

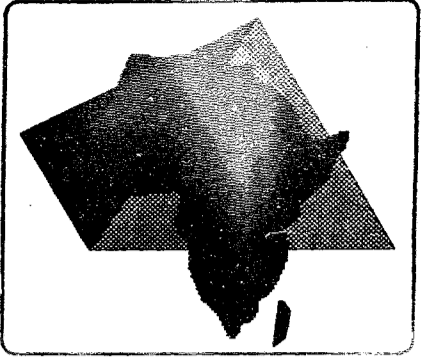
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

BY MAURICE B. HENDERSON

While many African-Americans throughout the country prepare to recognize February as Black History month, they must realize that one month is too short of a period to celebrate their contributions to American society. Why should an attempt be made to only use one month, especially the shortest month in the year, as the only time to remember a hard fought struggle for freedom, justice and equality in these United States of America. After endearing almost 400 years of racism, Blacks cannot recapture their historical struggle and heritage in the mere twenty eight days that February allows.

The call for a Black History Month was initiated in 1926, when noted African-American Historian Carter G. Woodson founded Negro History Week in honor of Frederick Douglass. It was only after many decades of coalition building and lobbying for support that Negro History Week was extended to a month long celebration and re-titled Black History Month. As the activities and events of this month continued to grow in varied proportions, the month also took on symbolism and ingredients of cultural awakening. February became a month not only for reminiscing about slavery and the civil rights period, but was also used to highlight the significant contributions made to Science, Mathematics and the Arts by the African Ancestors of Black Americans. Black History Month is currently being used as a major time slot for the presentation of forums, debates and discussions on issues relevant to the Black Community locally and abroad. These issues include racism, teenage pregnancy, drugs, illiteracy, and Black on Black crime and are often addressed by civic, community and fraternal organizations.

The dedication of every day during February to a Black Hero or Heroine or a social/political cause would still not allow for equal representation in the twenty eight days mandated for that month. The calendar limitations of the month does not provide enough time for the preservation and study of Black History. The desperate need for the extension of Black History beyond a one month time span will insure Blacks (African-Americans) more quality time to re-discover the distinctive periods encompassed in Black American and African History. The development of Holidays and celebrations during other months throughout the year is a strategic step in the right direction. Some of the most significant and qualified holidays currently being recognized on a national scale

includes the spiritual and non-religious celebration of Kwanzaa. Created by Dr. Mulana Karenga in 1966, Kwanzaa Stresses the re-dedication to culture and heritage and is based upon the seven Swahili principles of Nguzo Saba. This celebration occurs in a seven day time period from December 26th to January 1st. The month of January is highlighted with the National Holiday and Birthday Observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on January 15th or every third Monday of the month. This holiday was established in memory of Dr. King's involvement in social change and strident belief in human and equal rights.

Other notable and memorable events that do not occur in February include April 4th, the memorial date of King's assassination, May 19th, the birthday of Malcolm X, and May 25th, which is African Liberation Day. The first Monday in November is Black Solidarity, a day of unity for the Black Community, while June is highlighted with the Odunde Festival, which is held in South Philadelphia at 23rd and Bainbridge Street.

There should be no argument that February represents a month of milestones in the lives and history of Black (African-Americans). The first Black library was founded in 1933 in Philadelphia. Richard Allen, the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first organized for Blacks in America, was born in February 1790. Also born in this month were abolitionist and freedom fighter Frederick Douglas in 1817, writer and educator W.E.B. DuBois in 1868 and Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights struggle who sparked the bus boycotts in Montgomery Alabama, in 1913. Other events to be initiated in February include the founding of the NAACP (the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people) in 1933 and the Organization for Afro-American Unity in 1964 by Malcolm X. Even though February serves as a focal point for many events and births in Black History, it should not be used as a period to digest and swallow the whole history of Black Americans and Africans.

There are too numerous dates and personalities that have gone unrecognized in the scheduling of events and activities for Black History Month. African-Americans and Society must remember that every day will be a Black History day as long as there is a struggle for freedom by Africans at home and abroad.

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HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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EDITORIAL

SUPPORT THE TROOPS NOT THE WAR

As the allied forces keep pounding Iraq in their war for oil, many Americans have found a sense of pride in being the bullies of the world once again. The flags are flying and signs such as NUKE IRAQ and THESE COLORS DON'T RUN can be seen all over as the military propaganda continues. As brothers and sisters are being killed, on both sides of the battle lines, patriotic Americans gloat.

The yellow ribbon is a symbol that all should hail right now in this time of war, for it is this little gentle symbol that speaks volumes. This is not a symbol of supporting the United States and its allied servants so-called intervention in Kuwait, it is a symbol of hope and prayer. The military of the United States is full of our brothers and sisters and we must pull for them to make a safe return. Does this mean that we must also advocate the war since the best possible way for them to return safely is through killing? No. Our troops can come home safely through another way. George Bush must call for them back and stop his game of chicken with Saddam Hussein with lives that he, of course, does not feel accountable for. Families are being shredded by this war that our government has used to once again flex its muscle and start up the American propaganda machine.

The differences between supporting the troops and supporting the war are clear. War time is a time where Americans do a lot of patriotic nonsense and lose sight of the facts. America should stop trying to be the world's police force on a selective basis and protect freedom all of the time. Capitalism and imperialism reek heavily in this gulf war. Mr. President, BRING THE TROOPS HOME!

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MAKI MANDELA SPEAKS AT STONY BROOK

By Wilfred St. Felix

On Tuesday, February 5, 1991, the University of Stony Brook welcomed Ms. Maki Mandela, the daughter of world renowned freedom fighter, Nelson Mandela. Like her father, Ms. Mandela deeply believes in the South African peoples right to being treated as human beings and to be able to receive affordable and decent housing, education, and health care. But, the main focus of Ms. Mandela's speech dealt with South African Declerk, who as of last week announced his decision to try to Repeal the Apartheid Laws (which include the population Registration Act as well as the Group Areas Act), which have plagued the South African people for so many decades.

This being Black History Month, it was more than appropriate for Ms. Mandela to be here at Stony Brook addressing the students, faculty, and anyone who had not been aware of the plight of the African people. Being one of the major activists, (her work with the handicapped in South Africa and teaching South Africans how to read and write) she more than clarifies to ad-

dress the South African struggle.

According to Ms. Mandela, the population Registration Act and the Group Act makes it impossible for the people of South Africa to live happy, productive lives. These laws are the corner stones of racism in South Africa. They contribute to South African people being broken into different categories. For example, the four categories in South Africa pertaining to color are African, Colored, Indian, and White, White being superior and African being inferior.

These categories lead to segregation in school, hospitals, and area location. All of this was made more than clear by Ms. Mandela. Using her experience as a social worker, she shows us how this categorizing has a destructive effect on every aspect of the life of a South African. For example, she relates a story of a baby who had been ill and brought to a wrong color hospital. After being shuffled around, due to the fact that he was the wrong color, the baby boy died. She also relates to a story of a mother who had given birth to a fair-skinned baby and had to give it up because she felt that life in the African community

would only hinder the child instead of helping him.

Throughout the evening, Ms. Mandela brought a lot of the problems of the South African people to the forefront. Everything from daily life to relationships between mother and child, husband and wife, and teacher and student in South Africa. After her speech, Ms. Mandela allowed questions from the audience. Although numerous questions were asked only one really expressed the viewpoints of the African people. When asked about economic sanctions in South Africa, she basically pointed out how she saw no effectiveness of the sanctions. After all, "African gold and diamond, as well as silver are still being sold here in the United States." This of course, showing us as well as the African people that the sanctions were and are still not effective. After this she closed by saying "We the African people urge the Government to make the change not in a years time, or five years time, because the patience of the African people is running out."



Photo By Walter Schneider

KWAME TURE DROPS SCIENCE

BY ROBERT M. DIAZ

Kwame Ture lectured last Saturday night at Middlesex College in New Jersey, discussing an array of African themes from African unity to the Persian Gulf War.

Ture, former chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and advocate of Black Power, expressed continually the need for Africans (meaning descendants of African heritage worldwide) to seek knowledge of their African roots. He claimed most Africans were "ignorant" in that they did not know enough about their own legacy.

A theme stressed by Ture was the need for African unity. A necessary element on the road to this unity is struggle and that Africans "will not be free until all of us partake in the struggle." He emphasized "we must shed blood," and repeated this phrase several

times as though chanting an incantation.

Known in the sixties as Stokely Carmichael, Caribbean born and New York bred Ture has changed more than his name. Where Carmichael in the sixties had called for reform within the system, through democratic means (i.e. voting, legislation), Ture called for the destruction of capitalism. He denounced as "racist" the American system the SNCC had fought to reform and he insisted was unable to serve the needs of the "masses." He issued "the call for revolution," and added that "our revolution must be anti-capitalist" because socialism, a process Ture holds as inevitable, is imminent in America. He dismissed the notion that because socialism was seen to be failing in Europe that it was no longer a viable ideology. He claimed that it was not Socialism itself that was falling but its leaders. "You can't

judge socialism by its leaders just like you can't judge Christianity by its leaders," reasoned Ture and added for clarity, "Look at [President] Bush. The bible says 'thou shalt not kill' and in every battalion in the army there is a chaplain."

The Persian Gulf war was a subject of severe criticism by Ture. He said that "this war that Bush is calling for - he will see this war in the streets of America," and said the CIA would set off bombs and take other action and blame terrorists so that everyone could rally for the war. This war he explained "will bring the destruction of capitalism." He doubted the war could be held favorable for long because at the end the Vietnam war people were burning flags and shouting 'hell no we won't go' and this time that is occurring at the beginning of the war. Another reason this war, which Ture stated "will make us

anti-capitalist and anti-zionist," will not succeed is that America does not have an army, that the U.S. army ended when the Vietnam war ended and all you had in Saudi Arabia were the unemployed.

Ture defended himself against claims that he was anti-semitic by reasoning that "I am an African. Africa gave Judaism to the world. The first Jews were from Africa," and that because he loved all Africans he could not logically be anti-jewish. He did admit he was anti-zionist because "it is an immoral, racist ideology."

That Europe will not unite before Africa "is not rhetoric," insisted Ture. He said that he has traveled all over the world and nowhere is pride in nationality as prominent as pride in being African. "I've never seen Europe being worn around anyone's neck."

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THE SO-CALLED ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATIONS FOR WAR

By Errol Cockfield

The World has gone thru and is on the verge of some major economic and political changes. The reunification of Germany, the European Economic Community (In which a large percentage of European countries will have one economy) will be formed in 1992 and Hong Kong (a major economic center) will return to the Chinese in 1997. These are major changes that must be taken into consideration as one turns his or her attention to the chaos in the Persian Gulf. The United States has lost its hold to the claim "This is the greatest nation in the world" and is no longer the economic power in the free world. Japan and reunified Germany are now the economic forces to be dealt with. All one needs to do is check their household appliances and the car in the driveway. My analysis of the Persian Gulf

situation is one that many might call "Sinister", but nevertheless I must express my opinion however radical it may seem.

Only a fraction of U.S. oil is imported from this region. Japan and Germany however import the majority of their oil from the present war zone. If the U.S. gains a foothold in this region it may very well create a turn for the worse for these economic competitors. This is not a hard assumption to reach when one takes into consideration the fact that we are trillions of dollars in debt and faced with recession. While there will be many economic advances in the future for many countries, the future for the American economy does not look bright at all. Is this a battle for world power and economic stability? I answer a resounding "Yes."

Many believe the attack on Kuwait was unprovoked, though many do not know

that Kuwait is historically an Iraqi province taken by the British. Many do not know that Kuwait was cheating Iraq out of billions of dollars of oil profits (these two countries are members of OPEC) by selling its oil at lower prices not agreed on by the members of OPEC. In essence Kuwait was waging an economic war on Iraq. Saddam Hussein was in many ways forced into the position he is in, that is not to say his actions are just ones. One might say there is propaganda on Hussein's side, but why are we so quick to trust the Pentagon. Men such as George Bush, Dick Cheney, and Adam Powell do have the power to lie. This point is somewhat intangible for many Americans, but here is a perfect example of propaganda at its best. Remember if you will "READ MY LIPS, NO NEW TAXES."

The founding fathers implemented a

system of checks and balances so that the president could not just declare war at his own whim. Yet thousands of troops were flooded into Saudi Arabia without Congressional consent. One might infer from my tone that I do not support our armed forces, it is quite the contrary. I am against the war effort but I will never stop supporting my brothers who are stationed not only in the Persian Gulf but all around the world in defense of my freedom.

Yet we have so many internal problems, CRIME, HOUSING, RISING COST OF LIVING, AIDS, DRUGS, etc. The list goes on but I would most likely fill this week's issue. The Reagan-Bush administrations have made extravagant spending on the military. Not to say we should not defend ourselves, but while we are out "Policing the World" our headquarters are in need of repair.

PRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS

By Frances Bates.

I feel that a man such as Saddam Hussein should definitely be overthrown. President Bush tried to prevent war with Saudi Arabia but unfortunately peace was not the answer. President Bush did not want our soldiers to go to war but what other way could we have turned? I'm personally not in favor of war and I am not in favor of our troops

fighting in Saudi Arabia, I know that we are trying to help Kuwait, a country that has been pushed so long by Saudi Arabia that it cannot possibly stand alone and survive. The unfortunate predicament of the soldiers touches me the most. They are fighting a battle where no one knows where we are going or when will it end.

I support the American troops 100%. They are fighting courageously for their

country. They are hiding their fears and tears behind ammunition. But when the war is over what will happen to our country? How will we pick up the pieces once the war comes to an end. This will be an event that will definitely be marked down in history. We should give all our support to the American soldiers.

As students we should wear the yellow ribbon to show that we do care. We should

wear the ribbon with pride because the ribbon simply represents our support for our troops fighting for country.

As for families, I give my blessings to anyone who may have any loved ones in the war. I greatly encourage students to write to the troops. At the moment now a letter could make a big difference in their lives.

THE REAL IMPACT OF THE WAR

By: Renee McConey

Does everyone know the true reality of this war?

I don't feel people are thinking of what's really going on. There a war going on, only a few weeks old, some people not knowing what's happening, that this war is, indeed, hitting home.

Do you realize that more than half of the troops there, in the Gulf War, are minorities? Do you realize that most of these men and women are of the lower economic households. And, again, do you realize that there are many soldiers, over there, from this area,

most definitely, being, at least one person you know.

This war is definitely hitting home and people can't even see that. We all know someone in the services, if it's not your mother, father, sibling, friend, your neighbors child, the it might be someone you may not even know enlisted. It is true to say that people use the "service" (who's it serving?) as a means of income, for school, or for their families, and as means of escape from the crime, drugs and violence in streets. But, I'm pretty sure, people never thought it could come to this. Also, did you know people

get only days' notice, before getting deployed to this war?

Once a war is put into effect a draft could be initiated at anytime there after. Between a possible draft and deployment we could lose a lot of people. Some say a whole generation could be lost and others say that this war is genocide (killing of a race, the Black race) but let's not think that far.

Take into consideration all the people you know, who are in the war. Take into consideration how they might feel about being in this situation, emotionally, spiritually and dutifully (in serving their country). We might not be able to

support them, first hand, but least we could do is support them spiritually.

In supporting our troops in the Gulf War, not necessarily supporting the war, they could do their duty more efficiently. What we all need to do is to say a prayer for them to arrive home safely and quickly. Also wear your yellow ribbon, not necessarily in support of the war, but in support of our troops and for peace!

Dedicated to, Erik, Marcus, Sterling, Rocky, Shonnette, Sonia's two sons..... with love! Come home safely and soon.

BLACKWORLD MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT 8:30 P.M.

AFRICA?... AFRICANS?

AFRICA? What does it mean? There are Black Scholars who define "Africa" to be a Greek word that means division or land of division. Look at a map. This may be one of the reasons why, many Black scholars debate that we, Black people are not Africans, but the Original Asiatic Black man and woman of Asia. Why Asia? Probably because Asia and Africa were one continent, centuries ago. Here is why. Asia is the largest continent having a landmass of 16,968,000 square miles. Africa is the second largest continent having a landmass of 11,694,000 square miles. Now, since Asia and Africa are consecutive landmasses, it is prudent to verbalize that they were one. But due to continental division, a division of the landmass through earthquakes; different forms of erosion and continental drift, Asia and Africa separated. Continental drift is a fractured continent that gradually drifts apart because water from the air and ocean fills the gap, causing erosion and

more separation. With this enlightenment, this may serve as one reason why diligent Black scholars conclude that Black people are the Original indigenous creation of Asia. But there are more facts than just geography. We, Black people are the Aboriginal creation of the Creator. "ABORIGINE is a member of the earliest-known group of people to inhabit any country..." **Source: The World Book Encyclopedia, 1968.** "Aborigines are Australians whose ancestors were the first people to live in Australia. The word comes from the Latin phrase *ab origine*, meaning from the beginning. When spelled with a small "a," the word *aborigines* refers to any people whose ancestors were the first people to live in a country.

"Aborigines belong to the Australian geographical race. They have dark brown hair that may be straight, wavy, or curly. Their skin color ranges from tan to dark brown and almost black. Most Aborigines

are of medium height and have slender limbs.

"Most scientists believe the ancestor's of today's Aborigines first arrived in Australia at least 40,000 years ago. They came from Southeast Asia. About 300,000 Aborigines lived on the island continent when European settlers first reached Australia in 1788. There were about 500 tribes, each with its own language. Most early European settlers considered them a primitive people, treated them badly, and occupied their land. Some Aborigines were killed. Large number of Aborigines died of diseases introduced by the Europeans.

"Today, Australia has only about 145,000 Aborigines, which is about 1 percent of the country's population. Many Aborigines have mixed Aboriginal and European ancestry. But some are direct descendants of the original inhabitants. They are called *full bloods*. Few Aborigines follow traditional ways. But some have begun to leave settlements and towns

and return to traditional homelands in northern and central Australia..." **Source: The World Book Encyclopedia, 1988.**

Since Asiatic Black people are the children of the motherland called Africa, do not these children also have a father? Therefore, base upon the above facts presented, I will conclude that Asia is our Fatherland. For Asia is also apart of our indigenous and majestic heritage.

From this day on, Brothers and Sisters, let Asia and Africa be one in your great mind of intellect. See these continents, as two landmasses married together in truth. Two continents who conceived and gave birth to a legitimate aboriginal family enriched with Color, Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding; Manhood and Womanhood which transformed into Familyhood, and best of all, the divine blessing of our Creator.

Here is to you, my Great Black and Beautiful Ancestors.

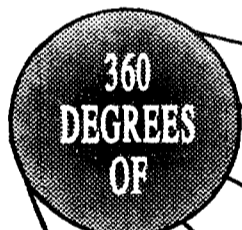
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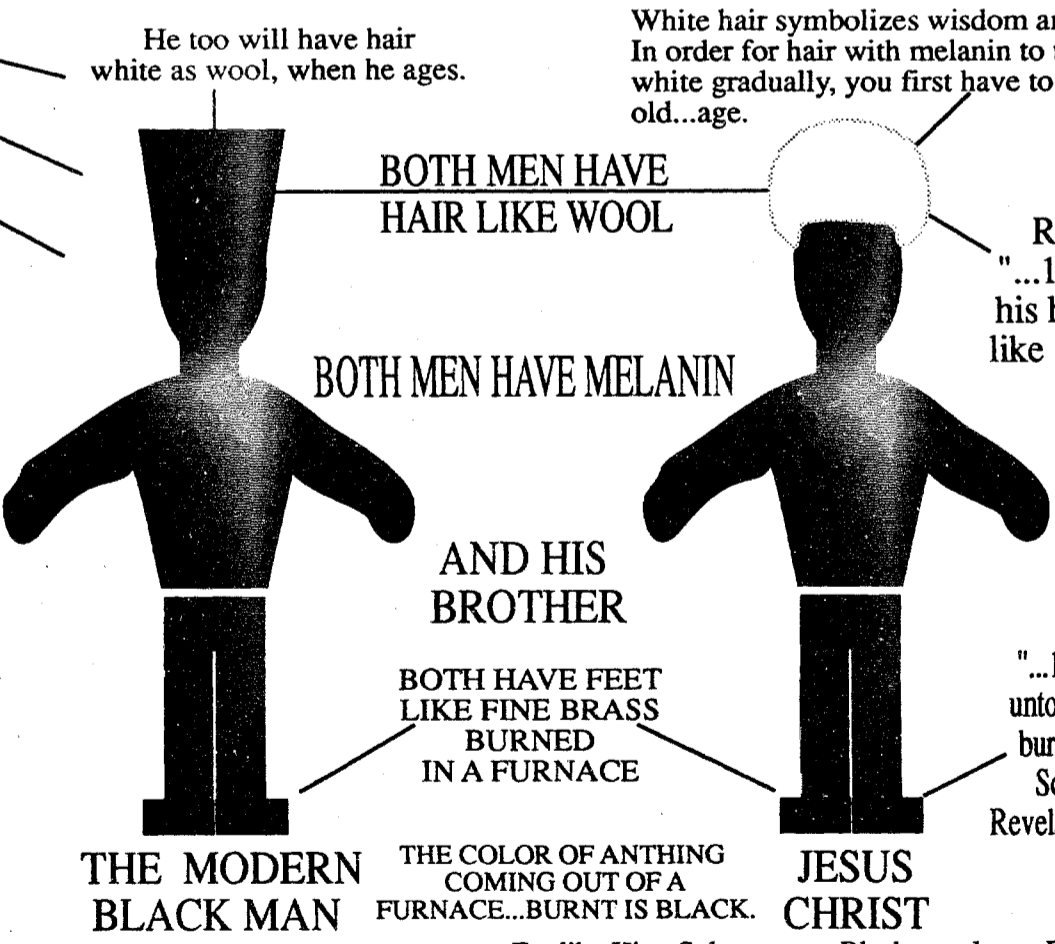
"Technically, Europe is not a continent, but a peninsula of Asia." **Source: The World Book Encyclopedia, 1988.**

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The earth is the furnace and the heat of the furnace is the sun. And when melinated skin is in constant exposure to the sun, Melanin activates and becomes Black.



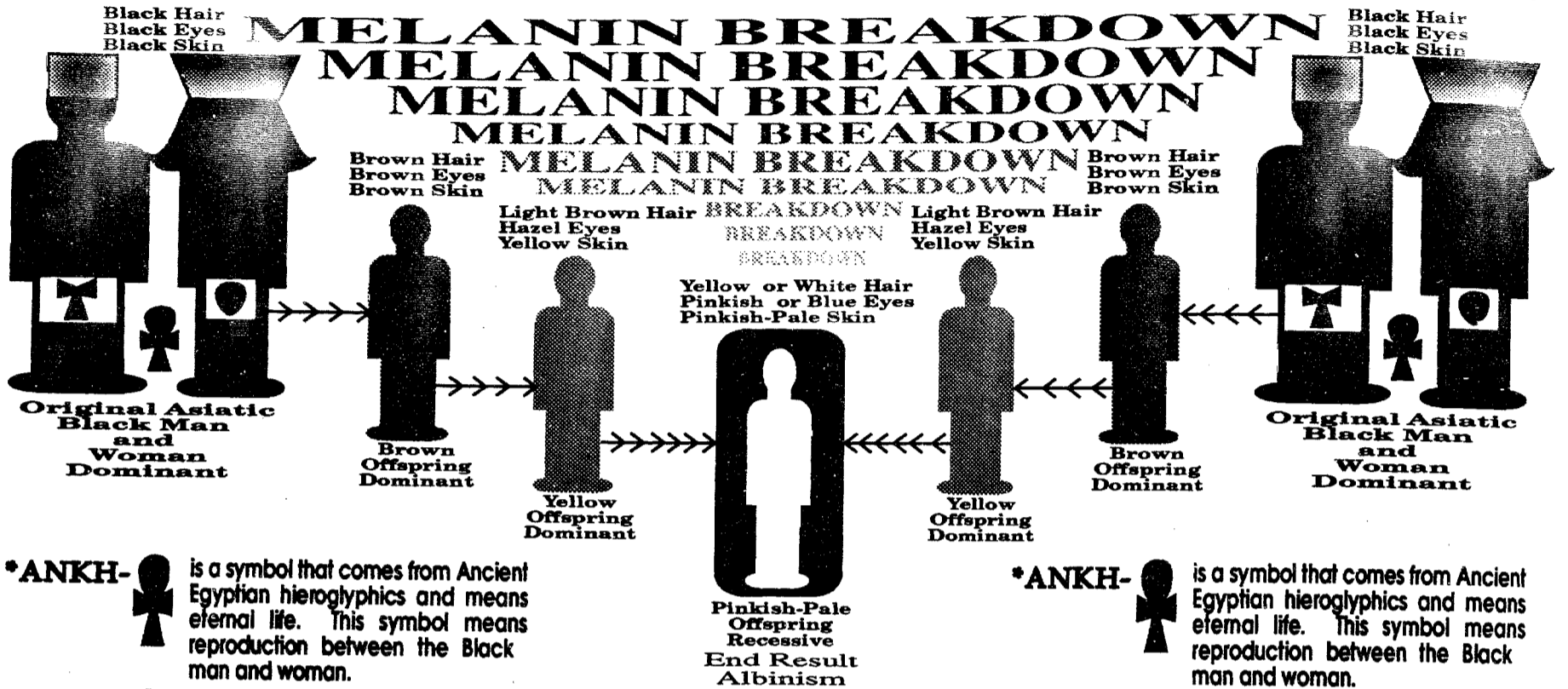
I wonder, when history is lost, will the Oppressors of Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding depict our leaders, teachers and guides, such as Elijah, Malcolm, King, Garvey, Farrakhan and Mandela, as White, as they did Jesus Christ.

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For like King Solomon, we Black people are Black and Beautiful. "...5. I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tenets of Ke'-dar, as the curtains of Solomon. "...6. Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept..." **Source: Holy Bible, Song of Solomon, Chapter 1:5,6.**

THE COLOR OF ANTHING COMING OUT OF A FURNACE...BURNT IS BLACK.

"SO THE ORIGINAL MAN AND WOMAN OF THE EARTH... WERE BLACK!"



*ANKH- is a symbol that comes from Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and means eternal life. This symbol means reproduction between the Black man and woman.

The " ♀ " represents the Vagina of a Woman.

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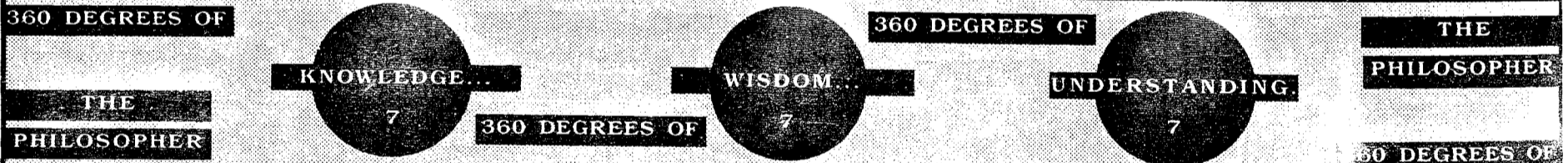
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When these two reproductive organs are brought together, we have the reproduction of the Black family...eternal life.

*The ankh (pronounced like "tank") is a cross-like symbol that comes from ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and means life. It was held in the hands of the pharaohs and by the various deities and is often translated as their "key to life." Source: Potter, Carole. Knock On Wood, 1983, p.8.



Yes! The Original man and woman of the Earth...were BLACK! The proof is also in the word Black. I remember what my Black Asiatic science teacher, expounded about the pigment "Black" in junior high school. Mr Lowndes, exclaimed to my seventh-grade class that black hair is not "black," but dark, dark brown or a high degree of brown. This is true. Do you know why it is? It is so because of Melanin. Melanin is a dark brown pigment responsible for coloration to the eyes, skin, and hair. Whenever these areas of the body are darker than brown, we classify them as black.

At a Black political conference held in New York City over the summer of 1990, I was handed "sheets of stapled information" which included a sheet that pertains to my case about melanin and the hue-man family. The document stated this: "The word

human is used throughout the world to refer to man. However, when the word human is defined, it takes on a different meaning and is more specific. For example, HUMAN = HUMAN. HU= COLOR. THEREFORE, human means colored man or BLACK MAN. This does not include the White man. The White man is "humankind" or "kind of human" or "kind of like the BLACK MAN" or "kind of MELINATED" or "MELINATED to a small degree" or "kind of BLACK".

Now with this understanding, let us progress even further. In the above illustration, we see the Original Asiatic Black man and woman and their offsprings which account for the membership in hue-manity. What you are visualizing is a "hue-man color scale or should I say a "hueman melanin scale." It starts with the genesis of huemanity--the Original

Asiatic Black man and woman and ends with a recessive, pinkish-pale offspring with blue eyes and blond or white hair. Note, today's pinkish-pale people are what you would call Caucasians or the White race. Please acknowledge that between the Original Asiatic Black man and woman and their Brown offspring; the Brown offspring and their Yellow offspring; the Yellow offspring and their Pinkish-pale offspring are variations that are inclusive of the Hue-man family. This melanin scale is proof to exemplify that the Original Asiatic Black man and woman are the Fathers and Mothers of huemanity and the Civilizers of civilization.

What causes the variation in skin, eyes and hair color is what we call Mutation. A mutation is a sudden change from the normal. "Mutation is a sudden change in a gene, one of the units of heredity. The

changed gene produces a different inherited trait than it did before. The changed gene is then transmitted to generations that follow. Mutations may produce only a slight change, such as a change in the color of eyes. But they may also produce great changes such as severe deformities or diseases...." Source: The World Book Encyclopedia, 1968. Color blindness is a mutation in mankind. And over an evolutionary period the Original Asiatic Black man woman birth different degrees of melinated offsprings and offsprings strained of melanin: Albinos.

There are intellectuals, like Frances Cress Welsing M.D., a credited Psychiatrist whom I concur with, who expouse that the pinkish-pale offsprings are an Albino race. Because like albinos, pinkish-pale people or Caucasians share similar characteristics: Milky-white or pink-

"TRUE EDUCATION BEGINS WHEN YOU TEACH YOURSELF WHAT OTHERS ARE DISMAYED TO INSTRUCT."

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"SO THE ORIGINAL MAN AND WOMAN OF THE EARTH...WERE BLACK!"

ish-pale skin, pale blue eyes and blond hair. An albino is a person whose skin, hair and eyes do not contain pigment...melanin. "...A person who is a complete albino has pale, milky-white skin, white hair, and pinkish eyeballs. The eyes are pink because blood of the tiny vessels of the eyes shows through the transparent parts of the eye. In normal eyes, the color of the iris hides the pink color. An albino must squint or wear dark glasses in the sunlight, because of lack of pigment in the iris allows more light to enter the eyes.

"There are many stages of albinism, which range from the complete absence of pigment to stages in which pigment may be present in almost normal amounts." Source: *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1968.

As an experiment, choose a day when you can go out into the public and do some observation. I want you to observe several Caucasians. Evidently, you will notice the disproportionate amount of melanin between them. Within your selection, you may find some Whites whose eyes, skin and hair has more or less melanin than others. For instance, one group of Whites may share blue eyes, pinkish-pale skin and blond or white hair while the other group may have a slightly darker skin tone, light brown eyes and brown hair. If your findings show different stages of White people, this will then allow you to understand what the quote said about the "many stages of albinism."

Right now is the best time to observe because we are experiencing winter. The winter climate will keep their skin tone constant. This way you can correctly observe them without the sun rays altering their complexion.

"Albinism- is a hereditary absence of pigment from the skin, hair, and eyes.

"Description. In generalized or to albinism, there is no pigmentation in the skin (the skin may be of a slightly pinkish color because of the blood vessels beneath). The hair is snow white, and the eyes have a pink iris and red pupil. Other conditions, especially eye abnormalities such as astigmatism and photophobia (extreme sensitivity to light), frequently occur along with albinism. Mental and physical retardation also can accompany the condition.

"Causes. Albinism has several

causes: a complete absence of pigment cells (melanocytes); interference in the migration of these cells during the development of the embryo; or an inability of the melanocytes to produce pigment (melanin). This inability is believed to result from a lack of the enzyme tyrosinase, an enzyme necessary for the production of melanin.

"Albinism is a hereditary condition. The absence of certain genes (hereditary units) is thought to account for the lack of tyrosinase. When the gene for normal pigmentation (that is, for the production of tyrosinase) is present in double state, albinism manifests itself. Reaumur S. Donnally, M.D., Washington Hospital Center." Source: *The Encyclopedia America*, International Edition, 1989.

In *"The New York Times" National Thursday, June 14, 1990*, there was an article that dealt with **Albinism**. The article entitled, **"Researchers Find Gene That Causes Albinism."** The material on Albinism briefly discussed Melanin, Tyrosinase and Genetic mutations. But it did, however, disclose that, **"In the severest form of the disease, albinos have white hair, milk-white skin and pale blue eyes."** And that these albinos are **"also likely to have poor vision."**

I am certain that you will concur that melanin is surely a divine blessing. Melanin serves a number of important functions. First, it covers the skin of the body, hiding our blood vessels. Second, it colors our eyes dark brown which help us see all the colors in the spectrum of light. Therefore, in the eyes melanin operates as an absorbent to sunlight. Mr. Lowndes, also taught us that dark colors absorb the sun and light colors reflect it. This is the science that compels you to wear white and light colors in the summertime. In other words, melanin is an excellent absorbent to the sun because of its dark brown color.

Here is the truth: **"Normal eyes are melinated or dark brown eyes."** Eyes with an absence of melanin is the root cause in color blindness. **"The iris is the colored disk that lies behind the cornea. Its color comes from a brownish-black substance called melanin. The more melanin there is and the closer it is to the surface of tissue, the darker the color of**

the iris. For example, there is more melanin in brown eyes--and it is closer to the surface--than in blue eyes. In addition to giving the iris color, melanin absorbs strong light that might otherwise dazzle the eye or cause blurred vision." Source: *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1988.

Third, it gives color to our hair ranging from dark, dark brown or **"black"** to blond..yellow. **From the most dominant to the least recessive.** **"The color of Hair comes from melanin, a pigment deposited in the cells as they form in the root.... As people grow older pigment is no longer deposited in the newly forming hair cells. The hair gradually becomes gray or white. Pigment is deposited in hair before it grows out of the skin. For this reason, a person's hair cannot "turn gray overnight."** Source: *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1968.

Lastly, it protects our skin from the detrimental solar rays of the sun. This demonstrate that Blacks can absorb the sun and Whites or Albinos cannot because they have an insufficient amount of melanin in their skin. Where is my proof? When people of color, meaning **melanin**, stays out in the sun for a couple of hours, they return darker than before. This is because the more their skin is exposed to the sun, the more it increases in darkness. This is to balance out the dangerous rays of the sun from causing harm to the skin's surface, like **Sunburn and Skin cancer.**

"Sunburn is a painful inflammation of the skin caused by overexposure to the invisible ultraviolet rays of the sun. It ranges from mild redness that disappears in a few hours to blistering, swollen, scarlet skin that peels before it heals. A severe sunburn can cause chills, dizziness, fever, and weakness...

"...Blue-eyed blonds, redheads with freckles and other fair-skinned people have little melanin and burn easily. However, dark-skinned Blacks rarely burn because their skin has much more melanin...." Source: *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 1968.

Skin cancer is a skin disease that has afflicted more Whites than Blacks. Why?--because White people cannot absorb the sun. Whites foolishly, after knowing the consequences of sun bathing, will bake their skin in the sun until they get a so-called tan. I reiterate "so called" because what's a physical **"tan"** to the White

populace, is absolute not a tan to the **Black indigenous**. Here is why. The present participle of the word **tanning** means **browning**. When Whites soak up the invisible ultraviolet rays of the sun, and their bodies are scorched by it they call their **"reddish" appearance a "tan."** **First of all in order to get a tan--a darker shade of brown--you need melanin. Case proven.**

In closing, today's social issue is **Mis-Education**. Black people today are not being told the real truth. They are not being told the truth of their origin, religion, culture and past historical contributions. Like the movie **"Total Recall,"** Black people are recalling and reclaiming their stolen legacies because they are learning the truth and not **"his story"** of events but **"their story"** of events. And when I say **"his story"** I mean the **"history of deceitful fallacies of European Education."**

This writer wrote this article because a beautiful Black Latino sister, told me that *she believe that we Black people came from White people. This fallacious statement pierce through my head entered my mind and clashed into truth.* I expressed to her that, **we Black people are the Original Creation who are responsible for reproducing the White race into existence.** I also told her that a **German philosopher named Arthur Schopenhauer knew the truth.** For he stated that **there is no such thing as a White man because every White man is a bleached out Black man.**

I further stated, that if White people were first, no people in the human family could have even been, because White people are incapable of producing Black offspring. I told her this truth, but the power of White Mis-education over powered her deprived mind. **So hopefully, after reading this article, she and many with the same false perception of conception, will be mentally free. For Jesus did say that it would be the truth that would set us free. The truth when we find all of it, will set us free, from the prisons and dungeons of White Supremacy; White Political and Economic Bondage; Black Inferiority; White Educational and Social Entrapment; Military and Police Assault; White Spiritual falsehood and White Subliminal Messages. Love Yourself, Know Thyself and Build. For Black is Beautiful. Hotep.**

HAPPY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

TO MY BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL
ANCESTORS, THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE.

SOUR CARAMEL

Sour Caramel
you tasted my blood, and left
me wondering in a candy dream

A Reggie bsr with heart scars
I can't taste lost flavor, no dripping
salivation, longing salivation

Soor caramel
Do unto me, things long done
of pure heart. No what ya
ma call it candied kisses, silly
wish, no sensation of your peppermint
treat. Just left with childish games of women and man,
man a woman.

No ghostly visions of TOUCH LOST.
I wonder many things, prayed forgotten
the absolute caress, my heart felt
with every taste of caramel.

Unstretchable is my caramelo.
All candy is bad, the health
and devine stability of the body

Sour is my caramel
but I shall always crave its
unforgettable flavor.

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Movin young Leaders

Movin young leaders
crack aint doing time
movin young leaders
crack aint doing time,
Yeh, plan together leaders
crack aint doing time
There is a massive session
at 125th St.

Rap young leaders
crack ain't doing time,
Rap young leaders
crack ain't doing time,
Yeh,, Buy together leaders
crack ain't doing time
There is a massive session
at 125th St.

Esther Mourned and treavor Die
Treavor died, and mother cried
Treavor died, and mother cried
There is a Massive session
at 125th St.

Chill, young leader, I know yah ready
crack ain't doing time.
Yah ready young leaders
crack ain't doing time,
Hop on the D train, you'll be there
crack ain't doing time
There is a massive session at
125th St.

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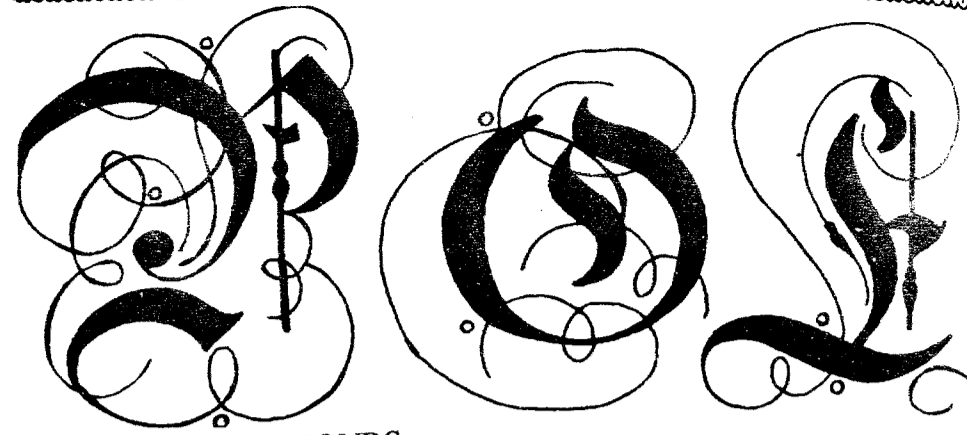
STRONG SHELTER

Today
Eyes bid fair farewell
To the shelter in the storm
Manana, mine eyes
See poetry beckoning so warm
Cloisters hidden from my gaze
May Daze
And Disarm
Yet their love is so grand and sweet
My shelters will never harm

Please forsake me not

And fear not
For my souls goals
Yet help me through
And I shall do
What no other could to compare
I shall show
That I care

Kirk Dunbar



AFTER HOURS

When the midnight hour
Is reached
Your search for the fruit of Knowledge
Commences.

Clad in black to hide from sight,
Your plight
Is not known to most
Convictions
You have a lot
Taste has made you
Chaste

Of the virtues which bodes most
The fact that someday you
Shall toast
To the late nights
And your struggles
To your sorrows
And tomorrows

But most, Rejoice
In your Choice
'Cause in that
You've succeeded.
Indeed,
It is to be cherished,
Your presence of mind
In trying times.

Just remember all victories
Are not clear
All challenges are not appreciated
'Til later when they've been
Overcome

Stay calm in the face of stupidity
Like the IVY VINE
Keep on the path
Remember to climb
Cling to your heritage
And it can all be yours

Kirk Dunbar



AWAKE!

Awake! Awake! My people!
Rise up out of your beds.
We have been asleep for centuries,
It is now our turn,
To take what has been denied us!
How long can you take the looks,
The white-washing, the prejudices.
Black men it's time to wake up.
Realize your responsibilities.
Stand by the black woman!
Instead of hurting her, trying to deceive her,
Stop pulling her down!
We must rise together as a people,
And not be taken in our sleep.
Let us educate ourselves.
Let us understand our mothers and fathers.
Let us take back, what "THE MAN" has
taken from us.
Awake! Awake! My people, before it's too late!

By Lorraine Jordan and Sabrina Easley

THROUGH MELODIES

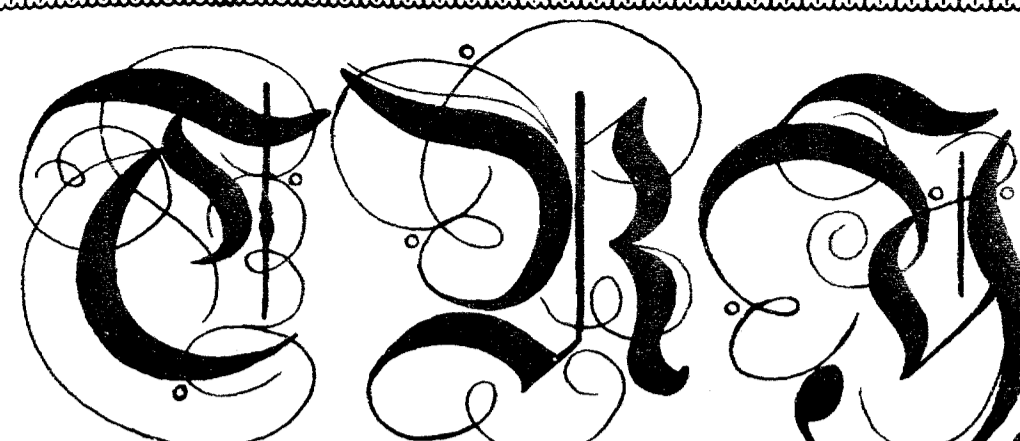
There are many songs, written
expression of soul fluids. I am
a listener of your intent. I
hear the passion and desire of
heated summer showers.

Mercy, Mercy. Things aren't what
they used to be. Listen to
something you should know,
its something filled with the thoughts
of a man gone sensitive, forgive me
for these are thoughts that reaches
Through Melodies.

Red roses, honey, caramel flavored
kisses, most touches, sweet words
carefully placed smiles, are all
the melodies that you sing, when
you say goodbye.

Tearless night and thoughtless
days. These are the things that
are expressed, unto us man to
woman through melodies.

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GIVE 'EM THE FINGER

One finger
Two finger
Three finger
Four
Five fingers
Six fingers
Seven fingers
More
So many fingers
pulling at you
What, my dear, shall you ever do?
Let one finger pull too hard
Then only God and you
Will know the consequences
So think before you let one pull
For the spirit only knows
Which finger is yours.
Follow the direction which you feel
is right.

For serenity, prosperity and eternity
Don't come and fo in one night.
Cause every finger does not point to your
future.
They may point to your past
Or, they may point
At last
To who you are now
But stay aware
And fingers pointing
Fingers pulling
Won't move you from
where you know you are going.

POEM

Through the decades many Negroes got slaved
Now they're trying to say all black
Haitians got Aids. And with that
thought I just can't handle. It's
time to smash and break-in other
words change the channel. To let them
see this picture that I'm making,
To let them know it's not my people
that are creating this sadness in the
form of a virus. Liberache went out
like that not Duvalier.
So get the blame from off our backs,
here's a pamphlet go learn some
AIDS facts.

Mauburger Ticket

Can I get on this ride
Can I make passage on your boat
No I can't show you my bus pass
and I don't have no money
I was running running; hope
to catch a ride to the other side.
Academically controlled, man I'm
getting old.

I know it's not coincidence that
the fee came during the winter months
During the coldest time, how can I
voluntarily keep my black ass
in the cold. Man that old massah
is bold.

Listen my asian brother, you have
got to let me on this bus. I left
my bus pass in high school. My
nephew has, taking a ride where
true education hide.

Can I get on this ride
you billed me for a fee
and called it voluntary.
I know that you charge me 25
Man do you know what I can do
with that money. What next
you will have students sitting
in the back of the bus, brothers/ sisters
A tale which proceeded us.

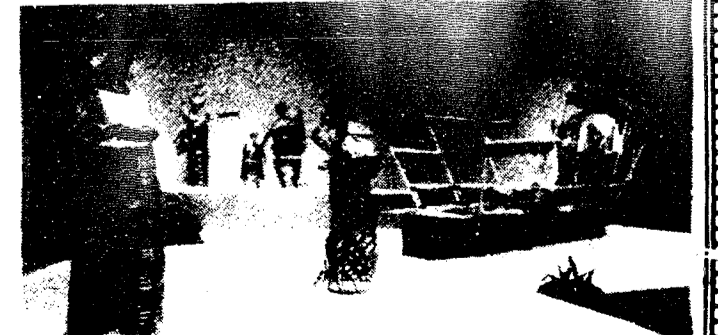
Shit Man! my feet is cold, my socks
are wet, my left ass cheek is twitching
No I don't have a boss pass old woman
I left it in home room. I lost my
token, I don't have a transfer or
an add-a-ride.

All I want is to add some heat
to my ass. Where is cuomo, and
bush our education president, killing
for oil, hoping to establish U.S. resident
in sad dam land. Say oh it's the
human duty of man. Shit! south
africa has been at it for years,
instead of Action and sending
troops, you send corperations and guns.

My brother I can't walk the route
I payed my fee, die like on my
student Account.

Please give me 2 chickens
and a ticket

Give me Marburger ticket Sajo@ 91



BLACK WOMAN'S WORLD

BY TRACEY M. KING

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This letter I share with you are thoughts and worries that have crept slowly upon me within the last 20 years. Thoughts that I hope I do not share alone. Worries that I pray we all have.

As I sat down to write my column I wondered what I could possibly talk about at a time like this. Nothing seemed so important anymore. The issue of campus unity was extremely useless at this time. Even now as I sit here trying to compile my thoughts I find myself coming up blank. Not because there is nothing on my mind, but just the opposite. You, my people, are on my mind. We are in a most dangerous position and we either do not know or do not want to know.

This word war. What does it mean, what reason is it here for? Please do not give me a POL 101 definition be-

cause it does not ease the pain that we are suffering and are yet to suffer. I do not understand the politics of this world for it does not try to understand me. Because if it did I would not be as hurt and worried.

Many of us, have friends and family who we have had to part with for God knows how long. Can politics describe or give a definition to the feelings that we have felt. Young men are out there, or shall I say young babies. We have young mothers whose babies were torn from their arms as they, the mothers were shipped off. What definition can politics give for that. Tell me, for I do not understand. I cannot understand.

Many of us are left feeling confused and angered. Half the world is torn apart. Some believing that the right decision was made and the other half not. People are holding five hour discussions on whether or not we should have gone to war. Lights on in buildings as suitemates talk on until

the early dawn. Protests being held all over the world. And all it is, is mass confusion. I know I am confused.

I can no longer sit up discussing the issue for it is a dead one. One that has no meaning anymore. The discussion was made, the young men and mothers are over there already. It is useless. It is even more useless for you and I, brothers and sisters to be arguing because they did not make the discussion with us in mind so they are not even listening to our cries. We have to listen to our own cries and then stop the tears from flowing by doing something.

There are two wars going on. One over here and one over there. Over here, is a silent war that has always existed and unfortunately one that we have always lost. I know I am scared, are not you? Scared that we may never win the war waged upon us. Many are asking what war? The war we are fighting to stay alive in this world. Each year we enter a new battle. One

year drugs, next year AIDS and this year war. Will we be able to survive. We are slowly dying off as a people. Most of our Black men are disappearing off the face of the earth and some of us do not even realize this. I am scared as hell. I love my people and we are in for a great deal of pain. Pain that we may not even be able to stop.

What are we in for. What is in store for us in the future. So many things are looking black for us as a people. If we have not already realized that tuition has gone up and financial aid has dropped. This means that it will be extremely hard on upcoming Black youths to get an education. What will happen to our future? Where are we going. Does it not worry you? If it does not then I guess you are already dead and I feel dead myself.

I am sorry that I could not address you on a much happier note but I hope that I at least opened your mind to what is going on.

POLITICIANS OR MAGICIANS?

We've all been had. That's right, every single one of us. No, not by Governor Cuomo. You would have had to have been very foolish to believe that he would not be one of the first to start talking about how SUNY is long overdue for a tuition hike. And why not? Just look at the financial crisis that New York is in, let alone the rest of the nation. We all knew that once he was elected he would break his promise on not raising the SUNY tuition.

No, the true culprit here is George Bush. He has done what many (and especially the democrats) have thought impossible. He has made everybody forget, or at the very least think much less about the pathetic job he is doing on domestic affairs. Just think, a few short months ago you would see the media constantly ripping Bush's policies on education, health care and the war on drugs. Now all we are bombarded with every day is news on the war. So who has time to think about how many kids are dropping out of school, or the new crack house that opened up for business down the block when you are busy looking for the latest report on casualties, hoping that the latest victim wasn't someone you know.

So one can really compare Bush to a great magician such as Houdini. He has pulled off one of the greatest tricks of all time. He has gone domestic with his foreign policy, making all thoughts of our domestic woes essentially disappear. Now is that a neat

trick or what? Just when everybody started wondering why they elected this guy to office, he pulls a war out of his magic hat and all is forgotten. Saddam Hussein becomes the bad guy, and now everybody is talking about what a great job Bush is doing by keeping this big coalition of countries together.

When you think about it, you really have to give Bush a lot of credit. He has succeeded in uniting a nation that was on the verge of seeing the second coming of the civil rights movement of the sixties. Now everyone is wearing a yellow ribbon or waving a flag trying to show some support for our unfortunate troops sent to the Persian Gulf. Even those who are against the war still have sympathy for the troops and are united in trying to bring them home. You could go even further and say that Bush is turning around the nation's economy and is trying to pull us out of this recession with this war. Now economists will argue that the war will only cause a temporary surge in the economy, but you know someone is getting paid off of it. Then look at all the new job openings from all the weekend warriors who were activated for the war. Of course these people never dreamed that there would be another war and fully expect to go back to work after they have served their time, but for now, the temp agencies must be making a killing. Now if one factors in the

ground war, and God forbid that it is not as swift and successful as has been proposed by our government, there will certainly be more than a few permanent job openings available.

Now one trick that I can't figure out is how he is getting the gas prices to continue to go down. Just a couple of months ago, everyone was worried about the war and how there would be such a big oil shortage because of the loss of supply from Kuwait. Of course, being that there is already an oil glut this would never be the case but the oil companies used this scenario as an excuse for sending prices through the roof. So here we are now, almost an entire month into the war and oil prices continue to drop. Sure, Saudi Arabia is producing more oil, but that was the case even before the war broke out. How about the big oil spill into the gulf? I would think that the oil companies would have seen that as a golden opportunity to try and raise prices again. Bush must be doing that voodoo that he does so well and is somehow keeping the oil companies in check. Just think of the consequences if he doesn't. Oil prices will skyrocket and everyone in America will hate him because they will have to pay three dollars for a gallon of regular unleaded. Sooner or later someone will douse him with a gallon or two and light a match screaming "Burn baby burn".

So I guess what the success of this

IT'S
LIKE
THAT
BY
TROY
CALLAHAN

magic show boils down to is just how quickly this war can be won, and at what cost. If it is quick and easy, everyone will be calling for an encore. If it is long and bloody, then we will all be saying goodbye to Mr. Bush and his little bag of tricks.

MAKE A SOLDIER'S
DAY

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LOOK PAST THE HYPE

The Persian Gulf war, A.K.A. Operation Desert Storm, is the best thing that could have happened to American politicians all over the country. What else but a war could provide a diversion that would take a whole country's conscience off other problems, such as crime and A.I.D.S. and the recession. Boy George Bush and his cronies could not have planned this one any better. This war has already opened up the poorly stitched wounds of the Viet Nam era and has a new generation of youth asking, What the hell is our country doing.

George Bush does not have to worry about people bitching about taxes, recession his son and the S&L debacle, everyone has their favorite military person or Saddam Hussein on their minds. And as the so-called successes of the thousands of sorties flown in the gulf daily by allied forces are reported by Hussein's mouthpiece CNN as well as others, the flag industry asks, "Recession, what recession." American patriotism is at an all time high since Operation Desert Your Common Sense was initiated and it is sad to see so many people caught up in the Bush propoganda machine once again. So many people are still enthralled by the man who won an election on patriotic issues like the pledge of allegiance and flag burning and not on issues like drugs and the economy.

As this rich man's war is being fought, it should be noted that it is the poor that are fighting it. Blacks, Latinos, the weekend warriors, the reservists and many other people who lack as the Army puts it "the skill or technical training needed in this highly competitive world." Mr. Bush has sent out people from your crew, people you knew from home, people like Stony Brook student Stephen Davidson, to be used as cannon fodder while he and his puppets Cheney and Powell sit down and have tea and discuss how fierce the battles are from the Oval Office. I have got a suggestion for Bush though. What if Saddam could aim one of his SCUDS right at the president and there were no Patriot (notice the name) missiles to

defend him, would he be so quick to send your friends out to die for a dollar or two less for a barrel of crude oil?

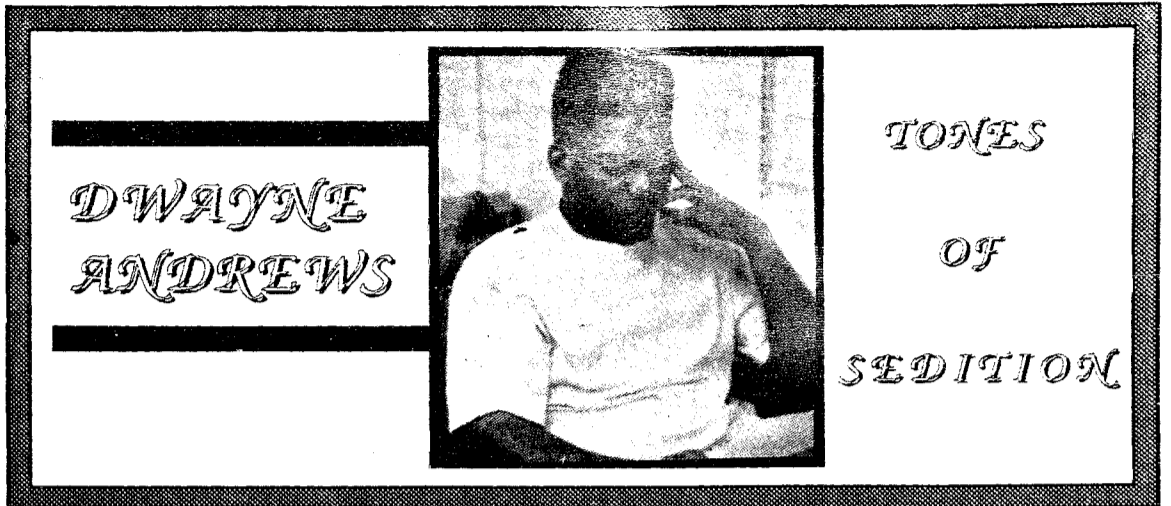
What a joke it is calling our military the Defense Department, when we have been on the offensive for a majority of our country's history. Let's think about Panama for a second. The U.S. Offense Department dropped bombs on that country to dethrone one man. A man who was once a puppet that cut his strings and was not going to be a part of the U.S.'s schemes. Is George Bush in another macho staring act with a political figure that he helped create? Some of the weaponry that Iraq wields is from the United States. So now we have to go in and whip on another one of our old boys, regardless of the damage done to civilians and our troops.

The idea of America being the world's prime watch dog is ludicrous. Admiral Crowe, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, while in Chicago, stated that he felt it is our country's duty to be in Kuwait. Yo, Crowe! What about South Africa, Beijing and Lithuania? Are not the people in these regions also worthy of being helped by the greatest military bully in the world today? How do we as Americans allow these types of things to occur day by day without holding the proper authorities responsible? Because they have given us propoganda and made America finally find something

to be proud of in a time of empty pockets and cracked out babies. Once again our country has proved that through the press and some military advantage that we can be king of the hill for a couple of weeks. Once the people start seeing through the mirage and the body bags start flying back home by the dozen, then there will be problems.

As African-Americans we must realize that our brothers are on both sides of the battle lines and this is a war that we can not win. The Arab-American community is already feeling the pressures that the Japanese-Americans felt during World War II and I implore all of you to stand by them because humans are humans and no one should be held as a scapegoat for another mans deeds. We should know how that feels and should not allow that to happen to our Arab-American brothers and sisters.

It is time for George to know that we see rough the hype and we can not be fooled. The drugs have not gone away, AIDS has not been cured and we are still in a deep recession. To top it off, our friends and family are in the Gulf fighting a war to make some oil barons happy. Fuck the war and bring our troops back home. You never know George when Saddam might say, "Hey Mr. President, this SCUD's for you."



A CALL FOR TESTING REFORM

To the editor of Blackworld:

Lee is barely five years old. This week he took his first standardized test: a test to decide whether or not he is "ready" for kindergarten. The test said that he is "not ready." Now Lee and his parents and his teachers all believe that he is a failure. But Lee is really just a normal child made nervous by a test. How would you like to be labeled a failure at age five?

Unfortunately, Lee's case is not unique. Many children in New York pre-schools and primary schools are subjected to standardized tests. These tests are supposed to be objective measures of a students academic achieve-

ment. However, as a publication of the New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (NYPIRG) entitled A Guide to Testing Reform in New York shows, these tests are often inaccurate, deceptive, misleading, and not diagnostic. Even worse they are routinely used to help diagnose potential learning problems, determine "readiness" for school and track students into different "ability groups." The guide points out that the tests aren't necessarily objective because subjective people decide both the questions and the "right" answers. Thus, the tests have built in biases that particularly discriminate against children of color and those of low-income families.

At NYPIRG's General Interest Meeting on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:30 in the Union Bi-Level, students will plan to take action to eliminate these biased exams and have them replaced with fairer and more accurate student performance assessment methods.

These standardize tests are undermining the quality of New York's education system and forcing teachers to focus on teaching test taking skills and not abilities like creative problem solving and strong reading and writing skills. This semester NYPIRG will be working as a part of the Campaign for Genuine Accountability in Education to promote alternative testing methods. These include portfolios of a students

written work, samples of their mathematical problem solving abilities, teacher evaluations of reading ability and much more.

So if you are interested in this issue, or want to find out more about the work that NYPIRG is doing on the environment, Small Claims Court, alternative energy, pro-health issues, stop by the meeting on February 13th. Unless we all take an active part in working to ban the use of these standardized tests in our school systems, our children will continue to be hurt academically and intellectually.

Sincerely,
Kerilynn Bhimull

C.S.O. SPEAKS OUT

Last semester, the Caribbean Students Organization was unjustly criticized in Blackworld for hosting a party that inadvertently conflicted with another organization's event. Unfortunately, some members of the community used the incident to make the Caribbean Students Organization the scapegoat for the lack of unity that existed within the campus community.

The organization chose not to formally respond in Blackworld due to an unwillingness to fuel the already high tensions that existed within the community. However, we realize that our silence on the matter has been construed as an admittance of guilt. We would like to assure the campus community that this is not the case. We, the members of C.S.O. resent being singled out and held responsible for the lack of unity that exists within the Black campus community. We further believe that the issue of having a party was not strong enough to warrant such emotional outcries, especially when there are so many other problems of greater significance that needed to be addressed. In fact it was appalling to see the amount of energy that was exerted on this issue, when our collective energies could be directed so much more positively.

Furthermore, because Blackworld first publicly raised the issue we feel that respon-

sible journalism requires that it thoroughly investigate the issue and present an unbiased report. If all the facts had been presented we are confident that the community would realize that the date of our fundraiser was not selected as a result of mean-spiritedness nor an attempt to compete with the Deltas.

We further feel that Blackworld, as the voice of our community must take steps to insure that issues of importance to all segments of the community receive appropriate coverage. If the staff of the paper represents only a limited constituency then those groups not receiving their share of ink will feel alienated, a situation which can only lead to more tension and conflict within the community. For example, pictures of the very same individuals appear in Blackworld repeatedly, also in covering Kwaan-za the paper mentioned every organization that participated but neglected to mention the considerable contribution and resources that the Caribbean students made by cooking for the event.

We also would like to bring attention to certain discrepancies and double standards that exists within the campus community. For example, at the end of the last semester three Greek organizations held parties on the same night, no voices however were raised in protest nor cries of disunity from

the campus community or Blackworld were heard. Even more hypocritical is that some of those organizations were also very vocal in their criticism of C.S.O. earlier in the semester. We simply feel that Blackworld and other members of the community must apply the same rules of fairness if they are to accuse one organization of disunity, yet remain silent when similar circumstances arise concerning another organization.

In closing we would hope that our comments have served to be constructive rather than negative. We realize that our community is not unified as it could be, due in part to individuals and organizations resorting to character assassination instead of dialog. It also appears that individuals and organizations have been plotting strategies for seeking revenge instead of for healing. And while the Caribbean Students Organization is angry for being singled out for criticism, we are prepared to meet with any and all other organizations in a genuine attempt to heal the wounds and refocus our collective energy and attention to building a unified community with a sense of purpose and pride in our heritage.

It is either "Divide and Conquer" or "In unity, there is strength". We vote for unity.

The Caribbean Students Organization

C.S.O. CALLS FOR MEMBERS

Hello Students,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Caribbean Students Organization, to welcome you back to Stony Brook for another exciting and rewarding semester (It's up to you). We hope that you had a great Fall semester, but if you didn't, we hope the new year will bring some luck.

The Caribbean Students Organization has a wonderful Spring semester ahead for you. We are asking you to be part of our organization by becoming an involved member (If you haven't already been one last semester). Much can be done to make the club exciting, but your participation is needed and appreciated.

Our regular meetings are held on every Tuesday at 9:00pm in the U.N.L.T.I Cultural Center. This semester is going to be stupendous and we look forward to seeing you and your friends. All are welcome, membership is open to all.

Sincerely,
Lester G. Nicholson
Cultural Officer

STUDENT'S VIEWS ON THE WAR

By Errol Cockfield with
Frances Bates and
Renee McConey

A new decade and the United States once again finds itself in the midst of a new military operation. "Desert Storm" is now one month old, a young war, but as it grows older this war will bring many surprises for the American public.

I interviewed persons across the racial spectrum at Stony Brook, and I posed questions on the following issues: MORALITY OF THE WAR, LENGTH, ISRAELI RETALIATION, ANTI-WAR SENTIMENT and HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MINORITIES IN THE GULF(30%).

On the question of the morality of the war three of the persons I spoke to felt it was just and the other three disapproved. "The war is supposedly about one thing when it entails more", said Terrence Cooke. Simminate Reel, a senior, said "those young men fighting in Kuwait on both sides are not

fighting for freedom but for power and economics."

"I have mixed feelings about the U.S. being at war. The government says we're at war to protect the U.S. economy and jobs. I am not sure if this could have been done another way besides war. I just wish and hope that the American soldiers will come home safely. I think if I was President of the U.S. I would have sent the C.I.A. to Iraq to kill Saddam Hussain."

Anonymous Student

Turning to the question of the length of war. I asked how long do you suppose the war will last? "Three months, the U.S. has all the technology and the fire power to knock Iraq out of Kuwait", said Robert who is a junior. A freshman who would like to be identified as "S", said "two years, because the Americans aren't moving fast enough." "S", has a brother who will leave for the gulf in a week. Most do not expect a very long war.

As for Israeli retaliation five out of six felt Israel should not retaliate in order to keep the strength of the coalition. Laura who is a freshman said "I give Israelis credit for keeping their cool."

On the question of whether or not anti-war sentiment would decrease morale of troops, Jenny, also a freshman said, "I would feel like I'm risking my life and their not supporting me." Simminate Reel said "Most people are supportive whether they are anti or pro-war."

"The current crisis in the Gulf has inspired mixed emotions within me. On one hand I am against any violence and killing, and war in general. On the other hand, leaders and dictators such as Hussain, need to be stopped or discouraged from leading our world into a further state of distress. Prevention of this war may have been difficult. The U.S. and its allies could have utilized the sanctions into the future. However, this method may not have been entirely ef-

fective." says Pamela Merhige.

Thirty percent of the forces in the gulf are minorities, obviously the damages to minority communities would be intense if there are a high level of casualties. Terrence Cooke pointed out that "Most blacks enter the army for a college education, but it's like a trap. The armed forces was the only way for some to get a proper education." "I am enraged but not shocked ... War and drugs are two of the most successful ways to get rid of the young minority male population." says Simminate Reel.

"As far as fully understanding the war, the U.S. media has filled the public with a ton of propaganda which I believe is contributing to the high order of patriotism, unlike the Vietnam police action. Also, one must keep in mind that the American and European civilization is unlike the Middle Eastern and Persian Gulf civilization. All humans do not live alike and the U.S. government cannot scrutinize against Iraq for their unique culture."



The University of Stony Brook is off and running pursuing an NCAA bid. The Team is pictured here scoring a buzzer beater shot to cap off a win against USMMA.
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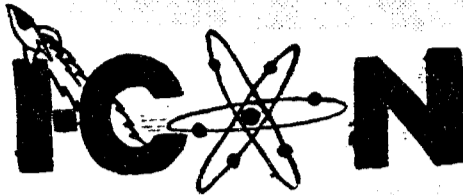
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