

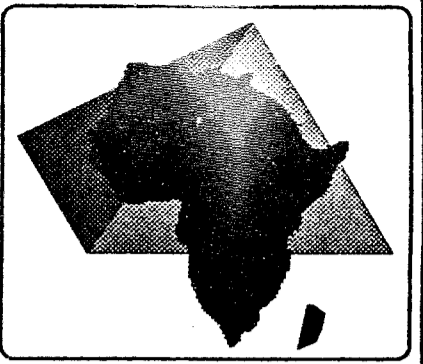
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SUNY's Mid-Year Cuts

By ERIC F. COPPOLINO

Albany, Nov. 19 - Mid-year cuts to the State University of New York's operating budget will cost the system \$50.9 million, or 6.2% of its state support, according to the Governor's office. SUNY officials said that the University system is facing an additional \$10 million shortfall from the soaring energy costs due to the Persian Gulf crisis.

The massive spending reduction, which is part of a statewide crisis, will result in a tuition hike expected to be \$300 per year, starting with an increase of \$150 in the spring semester. The budget cutting plan, orders Saturday by Gov. Mario Cuomo, also includes reducing every TAP award - except students receiving full Tap - by \$100 in the spring in an effort to save any available cash to reduce the state's worsening fiscal crisis.

Other drastic cost saving measures, including layoffs and a week long "furlough", or campus shut-down, are also extremely likely between now and March 31, according to numerous sources in Albany.

Both student leaders and SUNY officials were forthright that the tuition hike would not benefit students or the campuses in any way. SUNY Chancellor Bruce Johnstone said last week that, "There's no way this tuition will be seen as netting us more than less disaster," and told faculty and students at SUNY New Paltz Friday that students would see no benefits for their increased tuition.

Both the cut to TAP and the tuition hike are subject to the approval of the State Legislature when it returns to Albany Monday for an emergency session expected to last several weeks.

While the tuition hike, approved in principle by the SUNY Board of Trustees last Thursday, was widely expected in recent weeks, Cuomo's plan to cut TAP awards was totally unexpected, according to sources in the State University and elsewhere in state government.

SASU President Judith Krebs called Cuomo's decision to cut TAP "insane" given the reality of the first-ever mid-year tuition hike, and she vowed that SASU would fight any cut to TAP in the legislature.

"I think that most legislatures will realize this is insane," Krebs said in an interview Monday morning. "The most regressive way to solve the budget deficit problem is by raising tuition and lowering the amount of TAP that SUNY students have available to them.

Krebs said she would be making calls this week to major SUNY advocates in the legislature to discuss both the proposed cuts to TAP and the widely-discussed amount of next semester's tuition hike, which Krebs said SASU would fight to have held at the \$100 level.

The budget cuts are affecting every agency from local school districts to the state police to the state highway department.

Earlier this month, Cuomo ordered all state agencies to make plans to cut their current-year operating budgets 3% 5% or 7% in anticipation of a nearly \$1 billion state tax shortfall due to a recession in the northeastern US.

The final figure of 6.2%, which was much higher than expected by most close observers of state government, was released last Satur-

day.

This cut comes on top of \$50 million in budgeted cuts already taken by the University earlier in the year, and follow two prior years of massive budget cuts.

So far this year, more than 300 faculty and staff positions and 3,000 class sections have been eliminated, and SUNY officials told the Board of Trustees Thursday that unless tuition was raised that it might be necessary to fire as many as 2,000 people before the end of the year.

"I'm worried about a lot of other things," said SUNY finance chief Bill Anslow, who said his main concern was "trying to preserve the basic structure that exists," and said he and members of his staff have been working seven days a week during the crisis.

In other budget news, lobby groups for private colleges and universities across the State called for an additional \$25 million increase in state aid on top of \$100 million in so-called "Bundy aid" already given to private institutions in New York. Traditionally, public school students in New York have not made bundy aid a major issue.

This round of budget cuts will reduce aid to the City University of New York by \$38 million after cuts of \$20 million earlier in the year.

*Can we afford the
cuts in the budget?*

An Abstain on the Tuition Hike

ALBANY, Nov. 19 - Student Trustee Judith Krebs abstained on last Thursday's vote to support a hike in SUNY tuition, according to the State University.

Krebs, who is president of the Student Association of the State University (SASU), was widely reported to have voted in favor of the hike in an overwhelming voice vote on a resolution intended to "give a sense" of the trustees' approval of raising tuition as part of the plan to close a massive budget cut, and apparently believed she voted "yes" herself.

Krebs did not challenge the reports until she received a call Monday morning from the trustees' recording yesterday, Martha Downey, who said she made an error and had no official record of a vote by Krebs.

"I called to insure the record was correct," said Downey, who was told by Krebs that she "didn't make any noise"

during the vote. silence during a voice vote is legally recorded as an abstention, and that is what will be reflected on the official minutes of the meeting. The final vote will be listed as 11 in favor, none opposed and one abstaining.

Trustee Chairman Fred Salerno, in running the vote, called only for "all in favor" and "all against," and did not ask for people to abstain, as is generally required under public meeting rules. a tape of the meeting indicates that there was no vocalized opposition, which created the appearance of unanimous support of raising tuition.

Adding to the confusion is the fact that the decision by Krebs to "reconsider" SASU's stance on tuition took many students and student leaders by surprise, and some learned of it only when telephone calls started to come in from students who heard reports in the media that SASU was supporting a tuition hike under certain conditions.

The reports were traced to an Associated Press telephone interview with Krebs Wednesday morning, the day before the trustee meeting was held at Buffalo State College. The reports started to come up in newsrooms mid-day Wednesday. Krebs said that the reports over broadcast media were exaggerated because she told the AP that SASU was merely "reconsidering" its stance, not that it had already reversed it.

"I nearly fell off my chair," said New Paltz Student Association President Jason Black said when calls from angry and puzzled students started to reach him.

A tuition hike is still subject to one additional vote by the trustees, which is expected to be taken at the Dec. 20 meeting in Albany, and the approval of the State Legislature and the Governor.

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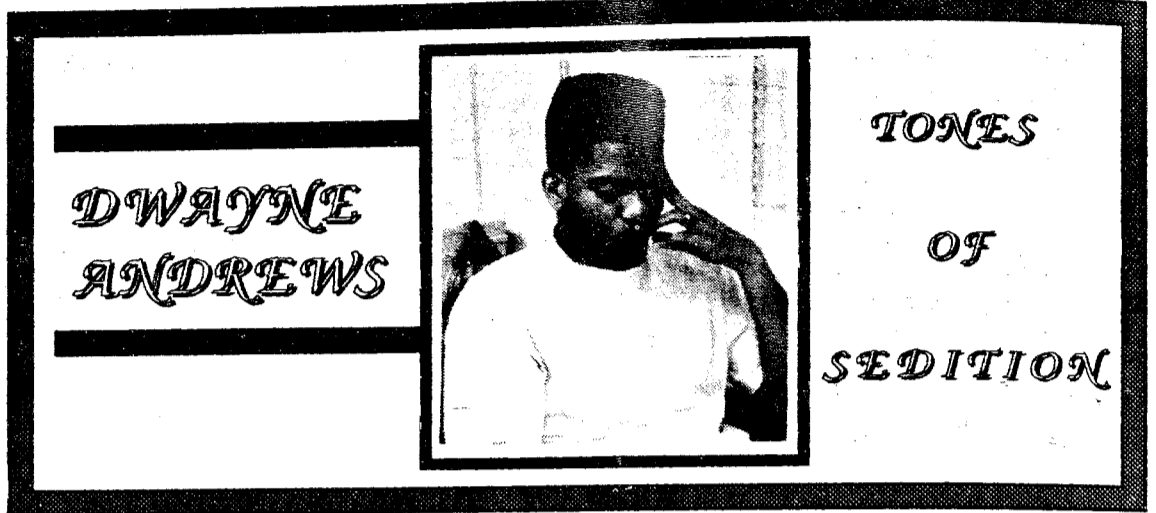
1990: A NEW BEGINNING COMING TO AN END

1990 has in some ways the year that everyone had wished for, but in other ways it was just an extension of the blase 1980's. For this issue I will give a full year of SEDITION in this space.

For me and the rest of the staff of Blackworld, 1990, especially this semester, will be known as the year of the "Late Night Caller." This racist coward has left messages on Blackworld's phonemail system since mid-October and know has stooped low enough to threaten yours truly with physical harm. It is sad that in the last decade of the 20th Century some whites still are full of blind rage towards African Americans and Latinos that are trying to better themselves and do something positive. The staff of Blackworld is not fazed by this cowardice, though, and will continue to provide the Stony Brook community with a paper, no matter what a mindless racist happens to say over the telephone lines.

1990 was the first year of office of New York City's first Black mayor, David N. Dinkins. Unfortunately, Dinkins, like other Black politicians received harsh criticism during his first year of office, from both Blacks and non-Blacks. The city's dismal financial situation was blamed on him, but people fail to realize that the budget was for this current fiscal year was made by his predecessor- Edward (How'm I doing) Koch. African-Americans feel that Dinkins is not doing enough for their communities and so do the Latinos. An understanding of politics will show that the mayor can do but so much to alter New York's discriminatory years in such a short time span, especially since he has the unpleasant job of controlling the beast of a city that Koch left him. In time Dinkins will restore dignity to the Big Apple. Impatient New Yorkers need to give him a chance to achieve his goals.

President Bush, stop the hypocrisy. Either get the troops out of Saudi Arabia or send some to South Africa and Beijing to pursue true freedom. Enough said!



How did M.C. Hammer do it?

The "uppity" population of America has once again made a musical product more popular than it probably would have been, by censoring Madonna's new video, "Justify My Love." For some reason, though, she is not a big villain like Luther Campbell and the 2 Live Crew were when they were being censored nationwide. The double standards in life are always disturbing, but when they are flaunted in front of my face I can not help to think that America has a long way to go before the old stereotypes are dismissed. The good old American boy is not blond with blue eyes anymore but for some reason this image is still portrayed in the mass media. Spike, we need another flick, quick!

Two forgotten issues that should be on everyone's mind still are the status of the AFS program and the Coca-Cola Boycott. A lot of hard work was put into both of these efforts to inform the community of the issues, it would be a shame if all of that hard work was for naught because these two struggles are not in vogue right now. The AFS program still needs your support for its struggle and its great programs, including its Community Outreach Program. The program is a tremendous asset to our community, let's keep it that way. Also, until Coke pulls out from South Africa, refrain from using their products and give them a message that our community cares about our brothers and sisters under the oppres-

sive grip of Apartheid.

Cheers to HSO for keeping the faith and constantly protesting against the racist exclusionary laws of the FDA and boos to the bullies in uniforms- Public Safety and Suffolk County Police. Only at Stony Brook could a protest be turned into a media circus do to an altercation. How can we call Public Safety officers University Police, when some of them act like toy soldiers form F.A.O. Schwartz? As a young Black male I have something against most people in blue uniforms anyway, especially Officers Hotshot and Mild at Commack Multiplex.

Peace and Happy Holidays. Good luck on your finals, even though you might not be back due to the tuition hike and TAP cut. Something to think about.

THANKS TO
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FOR MAKING THIS
ONE OF THE
BEST YEARS EVER

- The Editorial Staff

THE AFRIKAN RACE MUST DO FOR SELF

EDITORIAL

A BAD MOVE BY THE BOYS
IN BLUE

Last week's incident at the Blood drive protest shows the campus community once again that some Public Safety officers are not serving their purpose here at the University. If HSO's allegations are true then the officers attitudes are picked up from their superior Richard Young, a very serious situation indeed. Students must not look at this incident as a fluke or one that is isolated. Actually we must look at it and understand that having police officers in riot gear to break up a rally with a crowd of about 40 people is ridiculous.

The 60's and the days of Jim Crow are over, let us not have Stony Brook turned back into a similar situation because of fear or or apathy. Protests are a way of life at this campus and if properly trained or in a proper state of mind, the Public Safety officers present should have been able to handle the situation without going into a panic and calling the boys from Suffolk County.

Beware, Stony Brook students, you could be next in line for arrest if you allow this type of madness to occur again.

NYPIRG

Phone-In To
Save SUNY.

Governor Mario Cuomo has proposed more than \$50 million in cuts in state aid for SUNY. These proposals are currently under consideration by the New York State legislature. In addition, proposed cuts in financial aid will affect:

- Tuition Assistance Program. More than 120,000 students across the state will have \$100 cut from their Spring 1991 TAP awards.
- Regents Scholarships/Empire State Scholarships of Excellence. Thousands of students across the state will lose up to \$100 of their Regents College Scholarships and Empire State Scholarships for Spring 1991.
- Financial Aid Services/Support. In addition, more than a half million dollars is slated to be cut from the agency that administers most state financial aid programs.

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FINAL FRENZY

IT'S LIKE THAT A CYNICAL STUDENT'S VIEW OF LIFE AT THE BROOK BY TROY CALLAHAN

Well everybody, the semester is coming to a close and those feelings of panic and urgency are spreading throughout campus. Yes, it's finals time at Stony Brook, which gives me one more thing to complain about. Just when I thought the well was dry, another source of strife comes through with the swiftness of a gopher in heat.

Now you are wondering how could I possibly complain about finals, right? Sure, they are annoying, stressful and just so utterly final. But little do many of you know that finals are actually a plot by the establishment to dissuade us students from continuing on with our education. Do you actually believe that if they wanted us to succeed in college that they would actually put us under the gun like this? That they would put us under such incredible pressure in the time span of one week if they wanted us to do well? I think not.

Let's analyze this situation for a moment. Here at Stony Brook we go through the motions of going

to class everyday (or at least almost everyday) and taking exams throughout the semester on the knowledge we have supposedly acquired. Now mind you, none of these exams are cumulative during the semester. They basically test you on material you have learned in the past few weeks. Then when we get to the end of the semester and we have to take an exam which covers everything we ever learned. Now if this isn't cause for alarm, I don't know what is. Should we be expected to regurgitate information that we acquired over three months in a time span of three hours? Isn't that just a wee bit much to ask for? And to add insult to injury, you only get three days to prepare before the first day of finals. What's really funny is that our administration thinks that it is doing us some kind of major service by giving us one day of class off while at many other schools, students get an entire week off before finals begin.

Now I ask you, is this the policy of an administration that wants to promote a nurturing environment for it's students? I think that it sounds more like the policy of an administration that wants to try and invoke suicidal tendencies in it's student body. An administration that is hell bent on driving it's students to drink excessively to forget the trials and tribulations they had to endure to attain so much knowledge in so little time. Is there any wonder why so many of us students are, or wind up as alcoholics? It gets so bad around here that students start recalling that age old rumor that if your roommate dies a sudden death, you wind up with a 4.0 for the semester. Roommates are actually driven to start plotting and scheming to try and off one another! All of this for a descent grade on an exam that will test you on things you will forget the moment you put down the pen you were writing the answers with.

So the question now is, what can we do about this horrible fate they will come upon us. How can we escape the never ending tyranny of the powers that be here at Stony Brook? Do we all just say "F--k this!!!" and refuse to take a final exam? I think not. There would be a handful of nerds who don't care and several dummies who knew they couldn't pass if everyone had taken the final, but will now pass since just about nobody is and will survive because everybody's point total in the course will be so low compared to theirs (which actually makes them kind of smart). No the answer I think is to survive by any means necessary. Have someone phone in that bomb threat or pull that fire alarm during the exam, but for Pete's sake don't brag about it so that the Professor finds out and makes everyone take the exam over again at the beginning of next semester. Or try the famous "Nerd Box Theory" to achieve that good grade. You know, that technique where you sit in between a bunch of nerds arranged at properly pre-calculated angles and acquire "The Knowledge". Bribery is always a good alternative, if you have the proper funding. But I warn you, all of these techniques are very dangerous and damaging if you get caught, so don't try and say "Troy told me to do it!" if you do because I don't want to hear it.

I guess what you should actually be striving for is to be the ideal student, knowing everything you need to know and never once ever having to consider cheating. Just like me. I guess the only other alternative is to do poorly, or maybe even fail and do the whole thing all over again. Not a pretty thought, is it? Well it's up to you. The choice is yours and for you to consider. So until next semester, see ya!

STAR SEARCH 90

By Nicole Yvette Highbaugh

In a jam packed Union Auditorium, Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity sponsored their annual Star Search. The show was hosted by Hugh Lawrence, fraternity member. The show started with Wendy's beautiful singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing".

There were five categories for the show, male vocalist, female vocalist, female modeling, male modeling, and dance. The winners of each category recieved one hundred dollars.

The talent show started with an exhibition by Gary Torak. He performed a magic show, and delighted the audience with his act. then the contest began with the male vocalist category, when constant James Leon sang, "In Your Eyes".

In the dance category, a male dance duo, Foot Clan did their number and excited the crowd. After their performance, Hugh Lawrence introduced the female models. Each model had to perform four scenes, casual, business, lingerie and evening wear. The contestants for the female modeling category were Winette Saunders, Nichelle Richards, Courtney Gonzalez, Donna Fletcher, and Crystal Clark. After they modeled for the first scene, which was casual wear, Hugh introduced two constestants for the male modeling category. they were Bobby Knight and Ray Hines. All of the models modeled to a song by Babyface, "Love is not a Crime".

In the female vocalist category, Cassie Duff, a freshman, sang "My Love is Good All Over". She had a shaky start which was partially due to her illness and nervousness.

However, she managed to continue her

her number.

The second exhibition was performed by Rick. In his act, he tossed a deck of cards into the audience and assked four people to pick a card. He amazed the audience by calling the cards they picked. Another dance contestant, frazier Dudley did his dance number, causing some members of the audience to stand up and dance.

Robert Williams was the second and last contestant in the male vacalist category. He sang "Stay with me Tonight" in his white jeans and an orange-red scarf on his head. In the second modeling scene, business wear, each model modled in business suits and attire to the song by Soul, "Keep on Moving". The third contestants for the dance category, was a group of six young ladies called "Bad Attitude". In their act, the audience went crazy when they ripped off their T-shirts and revealed their sequented tops.

The second contestant for the female vocalist category was Simminate Reel. She performed her version of "Dont Cry For Me". The final contestant, of the female vocalist category was Erna Metayer, who was trying for her third win in a row. She excited the audience when she performed her powerful version of "Loving You", which was originally performed by the late singer minnie Ripperton. She recieved a standing ovation after her performance.

There were three more contestants in the dance category. There was the P.G.I Dance Troop, which consisted of three young ladies who lived on campus and one which lived off campus. They started their number with music and finished it with a mini stepshow. The next dance contestants were

four young ladies featuring, Nicole Friday, Miss C.S.O 1990. They danced to L.L. Cool J's new single, "Mama Said To Knock You Out", and finished their dance number with two raggae songs, including, "Kimbo". The last contestants of the dance category were the Heartical Dons and the Donnettes. These dance members, from the Caribbean Students Orgination, performed their numbers to raggae music and showed some of new raggae dances.

In the third modeling scene, which was langerie, the audience booted contestant Donna Fletcher after she failed to take off the coat she borrowed from another contestant to reveal her outfit, even though for a split second, she opened the coat to reveal a two piece langerie. the audience went crazy when the contestant Bobby Knight, came onto the stage in his "Afro-centric" gold and black outfit.

In the last modeling scene, each model in the female category modeled in evening gowns. After Bobby Knight modeled and did a little dance number, the host told the audience that Knight was exhibiting in that category.

The show ended with two exhibitions. Lucky did a rap about Afro-America and Malik Sigma Psi member Joe Dejesus ended the show with his song, "Compliments of Love."

This show was filled with several problems, like technical difficulties with the sound system. Several times, the music stopped playing suddenly, in the middle of some dance and vocal numbers. This caused several delays as well as a restless audience. But with the talent show at its end, the winners were being announced.

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AFRICA OYE- LONG LIVE AFRICA

By Frances Bates

Drums, music, dance, shouts, cries, light, scenery people, and costumes. These are some of the things that comprised numerous African groups of which African Oye emerged. The talented group stunned the eyes of its audience. The "oh's and the ah's" of the amazing rhythmic dance, the vocal sounds, the luring of the instruments and the luminous light, put the audience into a daze. The blowing of the pipe and the beat of the drums set the audience into a trance from the beginning to the end of each act. The colorful costumes against the stage light displayed a dazzling appearance.

Africa Oye is composed of various groups from Africa. The show was a success. The scenes from each act had significance behind them. For instance, we were taken into Zaire in act one where an interrelationship had given rise to a unique cultural mix. The Batwa Pygmies, over a century ago, were conquered by the Ekonda. Each Batwa is paired with an Ekonda who is known as a big brother. The Batwa will hunt, clear land, and work for his particular Ekonda and in return receive some trade goods. The music reflects on the combinations of the two cultures. Today the Ekonda and the Batwas are so connected that they make one.

Pende, hails from the Bandundu and Kasai regions. This colorful group represented in Africa Oye is comprised of dancers and musicians from seven villages in the area of Gungu, the capital of the Pende tribe. The masks created by the Pende, establish the relationship of man with the forces of nature and the afterlife. Pende ceremonial masks are masterpieces of art, faces of young girls, expressive caricatures, and the sun mask, symbolizing the solar disk, the beneficial star. Their costumes descended from a bloodline of Kanoun Griots. The music performed by the quartet, of whom are Griots, reflects ancestry of greatness. In West African kingdoms the Griots accompany the king chief on all his journeys, even the battlefield. They praise and glorify their chief with songs of encouragement, which reminds him of victories and accomplishments. The players blow on their wind instruments to build moral for the king during threatening times.

Mbulie Hembra is a group formed by members of a society of soothsayers and prophets. These spiritual leaders aid the sick and direct a petitioner to a healing master. Their unique vocal style combines a simultaneous and harmonic melodies. The originality of the dancers is revealed in their make-up. Imitation of women is a feature in their dance. These features also symbolize their personal connection with the forces of nature.

Kandia Kouyate has achieved great popularity in Western Africa. She has toured France, Spain, and the U.S.A. The music of Kandia Kouyate is the music of Griots which conveys historical knowledge.

It was fascinating to see many groups come together and create in harmony the styles of dance, rhythm, music, and song that in which African Oye displayed. Everything was articulated around rhythm and precise dimension giving to each element its particular tonality. The xylophone, the flute, and the water drums contained the rich complex sounds of harmonies. The talented group ended the evening on stage, gathered together in unity a diversity of mixed cultures which conjugated into one.

HSO PUBLIC STATEMENT

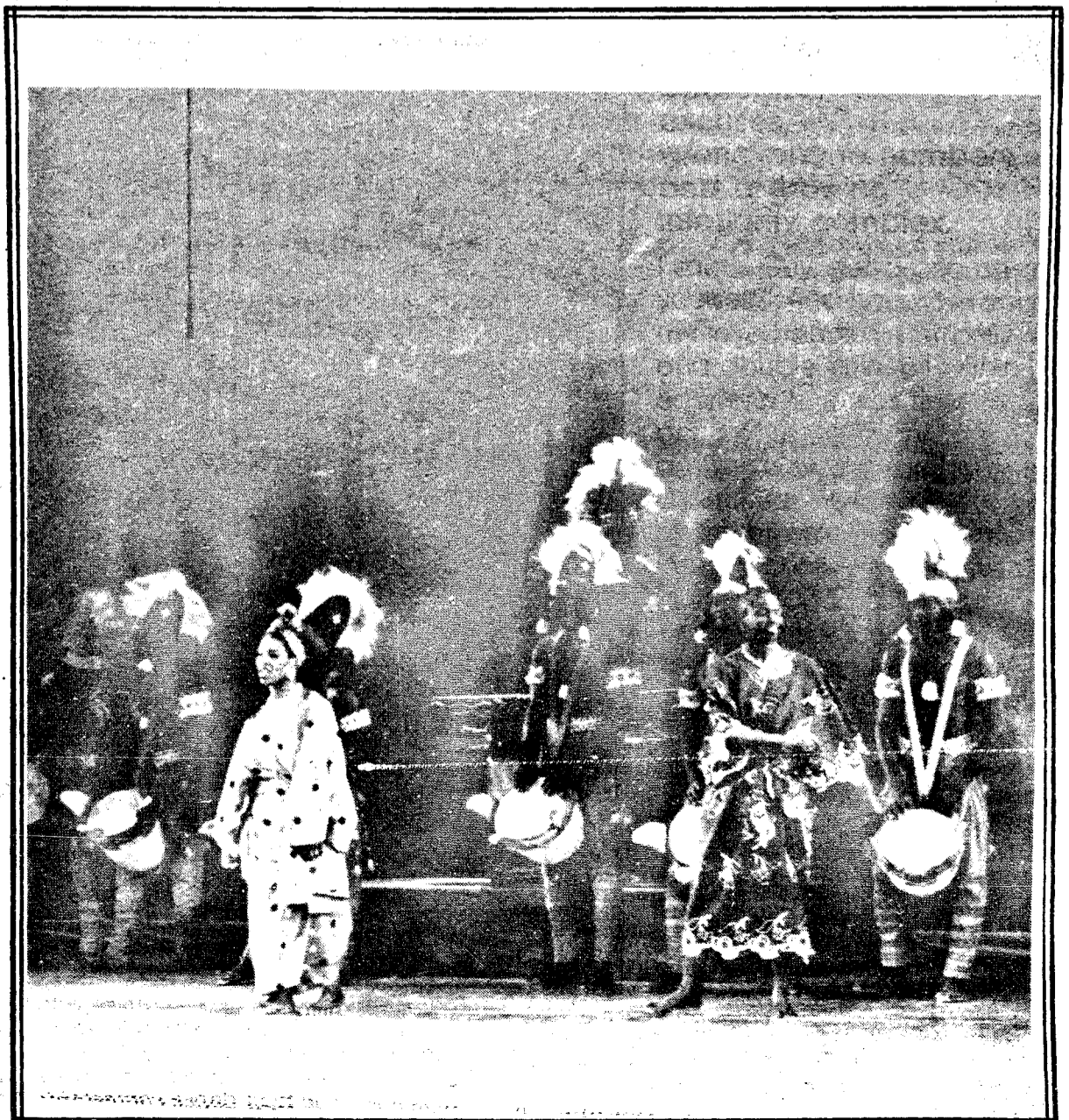
As we have for many years now, the HSO undertook a systematic boycott of the Tuesday Dec. 4, 1990 Blood Drive held in the Alliance Room of the Main Library. The reason for this boycott is the same as it had been when the organization held the first such boycott in 1987; to protest the inclusion of Haitians and Sub-Saharan Africans in the FDA's list of groups considered at high risk for the AIDS virus and therefore excluded as blood donors. These are the only two groups on this list because of who they are instead of what they do.

At the Dec. 4th boycott, the members of the HSO and their supporters who were marching and chanting were attacked by the University Police (Public Safety). Richard Young, the director of Public Safety, led the onslaught by punching two students in the face. Many students were assaulted, some were choked, some were bruised, eye glasses were broken, and finally two students were arbitrarily arrested by Public Safety and handed over to the Suffolk County Police Dept. whose "Riot Squad" had been called in to quell the just protest of about 40 students. These two students were inexplicably charged with "second degree riot" and

later released on bail and, we have learned through outside media, also face University disciplinary charges. As we walked into a meeting with the University President, John Marburger, he had already made his position clear, before he even heard what we had to say: he "will not ban the Blood Drive on the campus" and that the confrontation occurred because "the HSO antagonized Public Safety." When we confronted him on the question, he admitted that not only was he not there at the time of the incident but he had not even yet viewed the "selective" Public Safety videotape of the demonstration.

Let the position of HSO also be crystal clear: We denounce the brutality of the Public Safety and its director Richard Young. We denounce the biased attitude of University President John Marburger. While we welcome the removal of Haitians from the list, we will not suspend our boycotts until Africans are also completely removed, and We want the unconditional dropping of all charges against our brothers, Philippe Valbrune and Emmanuel Severe.

Alain Moise
Chairman



TRUE
BEAUTY



BY: B. VIGILANCE

Let's Promote Unity

First of all, AASO never planned to host a party on the same night of the Malik Star Search. Secondly, this whole misunderstanding could have been avoided if Joseph would have spoken to an officer of AASO prior to writing his article. To print such a vicious article in BlackWorld is not only an insult to AASO, but to the paper itself. The function of BlackWorld is to print news and information which is vital to the minority community on the campus. It shouldn't be used to slander fellow organizations. This lack of communication has been one of the major causes of the conflicts between organizations this semester.

The African-American Students Organization's goal is to promote unity and understanding among all people of African descent. We realize the need for cooperation among organizations and we would never sacrifice another organization to better ourselves. AASO is calling out to all organizations to communicate with one another and to resolve and prevent any future conflicts in scheduling so that each organization receives their proper respect. This hostility and lack of concern must stop now... because if we don't respect our brother and sister organizations, why should anyone else?

The Executive Board

of

AASO

A CONCERN FOR OUR CHILDREN

Children are very special to me. I often wish that I could have the joy they possess. It seems that no matter what their situation is, they always have joy. When I worked at a day camp in a poverty stricken area (where most of the children were looked down on by society), the children were always playful; as if nothing was ever wrong. They gave me so much strength. They did not let the problems of their lives keep them down. The only inevitable problem is that they must grow up. Soon they will not be able to play all the time, nor will they be able to smile all the time. When they become adults, most of their pain and their tears will be because of their past.

We so often look at children and say, "Oh they're so cute." We buy them candy then send them on their way; on their way to broken homes, beaten mothers and molesting fathers. Something can be done for these hurting children, but what? We need to give them something firm, not candy. We need to tell them something assuring, not "you're so cute." If they need love, give them love in every way you know how. If you promise them something, do what you promised. The key is, don't let them down. If they are being abused, call a local Child Abuse and Maltreatment Center or (1-800-342-3720). If they need support give it to them. Tell them of their heritage, educate them.

You see, it is very important to help our children because if we don't society will grab them and take advantage of them. They will be our local prostitutes, our local drug pushers and our crooked cops. We cannot let this happen to them.

Please, open your arms to them. Please, wipe the tears from their eyes. Bitterness is building up in them and one day, they will let it out. Help them before the disaster. They are the future, so protect the future by protecting them.

**OUR CHILDREN WALK SO INNOCENTLY,
BUT WHAT KIND OF GROWN UPS WILL
THEY BE?**

Victoria Renee Moreno

Pregnancy and Teens

Pregnancy among the teenage population has become a very important problem in our society. The numbers of children born to unwed teenage mothers per year is devastating and they are increasing. I personally feel that with the information available on birth control and unwanted pregnancy, the numbers should now be decreasing.

As this holiday season and inter-session approach, I urge everyone, men and women alike to inform themselves on the different type of birth control methods out there for them. I urge them all to stop by the EROS office and pick up pamphlets, or stop by for counseling.

Many people believe that they can't get pregnant the first few times of having sex, if the guy withdraws

A Letter To Mr. Callahan

Dear Mr. Callahan:

I write with reference to your article in Blackworld (week of November 15, 1990) in which you have used my letter in the Statesman as an example of "Dwayne Andrews bashing." I would like to point out that that letter was a call to for articles on the more "cheery aspects of life," nor was it intended as an attack on Mr. Andrews himself, as implied by your article. Its purpose was instead a suggestion to Mr. Andrews to deliberately use a writing style that ensured that the majority of Statesman readers read more than perhaps the first paragraph. To repeat the last line of that letter, I believe Mr. Andrews, a fine writer in my opinion, would win the larger readership that he deserves if he chose to present his articles differently.

In your article, you have asked me to "wake up" to the recession, the threat of war, and the budget cuts that we are currently facing. I am quite aware of these problems, Mr. Callahan, but unfortunately, I don't see how these are related to Mr. Andrews' articles or to my letter in the Statesman. Or are suggesting that in some way these major problems justify the style adopted by Mr. Andrews in Tones of Sedition?

I hope this letter will have clarified the point I had tried to make. Furthermore, I would like to add here that by picking my letter in the Statesman to make your point in the article "Dwayne Bashing is in Season," it has given Blackworld readers the incorrect impression that the recent appearance of the deplorable barrage of letters against Mr. Andrews was not what my letter intended. This, I assure you, was certainly not the purpose of that letter. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Iqbal Pittalwala (Graduate Student)

his penis from the vagina before he ejaculates; or "if it hasn't happened yet it won't." I just want to let everyone know who believes this that it is false. All it takes is the first time, one sperm cell to come in contact with a mature egg and you can call yourself a soon-to-be parent. Those who have had children during their teenage years know what a struggle it has been to raise their child/children. They know what had to be sacrificed in order for them to take care of that child; mainly their education. Some people decide to terminate the pregnancy because they feel they have no other alternative. They do. There are several options available to a woman when she finds out that she is pregnant. She can either carry to full term and keep it,

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A WORD ABOUT UNITY

By: Michel Z. Draper

For the last month now, I have been hearing about the unity of our community; how unified we are, or not. I have a question for all of those posing the question: What are you doing about it? Talk is cheap. Anyone can say a word or two, but it takes someone special to take a word and create a plan of action from it. If our campus community is not unified, I agree that this has to be made known, but proposals also have to be made to rectify the problem. Before a proposal can be made, however, we must first analyze why we are not unified. Who has done that? Answer, no one. We only hear of incidents. Before I continue, I want to say that I feel that our community is not divided, but it is not completely unified either. Why we are caught in the middle has nothing to do with individuals or a couple of organizations. It has to do with the masses of our community. The main reason why we are not completely unified, is because many of us are fashionably Black! Pseudo cultural, pseudo conscious Black men and Black women who are only following a trend. Many of whom are quick to go to a party and shake our a--, but not to a Town Meetings, or any forum promoting the education and the elevation of our race. Many of us speak, only when we are spoken to, and are caught up in the web of "flyness". Brothers and Sisters, now is not the time to be fly. Stop trying to look the image and be the im-

age. Many of us have naturals, wear beads and knite cloth, but don't know a thing about the culture. Some of us have the knowledge, but chose not to enlighten the others; some of want to look positive to pull the opposite sex; and some of us choose not to associate with our community at all. How can there be unity when all of this is occurring?

I'm glad to see so many of us taking AFS courses, (for whatever reason), but that's not enough. Attaining knowledge is beautiful, because it elevates your level of consciousness, but it's a waste if that knowledge is not applied. Each and everyone of us is responsible for the status of our community. It takes all of us, not a handful of leaders. (Some of you may be offended by what I just said-Good!) That means you may do something about it.

Another reason we are not unified is our tendency to depend on our leaders. They are not perfect, and they are students as well, with work loads from both areas. They can not pull out a magic wand and say, "you will be unified". Stop thinking they can, and criticizing them when they don't. They are here for us, and it is up to us to utilize them while they are in office. Pretend that they are dumb, and don't know what you need unless you tell them- then attend Town Meetings where you can tell them.

None of you can say a thing unless you are at least a little active politically. This goes with the third reason- we talk too much. Actions speak louder than words. If you think

that you want to say something, don't say it, do it! We also criticize others when we have faults of our own. Internal bickering only causes confusion which gives the powers that be the opportunity to keep oppressing us. Wake up! I said time and time again that the unification of our community is as simple as saying "hello" to your brother or sister, regardless of whether you know them or not. A fourth reason, is our tendency to let probability kill the possibility. Many of us think that total unification is impossible. How do you know that it is impossible if you never tried? Stop thinking pessimistically! We can't overcome if no one makes the attempt.

My fifth and final reason is that we have a tendency to let the European American define us instead of defining ourselves. We (African Americans, African Caribbean, Africans from the continent) have to stop thinking negatively of each other. We are only doing what others hoped we would do. Instead of talking about each other, let's talk with each other. We all have the same roots, so we are all inherently the same.

Once we communicate, we will see how similar we are and the situation we face. From that point we can come together as Pan Africans, and truly become one.

-Know thyself.

-Respect thyself, thy Brothers and Sisters.

-Unite to preserve and uplift the proud and noble people.

Hotep

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER

By: Michelov Rhau

The children of Little Flower Orphanage and Stony Brook students who volunteered as big brothers or big sisters gathered in the Student Union on Saturday to play games such as pool and video games.

Sponsored once a semester by V.I.T.A.L. (Volunteers Involved For Action In Life), Big Brother/Big Sister For A Day makes children from the orphanage in Wading River the center of attention. Pete Decuzzi, a counselor at Little Flower, said few of these children are orphans. Most, he said, have been taken away from parents who physically or sexually abused them. "Our job is to take care of them, and discipline them."

"This is a big thing for the kids, they love this," said Tom Hughes, the recreation director at Little Flower. Hughes said he appreciates the effort of students who donate their time to make the

event special for the children. "It seems like every time we come here there are plenty of volunteers," he said.

Maritza Ortiz, a member of V.I.T.A.L., said 50 students volunteered, many for the first time. Others, like Pompeii Conover, were doing this for a third consecutive semester. "I always come to see Brian," said Conover, a junior. Whenever he comes to Stony Brook, the first question 11 year-old Brian ask is, "Where's Pompeii?"

It was love at first sight for senior Michelle Cohen and six year-old David. "He is so adorable. I knew he was the one I wanted the minute I saw him," said Cohen of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Children and volunteers played games in the arcade and commuter lounge or went to a Tae Kwon-do demonstration in the gym. Like most of the children, Jason, who is

12, said his favorite part of the day was going swimming.

The group listened to music and talked as they ate lunch, donated by Domino's Pizza and DAKA. Many asked for seconds.

Ortiz said she was happy with the turnout. "At first we were worried that we wouldn't have enough volunteers, but everything worked out," she said. Participants included members of Alpha Chi Rho and Malik Sigma Psi Fraternities and Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority.

No one wanted to say good-bye at the end of the day. "Are you going to miss me?" Cohen asked David. He nodded as he gave her a warm hug. Many students exchanged phone numbers with the little ones and promised to keep in touch. Johanne Denis, 18, said she planned to be a big sister next semester. "I never had a little brother or sister so this was a great experience for me."

THE WOES OF MASCULINITY

By: Anthony Coar

Societies of the past have admired different manly virtues: the warrior, the patriarch, the sage; the lover and the seducer; the Olympian, Zeus the God and Jehovah.

In America, however, masculinity is associated primarily with the outdoors, and with certain outdoor trades such as cattle driving, whaling construction, logging, and trucking. The outdoor type is to possess masculine character traits: toughness, resourcefulness, and the love of being alone. To the man, the open space also attributes to the ultimate mark of manliness, the readiness to die.

From the outdoors, America derives the boots and saddle, lumber jackets, pipes and the guns that are its paraphernalia of this societies masculinity. Oddly enough, in the United States, the military, police and prison guard uniforms do not confer masculinity. To prove that he was all a man, General Patton had to augment his military costume with a pearlhandled revolver, and General McArthur is remembered with his pipe. Man and his quest for masculinity is a tradition that is as old as time. For as we look at the big game hunters, mountain climbers, horsemen, and other representative male types are actors in a charade of nostalgia- the old masculine pursuit.

In modern society the uniform of all

kinds of cults compete with one another. Masculinity is one of these cults, and to create an impression the practioner of maleness must stand out in a crowd. Masculinity today is largely a myth. A

ten gallon hat still seems to bestow upon it's wearer the old male attributes of taciturnity, resourcefulness, courage, and love of solitude. However, at the same time, the virility of the cowboy, the logger, the construction worker, the biker, the truck driver, are all like that of the iceman and the caveman of yesterday, its nothing more than a joke and a myth.

It is of my opinion, that an individual uncertain of his sexual identity dresses up in boots, bandanna, leather or a ten-gallon hat does so much to fool the public as to parade his ambiguity. Those who have gone over the line may advertise their desire for maleness by also the wearing of a beard. Unfortunately, demonstrating one's own manhood is not enough at times to challenge the masculinity of others in searching for self confidence.

Today's mass media exploits the ambiguity of the male role, and the new sexual sophistication that goes with the increasing awareness of it. The analysts of mass culture speak of the decline of the American male and of the "masculinity crisis" as topics capable of arousing li-

bidinous responses. Masculinity building is urged, a theme which the media promotes for their own purposes. Masculinity is like the cowboy as seen in Marlboro Country. It is like the essence of worn leather laced with campfire smoke that provides the aroma of the man.

The relation between violence and masculinity that has been challenged reveals itself most clearly in the history of the Civil Rights movement. Here we see that the Black man has derived from White America the lesson that physical force is the mark of manhood. White society is "the man" whose insignia of power are found in the club, the whip, the bloodhounds, the gun, and in the physical force itself.

A New York Times Magazine article on Black Panthers, said, "an armed Negro self-defense group on the West Coast, is illustrated by photographs of its two leaders. Both wearing the traditional leather jackets and berets of the Left fighters of thirty years ago; these could be photographs of two Lincoln Brigade volunteers. A statement once made by one of the Panther touches the philosophical essence of the romantic conception: To be a man one must dare to die. 'The ghetto Black', said Bobby Seale, 'isn't afraid to stand up to cops, because he lives with violence. He expects to die any

day. " Today we are faced with the gun control issue of "The right to bear arms, or the right not to".

Today, behavioral sciences collaborate with the mass media in making a man anxious about his sex status. Both then provide him with models of aggressiveness by which to correct himself. Yet the present uneasiness about masculinity, coupled with media devices for attaining it, may be more dangerous than any actual curtailment of manliness, researchers and editorialist discovered. The real harm may lie in the remedy rather than in the ailment, since the desire to have one's masculinity acknowledge, may lead to absurd postures and acts of force. It is hard to believe that this society thinks that Americans would be worse off by

becoming more gentle. Nor would mildness in manners and social relations make them any less manly.

In the real world nothing is altogether what it is. True maleness is never without its vein of femininity. The Greeks understood this and made it the theme of their tales of sexual metamorphosis, the remarkable account of Hercules, of all man, taking on temporarily the character of a women and even wearing women clothes. Total masculinity put aside maleness might have a better chance to develop in this society.

A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT '90'

By: Nicole Yvette Highbaugh

As this semester and the year 1990 draws to a close, I decided to take a look back at some of the happenings that occurred in this semester. Before I take you back to memory lane, I apologize if I omit any event that occurred in this semester.

During this semester, we have been at the edge of our seats as the Persian Gulf crisis affect Americans, especially Blacks and Latinos. President George Bush decided to send more money to take care of the large amount of troops stationed in Saudi Arabia. In the meantime, the problems of this nation, such as the oil prices, housing, education, unemployment, and the drug crisis, continue to affect not only the lives of the future generation as well. The students are especially affected because they have to wait and see if this nation goes into a war. If a war is started, some of the students may wind up in the Middle East to fight.

While the Persian Gulf crisis continues, students at the campuses, The State University of New York, including Stony Brook, learned that they will have to dig deeper into their pockets and pay a higher tuition. This fee is about three hundred dollars higher than before, and if the budget crisis continue, it may be even higher. And while the price of high-

er education is going up, some services and programs may be cut from the budget. One of the programs that may go is the Africana Studies Department.

On this campus in Stony Brook, we have seen the Hatian Students Organization protest the blood drive. The protest started during the spring semester of 1990 when the Food and Drug Administration made a ruling that prohibits Haitians and Sub-Sharan Africans from donating blood because they were considered a high risk group. The Hatian Students Organization wanted the blood drive banned. The Administration moved the blood drive from the Gym to the Health Science Center to prevent the organization from blocking the entrances, not because the facilities were better. HSO found out about the change, went to the site of the blood drive, and held their demonstration, resulting in the administration's decision to cut short the blood drive. This was a victory for the HSO and other people who supported them, and a loss for those who were collecting pints of blood.

There was another victory for African American students at Stony Brook when the Administration allowed Boggie Down Productions to perform at the gym. The Administration prepared for any vio-

lence by hiring a huge amount of security. Security was so tight, people who had cameras, tape recorders, and large pocketbooks, were not permitted into the building until they got rid of them. I was one of the unfortunate people who had to be turned away when they found my camera. Fortunately, I was able to leave my camera at my former residence, Irving, and returned to the concert. Despite this, the concert was great, and best of all, there was no violence after the concert.

Another event that occurred during this semester was the arrival of Dr. Betty Shabazz, who is the widow of slain civil rights leader, Malcolm X. She was invited by Malik Sigma Psi to speak about an agenda for African Americans. She told the audience how to learn about themselves and help those in need.

The play Anowa will be performed at the Fine Arts Building starting December 6. This play is about West Africa and is being directed by Ms. Loyce Arthur, whom I had the pleasure to meet and interview at the beginning of this semester. Tickets are currently available at the Box office, located at the Fine Arts Building. The tickets are six dollars for students with a valid Stony Brook ID and eight dollars for those without a Stony Brook

ID.

Some of the other events that occurred during this semester were the Cincinnati Red's sweep of the Oakland Athletics in the World Series to become World Champions, Jose Rijo, who is from the Dominican Republic, winning the MVP award, the budget crisis affecting many Americans, especially New Yorkers, and Milli Vanilli losing their Grammy award after it was learned that the duo did not sing on their album.

As I complete the trip down memory lane, I would like to thank the staff of BlackWorld for giving me the chance to write for them, my roommate Karen for letting me use her computer to type and print my articles, and everyone else for encouraging me to write. I will end this article by telling you, the reader, that despite the achievements that were made this semester, there are still achievements to be made. We must look at this semester and make changes for the next semester. We have to cope with some of the new changes next semester. We have to strive to be the best, and let no one, I mean no one, tell us we can't do it.

On that note, I wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy Kwanzaa, and a safe intercession. And once again, I thank BlackWorld for giving me a chance.

A LOOK AT THE ARTS

By: Crystal Gardner

Stony Brook Theater is constantly striving to broaden its audiences. Many programs are selected to reflect not only American society, but those of other countries as well. In the past the department has presented such shows as the Japanese play *Rashomon* and the East Indian production of *Kutiya-tum*. This month Stony Brook Theater presents *Anowa*, a West African play by Ama Ata Aidoo, directed by Loyce Arthur an Assistant Professor in the Theater Arts Department.

Ms. Aidoo is a native Ghanaian and her poetry and plays reflect West African cultures and societies. *Anowa* is based on a 19th century Ghanaian legend which cautions against breaking away from traditions.

This play tells the story of the lives of Anowa and Kofi, a young woman and man, who marry and leave their home town despite the disapproval of their families. The chorus, a representation of the British officials, missionaries, and African towns people, surround and judge the actions and events of the young couple.

Beginning as a prosperitable future, yet yielding to an underlying tragedy, Kofi and Anowa's lives unfold before us.

The department was pleased to see many Black students get involved with this production and would like to see the interest continue. For this reason the department stresses non-tradition casting in all their plays. Allowing anyone to be cast in a role who is

qualified for the part.

The upcoming plays this spring are; *What the Butler Saw*, by Joe Orton; *Eastern Standard* by Richard Greenburg; and *Les Belles Souses* by Micheal Tremblay. For information concerning auditions and production of these plays see the bulletin on the third floor of the Theater Arts Department. For other information about the department, the Theater office is also located on the third floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Performances for *Anowa* run Thursday-Saturday December 6-8 and 13-15 at 8pm. Two Sunday matinees run on December 9 and 16 at 2pm. Tickets are \$6 for students and senior citizens, \$8 for everyone else. For Tickets and information call 632-7230.

A Challenge By Grad Students

By ERIC F. COPPOLINO

Binghamton, Nov. 19 - SUNY-Binghamton Graduate Student Organization President David Baranov says he and other student organizers will challenge what he's termed SUNY's "Gestapo" tactics of moving Thursday's SUNY Board of Trustees meeting to a secret location, then guarding the building with armed police to prevent students from attending.

Baranov was arrested while attempting to enter the building at Buffalo State College where the meeting had been moved after unionization protests by graduate students prompted the board to switch locations.

Board of Trustees meetings are required by law to be open to all members of the public under the state's Open Public Meetings Law, or "Sunshine Act." But large crowds of observers and graduate student supporters were blocked from entering even at the original location which had a fire occupancy limit of 80.

The day before, student leaders had obtained a ruling from a special state agency dealing with open public meetings that even the larger room was too small to accommodate the large crowd expected to observe both the graduate student protest and the vote to raise SUNY tuition as high as \$300 a year.

Student Association of the State University President and student Trustee Judith Krebs said she told trustees at the outset that its new location, the meeting was being conducted illegally. SASU's attorney is working on challenging the validity of the meeting on behalf of both graduate and undergraduate

students.

The graduate student protest against the trustees was directed at SUNY's refusal to allow the system's 5,500 teaching assistants and graduate assistants the right to vote on whether they want to form a labor union. More than fifty people overflowed outside the original meeting room as graduate student leaders dominated the meeting by reading letters in support of unionization from legislators, a former trustee and state officials.

But frustrated by the graduate students' action, the trustees recessed twice, then voted to go into closed session, and were taken by police across the campus to an unannounced location.

An hour later, Krebs returned to the original location and negotiated a deal with the graduate students to end their protest to allow the meeting to continue at the original, larger location.

The trustees, however, refused to move their meeting back to the original room, and five minutes after the meeting went back into "public" session, a meeting notice was posted on the door directing students to the new room, which reportedly had a legal capacity of about 40, according to Baranov.

Approximately 30 observers were in the new room, of which 6 were students, and none of whom were graduate students.

Most of the students who managed to get in were those familiar with the Buffalo State College campus and literally ran to the new location of the meeting and were allowed in by police.

When dozens of other students arrived at

the new location seconds later, police had blocked off the building and would not let them. Only two student reporters—one from Student Leader Press Service and the other from Buffalo State Record—were allowed in the room to observe the proceedings, while a number of others were forced to wait outside.

According to statewide graduate student president Jane Ely, "Because the room capacity was 80 where we were originally and then it was 40 where we were going, it was an obvious attempt to prevent the graduate students from attending a public meeting." Ely speculated that the trustees wanted to avoid further interruptions of the meeting by graduate student protesters and chose to keep them outside.

"The board is willing to hide behind club-wielding police force and secret meeting locations to avoid confronting issues of basic student rights," said Baranov, who was arrested and handcuffed to a fixture inside a men's room.

When a janitor found him in the bathroom, Baranov reportedly said that he was having "communications problems" with SUNY. He was bailed out shortly after being arrested. Four other graduate students got as far as the lobby, and refused to leave, while police refused to arrest them.

"This was not in the spirit of the open-meeting policy and furthermore, was in the tradition of Gestapo tactics," Baranov added.

"I was a speaker at the meeting. I was speaking and they said stop speaking so we can move into a secret location."

Star Search



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By

Aprille Greenidge

A Sparkling of Talent

... to the college community.

I Ask You

I ask you...
Why can't we live as one?
We are all of the same ancestry,
and of the same family, can't you see?

I ask you...
What makes you better than me,
when you join a fraternity or sorority,
and lose you identity?
Why do some of you act that way?

I ask you...
Don't you think that's dividing us?
We are still brothers and sisters,
By blood and our struggle for freedom,
So let's not forget.

I ask you...
Why do we as Black men use and abuse our Black sisters?
They are our queens and princesses,
and should be given the respect they so rightfully deserve.

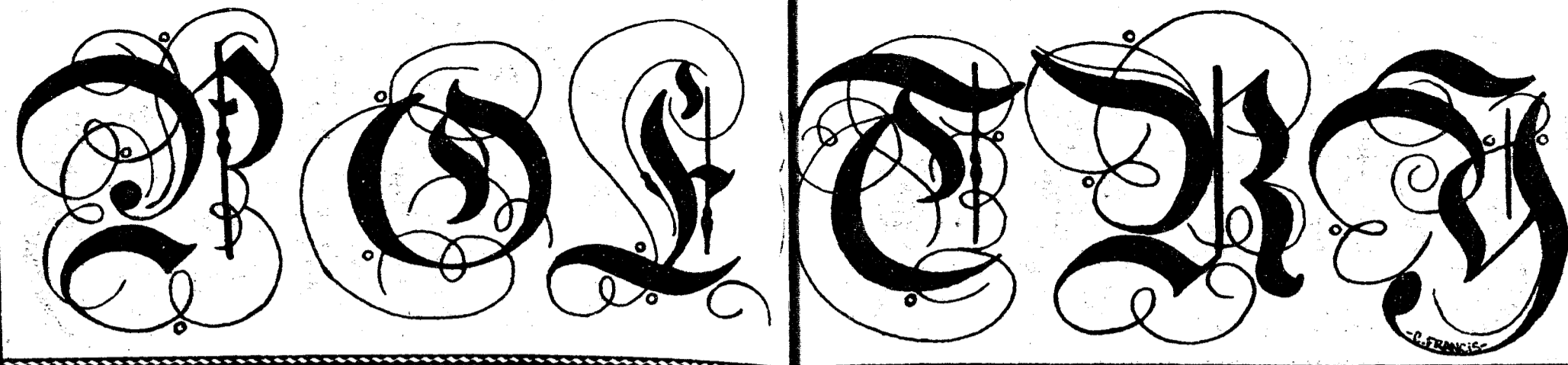
Would someone else respect our Black sisters,
If we don't set an example?
Will they stop abusing and using our sisters,
While we continue to do so?
The Black woman should be respected fully,
Are we respecting them?

I ask you...
Waxy

THE SOLUTION.

The time of change is at hand,
Talking about problems we face,
Serves no clear purpose.
Communication is good but a solution is better.
Time and Time again bureaucracy and cliques
Gives us our identity, an identity which is,
Seen as self-defeating popularity.
Our leaders say, lets join and unite,
To destroy the powers of oppression that be.
But with an unsuspecting glance we notice,
Our so called leaders are at the fore front
Of the oppressionist powers that be.
When will we arise from our slumber,
Take up the armor of freedom,
And take no prisoners, no prisoners of oppression
But casualties of upliftment and knowledge.
This task serves the greater good,
The greater good of the few but brave,
Brothers and sisters of a land so sweet,
A land so beautiful, AFRICA.

by
Rupert G. F. Pearson.



Malcolm's Song

Yeh, yeh, I hear the calling of Sunday mornings.
I hear the birds on the morning do,
dewing what they have to do.
You know them birds got it going on.
Going on, and on and on on on on
Oh damn I got to get with, what going on.
ee, yoo eeh, ee yo ee
ee, yoo eeh, ee yo ee
I hear the leaves trembling
Leave me alone as I fall from the height of my glory.
As I run to replenish the earth.
My you silly fool, may you screech as you walk all over,
listen to the cracking sound I make.
I know you been doing this for seasons on end.
Changing from autumn, to spring to summer, summer to autumn to spring.

What is going on? Every season will change,
But I still play them games.
For once I was root in a tree,
A tree with roots diiigs into this earth,
nourishing it and draewing life from it.
Dark mahogany tree, with its petrified soul.
Giving life to the eart breath air of me,
oh divine tree, branching out,
root all connected by the sound of songs and dreams.
Dreams yeh, I remember the tree.
This mighty mahogany, producing many like me,
keeping cool in it's summer shade
and producing heat from the winter blades.
I say oh oh oh, nooooo.....
I'm wilting, the long hall home chop, chop, chop.
Oh tree don't fall don't fall.
Many support are given to hold the martyr that sorn undless creator.

Chop, chop, chop. Oh my man don't chop this tree.
don't take this from, chop-crack, chop-coke,
chop-nigga, chop-nigga
now my brother/sister don't chop my family line,
make sure my jewels are in line
First verse in things that are strong,
Playing Malcolm's song

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OPEN MY HEART.

I opened up my heart to you,
I was lonely and so sad,
So you came in with your tenderness,
And the best love I ever had.

With the twinkle of your eyes,
You made the old pain part,
And filled me with a maddening love,
That seems to have taken my heart.

You see your love was good for me,
It helped to heal my soul,
And as long as you are by my side,
Our love just wont grow cold.

by
Steven D. Powell.

THE STAR

I praise your name,
You have won fame,
For now you are a star.
Now in the sights and pretty lights,
I worship you from afar.
Once you were so close to me,
We had the whole world in our hands,
But now your fans have taken you away
And it's more than I can stand.
We had a loving courtship,
That was sweet and so divine,
I thought your love would be within me.
Till the very end of time.
I know this is what they say,
I should have known it would be true.
For now I miss the one I love,
And my heart keeps wanting you.

by
Steven D. Powell.

HEART'S GAMBLE.

Here I lay all alone with my thoughts
Of happiness and Love.
Alone, because my heart has no home.
I search diligently for a place of comfort,
I looked for the warmth I desired.
To each hearts door I knock, hoping I may enter,
But no such luck has been mine.
Oh! my dear, how sweet you are, giving
your all to make someone feel so dear.
Oh such pain you feel when rejection comes.
The heart you shared, has now been broken.
But yet again you try to make ones heart your home,
But the success of such warmth is just not yours.

One day you may find a heart you can surely,
call your home.
But you may be hesitant to approach.
For the fear of past rejections, is quite
Evident in your mind.
Your courage may arise and you may approach,
And to your surprise, this heart you now call home.
Oh! such sweet joy, the joy of love.
The joy of happiness.
Oh dear lord how sweet it is, when your heart
Has a resting place, for all the love you have to give.

by
Rupert G. F. Pearson.

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I am putting my trust in you
Don't use me

I am being faithful to you
Don't betray me

I am giving myself to you
Don't misuse me.

But if you don't commit to me
You might lose me.

Looking To Be Loved

Looking to be loved
Sometimes we look to hard
Usually what we want, is really not that far.

Looking to be loved
Searching in darkened rooms
Blinded by the hollow beauty, can only lead to gloom.

Looking to be loved
And finding sex instead
Moments filled with passion, in a very empty bed.

Looking to be loved
Knowing what we want
Yet something keeps us from the love, we're feeling in our heart.

Looking to be loved
How long must we wait
Let's open our eyes and see the truth, before it gets too late.

Looking to be loved
Open your eyes and see
the love you want and are longing for, is waiting patiently.
Looking to be loved
I'm looking for it too
The difference is I know my love is deep inside of you!

Desiree Ugarte Diaz

Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanzaa from Blackworld



GOOD LUCK ON FINALS

Page By
CHIFFON CHAPMAN

CUOMO CALLS FOR \$51.2 M. IN STUDENT AID CUTS

Student Leader Press Service

ALBANY- Gov. Cuomo's proposal to cut state spending would slash financial aid by \$51.2 million this year and next, according to state documents obtained by STUDENT LEADER PRESS SERVICE.

The cuts, which are subject to the approval of the legislature, would come from the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC), a state agency which disburses financial aid to college students.

The cuts would come from the remainder of the current fiscal year, and from the next fiscal year which begins April 1, 1991. The figures in bold represent cuts over the 16 month period.

Note that the proposed cuts would represent losses to both the scholarship money and support services for distributing that money, including things like elimination of 800 toll free hotline numbers.

Main points of Cuomo's plan, all of

which are subject to legislative approval, are:

- Cuts of \$100 per semester in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the spring 1991 semester, and both semesters of next year. Would "save" \$44 million.

- Cuts of \$100 to Regents Scholarships and Empire State Scholarships for all recipients over the next three semesters. Would "save" \$4.6 million.

- Cuts to staff training, supplies and printing of financial aid applications. Would "save" \$52,000.

- Cuts to advertising and public relations for the Liberty Scholarships Program, with the firing of one staff member. Would "save" \$1.5 million.

- Cuts to purchases, mailing, technical services and quality control, including one firing. Would "save" \$44,000.

KWANZAA

By Dwayne Andrews

Kwanzaa 1990 was held in the Unita Cultural Center on December 7, 1990 in the Unita Cultural Center at 7 P.M. The audience at the jam packed U.C.C. was entertained by many different organizations who contributed to celebrate the first fruits.

The Gospel Choir sang the Black National Anthem and then U.C.C. Vice president Orel Muir gave a warm welcoming address. The ceremony then proceeded with a poetry reading by the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta and historical perspective of Kwanzaa given by AFS Program Chairperson Dr. Cash. The Black Women's Weekend committee performed a ceremonial skit.

The performers from Marie Brooks Dance School enlightened and entertained the crowd with their colorful costumes and lithe bodies while the young men that were drummers provided perfect percussion to compliment the dancing. These performers were very mature for their age, none of them were past high school age, as was pointed out by their director during the program.

The Adajio theater performed a thought provoking skit about culture and unity and made the message clear that no matter how many different organizations there are on the campus, we are all still part of the same family. Cultural Center President Sean Joe read a poem and the Gospel Choir sang a selection to end the performance part of the Kwanzaa ceremony.

Stressoir Altemis blessed the feast and fruit and the whole audience had a chance to participate in their favorite part of Kwanzaa- the food.

POETRY

Are We Really Free?

Freedom is a word that is often used but seldom seen,

It cannot be bought by money, silver or green.

Freedom without choice is like lookin but not seeing,

Like saying that you exist but have no sense of being.

Are we really free?

In a society where there is a shortage oif choice,

Where we are often seen but infrequently heard because they limit our voice.

Do we choose our leaders or does the media choose for us?

Do we choose our topic or is it dictated what shall be discussed on

television, in the paper or in the classroom

does our participation come after all has been said and done and we enter with a mop and broom.

Are we really free in school

or are we mentally enslaved?

Are our educations eurocentric or do we learn the role our culture played?

Are we taught who were the builders of the Pyramid and the might Sphinx?

or

Are we taught that we were slaves bound by chains and links?

Are we really free?

When our sisters are repeatedly raped,

and those who defend her are accused of preaching hate.

Where the hands of those who violated herr are neither chained nor tied,

It is she who goes from violated ti violator,

unprotected because she lacked the bluest eye.

In society we are exploited due to malevolence and our own shortsightedness,

because the distance we don't always see,

where black babies grow to be adults

but not to be all that they can be.

I ask you...

Are we really free?

Aaron R. Dare



NATIVE FILIPINO GIRL. INDISTINGUISHABLE IN TYPE FROM SOME AFRICANS IN AFRICA AND THE NEW WORLD. THE ORIGINAL NATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES WERE NEGRITOS, OR LITTLE NEGROES, WHO IN PREHISTORIC TIMES ROAMED AFRICA, ASIA AND EUROPE. SPAIN ALSO BROUGHT LARGE NUMBERS OF AFRICANS AS SLAVES TO THE PHILIPPINES BUT THEY WERE TALLER. THIS GIRL IS A NEGRITO.

Gamma Ce Upsilon

In the fall of 1989 three undergraduate women and one graduate woman came together to discuss the issues surrounding the Latin community. It was at this meeting that these four women decided that the Latin community was at a loss by not having a sorority that was based on Latin concerns. Therefore, the quest began to establish a sorority at Stony Brook. A new beginning proved to be a struggle from the very start. Though faced with opposition, we were fortunate that the proper connections were made and a lot of good people, who believed in our struggle, assisted us. Consequently, in 1990, Gamma Ce Upsilon is now an incorporated sorority that is based upon three main purposes. The purposes for which Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority incorporated was formed are: a) to provide a Latin American sorority to show the perseverance of the Latin woman's struggle, sisterhood and pride through educational means, to excel in all areas; b) to function as a base for Latin women in higher education to express themselves culturally and socially while receiving support and understanding from other women with similar experiences, and c) to provide community service in the form of volunteering, organizing and

assisting various groups, for various causes to enhance the community and its people socially, politically, economically and culturally.

As an organization we felt that the Stony Brook community would want to know this information about our sorority as our charter line has completed their pledge process this semester and are now our sorors. We felt this article would serve as a base of knowledge for the campus in general so that everyone would have an understanding of our mission. Personally, as a former student of Stony Brook having finished six years I am cognizant of how this campus reacts to new and innovative ideas. Consequently, as one of the founders of Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority Incorporated I am asking every organization and/or individual to support our efforts as a new sorority at Stony Brook. For us, the highest form of support for an organization comes in the form of respect for its ideology. We are also confident that our hard work will speak for itself.

Throughout the past few years I have noticed that Stony Brook is in a transition and that there are issues between the black and Latino population that needs to be resolved. Also there contin-

ues to be the ongoing internal struggle within the Latin community (parallel to the struggle within the black community) that can only be solved through education, to rid traditional stereotypes, and understanding, that we are a unique people with a distinct culture. The women of Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority Incorporated will be dedicated to breaking down these barriers so that we can become a unified community. However, we believe that we must first know who we are and where we came from in order to be an asset to other organizations.

Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority Incorporated is not exclusively Latin. However most of our community service is based out of the Latin community. We believe that our organization will prosper with our growing membership of women who identify with and who are dedicated to our struggle.

We are aware that we have a lot of work ahead of us, but we are willing to do whatever it takes to support what we believe in and will prove, by example, that "without struggle, there is no progress."

Gamma Ce Upsilon Sorority Inc.
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A LESSON IN HISTORY

By Joseph T. Wilson.

Mr. Christopher Daly, BA, History, University of Virginia, I intend to comment on the inference of your article which appeared in Statesman (Monday, November 12, 1990 issue, volume 34, number 20). Your article was a response prompted by the acknowledgement made by Dwayne Andrews, Editor of Black World, which exemplified significant few historical settings in North Africa and the Middle East. In that issue, you presented arguments which seemed to be diametrically opposed to Dwayne historical perspectives (location of Mesopotamia, the complexion of Cleopatra VII, the famous Egyptian queen, and Ancient African empires). You confuted Dwayne assertion that no African empire has ever existed above the Sahara, Cleopatra VII was not black, Egypt is technically a part of Africa, and you demeaned Africana Studies and suggested Eurocentric historical study as a remedy. The goal of my commentary is not to circumvent your refutation, rather I intend to dwell on the implication of your confutation.

Let's commence with African Empire. The inference of this assertion is Africa, above the Sahara, which comprise of Arabs with fairly light skin is distinct from Africa sub of the Sahara with

darked-skin. The identical terminology used today is "Black Africa" which presupposes that there is white Africa. If this argument is true, then it will be equivalent to allege that some states in the United States which has predominantly latino population and culture is distinct from North America. Florida and New Mexico are common example. Africa is a continent with fifty-one independent states enriched in variety of culture and languages. Any country located on this continent is an African country, irrespective of color, culture or race. Hence, to allege that no African empire has ever existed above the Sahara is very naive of you because the Egyptian empire once existed above the Sahara and it was an African Empire. The Sahara, which constitutes the world's largest desert region, is located in North Africa. It extends through Egypt, across the Red Sea and through the Arabian desert to Mesopotamia (Iraq). This area once served as major trade route between Africa and the Near East (Middle East) in Ancient time. As a matter of fact, Sundjata, The Malinke King of the Mali Empire, Travelled through the 'Isthmus of Suez' to pay pilgrimage to Mecca in the thirteenth century. He took with

him large quantity of gold which consequently contributed to the depreciation of gold at that time. The Isthmus of Suez was the principle trade route until 1859 when Ferdinand Lesseps, a French engineer, constructed the Suez Canal for the exploration of slave trade and colonization of Africa. The empire terrain was once an Egypt Empire under the leadership of Alexander The Great. After his death in 323 B.C., three of his generals (Seleucus, Ptolemy, and Lysimachus) divided his kingdom. Seleucus established a dynasty in Persia (Iran), Mesopotamia (Iraq), and Syria; Ptolemy kingdom included Phoenicia (Tunisia), Palestine, and Egypt; Lysimachus terrain were Asia Minor (Turkey) and Macedonia.

I deemed it unnecessary to argue with you on the complexion of Cleopatra VII, one of Africa's most celebrated queens. I will rather enlighten your horizon that there were other African queens who were of equal status of Cleopatra and have never been mentioned in European history. One example is The Queen Mother Yaa Asantwa initiated the 'Yaa Asantwa War'. The War was fought because Imperialist Great Britain in the early twentieth century demanded the right to sit

on the "Golden Stool" which the Ashanti cherished as the most "Sacred Possession". Upon the refusal of the demand, The British General Sir Fredrick Hodgson declared war on the Ashanti tribe. Queen Yaa Asantwa and her dauntless army fought the British for four decades. Mother Queen Yaa Asantwa capitulated and was incarcerated in the Schelles Island off the coast of the Indian Ocean, East Africa.

To conclude my commentary, I strongly recommend the following suggestions: never call anyone ignorance with the presumptuous attitude that you are Mr. know-all, for Kwame Nkrumah once said, "above all don't become know-all, for nothing is more objectionable and nothing makes one look more of a fool. Education makes us humble and tolerant." I also suggest that you read the following books- Pedagogy of the Oppressed, by Freire Paulo, What is History, by Carr Edward Hallett, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa, by Walter Rodney, I Write What I Like, by Steve Biko, Introduction to African Civilization, by John G. Jackson, and some series of books written by Basil Davidson- Presumably after you have read and thoroughly absorbed the content of the purported argument, you might have a change of attitude.

A Man Who Knows His Medicine

By Troy Callahan

Dr. Al Jordan, Ph.D., is one of the many outstanding minority faculty members here at Stony Brook. His position as Associate Dean of Student Affairs at the Stony Brook School of Medicine makes him relatively unknown to the undergraduate community, with the exception to prospective students in medicine and the health sciences. Dr. Jordan, an individual concerned with minority enrollment in medical schools and increasing the pool of applicants of color, took some time out to allow Blackworld to interview him and learn more about him and his endeavors.

Bw: How long have you been here at the medical school?

Dr. Jordan: I've been here for fourteen years. When I came here originally, I was Assistant Dean and working in both admissions, student affairs and financial aid. As my staff grew, I had people take care of those various entities. As part of my responsibilities [now] I provide for what is called health and welfare issues of students, and obviously when you say students it's all inclusive. I am involved in trying to provide support programs or other activities for African American and Latino students as well.

Bw: As far as your support programs are concerned, are these just focused at minority students?

Dr. Jordan: No, I didn't take that tactic and the reason why I didn't is because my experience from before I arrived here told me that one of the things that you need to do is to set up a good overall support program for students, and that you get a good deal more cooperation when you go that route as opposed to setting up something special. I don't work on the assumption that being a so called minority student means that there is something special

that needs to be set up for you. I'm aware of the fact that at many times this is the case, but over the years I have found that every student needs support of one kind or another, it's just a matter of putting the energy into what kind of support people need.

Tutorial services are available for any student, and every student has access to faculty. There are other kinds of areas of support that students need, and probably more so in some instances of so called minority students. Things like trying to be supportive of them in regard to issues of being a so called minority in a majority world. But apart from that, a service available to one student is available to any student.

Bw: Do you go out of your way to talk to students, or do they in general come to you when they have a problem?

Dr. Jordan: It varies. I like to think that over the years I've built a good relationship with the students. I think they feel free to come in and talk to me. I run into people in the hall and transact business. I like to think that students feel that this is a place where they can come and say what they want to say and it won't go anywhere, that they can be straight with me and I'll be straight with them. I think that the reputation I have built up over the years in the school is that I am straight with people.

Bw: Why don't you give us a little background on yourself. Where you are from, what schools you attended, etc.

Dr. Jordan: I was born in South Jamaica Queens, and went to elementary school in Queens and then my family moved to New Jersey. I found out not too long ago that in part, the move was made because I was getting involved in some less than desirable activities, so my family made a move to New Jersey.

I actually was not going to go to college. When I graduated from high school what I

wanted to do was go into the Air Force. I had a lot of friends in the service and most of my friends did not go to college, so I had dreams of going into the service and basically having a good time. At the time there wasn't any wars going on and Vietnam wasn't really big news yet. I was a fairly good athlete and I played basketball. I was an All-State basketball player and some schools had talked to me, but that wasn't my interest. I actually decided to go to college in part because a friend of the family took me to go see a college campus, and what I didn't realize is that he took me on his homecoming weekend. After that I thought if this is college, then this is what I want.

I went to Cheney State and played a little ball, but after my first two years I dropped out for a year and a half and just kind of roamed around. It was during the 1960's and I just travelled the country, did different things and hooked up with different people. That's where a large part of my education was, out there dealing with folks from different cities and doing different jobs. Then I came back to school and was actually more serious and more focused than before I left. When I graduated I heard about a job that a friend had [for me] in New York, and this is how I got started in higher education. My first job was teaching really, and every opportunity I get I do it formally, but in my position I think I'm still teaching.

The first job I had, my boss had a rule that if we were going to work with the students that we couldn't be bumps on a log. That if we were going to encourage students to better themselves, then we had to [do so as well], so at night I got a Masters degree from Adelphi in English.

Two years later I left my full time job and went to the University of Massachusetts and got a doctorate there and came back to New York. I worked at the City University of New York in the chancellors office before coming to Stony Brook.

Bw: Although it is not your job, do you do anything to help improve the number of minority students?

Dr. Jordan: There are a number of activities that I personally get involved in. Basically, my thing is that I have tried to and continue to try to operate on a lot of different levels. The first level is that it is very important to create pools of students. One of the things that is sort of evident but people don't realize is that the students have to come from somewhere. While there may be a pool sitting in the undergraduate colleges, that pool can get dried up in one admissions cycle unless it is being fed. So what I have attempted to do is do programs and activities that start back as far as seventh grade to get people moving. You don't start out with a seventh grader saying you're going to be a doctor. You start out saying you have to get good grades, you talk about college, you work on motivation. And then as they progress they will get into their own little niches, which is fine. Not everybody is going to be a doctor.

So you take that and couple it with activities at the undergraduate level, and then you couple that with activities at the medical school. The goal now is to seek to link all these things together. What am I envisioning, and the Dean [of the medical school] is supporting, is bridge programs. There are many programs already here [for minority students].

Why should I go out and write a grant that does the same thing that STEP does when STEP is already there. It's just a matter of articulation, getting these folks and individual pieces to see the connectiveness and how powerful they can be if they hook up. So in effect, the concept that I'm working on is essentially bridging somebody from seventh grade straight on through with entities that are already there and already in place.

Bw: What are your aspirations for the future? Do you plan to remain at the school indefinitely?

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STD's

The Christmas vacations are fast approaching and I'm sure that many thoughts has been given to the wild parties and other such social events we'd like to attend to help unwind after a harrowing semester. However, its how far our unwinding may take us and the consequent results that is the subject of this article, STD'S.

We often take the attitude that STD's are someone else's problem; it doesn't affect me. This is a myth. anyone and everyone who persists in indulging in unsafe and irresponsible sexual practices are subject .

STD's range from the harmless but significant yeast infection to the devastating Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (A.I.D.S.). We're in the midst of a growing epidemic and its time we took stock our actions in order for some control to be gained. As the age old cliché goes "prevention is better than

cure." Ladies, I urge you to go out and get those condoms yourselves instead of leaving up to your partners. The \$2 you spend will be well worth it in the long run. However, its not enough to just buy them, you should be quite firm and insist that it be used during intercourse. The condom acts as a protective barrier so that there is little or no fluid transmission. We at EROS recommend that another method like the foam or jelly be used in conjunction with the condom as this will help compensate for any deficit.

For those of us who might have been a little indiscreet in the past and may have some misgiving about the situation some the symptoms of common STD's are as follows:

- burning sensation during urination
- itching in genital area
- redness or swelling around

the genitals

- spotting before and after menstruation
- unusual discharge with bad odor
- feeling sick for no apparent reason

If any of the observed, it's advisable that you go see a medical practitioner. Not only will you ensure that your good health is maintained, but those of your intimate partner(s).

Quite often there are no symptoms present in males. For this reason we advise that anyone who is sexually active male or female make periodic visits to their health care practitioner.

I hope that many of you will take heed to this article and practice safe sex for the vacation and the rest of your lives for that matter. The fun and pleasure is over in five minutes but the devastating results of unsafe sex lasts a lifetime and affects many.

COUNTDOWN TO ARMEGEDDON

By Michel Z. Draper

Brothers and sisters, welcome to the **TERRORDOME!** The U.S. has gained favor in the use of force to settle the "Iraq Dilemma", by the U.N.'s security council. Saddam Hussein now has until Jan. 15 to leave Kuwait, or face the threat of war. The Council voted 12 to 2, with one abstention on allowing U.N. members in the Persian Gulf to "use all necessary means" to "restore democracy" to that area. That's pretty self explanatory. The U.S. has got its wish- global support of using force as a means to settle the Gulf Crisis. Liberals complain that sanctions will be more effective, if they are given time to work, but Bush supporters argue that time is not as available as the Liberals believe it to be. They feel that the longer it takes for the U.S. to act, the greater the support of the world against the U.S. will become.

Where does that place us? This has far more to do with us, than the role we will play in the war. We have to look at the area in question.

What we are looking at, is a possible reunification of the ancient Persian empire, which was an enormous threat to the European states of that time. We are viewing the re-empowerment of the states of antiquity, which was pro-

phesied in the scriptures. "He who is last, will become first". This trend is occurring globally, as European states continue to suffer losses of power, despite their level of technology; while simultaneously, people of color are growing stronger.

Look at South America, Asia, Asia Minor, the Middle East, and Africa. What we are seeing, is a trend where people of color are coming to realize who the European is. Many may say the devil and they may be right, but it is much more than that. They are starting to see the European as the deceiver; the plagiarist; the barbarian. People of color are coming to realize that they

cannot use the European systems of Capitalism, Socialism, or Communism to suit their needs, because they are not European, and therefore, cannot apply these systems the way the European does. Even the European cannot apply the systems of Socialism and Communism, because these entail sharing a percentage of the wealth of the nation among the masses, and this is something they have never been able to do. Karl Marx, was a plagiarist, who

stole the African principal of Communalism, and modified it to suit the needs of the Russian proletariat. African, Caribbean, South American, and Asian states that follow Marxism/Marxism-leninism eventually face Civil war, because of the contradiction between the theory, and the practice. The theory says that the people will share the wealth equally, but the practice distributes the wealth unequally, with the executive class receiving far more for doing less. Among people of color, this leads to jealousy among the people. Since people of color are divided geo-

graphical ly not by Tribe, but by territorial distinctions made by European colonizers

, one state can contain many Tribes possessing many languages. In these states, representation of a given Tribe may be significantly smaller than others, and this may lead to Civil war as a means to gain representation. Empowerment of a new group means the loss of power of another group, and this will make another Civil war inevitable. The problem continues, because the system continues. America and the Soviet Union are negotiating, because

they are no longer able to push their doctrines on people of color. Geographically, these are the "Third World" countries that possess the resources the West rely on to function. Economical independence of these people will mean the fall of the West, because they will no longer possess the means of exploitation of the people, or the means to rob them of their resources. I believe the Gulf Crisis is the trigger of what is to be a chain of conflicts that will occur globally between People of Color, and the European. Unlike the wars of the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, these conflicts will result in economic freedom, and the expulsion of European powers and ideologies. We may even vision in these countries, practices of "Maoism", while Western states fall victim to massive economic depressions. What we call the "Battle of Armageddon", may very well be the last desperate attempt of the European to get back into the areas they were kicked out of. The end of these events, according to prophecy, should leave things the way they were in the beginning: People of Color thriving in their natural environment- in peace.

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Protesting For Equality

By: Renee McConey

I felt it was necessary to comment on some of the action that took place on December 4.

Many people are, and should be, familiar with the controversy going on between the students of Haitian and African descent and the blood drives given on this campus: the issue being that some people, because of their birthplace (Haiti and particular regions of Africa), are being denied the right to give blood, due to the misconception and, the false accusation, that they might be carriers of the AIDS virus. Students, repeatedly, have rallied and protested against the blood drives, to try to, either ban the drives or, in the long run, overturn the racist FDA ruling.

On the rainy day of December 4, protesters came out to show their disapproval to another blood drive that was held in the alliance room of the library (unadvertised, obviously, in hopes of dodging protesters).

There was indeed, a lot of chaos, and, definitely, overly exaggerated, on the part of the administrators of this campus. Missing the initials happenings, myself, it was said that two students were taken in, or rather, arrested. It was also said that someone was beaten up, but I really can not account for that.

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tive approval of a tuition hike would be a problem.

An open hearing on the issue and revenue policy for the State University will be held in Albany Dec. 7. The hearing is intended to collect students and public opinion on what the University's long-term stance on tuition and fee policies should be. For more information about the hearing, call the State University's main switchboard at (518) 443-5555.

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give it up for adoption or terminate the pregnancy. Whichever choice the woman chooses should be her own.

This is by no means all the information available on birth control and pregnancy. There is much more to be learned and I advise everyone to stop by our office in the Infirmary, room 119 for more information. Our doors and ears are always open to students. We are here for you and we hope that you will make the best use of our facilities. I hope that this intersession will be a most enjoyable and safe one.

The Staff of EROS

A Revolution For Men

By: Allan Hunter

I hate men who hate women. I think I've been wanting to say that, out loud and very publicly, all my life. Hey, if you think those feminist women are a bunch of castrating ball-breakers, wait 'till you get a load of me!

I'm a man who likes women and I'm sick and tired of passing some woman walking by in a deserted parking lot and getting this wary, frightened look from her. I'm tired of being casually attracted to women and then if it shows they're worried that I might rape or sexually molest them, and it spoils everything. whose fault is this? men who hate women that's who!

With that 2 live Crew/ Andrew Dice Clay mentality, jeering and leering and celebrating power over other people, it's men who hate women who are responsible for nearly everything that's wrong with the world. That's where the "I Gotta Be Big Man On Top" mentality comes from. Men who do like some women, but who won't speak out against the whole attitude about women, go around telling us that we all have to put up with less freedom because people are just at heart if you don't have controls. Never mind that it's

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Abortion Story

By John Sealy

The following essay will give modern day thought processes on the issue of abortion. I will try to encompass the moral issue indirectly while incorporating the opinions of Noonan, Warren and English.

When does human life begin? If we can answer that, then is human life representative of a person in the emotional sense? If so, according to society, killing a person is wrong; abortion is killing a person. And if killing a person can never be right then we cannot justify killing in self-defense. For example, killing a fetus in the case of a cancerous uterus or an ectopic pregnancy to save the mother is declared justified since in both cases the fetus itself had little chance of survival even if the abortion were not performed. But it is documented that even in such cases medicine was good enough, though very rare, to save both the mother and the fetus. According to John J. Noonan: "For the Christian community it was the injunction of scripture to love your neighbor as yourself. The fetus as human was a neighbor...when life must be taken, to reason alone cannot say that a mother must prefer a child's to her own...yet again rare." Therefore we must be careful not to violate the statutes of equality. That we are all equal under God. This leads to Noonan's view using the Catholic moral theory, which we will mention later.

First, abortion, The Ethical Issue, and where to draw the line. That is, at what point an abortion is permissible?

The conservative view is at conception, against the "slippery slope" argument that it can be drawn along the path of development, with points such as implantation, quickening, viability or birth.

John J. Noonan, a professor of law at the University of California, Berkeley, has a conservative view towards abortion. His view is that if a human is conceived by hu-

man parents and thereby has a "human genetic code," then that being is human. He uses probability to state the theological refusal to discriminate among human beings on the basis of their varying potentialities. He explains: "There are about two hundred and fifty million spermatozoas in any single ejaculate with one chance of developing into a zygote, but once sperm meet ovum the potentialities jump to 4 out of 5 that this new being will develop; an immensely sharp shift in probabilities."

Then Noonan asked, "What does a change in the biological probabilities have to do with establishing humanity?" Being a strict conservative he would not draw a line. He concluded

that it would be cruelty or selfishness irreconcilable with the demand of love.

The liberal view towards abortion is: the fetus remains nonhuman even in its most advanced stages of development. It states that although a fetus is biologically a human fetus, it has no moral status, i.e., no personhood.

Mary Ann Warren possesses a liberal view towards abortion. She is a philosopher at San Francisco State University and argues that Noonan's concept was confusing. There is more to a person than just a genetic code. She suggests that the traits which are most central to the concept of personhood in the moral sense are:

- 1) Consciousness
- 2) Reasoning
- 3) Self-motivation
- 4) Communication
- 5) Self-awareness

She agrees that it is no accident that the persons we are aware of are human beings. Since we are aware of each other and can engage in complex communications we are all people. That excludes fetuses from these crite-

ria, so they are nonhumans; i.e., nonpersons.

Warren is a strict liberal and contends that a woman's right to obtain an abortion is absolute at any stage. She was labelled in support of infanticide. In February 1986, a postscript included reverence to the fact that at birth (viability), the mother should give up absolute right to determine the fate of the baby if others wish to adopt it or pay for its care.

And now, the moderate view. In vivid contrast to both the conservative and the liberal view, the moderate view is unwilling to condemn or condone abortion - some abortions are morally justifiable, some are objectionable.

One who had a moderate view towards abortion was Jane English (whose life came to

a tragic end at the age of 31 while mountain

climbing). She argued that abortion is morally permissible in many cases. She moderated the liberal view by saying that even if a fetus is not a person, the similarity between a fetus and a baby is sufficient enough to make abortion problematic in the later stages of pregnancy. But in the early months when a fetus hardly resembles a baby, all abortions are permissible whether it is in the interest of the pregnant woman or her family. She argued in the case of self-defense, for the purpose of avoiding harm rather than causing harm (e.g. to avoid death you may kill to avoid a social hindrance to the baby). She also believed that our concept of a person is not sharp or decisive enough to bear the weight of a solution to the abortion controversy. To use it to solve the problem is to clarify 'obscurum per obscurius'.

Since prehistory, society has become more and more complex in their thoughts and practice - that is, we have decreased our use of primitive instinct and now rely actively on human intellect or natural intelligence. Did

the caveman ever think it would be wiser to abort a fetus than to allow it to hinder his life? Or did he accept it as a natural process and try to protect it? If he had considered the fetus an anachronism (mistake), would he had kick the female in the right place in order to induce an abortion? Or was pregnancy always a cause for celebration? At this point, use of a disclaimer has become compelling, since the caveman and Jesus will always be in conflict. These examples are only used to convincingly make my point a little clearer. And for that matter, JESUS is PRO-LIFE.

In 1973 the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case, a decision had to be made to allow or restrict all abortions. Judge Blackmun decided that since the Church, philosophy and science could not determine whether or not the fetus is a person, then "who is the Supreme Court to decide?" He then ruled that, "a woman's right to privacy" would become the ruling factor. This was a landmark decision which legalized abortion. I may have to say that this decision also allowed 1.5 million abortions to take place every year (animal rights advocates could show their cause in a better light, if their efforts also push for a reversal of Roe vs. Wade in January). I must also say that after all, abortion was not invented in 1973, it was only legalized. Before then, abortions were "back-alley." Representative Jim Lightfoot (R-Iowa) was adopted near birth. Can we face healthy and accomplished adults whose parents chose adoption over death (or rather abortion) with pro-choice over-tones? Even though we must find an answer to and give a plan of action for the unwanted pregnancies that exist now, we must offer an imperative to such problems in the future - regardless of the psychological effect. We must choose alternatives that produce more good than evil. Never pee against the wind and never whittle at ourselves. While these rules are never bent, we have chosen a safer path to go.

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Looking in on the action, it was ridiculous to see Suffolk County police in such numbers, too many cops and cop cars to count. There were only about thirty protestors and three or four paddy wagons, probably ten cop cars and, definitely more than fifty officers.

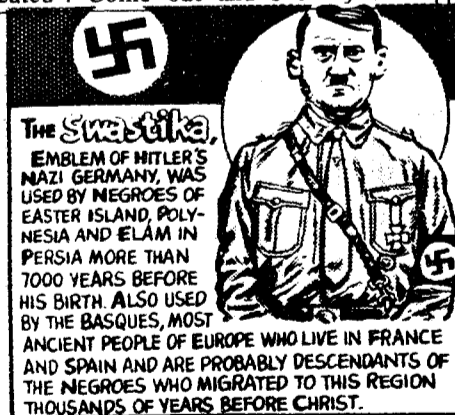
The protestors locked together to block out the "wanna be" donors, until the doors were closed, and then they started rallying. How ironic it was, also, to see one of the few Black officers, probably one out of three, blocking the doors from the protestors.

While trying hard to explain the point of the rally to those who wanted to get in it was sad to see naive, ignorant white students, verbally abuse the protestors. Also, disgusting to watch the white officers standing around getting a kick out of the protestors marching. I personally didn't see anything funny.

It was sad to see administration break down like this, and to see how people, scholars, could be so naive, and so closed-minded. How can you not see that the FDA is definitely racist in it's accusations against Haitians and Africans, that AIDS has no boundaries and no limits, and that blood is the same between all races and ethnic groups.

To those of you in the African-American community, it is time to show support. Educate those who are lacking an understanding

of the cause. There will, definitely, be some debate, be it with your white roommate, or on a larger scale, so, "Educate those who are Uneducated". Come out and show your support!



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an insult to most animals -- I ask which people? The women, whom you tell to stay indoors and lock all the locks and don't go out alone at night? Men who like women, who (when you think about it) aren't usually violent or dangerous? No, it's men who hate women that's who!

So one day someone invents "men's lib" or whatever it's called, and we're supposed to go around being mellow and learning how to act like Phil Donahue and be sensitive and express our feelings. And learn to love men. Terrific. Look, I was mellow years before

anyone dreamed up this new age man stuff, and all it got me was being accused of being gay, as if that's what happens to the guys who are too weak and sissified to hate women, act like creeps, and grab some p---y and dominate it. Never mind that that's an insult to fellows that happen to find each, what I want to know is who the hell defined heterosexuality for men as sex with people you hate? Men who hate women that's who!

Maybe it's true that we could get over the homophobia that they've given us. I won't deny that it would be a better world if more men were fondly affectionate and as comfortable with it as the women are. But I'll be damned if I'm going to men indiscriminately. Every time some guy starts winking and nudging me and talking about how his lust for some woman's body is filling him with sneering contempt for her, and he's sure I share his filthy pleasure in it, it makes me want to throw up.

Someone should tell guys like this where to stick it, so I'll happily do the honors -- how about into a pencil sharpener, creeps? I'll turn the handle.

If this is what it means to be a sissy, then I've always been proud to be a sissy, and I think maybe it's Sissy Revolution Time.

The above writer is a Graduate student of Sociology.

CHAQUANDA'S COLUMN

Dear Chaquanda:

I am in love with this wonderful guy. I feel relaxed when I am around him and we always enjoy each others company. My problem is this guy has a girlfriend. He always tells me that he loves me and that he really doesn't like her at all. I buy him gifts and all to express my love. My friends tell me that I am stupid because he will never let go of his girlfriend. But I feel something different. Should I listen to my heart or should I listen to my friends?

Love High

Dear Love High:

I think you should listen to your friends. They know what they are talking about trust me. This clown is pulling your leg and he is pulling it for the wrong reason - sex. If you are going to be weak enough to give it to him than no one can help you. Think about it, he only wants to hold on to you so that he can fulfill his sexual quest. On the other hand maybe that is what you are doing. If so then keep on strokin' on.

Dear Chaquanda:

I am a virgin. I never had a relationship before. I have met a lot of different guys in the past and some (most) have tried to push up on me. Usually I immediately turn away and they end up moving on to the next girl. I feel that I am getting old and it is time for me to let my virginity go. Should I find someone, anyone to sex me or should I search for a real man who knows what he is doing. I don't want someone who will tackle and fumble. I want a real touch-down.

Let's Get It On

Dear Let's Get It On:

Sounds like your just ready to toss that virginity up in the air and let

someone, or I should say anyone, grab it. I don't think you should feel as if you are old and you must get rid of it just because others have. You should wait until the time is right and it should be with the right someone. You should not give it up to some character who will rub up on you because there are many out there. Just be patient.

Dear Chaquanda:

I am worried about my roommate. My roommate was going out with this young man for a couple of months. I don't know what happened but the next thing I knew, she was sleeping with another one of our friends. The following week I found out that she was sleeping with another one of our friends. The same week I found out that she slept with one of our other friends. I am worried about her and I fear her reputation. I wonder who will it be tomorrow.

A Friend Of The Sleeper

Dear A Friend Of The Sleeper:

Why don't you talk to her. She is your roommate and your friend. I don't know although I find it hard not to know but maybe she is unaware of how things look. You should point these things out to her. If you don't she will definitely have a bad rep, if she is aware of it or not.

Dear Chaquanda:

I can't stand my roommate. For starters my roommate is dirty, meaning she is unclean and she leaves her side of the room that way. It seems like she doesn't care. Like she is the sister of Pig Pen. We don't talk because we have nothing in common. Besides I don't talk to dirty people. I would not want people to think that we are friends. Please help. What should I do?

P.S. Just the other day when I woke up I went to turn the lamp on and over the lamp shade was a pair of her dirty draws from the day before.

Fed Up

Dear Fed Up:

Kick her out! That is really gross. I think I would have smacked her if I opened my eyes to a pair of dirty draws hanging above my head.

Dear Chaquanda:

proud to be on is the Suffolk County Coalition for Minority Males. We're doing some things in terms of providing health care around high risk issues related to drugs and alcohol abuse, and in that regard I have hooked the School of Medicine up with along with the help of the Dean. So the school is a participant in that activity, which is something that quite honestly I don't think would happen if I wasn't here.

So my situation is not one that I am just involved with the School of Medicine. There are so many exciting possibilities at Stony Brook. What I do here is not routine, it can't be routine when you are working with students. So I'm still very excited about the things that can be done.

For the past couple of months I have been thinking about growing dreads. I have decided to do it but I am afraid that people will look at me differently especially if I try to get a job. Should I let this bother me or should I not worry.

Dreads or Not?

Dear Dreads or Not:

I think that if you really want them you should get them. Don't worry about people laughing at you. I am pretty sure they won't. As for a job, if your a girl you can easily wrap the hair with a piece of the African cloth. If you are a guy you should wear a hat that will cover the hair at least until you get your foot in the door.

Dear Chaquanda:

Why are men such liars and dogs? I am presently seeing this guy. At first everything was fine. But as the relationship grew, I noticed some changes:

1. He didn't want to go out like we use to.
2. He didn't want to take me out.
3. He stop buying me things (candy, flowers, etc..).
4. His phone calls decreased.
5. He claimed that he wanted to hang out with the boys.

6. He never wanted to talk anymore. I noticed these changes but I didn't jump to conclusions. I was suspicious, though, so I asked him why the sudden changes. He said that his family and friends said that he never spends anymore time with them because he is always with me. Granted that was true but also neither his friends nor family liked me.

Confused

Dear Confused:

It seems that you either have to put this man in line or find a new one. Maybe he could be telling the truth but then again why did he slack off on the phone calls, gifts..etc.. That makes me wonder a bit. I would go into serious investigating if I were you.

KNOWLEDGE IS
POWER!
READ
BLACKWORLD

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Before the winners were announced, Lawrence brought the three judges to the stage. They were: Erskine Issac, who is a talent agent, K-Solo, who is a rap artist for Atlanta Records, and WUSB D.J. Dr. Vic. After they were introduced, the winners were announced by Malik Sigma Psi member Russell Dixon.

The winner in the male vocalist category was James Leon. The winner in the female vocalist category was, for the third year in a row, Erna Metayer. The winner in the dance category was Bad Attitude. The winner in the female category was Crystal Clark, and the winner in the male modeling category was Bobby Knight.

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ly?
Dr. Jordan: Basically, I have never stayed anyplace where I wasn't enjoying myself and having fun, and felt that I could get some things done. I have been fortunate in as much that I came here at a time when the school was new. It was growing and there were many possibilities for me to get involved in a lot of different areas.

I have not confined myself to the School of Medicine. I am active campus-wide and get involved with a lot of different activities. I like to think that I have a global view of how the place works and what can be hooked up and connected to make some things work effectively. I'm involved in the community and on several county wide coalitions. One that I am very

PERSONALS

Rupert G.F. Pearson and Jonelle Taylor.

To B-Dog,

Hopefully this winter break will bring us closer together. And maybe we can make a connection that will be stronger than before. Happy Holidays
Baby-Doll

To Tone-Bone,

Happy Holidays! But you need to learn how to use the phone, and return someones's phone calls. I'm not upset, but I just thought I'll mention that. Let's make this connection Real over the break. With or without your ball practice.
Your Lady Luck!

To the Finer Women I call my sisters The Ladies of Zeta Phi Bets Sorority Inc.

Dec 7 is our chance to shine. We have put a whole lot of work into this, so now lets chill and party like only we know how.

The Instigator
P.S. Ladies make sure you have your bills ready.

To The Big Man on Campus,

Where are you? I thought you were comin' over to mess up my hair.
Bouncin' and Misbehavin

To Evelyn and Connie,
Congratulations!!

Love Maddy

To Fay,

I still love you, sorry I haven't called.

Love Rupert

P.S. Are we going to have fun this holiday or what?

Hi India,

I still remember you. Have a merry X-mas. I still love you.

Love Your friend Rupe

To Intrigued and Sexual Deviant,

I have not heard much from you this semester, what not eating or sucking anymore. I'm sure you two can find something to eat and suck. Anyway Happy X-Mas.

From the Perversion Instigator

To Emmy,

I wish I had more free time to spend with you. But this is only for now.

Love T.J.

To Daphne,

Have a Happy B-Day
Love Ladies of Sanger 112

Chocolate Mousse,

The nights we shared together have been fun and exciting. Keep up the good work and don't fall off!!!

Your Shortcake

To the Ladies of Sanger 112,

You all most definitely have it going on!!!! Good Luck on Finals.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

That's sad,

You were a naughty boy last weekend. I forgive you, just don't let it happen again.

You Know Who

Audra,

Thank you for being a cool roommate and for making the suite look so homie.

M.Castillo

To The Ladies Δ Σ Θ,

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love the Δ G Q's

To Lysepei, Where are you?
Talk to me. N.Y.H.T

To Renee and Jackie,

I've had a great time but now I have to go into the big man's world. It won't be long before you are out of here.
STAY STRONG!! I Love You!

Lydia

To Austin,

What's up home slice
Rupe

P.S. we are going to F___ it up in the city for the holidays. The posse will be home.

To Dominique,

You are by far the prettiest young lady I have seen. I've been admiring you from a far but I think it's time we got it together.

P.S. I know you have a boyfriend. Now it's time for you to have a man.

Love always your Secret Admirer
C.M.

To Mike,

You have something I want and you better believe I am going to take her from you. C.M.

To Evelyn and Connie,

Congratulations to you.
You deserve it.

Love Rupert

To Connie,

Lots of love and Congrats to you from your friend who loves you.

Love Always The Garbage Man
P.S. You are still very sexy and sweet. Don't ever change my dear. I love you still.

To Barry,

I just want to wish you a Merry X-Mas and a Happy Kwanzaa. Hope to see you next semester.

Love Nicole Yvette

To Lisa,

This is just to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I'm glad I have this opportunity to meet you. I think you are a very beautiful woman and We will always be friends. You are quite special

Love Your Tutor

P.S. See you got one. Let's keep in contact over the vacation.

To Stonybrook P.H.C.,

'No group of organizations have done more to set a pattern of vitally needed interorganizational cooperation for our present time than have those coalesced under the banner of the National Pan - Hellenic Council.' Ozell Sutton, president of Assault on Illiteracy Program. We've got some Mighty big shoes to fill, but I believe that together we can achieve all our goals.

wicked, sp.89

To the Zeta Flames of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Theta Kappa Chapter,

You guys have really come through this semester. Don't think for a minute that your efforts have gone unappreciated. Thanks. See all of you at the party.

Your Liason, The Instigator

Sajo,

When will you learn to stop being so humble?

Dougal

To Jonelle,

Hope your holidays are filled with lots of love and joy because you deserve it. You are such a beautiful person both inward and outward. This is just to let you know that you will always be special.

Love Always Your Partner
#2

To Lady Dujour,

We needed this vacation and the time we had away from Stonybrook. I like things so much better now. What we have is so special and each day the love grows greater and greater. What I'm trying to say is I love you madly.

Love Always Yaffe

To The Ladies of Touse 311,

Merry X-mas. I love you all.

Love Always Rupe

To Alycia,

Lots of love at Christmas to you my dear. May your holiday be filled with happiness and love. You are very special to me and you always will be loved by me.

Love Always The one Who Cares

To Tracy,

Even though things have not been the best. I hope we are still friends. It would be nice if you called some time.

Love your Partner

To Yaffe,

Thanks for the wonderful gifts for my birthday. I especially like the after effect!

Lady D

Just want to give a shout out to the finest gals, Sim, Julie, Stacey, and Crystal, Thanks for being there for me and give Congrats to Sim and Crystal for a superb and extraordinary performance.

From J-Luv

To Sim And Crystal,

Congrats on a spectacular job in Star Search.

Love Rupe-Luv

P.S. Sim you will get it next year \$.

To The Donnets, Gale, Hanna, Susan,

Your beauty on the outside is not deceiving, in that it reflex the extraordinary beauty on the inside
Love Jonathan

PERSONALS

Rupert G.F. Pearson and Jonelle Taylor.

TO BLACK WORLD STAFF,
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Peace Rupert.

To Highgrace,
Stop worrying. I care 4 ya
more than U know. I'll be out
this mode sooner than you
think. You're real special.
Special ED.

To: The Neos of AFA Darryl,
Waine and Byron,
CONGRADULATIONS!!!!
Peace Rupe.

To Spike,
I'm looking forward to a very
long and lasting friendship as
well as relationship.
Love Always Sade.

To The Staff Of Blackworld,
Especially the 4.00 am crew (
you know who you are) It's
been real!!! Real hard but it's
been worth it.
Se Ya Tracy.

To The 2 Scrooges,
You fellas are the worst, but
not as bad as egg-head and the
8-ball posse. Let's have a holi-
day to tressure.
ButterScotch.

To Michelle,
Hope to see you over the
Christmas break. Have a happy
Christmas and a wonderful
New year.
Love Your Friend.
P.S. I Love that sexy picture of
you.

To Dwayne, Tracy and Rupert,
You've been the greatest this
semester. looking forward to
working with you next semes-
ter.
CASSY.

To Dwayne,
When do you plan on moving
over and letting someone more
competent do the job right.
Tracy.

To Ritz,
Make the right choices, in all
facets of life. and ask yourself,
who's the Mack?
Silk Pijamas.

To Cassy,
Be Good and stay sweet,
you're a beautiful lady.
Your partner in crime at
BLACKWORLD.

To Julie,
this semester was not the best
for us. Lets make next semester
much, much better.
Love Always Your Brother
Rupert.
P.S I hope every thing works
out well for you if you want to
talk you know where I am.
Merry Christmas.

To Julie,
Have a very merry Christmas!
Hopefully the whole family can
get together so we can bug out.
You're a very sweet cousin.
Love Michelle.
P.S When are you going to call
me?

To Rupert, Tracy, Waine,
Thierry, Cassy @ Bill,
1990 was kind of rough but it
would have been worse without
you. Lets do it again in 91.
Dwayne.

To Darryl, Waine, Byron.
Congrats it's about Goddam
time. I'm Happy.
The Single Z-Lady.
P.S. In my eyes you will always
be very special.

To Kaleen,
You are very Beautiful and
sexy, and so warm dont ever
change. Don't let this campus
spoil you.
Love An Admirer you
know.
P.S Have a merry Christmas and

To Mr. Andrews,
Two times dissed, three strikes
you're out.
From 2 out in the cold

To Ezra,
You are the worst roommate
a man could ever have, but I
still get along with you. What
does that say about me? You're
the only hope for the club, the
rest of us love brew too much.
Dougal

To Darryl the Screamer,
I miss you much, very, very
much.
From your best friend the
only woman in your life.

To our true troopers,
Thank you, we couldn't hace
made it without you!
Love the new sisters of GCY

To Three The Hard Way,
Congrats, my compadres. You
guys are the greatest. Y'all
know what ya did so F... every-
one else.

To The Club USB Posse,
People say yo humpty.

Lydia,
CONgratulations. Have a good
life. Blackworld would have
been trash without you.
Dwayne

To my Phi Sig Sisters,
Thanks for the good times.
We made it through the bad
times and we are only going to
get stronger. Stay strong, stay
united and always remember
'Diokete Hupsala'
With Phi Sig Love, Lydia

To the Late Night Caller,
Cowardice and racism gets you
nowhere. You have a problem
so I hold no grudge against your
ignorance. Think about it.
Dwayne Andrews

Hey knuckle
Jamaican men can be all that.
But Dominican women are that
and more. Why are you acting
so weird? Is the anonymous
competition getting closer to
your heart than we thought?
M & M

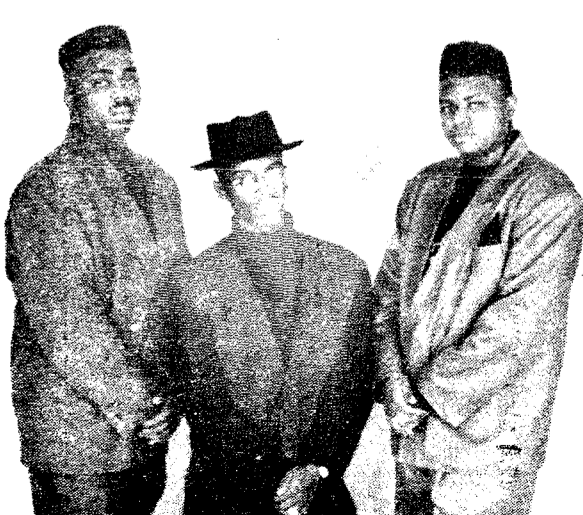
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Until you lay out, write, prin-
to or photograph some news,
don't say a word. Criticism is
real easy from the outside, come
in and be a part of Blackworld.
Our first meeting is January 28
at 8:30 P.M. Be there or shut
up.
Blackworld Editor.

To The Brook,
Thanks for your support.
The Nupes

Curt,
Happy Birthday! See Ya!
Love M&M+1

John,
You're very special. This year
and a half with you has been
wonderful. I love you baby.
Can't wait 'til Christmas.
Love Matty
P.S. Picasso, Agatha says Hi!

To our sorors
Congrats the ral struggle be-
gins now! We love you!!!
GCY



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