach absurdity.

This is one of a few problems faced by the program at City College. The S.E.E.K. (Search for Elevation, Education and Knowledge) program is designed to serve the needs of the underprivileged in New York City. The program exists at other C.U.N.Y. colleges but the City College program is generally recognized as the flagship of all S.E.E.K. programs. Of the 10,000 S.E.E.K. students in C.U.N.Y. about 1,900 attend City College. In addition S.E.E.K. students here can draw on not only the School of Liberal Arts but also the four professional schools of Ar-

chitecture, Education, Engineering and Nursing.

In the past two years the budget for the program allocated by the state government has been cut. In the past the budget consisted of funds for instruction, counselling, tutoring, administration and paraprofessional services. Now the money allocated directly to S.E.E.K. does not include funds for instruction and administration. These funds are now included in the college's general budget. The allocation for tutoring has also been cut from \$75 per student to \$50 per student. According to the Dean of S.E.E.K., George McDonald, "the college has worked with us and filled in the gap." Despite McDonald's optimism, one wonders if the funds for the program will be as forthcoming in the future.

The counselor to student ratio in the program was 50:1 but current guidelines issued by the state legislature mandate a 100:1 ratio. These new guidelines will cause the loss of at least four badly needed counselors; who like other counselors are especially important to the S.E.E.K. program. Recent studies have shown that counselors are essential to the advancement of student enrolled in S.E.E.K. With

these and other cuts, class sizes are expected to soar above 25 per class.

Dean McDonald stated that, "inaccurate public perception leads to cuts against S.E.E.K." He also indicated that restrictive state funding has caused students to have problems with financial aid, caused a lack of clerical support in a time of increasing red tape, and has stopped the instrumentation of some modern procedures. Despite the pattern of cuts that loom ominously on the horizon of S.E.E.K.'s future, Dean McDonald sees a bright future for the program.

He points to the current students who he described as having "a high level of awareness." He credited the positive attitudes on the part of the instructors. The graduation of more than 1250 students since 1969 is a history of the proven success of the program. The Dean also cited the fact that the enrollment in the program has remained at approximately 1900 for the past few years, despite ongoing budget reductions.

S.E.E.K.'s senior class consists of 234 students—97 of these are enrolled in the School of Engineering, 9 in the School of Nursing and 19 in the School of Education. Five students are



Dean George McDonald Director of S.E.E.K. program.

enrolled in the Center for Urban and Legal Studies, and two recently graduated from the Bio-Medical program. Many S.E.E.K. graduates are now in law and medical schools around the country. One graduate is a H.E.W. (Health, Education and Welfare) fellow and adviser to President Carter. This impressive record shows that the S.E.E.K.

program is a success. In taking students who have been subject to a poor education and developing the rich potential that exists within them, the S.E.E.K. program has set a standard of excellence for similar programs to reach. Despite the recently imposed budgetary restrictions, the program has survived and proven itself.

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Student Senators and V.P. Removed

by Andrew Watt

Campus affairs Vice-President Henry Garcia was removed from the Senate body by a unanimous vote of the Senate general assembly. The move was one of many made by the assembly at their November 20th meeting.

This action was precipitated by what Senate President Jerry Kaouris termed as, "Garcia's gross neglect of duty as the Vice President of Campus Affairs." His violation of 14 sections of the Senate by-laws mandated his removal from office. Among the violations were: failing to serve on at least one committee of the Student Senate, failing to attend the meetings of the Senate and failing to confer and receive reports

from the Dean.

Social Science Senator Peter Killcommons was elected by a vote of 10 to 6 as the new V.P. for Campus Affairs. The general assembly also voted in Michael Eftimiades of Social Science

and Nick Katebis of Humanities as new Senators. Yunic Shing resigned and Brenda Gross who is not a registered student could not serve as a Senator. Jose Salom and Tony Oliva were removed for their excessive absences.

According to Kaouris, "the Senate will make more moves like these until we can get it to function more effectively." He indicated that the Senate

is about to start moving on a number of campus issues as soon as the "fat" in the Senate is cut off.

One of the immediate issues the Senate is moving on is the Presidential search. The Senate is planning an open hearing regarding the roles of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate and the Alumni Association in the search process. However Kaouris declined to specify what action would be taken.

On the search Kaouris commented "the Senate would like students to vote on who is going to be President of City College. This vote should include all the students in the City University."



Henry Garcia

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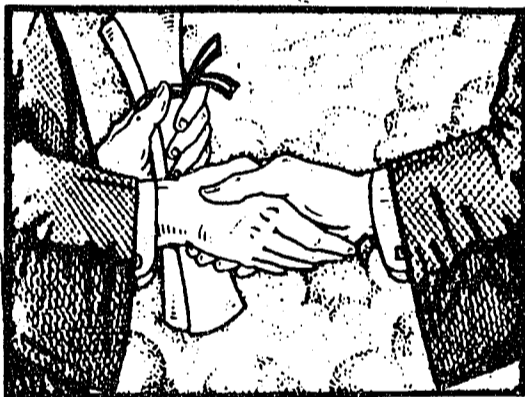
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If you have not yet done so, you may register with us for this placement assistance simply by attending any one of the following orientation sessions:

- Tuesday, December 4 at 4:00 P.M.**
 - Thursday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon**
 - Monday, December 10 at 2:00 P.M.**
 - Wednesday, December 12 at 4:00 P.M.**
- Come to Baskerville 33 -**

This briefing which begins promptly, lasts for about 45 minutes and is mandatory for participation in the program. Further information available by calling Mr. Larry Cooley at 690-5327.

Employment Prospects For Upcoming Grads

by R.D. Black

The employment situation for the graduates of 1979 is somewhat promising. The Endicott Report which is a survey of one hundred and fifty-six major industrial concerns states that they plan to hire about 17% more graduates from the 1979 classes than they did in 1978.

According to Mr. Cooley, of the Office of Career Placement at City College, employment for the 1979 and 1980-81 graduates stated that, "the employment situation for graduates is better than average. Engineering students are in a good position as well as students in other technical areas."

Graduates of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences are not as fortunate as the Engineering graduates. The employment prospects are "a little harder to come by," Cooley stated.

The Black graduate has an even harder time finding an acceptable job once they complete their education. According to the Endicott Report companies were asked if there are special problems in employing Black and other minority graduates; seventy-two per cent said yes. Problems that were cited were: extremely short supply of black graduates, with very few in engineering and other scientific fields, high turnover,



Mr. Larry Cooley

unwillingness to live in areas and cities where plants or offices are located, many do not sign up for campus interviews or utilize placement services, inadequate preparation in high school and in college and expectations are frequently unrealistic.

The Endicott Report reflects one of the problems that plague Black people in America and the attitudes of the potential employers. Blacks are faced with racist attitudes before seeking employment. One graduate of 1979 commented, "I hope I get a job fairly soon but I know that big-businesses don't want to hire many Blacks. Now that affirmative action has come under attack, getting a job will be almost

impossible. I came to City College to improve my social status, but now I hear that many people are saying that City College has declined academically. This is attributed to Blacks entering the college in larger numbers than ever before. I might not obtain the position that I am qualified for, but college has taught me how to cope effectively with the injustices."

The prospects for the 1979 graduates are expected to be better than those of 1978.

The employment market's estimates for the 1978 college graduates with Bachelor's Degrees are:
Engineering, Science, and other Tech.—4,365

Accounting and Business Administration—4,936
Computer Science—690
Sales and Marketing—986
Liberal Arts and other non-technical—1,742

City College has a Career Placement Office located in Baskerville, room 33. Mr. Cooley advises all students who plan to graduate in 1981 to come in for counseling. Cooley stated that "it

is important for students who plan on graduating to come to the office. Although we do not place students in jobs, we prepare them for interviews."

A college degree is an important vehicle towards the ascension of our society, but one must know how to use this vehicle effectively. It is imperative to seek guidance before you graduate. A college degree is a means to a beginning, not an end.

Executive Committee & Student Organizations Meeting

Friday Nov. 30, '79
at 2:00 pm F 325

All student organizations must send an executive to this meeting.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT ANNUAL NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Annually, City College informs students of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended. This Act was designated to protect the privacy of education records; to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. The Act also provides for the disclosure by the College without prior consent of so-called directory information. Students have the right to file complaints with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office concerning alleged failures by an institution to comply with the Act.

Guidelines as to the applicability of the Act with regard to types of records available for review, procedures for initiating a review and for corrections of records are available from the Office of Student Support Services, Baskerville 208. Mr. Frederick Kogut, Director, is responsible for administering FERPA at City College.

NOTICE DESIGNATING DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, The City University of New York hereby designates the following categories of student information as public or "Directory Information." Such information may be disclosed for any purpose, at the discretion of the City College except as provided below:

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If a student does not specifically request the withholding of "Directory Information" by filing a College form as indicated above, City College assumes individual approval for disclosure. The College disclaims any and all liability for inadvertent disclosure of Directory Information designated to be withheld.

PROPOSED RAISE IN STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE OPEN FORUM

Sponsored by STUDENT SERVICES CORPORATION

Wednesday, November 28th 7:00 - 9:00 PM Finley Ballroom

Thursday, November 29th 12:00 - 2:00 PM Baskerville 200

Thursday, December 6th 12:00 - 2:00 PM Battenweisser Lounge

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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.

Letters

In Praise of Prof.

I am a June, 1979, City College graduate; I embarked upon the search for a suitable job several months ago. I have filled out numerous applications, taken civil service exams, and gone on interviews to no avail.

I decided I needed some advice about how to play the job hunt game. One of the people I contacted was a professor whose class I had taken during my City College days. His name is Mr. Edward Culvert. He teaches the Crime in the Black Community course, which is offered through the Black Studies Department.

At the close of one of the conversations I had with him, he inquired why I had come to him for help. In short, I told him that he had always expressed a willingness to help his

students. In addition, I commented that from my experience as his student I knew that he was straightforward and took care of business.

He always arrived on time to teach his class, and he always graded and returned students' homework assignments within a reasonable amount of time. These may sound like little things, but little things do count. Anyone who has taken a course with an instructor who habitually arrived late to class knows what I mean.

In closing, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'm glad there was someone of Professor Culvert's caliber to advise me.

Sincerely yours,
Rita Young

Wanted a Pen Friend

I wish to have as a pen pal a black American female who is not married. She should preferably be a senior academic or administrative staff member or a postgraduate student.

I am a Nigerian aged 34 years. For my University education, I read Economics and I am currently a company Director and Chief Executive.

The Pen Friendship is intended initially to exchange ideas on various

subjects of mutual interests but visits in future is most probable. My hobbies include meditation, reading and writing.

Anyone interested should please write soon and I will be too glad to reciprocate.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Rose Eyoma
P.O. Box 5913
Lagos, Nigeria

More Than Classes

City College has the reputation of producing influential leaders to serve the city and the country. Good leadership skills are obtained through:

1. A good and strong academic background.
2. Involvement in extra-curricular activities which contribute to the welfare of the entire student body.
3. Strengthening our physical being through athletic activities.

You can benefit from all these opportunities here at City College. Professional schools such as law, medicine, engineering, and social work, look for students with these assets in awarding their scholarships. Employers look for these qualifications in their hiring process.

You can take your future into your own hands by learning in the classroom and by getting involved. Bring your

ideas to the Student Senate or a campus organization of your choosing. You can also start your own organization if you have a fresh idea which has not been tested on campus.

The field office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs (Finley 104) directed by the Student Organizations Coordinator (Jean H. Charles) is in charge of guiding and advising all students and all organizations in matters related to extra-curricular activity on campus. I urge you to use the services of my office. Being involved in student activities can add more to your life at City College.

Sincerely,
Jean H. Charles, M.S.W., J.D.
Student Organizations Coordinator

Open Forum

A Game of Political Puppetry

The resignation of Andrew Young as the chief United States delegate to the United Nations, has ignited a situation that is historical in nature, and dangerous in impact. This has completely baffled and distorted the thinking processes of Afro-Americans as well as the world. Yet this is nothing more than a political game, with a cast of black political puppets.

The media and the system has designated certain black men as being our leaders. The ironic aspect of this designation is that these men are only black in color, not in ideology. These men have been appointed by our enemy, to benefit our enemy, and anytime our enemy sees fit we, the Afro-Americans lose out. These alleged black leaders are so adept at what they're doing, that they have us thinking we're moving forward, when in actuality, we are moving backwards. They are without the slightest doubt the most treacherous members of our race, mere graduates from the schools of intellectual deception. In other words they are out to do us no good.

Our so-called black leaders have us worried about our relationships with the Jews, the PLO, and others in the Middle East. This is only a complete distraction which is blinding and preventing us from seeing the real problem.

The real problem is right here in America, and it is not embedded in our relations with the Jews or that other political rhetoric in the Middle East. Here we have our so-called black leaders raving about the mistreatment of the Palestinians, when we are being mistreated right here, in the land of

hypocrisy. We are the victims of executioners hiding behind badges. We are the victims of lynchings and flogging. We are the victims of rampant unemployment, and we are also the victims of substandard housing at outrageous rental rates. This list is perpetual. We are the people being mistreated, and the need for Civil Rights legislation verifies this. Therefore, our so-called black leaders have so distorted and baffled our thinking processes that they have us worried about cleaning someone else's kitchen while ours is infested with rats and roaches.

Throughout our Afro-American history, this trend has been commonplace, from the overseer in the 17th century to the overseer of the 20th century, our present day so-called black leaders. The only difference between the two overseers is the overtness of the former as opposed to the covertness of the latter. They both are nevertheless looking out for "ol massa."

We, the Afro-Americans are the victims of this vicious game of political puppetry and it is about time for us to purchase a pair of revolutionary scissors, in order to 'cut-out' all of this nonsense.

Note: It is a fallacy for any black man to represent this American hypocrisy in any diplomatic capacity. Therefore, Andrew Young's resignation could be considered the most intelligent decision in his political career.

Submitted by

RAH/CCNY Student

"Political Trials and Problems of Revolution in South Africa"

Talk by Shun Chetty

*Leading South African lawyer in defense of Blacks accused of revolutionary conspiracy and subversion. Lawyer in the trials of Soweto students and the Steve Biko inquest.

Thursday, Dec. 6 — 12:30-2:00 in Shepard 315

Sponsored by Center for Legal Education, Black Studies Department, Political Science Department

Chetty left South Africa in August 1979 after the Government had withdrawn his passport and has identified himself with the underground African National Congress. He is said to be an eloquent speaker.

BRIEFS

Reading Games Workshops

The Upper Manhattan Reading Council, a campus based graduate level organization, is producing a series of free seminars/workshops, the first of which is entitled, "The Development of Multi-Purpose Games for Reading."

Luisa Pineiro Fuentes will present this seminar/workshop which is to take place on Saturday, December 8, 1979, 11 am to 3 pm, in Shepard Hall, Rooms 3 thru 7, Convent Avenue at 139th Street. Participants are advised to bring their lunch and are to note that plenty of free parking will be available.

The Upper Manhattan Reading Council, an affiliate of the International Reading Association, a 65,000 member, major professional organization for classroom teachers, reading specialists, psychologists, administrators, librarians, parents and others interested in the improvement of reading instruction and development of the lifetime reading habit.

National Medical Fellowships

National Medical Fellowships (NMF) is the only private organization giving scholarships to minority medical students.

The four groups, eligible for NMF assistance, because they are underrepresented in the medical profession, include American Blacks, Mexican-Americans, Mainland Puerto Ricans and Native Americans. Eligible students should request an application from NMF after they apply to medical school.

For further information, contact National Medical Fellowships, Inc., 250 W. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 746-4793

Oasis: A Place To Share

Oasis is a new program that is beginning here at City College! The program will explore ways for the students to share their feelings and ideas with one another. It will be facilitated by a psychologist affiliated with City College.

The concept behind "Oasis" is to provide an atmosphere where understanding of yourself and others can grow and flourish. In order to do this, Oasis is setting up small groups which will meet in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The groups will meet once a week for a time period of two hours; Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10-12 or 2-4 p.m.

Contact Ms. M. Emmett or Mr. P. Costelloe in Finley Hall, room 104, at your earliest convenience if you are interested in getting involved in this new activity.

Year Of The Child Festival

The Day Student Senate is organizing a cultural festival to celebrate The International Year of the Child. This festival will include all kinds of artistic events as well as speakers.

The Day Student Senate (DSS) welcomes the participation of all organizations. Plays, songs, art exhibitions, music and bands are welcome.

For further information, contact Antonia Gomez, Vice President for Community Affairs, DSS. 690-8175/6.

Care Launches Food Crusade To Feed Hungry Children

CARE is launching a \$6,500,000 drive to help provide supplemental food for approximately 32 million people in dire need in developing countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Contributions may be sent to CARE Food Crusade Fund, 660 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or your nearest CARE office.

Federal Positions Available

This year, the Social Security Administration will be needing more than 1,000 new persons to

be trained as Claims Representatives. You must be a U.S. citizen and a knowledge of Spanish would be helpful. The positions start at about \$11,000 a year with promotional opportunities to \$18,000. Contact Mr. Larry Cooley, Office of Career Counseling and Placement, Baskerville, Room 33 before December 3, 1979. (above is for 5B)

New Alliance Party Emerges As Second Leading Party In The Bronx

Election results of the November 6th Bronx Boro Presidency race reveal that the NAP, in less than four months time, has won the support of tens of thousands of the Bronx's minority population, making it the second leading party in the Bronx.

1980 N.Y.C. Transit Internships

The New York City Transit Authority announces its Spring 1980 Intern Program. Junior, Senior and Graduate college students are encouraged to apply for a variety of exciting intern

positions. For more information contact Pat Marmo, Intern Coordinator at 330-4576.

These internships are unsalaried but interns will be issued a free transit pass and may be eligible for college credit.

Park Jobs Available

Thursday, December 6, 1979

A representative from the National Park Service will be in Baskerville Hall, Room 107 at 12 Noon to 2 P.M. to discuss summer and professional employment opportunities and application procedures. Positions are available in New York area national parks as well as in parks throughout the country. Sponsored by the Office of Career Counseling and Placement, B13, 690-5326.

Seasonal Recruitment Workshops

SEEK STUDENT EVENT ... Thursday, 12/13 ... 12-2 PM ... Finley 118 THE NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE will conduct a SEASONAL RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP. Summer Job Openings include: Park Aid, Park Technician, Lifeguard and Laborer. Application Deadline: January 15, 1980. Sponsored by The Dep't. of Special Programs. All interested students are welcome.

Poetic Expression

*i remember your aspect locked in morning brilliance
Mother Africa.*
*i recall the rich gracing glances of your chocolate rivers
there was also song, dance, and the pulsating heartbeat
of Holy drums.*
(aah weary beat, aah God's beat.)
*i remember sunshine's strong embracing breath,
and watching the children play in the sweeping sunset.*
*i recall the words of the poets that played hide & seek in
your gardens
of life.*
*i leaned out reached out, leaning, towards your
crowning Ebony
beauty,*
*as it pranced freely in the morn-ing . . .
you taught me love, and how to love.
you nourished my Black-ness,
i long for you and your love song,
Thank you
for the
Morn-ing
Mother Africa, (Thank-you).
Thank you for FREE-DOM, (Something i haven't known
since morning)*

Submitted by Willie Dixon / CCNY

The Evening Student Senate
Presents

"OPEN HOUSE IV"

Featuring

The Tawanna Dance Company

Thursday December 13th
6 to 10 PM

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Attention All students: In the future please leave all poems in the mailbox of the poetry editor with class code I.D. number, and phone number.

Hayden Ince / Poetry Editor

Book Review:

'100 Amazing Facts About the Negro by J.A. Rogers'

by Bruce Baryl

Joel A. Rogers (1880-1966), one of the most prolific of the self-trained black writers was born in Negril, Jamaica. His father was a small town teacher and his family of eleven children experienced the hardships of poverty. As a child in Jamaica, he was influenced by the class consciousness of Jamaican society, which was, in Rogers' day, divided into three classes: White (European), Mulatto and Black (African). This situation resulted in a society based upon white superiority and standards of success which were reinforced by white models. Mulattoes and Whites dominated Jamaican society and the Black peasantry and those of African blood were constantly reminded that "Blacks had never accomplished anything in all of history."

This experience influenced Rogers to launch a lifetime in depth commitment to research and study of the achievements of persons of African descent. Starting in 1917, he began to publish. He authored fifteen books and many articles highlighting missing or unknown Blacks who made significant contributions to world civilization

and served as a free lance journalist for The Amsterdam News, The Pittsburgh Courier and The Crisis.

Rogers opens his book, *100 Amazing Facts About The Negro*, with a quote by William Shakespeare that states his purpose: "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy." He goes on to give a capsulized course in Black History. Some highlights:

6. The Negro was the first artist. The oldest drawings and carvings yet found were executed by the Negro peoples over 15,000 years ago in Southern France, Northern Spain, Palestine, South Africa, and India.

7. The oldest known representation of the human body is that of a Negro woman. It was carved by a Negro sculptor of the Grimaldi race from 10,000 to 15,000 years ago. It is called "The Venus of Willendorf" after the place in Austria where it was found, and is in the Vienna Museum.

8. Beethoven, the world's greatest composer was, without a doubt, a dark mulatto. He was called "The Black Spaniard." His teacher, the immortal Joseph

Hayden, who wrote the music for the Austrian National Anthem, was Black, too.

26. For 2234 years, human beings had been trying to reach the top of the world. Thousands of lives and millions of dollars were lost in these attempts. On April 6, 1909, Matthew Tenson, a New York Negro, was the first of party of six to do so. The first Arctic explorer was Pytheas, a Greek, who perished in the attempt in 325 B.C.

100. Since 1460 A.D., the Negroes of Seville, Spain, had been wearing in the religious procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, a white robe and hood, strikingly like that used by the Klu Klux Klan, which originated 428 years later.

Rogers' book is full of fascinating facts and little known Black personalities: Benjamin Banneker, who made the first clock made in America. A Black woman who saved George Washington's life at Fraunce's Tavern in New York. Thomas Jefferson's mulatto children. English slaves whose descendants founded British titled families and many more.

In his last book, *The Five*

Negro Presidents, he presents evidence "according to what white people said" that indicate the mulatto heritage of Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln (and his vice-president Hannibal Tamlin), Warren Harding and a fifth unnamed recent chief executive. Regarding Harding, he refers to the research of William Estabrook Chancellor, a professor of Social Science at Wooster College, Ohio, which was based on interviews with residents of Marion, Ohio, who knew the Harding family. Chancellor's book, *Warren G. Harding, President of The United States*, was suppressed and burned and, as a result, is now one of the rarest books ever printed in the United States. Only three copies are known to exist, each worth over \$200,000. The rear book room of the New York Public Library has one of the copies.

Rogers' purpose has always been to give credit where it has been denied or misappropriated by the traditional Euro-centric historical perspective and more importantly, to banish the notion of racial purity, which is the very root of racial prejudice. He points

out that many Blacks were sold into slavery by their own people and that Whites too were sold into slavery. It has always been a matter of power. The class struggle of the have-nots was not invented by Marx but has been going on since the dawn of civilization.

I think Mr. Rogers would agree that it would be a great step forward towards an easing of racial tensions if Blacks were given recognition for their contributions to American history.

Rogers' contributions towards this aim is summed up by Theodore Sanford of the Philadelphia Tribune: "J.A. Rogers, historian superb, has made inestimable contributions to the expanding archives of the black man's history. From little-known sources he has compiled a mountain of data which should work powerfully towards rendering any Caucasian American Negroptobe afraid to peer upwards into the branches of his family tree. He illustrates upon what treacherous ground the foundations of the well-known boasts of racial purity and white supremacy are laid . . ."

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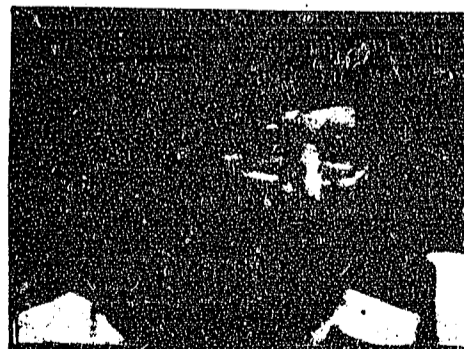
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A thick mist of anticipation permeated into the audience. An array of zealous expressions and motions of individuals heightened the yearning to experience a concert performed by one of the most gifted and astounding recording artists of our time: Stephanie Mills.

Stephanie Mills recently mesmerized her audience at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. The impact of her sonorous and uncommon vocal quality (she has never taken a lesson) echoed within several members of the audience, evoking either tears or chills. She also graced her audience with delightful dance routines choreographed by George Faison, and special guest appearances were made by her "Wiz" counterparts, Toto the dog and the cowardly lion.

Stephanie has had an extraordinary career—only twenty-two years old and one of the most respected veterans of Broadway. When the Broadway hit "The Wiz" in which she had the starring role of Dorothy, closed in January, Stephanie decided to execute her long-awaited plans to record the album entitled "What Cha Gonna Do With My Lovin'," released by 20th Century Fox Records. This album is currently one of the hottest on the

charts. At the concert she sang many of the hits from the album but the song that provoked ardent exhilaration was the moving ballad "Feel The Fire."

Stephanie has received rave reviews for her performances on Broadway, standing ovations in night clubs, and called an "angel on furlough" by Time magazine. Not only has she won the hearts of her adoring fans, but also the appraisal of eminent celebrities. Among the audience were such notable figures as Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson, Jerry Bledsoe, Bob Law, Gordon Lee and many others.

Stephanie Mills is indeed a brilliant performer. She exceeded herself by giving a superlative performance evidently so, because she was given numerous standing ovations and the audience refused to let her depart. She was coaxed back on stage by Frankie Crocker, the master of ceremonies, and by the endless cheers and applause of adulation. Regrettably, she ended the show with her popular rendition of "Starlight."

Stephanie Mills, a genuine star which radiates beauty, warmth, and love, will assuringly continue to travel the yellow brick road to much deserved success

By Ruth Manuel

Is This Guy for Wheel?



Photo/C. Reid

"Hey what's that? Is that guy serious?" was stated by one City College student when Frank "Epic" Hopkins whisks by on his way to class. Frank is seen here on the first floor of Finley. He unicycles to school every day catching the eyes of all around him. Frank, a Computer Science major, has a reputation for being Unique. He outdid himself by being the only guy on campus with a uni-cycle. So when he whisks by you just smile and remember you saw it in The Paper.

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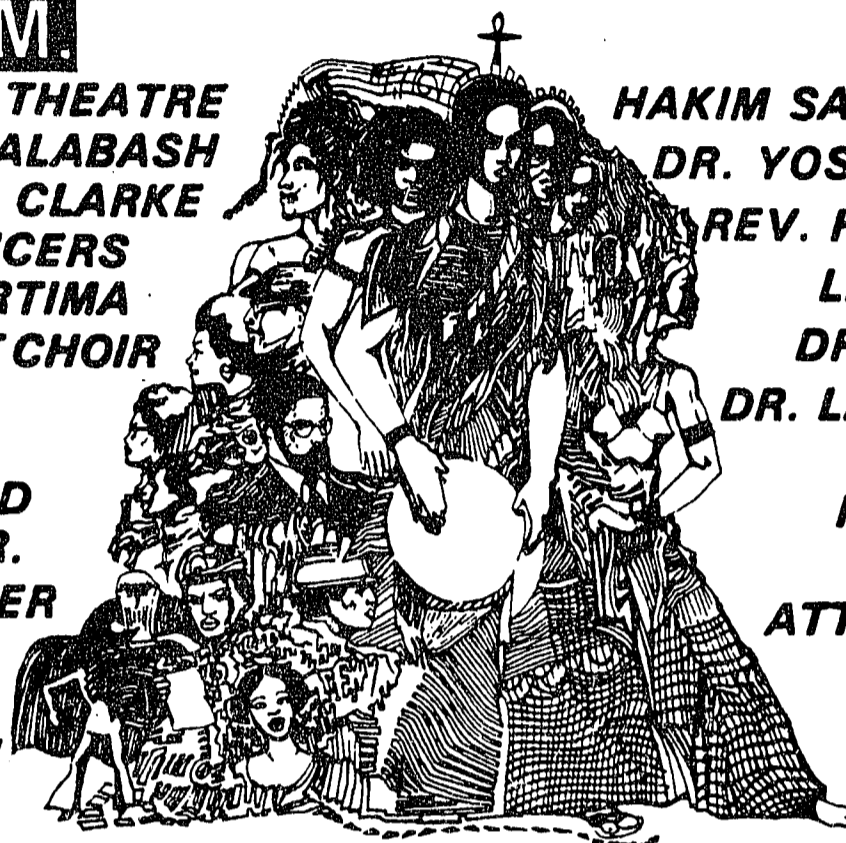
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