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## COUP D'ETAT IN HAITI

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## EDITORIAL

### PUBLIC SAFETY IN ARMS

The question again is being raised, should public safety carry fire arms? Every campus newspaper has made their stand, and now its our turn.

The arming of Public Safety is a topic of much debate at the present time and there are advocates on both sides of the spectrum.

Some say the arming of Public Safety is a bad idea because the present officers are a threat to themselves. This is due largely to the present training and equipment they now possess. Others say they need to be armed, to better serve and protect. But the question to be asked is, who will they be serving and who will they be protecting, us or themselves?

Advocates of the arming issue use past problems such as "The Special Ed Affair" to fuel their cause. Proponents of the arming issue use past and present incidents involving Public Safety, in which officers lost their sticks or got sprayed in the eyes with their own mace. This questions their competency and incentives for being armed. If an officer gets into a conflict, and he loses his weapon, what then?

Due to Public Safety's past track record and past relationships with students, opponents to the arming issue feel their case is much stronger. The apathy of the

students is adding fuel to the advocates fire.

President Marburger, who was once opposed, is now more "middle of the road."

A question to be asked is, where will the money come from to purchase these weapons for Stony Brook's security elite? With funds being drastically curtailed, as they have been. For the answer to that question only the future can tell.

If by chance the arming of Public Safety becomes a reality, what programs and services will be cut or decreased? What fee increments will be implemented?

Selective or arbitrary arming is not conducive to a progressive Stony Brook community, and it is not necessarily a deterrent because guns bring guns. Public Safety carrying fire arms is a frightening prospect, arming Public Safety could only make things worse, not better.

The issue of arming is an issue that has reared its ugly head before and it was defeated, now its back again. Now you make the call, do you want Public Safety to carry guns? Well if not, make your voices heard, changes have been implemented by the cries of the masses.

Well we have made our stand on the issue, it's time for you to make yours.

### ATTENTION ASPIRING PROFESSIONALS OF COLOR:

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**Sheryl & Susan: 632-3501.**

## ON THIS DAY IN BLACK HISTORY

**October 10,**

1899-I. Johnson patented the bicycle frame  
1974-Violence over busing continued in Boston

**October 11,**

1964-Rev. Martin Luther King awarded Nobel Peace Prize \*\*Solidarity Day for Political Prisoners in South Africa

**October 12,**

1883-Elmer S. Imes, African Astrophysicist, works along with Einstein and others in developing quantum theory of physics \*\*1975-"I'm the first Black baseball manager only because I was born Black," Frank Robinson  
Native American Solidarity Day

**October 13,**

1831-Jo Anderson, African slave, helped invent the Grain Harvester Reaper

**October 14,**

1964-Dr. M. L. King, Jr. awarded the Nobel Peace Prize \*\*1974-LeRoy T. Walker named Black Olympic coach\*\*Students and Teachers in Swaziland demonstrated against the feudal regime

**October 15,**

1966-John Carlos and Tommie Smith gave the historic Black Power Salute at the 1966 Olympics \*\*1972-Jackie Robinson honored at Cincinnati Stadium

**October 16,**

1859-John Brown, Antislavery Freedom Fighter, raised Harper's Ferry

**October 17,**

1787-Blacks petitioned Mass. for equal educational facilities \*\*1806-Jean Dessalines, revolutionary leader of Haiti was assassinated \*\*1936-The Communist Party in Algeria opened Congress

**October 18,**

1970-Angela Davis was arrested on false murder and kidnapping charges \*\*1977-Reggie Jackson, N.Y., hit 3 home runs in World Series

**October 19,**

1943-Othello opened with Paul Robeson in title role \*\*1977-Black Consciousness Movement of Azania was banned \*\*1978-Hundreds of Zimbabwean refugees were killed in Rhodesian Air raids in Lusaka

**October 20,**

1946-W.E.B. DuBois speech, "Behold the Lord."  
1952-Imperialist British imposed a state of emergency in Kenya to quell the Mau Mau rebellion

**October 21,**

1850-Chicago refused to enforce Fugitive Slave Act \*\*1935-Mass revolt in St. Vincent against Great Britain's raising of prices \*\*1936-Jessie Owens, African athlete, won four gold medals in Germany at the time when Hitler was preaching European supremacy

**October 22,**

1952-Frank E. Peterson, Jr. commissioned as marine aviation officer \*\*1964-Students and workers in Sudan demonstrated against General Abdoud's racist policies in the South

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## CAMPUS LIFE TIME ACTIVITIVES

**October 16**

- Pottery Sale, Lobby, SB Union (10am-3pm)
- Vintage Clothing Sale, Fireside Lounge, SB Union, (10am-5pm)
- Alcohol/Drug Awareness Week, Lobby of SB Union (10am-4pm)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Show, Auditorium SB Union
- Understanding Test Anxiety (preregistration required with Counseling Center), Room 237, SB Union
- Sailing Club Meeting, Room 221 SB Union
- Asian Student Association Meeting, Room 201 SB Union
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Panel Discussion on Hispanic Health Issues, Room 236 SB Union
- Assertiveness Training (preregistration required with Counseling Center), Room 216 SB Union
- Conflict Management I (preregistration required with Counseling Center), Room 223 SB Union
- Time Management for Academic Success (preregistration with Counseling Center), Room 231 SB Union
- Student-Faculty-Staff Pre-retreat Meeting, Alliance Room, Library
- NYPIRG Weekly Workshop, Room 221 SE Union

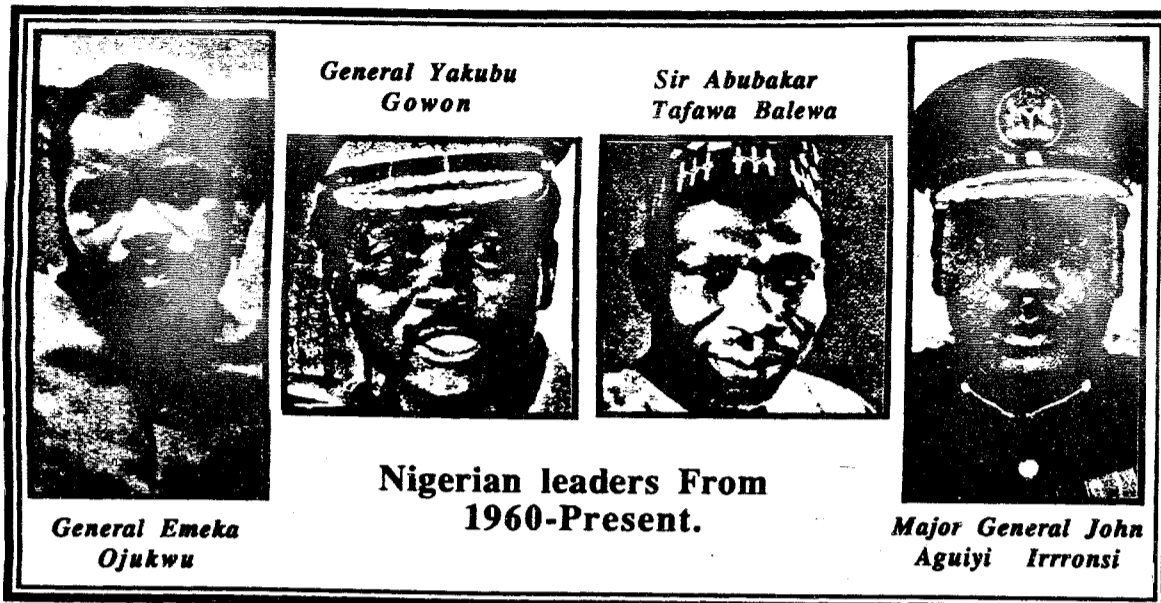
**October 23**

- Student Affairs Convocation Breakfast, Ballroom SB Union (8am-2pm)
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Discussion on Hispanic Youth Issues, Room 236 SB Union
- Wilderness Club Meeting, Room 214 SB Union
- Art Exhibit: "Art in the Service of the Community", Art Gallery SB Union
- Sailing Club Meeting, Room 221 SB Union
- WUSB 90.1 FM Meeting, Room 237 SB Union
- Assertiveness Training (preregistration required with Counseling Center), Room 223 SB Union
- NYPIRG Weekly Workshop, Room 221 SB Union
- For Freshman Only: How to Plan an Academic Career, (1pm-2pm), Javits Room 101. Talk/discussion. Sponsored by Center for Academic Advising.

**October 30**

- Hispanic Heritage Month: "God-parenting in the Hispanic Community", speaker Carlos Vidal, Room 231 SB Union
  - Chinese Culture Day display, Fireside Lounge SB Union (11am-4pm)
  - Art Exhibit: "Art in the Service of the Community", Art Gallery, SB Union
  - Stony Brook Union Advisory Board Meeting, Room 229 SB Union
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# WHITHER NIGERIA



Nigerian leaders From  
1960-Present.

manifestos and platforms; built their headquarters; allocated money for them in the national budget and finally invited the masses to join them.

In order to provide broader political accommodation, the government claims that the SDP is "a little to the left;" that is the SDP is the party for liberal and radical Nigerian reformers. The military junta also put the NRC "a little to the right;" meaning that the NRC represents the conservative elements of the Nigerian society. There is neither a centrist party nor a labor party to represent the interest of those who might not feel comfortable under the canopy of these parties. For example, despite the fact that Nigeria has one of the largest industrial working classes in South-Sahara Africa there is no labor party. The government has also issued a decree denying workers the right to give organized union support to the party of their choice.

In addition to this mechanical attempt to regiment the Nigerian people under parties manufactured at Doctan Barracles-the seat of the junta- the government has "banned" all former politicians from participating in the political process of their country. By law they cannot support a candidate or party, they cannot be elected to public office and they cannot vote but they still pay taxes. The reason the government has given for this draconian policy is that the former politicians are "corrupt" and as such if given the chance they will dominate the parties get elected and once- more corrupt the socioeconomic and political system of the country.

While a significant number of Nigerians are supportive of the government's method, others view it with cynicism. Some even believe that strongman Babangida will have himself drafted as one of the presidential candidates, and enjoying the advantages of incumbency, eventually have himself elected Executive President.

The dissatisfaction with the political process among some civilians and military personnel exploded in a nasty coup attempt in April 1990 in which hundreds of people got killed and Babangida narrowly escaped with his life. The coup attempt was financed by Great Ogboru, a young billionaire business tycoon, ostensibly with considerable support from the banned former politicians.

Whether Babangida's program to return Nigeria to civilian rule will be successful is beyond speculation; but if it does succeed, the ramifications for Africa, a continent in which it is as difficult to find an elected democratic government as it is difficult to find water in the Sahara Desert, will be profound. We only hope that Abraham Badamasa Babangida, a shrewd military politician who has been labelled by the Nigerian news media as "political Maradona" will not score against his own team.

## BY THE LIBERIAN DRUMMER

When Nigeria became independent on October 1, 1960, its departing colonial master, Great Britain, and those brave African nationalists who had fought for its freedom, rejoiced in the belief that the young nation would be a shining example of democracy in Africa.

Despite the occasional violence, the pre-independence elections had been relatively peaceful, indicating that people and groups were willing to become politically tolerant and accommodating of views of others as the democratic process matured.

If democracy could succeed in this large and populous nation, advocates of democracy contended, it could in fact succeed anywhere in Africa. Sadly, later developments proved the contrary.

Nineteen-sixty six witnessed the nation's first military takeover with its attendant massacres of Ibo officers in the army and civilians living in the northern part of the country. Important to note is the fact that the leaders of the First Republic including the first Federal Prime Minister, Sir Alhaji Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, were gruesomely murdered by the putschists thereby setting a dangerous precedence for many years to come.

General Ironsi, the leader of the first coup, was subsequently killed and replaced by Yakubu Gowon and in 1967 the brutal events of 1966 culminated in a fratricidal civil war pitting the Federation against the defunct Ibo's Republic of Biafra led by the famous Chukwura Odumegwu Ojukwu.

Through the abled leadership of Gowon and as a result of the overwhelming international support given to the Federal side, the flame of secession was extinguished in 1970. Though victorious, the three years of bitter civil war had given rise to some fundamental contradictions in the rank of the military junta; thus, in 1975 Gowon was ousted from power while attending that year's annual Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit conference in Kampala, Uganda by General Murtala Mohammed.

Murtala Mohammed, in contrast to his predecessor, proved progressive in both domestic and foreign policies. Upon assuming power, he arrived at the correct conclusion that for Nigeria military government was a liability and an impediment to the harmonious development of the country; he therefore decided to return the country to civilian rule by 1979. On the international front, in the midst of the Angolan civil war when the criminal South African government was trying to subvert the independence of the former Portuguese colony by giving massive support to the bogus Liberation movements, National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and the Front for the Liberation of Angola (FLNA), Nigeria threw its diplomatic weight behind the real Liberation movement, MPLA, which led to an eventual OAU support for that movement.

General Mohammed was brutally assassinated in a coup attempt led by B.S. Dimka before his civilian rule program could be implemented; his successor, Olusegun Obasanjo, nevertheless decided to carry out his predecessor's democratic wishes; thus, in 1979 Alhaji Shehu Shagari emerged from the multi-party electoral process as Executive President of the Second Republic. But, like others before him, he was overthrown by General Mohamedu Buhari who was later overthrown by General Ibrahim Badamasa Babangida.

Now General Babangida has promised to return the country again to a democratically elected civilian government by 1992. However, as the process leading to the anticipated transfer of power unfurls, observers and commentators have begun to question the methodology adopted by the military.

In a democracy people with similar ideas and convictions organize themselves into political parties for the purpose of obtaining political leadership of their country or region nonviolently but in Nigeria the military government, not the people themselves, organized two parties-the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the National Republican Convention (NRC)- wrote their

## What Does Columbus Day Really Mean?

BY EDWARD ARCHER

In a few days, we will be graced with yet another celebration for Christopher Columbus. Throughout the country, the debate continues, is Christopher Columbus really the hero portrayed in our history textbooks? In recent years, with the rise of cultural and historical awareness, Columbus has become a controversial topic. Especially in lieu of the fact, the Quincentennial (the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the Americas) is only a year away. Should such a controversial figure, offensive to many Caribbean and South American people, receive such celebrity status and praise, under false pretenses?

In recent years, supporters of Christopher Columbus have been criticized for overlooking the fact that he virtually wiped out indigenous cultures in the West Indies, introduced slavery to the Western Hemisphere, and started the destruction of the primal environments, etc. Despite these facts, his supporters view him as an intellectual who navigated his way to the New World. Although Columbus was the first European, should we overlook the fact that he was sailing for China. What nautical genius is this? Columbus is revered in so many countries that we have countries resurrecting monuments to him. A country like the Dominican Republic (a country directly affected by Columbus' discovery of the New World) is building a 10 million dollar lighthouse as a monument to him. Scores of events will honor Columbus such as parades, pageants, fairs, regattas, conferences, monuments, etc. All this in honor of possibly one of the most notorious figures in the Western Hemisphere. Support in the U.S. is so great that his supporters are lobbying in order to have a coin minted with Columbus' profile. With so many articles and books on Columbus it is hard to believe that Columbus is still honored in the manner that he is. Columbus' historical character has been perverted so much that the educated nations of the World have not condemned him for his actions.

Looking at Columbus in a historical context and not as a folk legend (who discovered the "New World"), researchers' estimates suggest that 50 years after Columbus' first landing, 25 million indigenous people were killed. Yet, Columbus' supporters merely deny this with the argument that there were not that many in the "New World" at that time. Some argue by saying the majority died of disease from "friendly encounters with Columbus and the Spaniards. However you look at it, directly or indirectly, Columbus was involved in one of the world's largest mass genocide cases. Comparisons have been made with Hitler's Nazism, Japan's 45 year occupation of Korea, South Africa's Apartheid. All are responsible for millions of lost lives. One of the biggest ironies is that the Catholic Church is one of Christopher Columbus' largest supporters. The Church maintains its past doctrine that Columbus and the Spaniards were sent by God himself to "civilize the savages!" Amazing that in the 20th century such a belief could even exist and that the Church would be involved in the Quincentennial. Overlooking

its South American and Caribbean membership whose culture and ancestors were victimized by Columbus and the Spaniards and who regard Columbus as the "Black Legend." The Church's South American and Caribbean membership point to the writings of Batolome de las Casas (a Dominican Friar). In his writings, Las Casas attributes the mass genocide and destruction to Columbus' presence. Here in the United States, more recent evidence, based on agricultural studies suggest that as many as 100 million indigenous people were killed. With mounting evidence compiling against Columbus daily. Once again the question arises should tradition continue or should truth be unveiled to the public?

No matter what the outcome this controversy should be used to examine the state of consciousness in which the people of the world glorify an act of genocide and destruction. In conclusion, another lesson should be taken from this chapter in history.

## THE SCOOP ON THE NEW UNION



Carmen Vazquez/ Director Student Union Activities

BY LYNN BACKMAN

There will be a new phenomenon going on around campus, but (hopefully) none of us will be around to see it, unless you're going to attend graduate school at Stony Brook. The big deal is the new student Union, scheduled to first appear in 1996 at the present site of Central Hall. The "New Student Activities Center" will replace the Union as the activity spot for the University's students.

Central Hall was chosen so that the New Student Activities Center will be situated "in the center of campus life," says Carmen Vazquez, Director of Student Affairs. It is hoped that the Center will become the focus of campus activities, unlike the present Union, which is on the border of the Academic Mall. Also, it will provide new and larger facilities than the students currently have. For instance, there will be a new theater that will have a carrying capacity of 600 people as opposed to the 360 people that the current union now holds. Moreover, there

will be a new Ballroom adjacent to the new Multi-purpose Room that will have the capacity to be opened up into one gigantic room.

Ground breaking for the new facility will begin in 2 years and the first of the two-phase project should be completed in 1996. Thus, Central Hall will no longer be an edifice crammed with classrooms, lecture halls, offices and Bio labs. Instead, the first floor will be donned with a very large main lobby, an information booth where one can pick up literature on the different clubs and organizations found at Stony Brook, a ticket office, a commuter commons, a dining room, various lounges, and a mercantile area for vendors. In addition, on the second and third floors, one will find more television, music, listening and study lounges, meeting rooms, and student services offices.

Phase two of the project has not yet been given a completion date due to monetary reasons, but when it is completed, it will house the Multi-purpose Room Room and Ballroom, the art gallery, as well as additional dining areas.

So what's going to happen to the current Union? Well, first of all, it will definitely be redesigned, although, according to Carmen Vazquez, some of the space in the Union will remain the same. For instance, the End of the Bridge restaurant will remain in the Union. There is a possibility that all the media groups will be placed in the Union in order that they may have a work place with flexible hours. The rest of the Union may become the Student Development Services (SDS) Center. It will serve to consolidate some of the administrative services areas for students. For instance, Career Development, which is now in the Library and the Office of Disabled Students which is located in Humanities, will be moved to the Union. However, it is a possibility that the SDS Center might be an annex wing of the Union.

When the new Center is undergoing construction, all of the groups using Central Hall will be placed in other offices. As of yet, these sites are not yet known. Hopefully, it will help to increase student activities on the campus.

The approximately \$18 million project will be funded solely through state-sold bonds. That means that no money is coming out of Stony Brook's budget, or students' pockets.

The plan for the New Activities Center has been in the works for about two and a half years, when it was proposed by the Master Planning committee that the project was needed for the students. Surveys were taken on the type of services that students would want in a new activity center. Also, the Union Advisory Board, as well as various student groups and student representatives, brought forth their input and suggestions about the building to Ms. Center.

A major goal of the new Activities Center is to provide an outlet for students that is more in the center of the campus. Hopefully, this will encourage individual and cooperative student activities on campus.

Carmen Vazquez, Director of Student Affairs, is just one of the many people who seem to be glowing about the prospect of the new Union, and as Ms. Vazquez pointed out, the building of the new Center, "...says something about how the University feels towards its students and towards having a successful campus life." Thus, in a few years, when we are ALL alumni, we can look forward to visiting the New Student Activities Center and say, "I remember when..."

Blackworld would like to thank Carmen Vazquez for her time.

# POLITY PAGE

**POLITY ELECTIONS ARE COMING.**  
**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 29.**  
**TO ALL CANDIDATES: PICK UP PETITION FORMS NO EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 14**

## COCA FALL MOVIE SCHEDULE

- 10/11-10/13-What About Bob
- 10/18-10/20-Terminator 2
- 11/1-11/3-Boys-n-Hood
- 11/8-11/10-Rocketeer
- 11/15-11/17-City Slickers
- 11/22-11/24-Point Break
- 12/6-12/8-The Doctor
- 12/13-12/15-Regarding Henry

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## HOWIE MANDEL HOME COMING 19 WEEKEND 91

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# HOMECOMING

### Highlights


*This is only a partial listing of the many campus-wide events planned for Homecoming, so be sure to check out all the details!*


Wednesday OCTOBER 16	Thursday OCTOBER 17	Friday OCTOBER 18	Saturday OCTOBER 19	Sunday OCTOBER 20
12:30 PM HOME COMING SPIRE PARADE Academic Mall	9 PM TOKYO JOE'S SB Union/Balroom	6:30 PM STREET FAIR • Carnival Booths • Clowns • Food Vendors • Live Bands & DJs • (Hosted by WGSB) • Correlation: Joey Kala Center Drive (Between ISC & SB Union) Bath Location: SC Arena	10 AM - 2 PM TOURS OF THE CAMPUS (Every Hour) Sponsored by Undergraduate Admissions Starting at SB Union/Lobby	9 AM 5K RUN FOR SCHOLARSHIPS REGISTRATION SC/Lobby
3 PM TWISTER COMPETITION Sponsored by SAB Grove area between Physics & Center Drive	11 AM - 6:30 PM STREET FAIR Same as Friday plus: • Crafts, Art & Antiques Fair • Calculus & Artiles • WGSB Live Broadcasting Center Drive (between ISC & SB Union) Bath Location: SC/Arena	10:30 AM - Noon HOME COMING PARADE Starting at Tabor Quad Parking Lot	1 PM - HOME COMING FOOTBALL GAME Sponsored by SAB LES Patriots vs. Wesley Wolverines • Halftime Show • King & Queen Crowning Ceremony Football Field	9:45 AM WALKERS & PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED RACE STARTS In front of SC (Rain or Shine)
4:30 - 7 PM BARBECUE Center Drive Street Fair Bath Location: Dining Hall			9 PM HOME COMING ENTERTAINMENT to be announced	10 AM PANCAKE BRUNCH & TROPHY PRESENTATION SB Union/Parlo Bath Location: SB Union/Balroom
9 PM HOME COMING ENTERTAINMENT Sponsored by SAB Howie Mandel SC/East Wing Gym				

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## October 16 - 20, 1991

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# LONG LIVE THE "BLACK AND OLD GOLD"

BY DAVID S. COLDOMIR

On October 5th, 1991, a historic event took place on our Stony Brook campus. In the Union Ballroom, a chartering ceremony for a new chapter of an organization was held. I speak of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Rho Rho chapter. A chartering ceremony is an event held by an organization to officially recognize a new chapter amongst their ranks. On Saturday, Stony Brook's own Rho Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha became the recipient of such an honor. Getting a charter means a great deal to members of a fraternity. The chapter gets more flexibility in terms of programming. Red tape, and the other problems that a bureaucracy can sometimes give you are now largely minimized. Rho Rho feels that now that their charter is officiated, they can do more in terms of helping the community at large.

The event was scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. Aware of the mannerisms and work ethic of certain members of the fraternity, I was sure that it would begin on time. I was therefore rather upset with myself when I was walking into the Union at eight o'clock. Upon arriving at the ballroom, I realized it had not started yet. There were men of all ages mingling about in the general area of the Fireside lounge, dressed in classy semiformal attire, of black and gold (the fraternity's colors are black and old gold). Seeing that I had time on my hands, I opted to speak with one of the brothers for a short time.

Charles Goodman became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated "quite some time ago." He is currently a part of the Eta Theta Lambda graduate chapter. He defined his chapter's function as providing leadership and internship to the undergraduate brothers. According to Mr. Goodman, there are many differences between now and the days when he pledged, but one main thing remains the same. "To be a part of it, there are certain ideals you have to aspire to. This is a service organization to all." He stressed, "We do emphasize that we are about the upliftment of black males though. Since 1906, those objectives haven't, and will never change."

At the end of my conversation with Mr. Goodman, the ceremony was about to begin. The time was nine o'clock. The guests were invited to enter. The ballroom was

divided in half by a large partition with one small opening. As soon as you entered, you could see that this was a special Alpha event. Half the tables were dressed in black table cloth. The other half in gold. Balloons, filled with helium, were of the same assorted colors.

Presiding officer, and Long Island Area Director for Alpha Phi Alpha, Darren M. Morton gave a brief introduction to what was about to take place. He then proceeded to ask one of his fraternity brothers, who is also a minister, to conduct a brief prayer. Following the program to the letter, the black national anthem was sung by all present. At this point, I had noticed that the atmosphere in the room was rather solemn, and not at all as I had expected. I thought I might see some excitement in the faces of the members of the chapter about to be recognized. Mr. Strossor Altemis, Student Activities Advisor here at Stony Brook, broke the 'ice' so to speak, when he was called up to give a brief set of remarks. Once at the podium, he asked the brothers why they looked so solemn, and assured them that the ceremony should be all but a somber moment for them.

The tension in the room began to ease. Mr. Altemis then spoke of the Rho Rho chapter and one of its members whom he regarded with great admiration. He spoke of Yves Gabriel, graduate of Stony Brook. Mr. Altemis noted Yves' tenacity and diligent work in trying to get his chapter off the ground. He fondly remembered that at an Alpha Lip Sync show some time ago, Yves was one of two Alphas present. He [Yves] donned the role of Master of Ceremony, sound man, stage crew, and was a performer. "Yves did it all," Altemis said as he brought a number of chuckles forth from the audience.

Immediately following the remarks, it was time for the Keynote Address, presented by member of Alpha Phi Alpha, George Mims.

Mr. Mims' speech was not of a spiritual nature in the least, but it was similar because he spoke with such strength and vigor and faith in what he was saying. He gave every last individual there a little food for thought. As I looked in the eyes of the Alphas in the room, I saw revelation, and comprehension. Mr. Mims continually drilled into his fraternity brother's minds throughout his speech, "Our agenda is not finished."

ished."

As the Alphas in the room went through a recounting of the history of their fraternity, the history of the Rho Rho chapter, they held a tribute to their seven jewels (founders) after the Keynote Address. I thought of seven young college men of African descent, living in America in 1906, who dared to be different and pioneer the first college fraternity for other men such as themselves, with great insight and foresight. I thought of the words of Mr. Charles Goodman who spoke of certain ideals that must be aspired to in order to be a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "This a service organization," he said. I thought of an organization...one of the very few as a matter of fact, that emphasizes the upliftment of black males, a group of human beings many seem to refer to as an endangered species. As Mr. Mims stated in his address, the bald eagle had supporters all over the world in its endangered state. The species is now slowly replenishing itself. But who will take care of the black male? "Our agenda is not finished," he said to his fellow Alphas.

Byron Glasgow, current President of the Rho Rho chapter and Vice-President, Darryl Hollar gave out awards to some of their fraternity brothers. As the ceremony came to a close, with the members singing their hymn and invoking their fraternity prayer, I realized that just as the years before, the number of Alphas on this campus is very few. But I remembered one man who played a myriad of roles during one night in one show, some time ago, and he made it a success. He was an Alpha man here as well. Those who take up his cross have much to bear. I see nothing but determination in their eyes and success in their paths.

Stony Brook, I present to you the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Rho Rho chapter: Byron Glasgow, Darryl Hollar, and Donald Gibbs. May this campus see a good deal more of the black and old gold!

## Putting Guns in the Hands of Public Safety

BY TROY BRATHWARTE

On Wednesday, the second of October, Public Safety and the school community met in the Union auditorium to discuss; should Public

Safety be armed on this campus.

Each year this debate comes up, but the main points rarely change. Heating up this controversy is the recent incident in Langmuir, where five Public Safety officers were hurt. Also taken into account was last semester's incident in the Union Ballroom where Student Security personnel were hurt.

Richard Young, head of Public Safety and an advocate of arming claims, that campus officers could respond more quickly in an emergency than Suffolk County Police. Public Safety will not respond to an incident if the assailant is armed. Other advocates of arming claim that armed officers would be better able to protect themselves. This would lead to the campus giving more respect and help.



Opponents, mainly the African and Latino community, argue that armed officers would be under pressure to act in situations where they might use these arms. Under pressure, this might lead to unfortunate circumstances. In the past, there were many reports that faculty and students were mistreated by Public Safety officers. What would assure these people that they won't be hurt to a further extent?

The Stony Brook campus should realize before they choose which side they are on, the facts that are involved. These are some questions you might want to ask yourself and others in order to make the right decision.

-How many incidents on campus occurred with the use of weapons?

-What extent will Public Safety help the community by being armed?

-Will communication between Public Safety and students deteriorate?

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**FROM THE BLACK MAN TO THE BLACK WOMAN**

To label you as a bitch,  
Or to belittle you,  
Was not my intent,  
As to the way I should treat you.

From my loins,  
God made you,  
As a mate, a companion,  
A partner of equal share.

You are my strength,  
And in you there is strength,  
The strength of color,  
Like so many before,  
Our women have been  
The strength which,  
Enabled us to endure.

Your beauty and strength,  
Is still much to be adored.

The words, "I LOVE YOU"....  
Or the words, "I RESPECT YOU"....  
May, at times be cast aside.  
But please,  
Forgive me, Forgive me....

My first words...  
FORGIVE ME.  
My second words...  
LOVE ME.

And with you by my side  
How could I forget,  
That my love and respect,  
Is just the beginning,  
And I should give no less.

by  
Rupert G.F. Pearson.

...tick tock, tick t...

Do you know I prayed for you?  
One night I asked the Goddess  
And then you appeared  
beautiful and perfect  
My fantasy and dream  
To touch and to hold  
and to kiss

...And so I have the feeling that  
my borrowed dress  
and my borrowed coach  
will all soon disappear  
because I can feel my slipper coming loose

Blue

**Typed By  
Amber Jacques**

**Not Just Skin**

Not Just Skin  
I am African  
Black is beautiful  
Made of  
Ebony love  
Sunshine from above  
Browns me too  
Honeydews and ebony hued  
From brown sugar dips  
Chocolate drips  
Ebony Hips  
Gave me birth  
and now I bless this Earth  
African love  
Is what I am conceived of  
Soulful love  
My ancestors' heart beats  
Peaceful as a dove

Carlos Montrevil

**Color Me!**

Kirk K. Dunbar

Color  
My flavor  
Not like a rainbow.  
Color  
My flavor  
Black.  
Pour into my sweet  
Concoction  
Love, Faith, and Hope.  
Sweet as chocolate  
Hard like steel.  
Durable and flexible  
As leather.  
Color my flavor  
with all the rich things  
And leave out poisons.  
Leave out fears.  
Color my flavor with any language  
Schwarz, Negro, Noir.  
Mix my flavor in a melting pot  
Turn up the flame!  
What have you got!?  
My flavor  
Permeates  
Any mixture  
My flavor will be all you're not  
Strength in the walk of it  
Royalty in the take of it.  
For spices and rum, you killed and stole our own!  
But some flavors are too sweet for death to rob!  
My flavor,  
Color me.

**Powder of Pain**

Suddenly they halt, those passing feet  
A young man lies on the hard concrete.  
He tasted too much of the powder of pain.  
Indulged in excess of the pure cocaine.

He was told by the salesman by and by.  
That his troubles would leave while he rode the sky.  
He had no clue he would cheat and steal.  
To please the addictive powder's appeal.

So when he was out of his own finance  
He walked the road to dire circumstance.  
He robbed his family one and all.  
Till they shut the doors when he come to call.

So this false escape draws his appetite.  
The powder plagued him day and night.  
Till he found the only way he survived  
Was when that new that new package of powder arrived.

Errol A. Cockfield, Jr.

**Buzz that Buzz**

You bee of discontent  
Flit and fly over our heads  
Busy to our demise  
String us along  
On that pollen basket  
Of dead dreams  
Of the bitter sweet  
Sweeter that time itself  
keep us neutralized  
The mask so straight and numbered  
Mirrored images of you  
Your king, your queen you god  
Buzz continued that steadfast drill  
For your life is shortened  
With every flower's death  
And in your fury and chaos  
You fire your unmanned stinger  
And slowly your world becomes silent

Channing Jacques

**Polo Anyone**

Polo playing penguins  
Wearing olive colored suits  
Enlist men, women, and children  
Without even swearing them in  
They march them to frontlines  
Usually in their sleep  
Or covered in dew  
These newborn soldiers creep  
Poets, doctors, lovers, babes  
Are sucked up in this mad parade.  
Hologast, nor Middle Passage can attest  
To such carnage  
Modern missiles, long and hard  
Pulsing spinning  
In the dark  
On their mission  
They cough and spit  
Their ill begotten gifts  
Fly and land  
Destroying with  
Each movement of the hand  
Scoring victories  
For vigilantes  
Cloistered on their Polo fields  
Protected invisible shields  
Radar,  
Sonar.  
Anwar  
Sadat knew the game  
Play to win  
Suffer the pain  
But never attempt  
To call a foul  
Or the minuteman referee  
Will end your game clock.

**Sometimes**

Hope Smith

Sometimes I wonder  
If I made a blunder  
Falling in love with a man  
Whose love is as,  
Infinite as the sands.  
Sometimes I wonder  
If its a gift  
Or a myth  
But I know  
His love is real

**Untitled**

Skyward I look for  
that truth of life  
...I find it nowhere

Not clouds not wind  
can tell me what  
the stars and moon don't know

But still I glare and gaze  
and gaze at the rain  
It drenches my eyes, my hair, my mind  
as my thoughts blur  
down  
I continue to  
as the sun steams me  
dries me  
shrivels me to a prune  
I die to finally know  
That life is for  
not the lazy  
no.

Channing Jacques

**Blinded**

What you see  
can it be true?  
To shimmer to glare  
of me or you

Could you see what was done  
to us as we mindlessly sat  
to decay and rust

Can you see what we're giving up?  
To glut  
With zeal and brimming cup

Our soul to drown  
But do we care  
We just don't see  
With our eyes we stare

Poetry will be accepted for submission weekly at rm. 031 Central Hall. Call 2-1491 or 2-6452 for information. All poets are welcome. Please type your poems, but Macintosh disks are appreciated.

**Tom Sawyer Must Die!**

His smile is his mask,  
pearly white piece of costume jewelry that it is.  
He is cleanly cut, Mr. All-American serpent,  
with his fashionable suit, close cropped hair  
and dagger tie

In youth,  
he was the boy in the book,  
that tricked others into doing his work.

Today,  
he is the man  
who profits by and takes stock in  
the work of others.

He is the parasite  
claiming to uphold  
freedom and democracy  
while working less than any unemployed man  
and getting paid much more  
than the hardest working person  
you will ever see.

He is the modern slaveholder  
buying shares in the souls of all people  
irrespective of color or God.

Yes, Tom Sawyer must die, for until he does  
the only thing that will trickle down is blood.

Walter F. Schneider

**College**

At first I hear noise,  
Then all these faces swarm in front of me  
None of them distinctly clear.  
The noise gets louder,  
The words aren't audible  
What ever they're saying, I really don't care.  
I'm just doing my part  
Trying to survive this struggle  
Happy to get out of it, free and victorious  
However, this is all my dream  
We'll never win this one, We never did!  
We've always been put down by the others  
Why should this be any different???

..... I know,  
It's because I'm part of it,  
The noise is getting louder yet  
My heart is slowing down  
Faces around me are recognizable  
I've won! I've won! No.....We've won!

Samantha

Page by  
**Kirk Konrad Dunbar**  
poets submit!



# ITS TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE

BY IGNACIA RUIZ

Hispanic Heritage Month, October 1991, Opening Ceremonies with Louis Rivera and Geoffrey Fox.

Campus Lifetime 12:40-2:00p.m., Wednesday, the fireside lounge of the Stony Brook Union was lit up with proclamations from the University President and Suffolk County Executive. The theme, Hispanics; past, present and future. Professor Louis Rivera of Stony Brook's Africana Studies Department then took the stage and left his audience speechless. "No Land Marks to Remember", "Marianita", and "Bear With Me" were just a few of this professor's works expounded for the crowd of 200; approximately.

The sponsoring organizations, LASO, Sigma Iota Alpha, Gamma Ce Upsilon, and UUL were on hand serving refreshments along with arts and crafts.

Geoffrey Fox completed the Opening Ceremonies with talks at 4:00 and 8:00pm. "From Amadis de Gaula to Amanda Sabater: 500 Years of Soap Opera" and "Inventing America: 1492-1992" were the themes of his discussions.

The day on a whole was a success. Hats off to all the participants: the faculty, staff and students. Especially those who didn't look at this as an "hispanic event" and stay away. Asians, African Americans, caucasians, etc; came out to support and there was unity.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR BLACK SOLIDARITY DAY

Nov. 1st.- Merchants in Fireside Lounge. Multi-cultural Party co-sponsored by AASO, CSO, LASO, HSO?, ASU? in the Union.

Nov. 2nd.- BBQ (in Tabler or G-Quad.) Buy a ticket and get hand stamped to eat. From, 3-6 pm

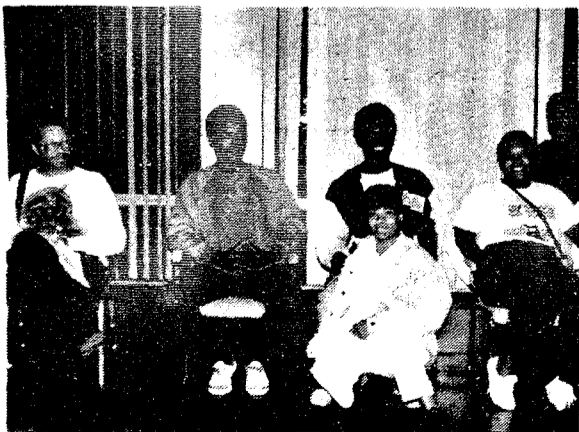
Nov. 3rd.- Conference/Brunch @ UNITI Cultural Center 1-3pm possible topics: Reclaiming of Black communities, the Crown Heights situation. With faculty-student panel. Movie: "A Rage in Harlem" @ 9pm

Nov. 4th.- Merchants in Fireside Lounge March through campus (candlelight procession.) Meeting at the UNITI Cultural Center at 5:30pm. Bonfire and Speakers beginning 6:30/7pm in G-Quad.

### Possible faculty/Student speakers:

Prof. Amiri Baraka  
Prof. Floris Cash  
David Greene  
(Acting Polity Treasurer)  
Sean Joe  
Prof. William MacAdoo  
Oral Muir  
(UNITI President)  
Prof. Louis Rivera  
Prof. Femi Vaughn

### Martial Arts Instructors For the Uniti Cultural Center



# First Black To Head Non-black Medical Institution in Nation

BY JESSE H. WALKER

As Dr. Donald E. Wilson takes over this month as dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the prominent New York City physician teacher becomes the first Black dean of an accredited non-minority medical school in the country.

Dr. Wilson has been professor and chairman of the department of medicine at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Brooklyn, formerly the Downstate Medical Center. His hiring by the University of Maryland was the result of a nationwide search.

He has also been physician in-chief of the University Hospital of Brooklyn, SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn, and Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn. His medical specialization is in gastroenterology and internal medicine.

Dr. Wilson, a Harvard graduate, earned his M.D. from Tufts University.

"With his experience, strength and enthusiasm, Donald Wilson is the very best person to lead our medical school and continue its climb toward national eminence," said Errol Reese, president of UMAB, "Our medical school conducted an extensive and thorough search, and several excellent candidates emerged through this process, which made it challenging to choose just one. Donald Wilson has 100 percent of my support, and I ask all students, faculty and staff to join us in welcoming him to our campus."

The opportunity to serve as dean at the University of Maryland at Baltimore is a most exciting challenge," Dr. Wilson said. "The School of Medicine has an excellent faculty and student body and is poised to serve as the prototype of urban education and investigative excellence as well as community service to the next century."

Prior to coming to CUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn in 1980, Dr. Wilson was chief, gastroenterology section, The Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine, the University of Illinois and University of Illinois Affiliated Hospitals, Chicago, from 1971-1980. He served on the faculty as professor of medicine at the Lincoln School of Medicine and was acting chairman of the department of medicine, 1976-1977. He also spent a year in London as visiting professor of medicine at King's College Hospital Medical School, University of London, 1977-1978.

Dr. Wilson is a member of dozens of prestigious medical societies, including the Association of American Physicians, and was a founder of the Association for Academic Minority Physicians in 1986.

Article Taken From the Amstadam News.

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# Stony Brook at Law

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Union Ballroom in Stony Brook Union

## *Topics to be Discussed:*

- About SB @ Law
- Future Trips
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# VIEWPOINTS

BY PENIEL JOSEPH

The recent racial tension in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, has sounded an alarm in New York City that all is not well within its community. Besides this, recent events have uncovered the dramatic and distressing lack of leadership in our city. It has also revealed the uneasy alliance formed by two of our city's most prominent political leaders: Mayor David Dinkins, and community activist Al Sharpton. In the past Sharpton had been criticized for fanning the flames, and not seeking peaceful measures to end this city's continually explosive racial situations. I disagree with his critics for admonishing him for publicizing an ever prevalent racism that this society habitually refuses to face. I do however question his motives, and his intellectual and social integrity.

David Dinkins is no different from hundreds of other politicians across this country. In fact if it were not for the fact that he is a black man, and this city's first black mayor, he would be indistinguishable from the rest. The fact that he is black, and the fact that he has made the African-American community a whole lot of promises, makes it surprising that the community still cannot distinguish between him and past mayors. The fact that our mayor is so removed from the heart of our city, that in late August he had to plead with Sharpton (a man who he has known for twenty years) to not fan the flames of a community being torn asunder while he smiled to reporters and asked for calm is outrageous.

Sharpton is no paragon of virtue himself. While meeting with the mayor to discuss the release of the innocent young black men who were arrested in the police sweep of the rioters, Sharpton did raise some valid questions such as why no one from the Hasidim was also arrested. He also displayed the incessant male posturing

that is at the core of his brand of activism. When Sharpton learned that Christopher Griffith (the brother of Michael Griffith who was murdered by a gang of whites in Howard Beach in 1986) a freelance photographer had been picked up and assaulted by the police he demanded that he be released. What is troubling at this point is that Sharpton called up deputy mayor Bill Lynch and threatened to not preach for calm in Crown Heights. The Village Voice quotes Sharpton as saying "...I will tell these kids that they gotta do whatever they gotta do cause I'm withdrawin' period."

That showed an utter lack of integrity for the issues that this man purports to advocate. On one side we have a mayor with increasing trepidations of being to closely identified with the African-American community, however, he will don his Malcolm X hat at any photo opportunity. The other side gives us a sophist who has no business being identified with issues that are relevant to the black community.

Crown Heights and its aftermath gives one cause for concern. What has been surmised so far is not an indictment on the leaders in the

black community. It is just a glaring example of the dearth of true black leadership, that is lacking not only in our city but in the rest of the country as well. With a mayor that refuses to listen to the pleas of the black community, and an activist that wields the trust that the community has empowered him with for his own demagoguery, there is seemingly little recourse for the people.

Some people will agree with my criticism of Sharpton for all the wrong reasons, therefore I will further elaborate on my previous discourse. My conflict with Sharpton does not stem from the fact that he mercilessly attracts media attention on controversial issues. I embrace any chance at intellectual discussion of the problems within our city, to try and achieve some understanding among the very diverse backgrounds that are intertwined within our neighborhood. What's troubling about Sharpton's method is that it lacks pedantic integrity and is mired in insipid dogma.

Mayor Dinkins is someone who still has not figured out. He is not "our" mayor. He has increasingly shied away from being closely identified with the black community for his own political salvation. This man refuses to fully acknowledge that there is a race problem in New York City. Crown Heights has only made him further alienate those who had sought succor under his leadership. His actions, or lack of action for the plight of African-Americans will not be forgotten in the upcoming mayoral election.

The fact that these two men now seek to gain political legitimacy through each other in the aftermath of the Crown Heights situation is a disturbing one. Sharpton, the social activist increasingly diverging from his former "grass-roots" stance to a wider more politically based propagandizing is seeking true political empowerment from the mayor. Dinkins, is still seeking that common man appeal that gave him the edge in the last election. Both are not in sharp contrast of each other as one might think. They have the same agenda, but have used different methods in conventionally fulfilling it. Their tactics though have an all too familiar result for those in the black community. One leaving the wretched of the inner-city to fend for themselves, the other a chameleon looks to make a name for himself out of the misery of others.

These are two men who have sought to inspire and have failed. They are not black leaders, they are both politicians who have set themselves up as would be saviours. At this point neither measures up to any close scrutiny. Black political sophistication is at an all time high. Individuals such as these will not be able to deceive the people for long. That they have succeeded so far only calls attention to the plight and "intellectual malnutrition" that has forced the black community to accept these two conventual men as a seeming respite against the injustice of a racist government and vapid society.

## Are You a Cheater

BY LUC-JEAN BAPTISTE

Has this ever happened to you? You have a big test coming up so you study all week. You don't attend any parties and you get a full eight hours sleep before the test. The day of the test you have a full breakfast and you go right to class feeling optimistic. The first couple of questions you know but then the questions get harder and harder. Finally, there is stuff you just don't know. What's your next move? Not surprisingly, the next move for you, and most of your peers is to look at the test paper of the student next to you. If you like most other students in America, then you are a cheater.

How many times have you took that peep at the test paper next to you. How many times have you brought little pieces of paper with the answers written on them in Javitz 100. Don't be ashamed, your not the only cheater out there. I read recently that 68% of all college students cheat. That's an overall number. In schools like Stonybrook, up to 87% of the college students cheat in some way shape or form.

Why do so many students cheat there way through college. Personally I feel that it is the way the college system is set up. You have a lecture class with 499 other students. There is only one professor. There is a 1 to 499 ratio. Your lucky to even meet the professor, let alone he remembers your mane. Your just a number to him. So who is gong to know if you cheat or not? Who is going to care? The system is set up in such an impersonal way, that cheating is just as good as an option as studying.

Cheating on exams is not the only form of cheating going on. Have you ever copied someone else's term paper from a previous semester, have someone take a test for you, or even have someone tap into the computer system and change your grade? Guess what, your part of that 68%. To the remaining 32% I'd like to commend you your strength or intelligence or both. To the rest of you I ask, who are you really cheating? If you can live with that answer, then I guess your doing what you have to do.

I've got so much trouble on my mind, refuse to lose  
- Chuck D, Public Enemy

I found great difficulty in selecting a topic for this viewpoint. Not because there are a lack of topics, but because there are an abundance. So what I decided to do, is to discuss a few questions that should be on everybody's mind. Yeah, Welcome to the Terrordome Fall 91'.

### Why should Public Safety get guns?

This is a question that has been on the agenda since the Special Ed "riot" in Spring 91'. Public Safety feels they are in need of arms. I, as a Black student, won't feel any safer if Public Safety has guns (You were put here protect us, but who protects from you? - KRS One) President Marburger, if you're reading, I pose a question: What makes you think Public Safety needs guns, when

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-How will the community act if Public Safety shoots or hurts someone?

-There are sixty-four SUNY campuses and twenty-eight have Public Safety. Out of these, only five are armed. What are the records of incidents for these schools?

- How much money will it cost the students for the armament of these officers. These officers will need money for guns, ammunition, and training?

-How is crime related to the need of arming officers?

These are important facts that must be answered before the community votes. There will be an open forum in the future for all these questions to be answered. Please come and make the correct decision.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

Are you from Cuba, the Dominican Republic or Puerto Rico? If so, do you consider yourself a part of the Caribbean? Then you'd be shocked and amazed to know that according to the Caribbean Students Organization of Stony Brook University you are not. This was the feeling of LASO students and students throughout the campus after viewing a recent CSO flyer. The flyer was presented as follows it was an invitation for students to join the organization. It supplied information on date, time, and place for the meetings. The major attraction of the flyer was the array of islands presented.

St. Croix, Dominica, Jamaica, Haiti, Panama Antigua, St. Lucia, Martinique, Barbados, St. Kitts(etc.)

The results of this flyer were numerous rumors and allegations. One rumor was that CSO does not acknowledge these countries as part of their organization because they are not represented at their meetings. I am sure you can all see how ridiculous this all sounds. This is not an opinion. This is geography! Come on Stony Brook students take out your maps, Let's do some work for a change. A map will clearly show these countries as being in the Caribbean. Let's suppose you don't have a map, turn on a television. Perhaps you've seen the commercial for Puerto Rico. You know, the one when the man tells the T.V. audience that Puerto Rico is located in the heart of the Caribbean. The advertising ends with a song-Puerto Rico, the shining star (of the Caribbean).

The responses from the president of CSO and another board member were; "It was a mistake", "It was not intentional". However it's funny that it was these particular countries, the major Spanish speaking countries of the Caribbean that were excluded.

CSO is only human. Error is allowed in human life. It's sad however, that students from the aforementioned countries will probably never join this club because of this little mistake. Discrimination among Caucasians and African-Americans is enough.

Must we discriminate to the extent of splitting the Caribbean into the Spanish speaking and the English speaking. I hope not! CSO extends their apologies. They welcome students of all backgrounds; Caribbean or otherwise. The apology I'm sure will be accepted and in time this will all be forgotten. Please let's not forget to the point where this can happen again. This time it was clearly an oversight next time it will be anything but.



**WHAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT NORMA MAHONEY THAT HAS NOT BEEN SAID ALREADY? NORMA MAHONEY, WAS ONE OF THE MOST DEDICATED COUNSELORS IN THE AIM PROGRAM, SHE CARED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HER STUDENTS AND HER ACTIONS SHOWED IT. WHEN YOU ARE IN TROUBLE WITH FINANCIAL AID GO TALK TO HER, WHEN YOU NEED ADVICE GO TALK TO HER, WHEN YOU NEED ANY THING HELP AT ALL, GO TALK TO HER AND SHE WILL HAVE A SOLUTION OR A WAY OUT FOR YOU. IF SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE ANSWER, SHE KNEW SOMEONE WHO DID, MRS MAHONEY, WE ARE SORRY THAT YOUR SERVICES AS AN AIM COUNSELOR IS NO LONGER ACCESSABLE TO US BUT WE WILL NOT FORGET THE GREAT HELP YOU HAVE BEEN. WE WILL MISS YOU, WE LOVE YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS. TO MRS NORMA MAHONEY, WE YOUR FRIENDS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MINORITY COMMUNITY SALUTE YOU.**



## Academic Survival

On Wednesday September 25 at 7:00 pm in the Union Fireside Lounge, Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity Incorporated in conjunction with the Africana Studies Department presented an academic survival workshop. The program dealt with such topics as: Academic Survival, financial aid, support groups, Africana Studies programs, academic resource, and social aspects.

Emile Adams, associate Vice-President for Student Affairs regarded Stony Brook as being highly competitive. It is the top 6th research institution in the world. He stressed professors and academic advisors. Mr. Adams also emphasized taking advantage of all the resources provided by your tax dollars. Not only on an academic basis, but as for extra curricular activities as well. Example, being on the Minority Planning Board and the Student Activity Board. If you are confronted with any problems, Mr. Adams made it very clear that he is more than willing to help. He states, "This institution is here for you. When you graduate keep in contact, so you will always be here."

Sherwood Johnson, the Director of Financial Aid also spoke at the workshop. This message stressed that the concept of planning is very important whether or not it is academic or economic. You have to know what your individual needs are and will be, now and at the end of the semester. Mr. Johnson made note of the fact that new students and old have problems holding on to money. This is how you learn to be more economically responsible, more economically sound. His assignment to his audience was to get a credit card as a source of emergency cash. Students need to have this kind of availability.

The last speaker of the night was Judith Berhannan, Assistant Director of Admissions. Ms. Berhannan stated that, "Malik Sigma Psi is one of the few organizations that gets involved in community outreach." Things you choose to involve yourself in should help you progress in every aspect of your life. She sees one's time at Stony Brook as an incubator; preparing you for the future. She wants for you to discriminate in the choices you make. Ask yourself how will you profit from joining and getting involved. As a freshman, Ms. Berhannan has three things she suggests you to do:

- 1) Always ask for help. Smart people get help.
- 2) Learn survival skills. Get involved with positive people and organizations.
- 3) The last and most important practice-good time management skills. October is always the time you notice you need help.

It is when you should own up to your responsibility and manage your time. Time management and asking for asking for help always correspond with each other. "Value yourself and value your time."

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As far as Black students on campus, we need to find out more about Richard Young's(Public Safety Headman) past endeavors. No more need to be said.

Whassup wit Clarence Thomas?

To tell you the truth, I don't know. I recently saw an In Living Color skit where Clarence was kissing ass to keep his job. Well maybe he's kissing ass so he can get the job. I seriously doubt it. By the time this paper is printed, the Senate should have voted on his induction into the Supreme Court(maybe not in lieu of his alleged sexual harassment charge). We should be worried if this brother(?) gets inducted. Clarence got into Yale Law School visa a vis affirmative action. Yet he opposes it.

He is also against Civil Rights. He believes Black people are too lazy, and these laws lessen the achievements of Blacks who do "make it". Not that Mr. Bush is going to nominate another Thurgood Marshall. He'll nominate a next Clarence Thomas with much lighterskin, but

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an Uncle Tom nigga can do much more damage than a redneck. Put bluntly, Clarence could inspire little Black kids to subscribe his bullshit philosophy.

Why was NY State so undecided on the plan of inclusion?

Why dey wanna keap a Brutha lak me dum'? Yeahthat's it. Instead of having a more global perspective on matters, they'd rather keep ua all toned in to the European philosophy on everything. "It's too much trouble, look how all of our books are written." I'm glad they finally admit to building this country on lies, and lying to all of us each and everyday.

There weren't many facts in this article. It was done on purpose, because even if it was saturated with facts you shouldn't take my word for it. Go find out for your-

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# PERSONALS

-- PAGE BY JULIANA ST PRIX & TAMARA PETERS --

To my homegyrlz,  
Dez, Jo, O-D, Tia, &  
T-Ray, What's up wit  
dat?  
Peace Little

To Jackie & Keren:  
Keep strong and hang in  
there.  
From Ex-Take  
Five  
& Jo

Dear Roomy,  
God only made two of us,  
he broke the mold afterwards  
because he knew he had ac-  
complished perfection. No-  
no, not conceited, but confi-  
dent.  
Fly Gyrl

Dear S-Angilique-R,  
Although we may not  
have much conversation now,  
lack of words I suppose, I can  
still picture my prissy daugh-  
ter picking the Lisa Gucci-bear  
rather than the Angilique  
Fordham road-bear with the  
Angela Davis-Fro.  
J-Emma-S

Dear Cous,  
Next time someone com-  
ments on our scandalous out-  
fits, just smile and tell them,  
'Jealousy will get you no-  
where because the heat runs  
only in the family baby' ...sss

Mark,  
I caught you walking across campus  
at 4:00a.m.

To Roy and Kev,  
Treat m like they wanna be treated.  
E. Rock

Nonnel,  
I know what you're doing, and with  
who?  
Druode

To: Malik Sigma Psi  
Brothers still rolling thick, Always  
NGUVU

To Meha  
Stay pale and sweet.  
NGUVU

To: Horseman  
Calm down  
and save some of that energy!!  
Simba

To Malik Massive:  
Them can't rest you!  
Donker

To A2 Irving:  
Control yourselves, ya'll are too wild!

To Al Dog and Ant Live  
It's all about the Huuhhh! Ed Lover

To Latinos  
We are where we are: Remember that  
the blood of Africa, Europe, and of Asia  
is in our veins. The customs of all have  
lead to our Heritage. We are where we  
are  
Manny Brea  
L.A.S.O. President

To my Sexy Sweetheart,  
Ooh, Aah!  
Keep 'em coming, I know I will!  
Sweet Stuff!!!!

To Brother B & Brother D,  
Are you'll still sweatin' each other,  
'Cause we are definitely still sweatin'  
ourselves!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Fly Gyrlz

My dear cousin Julie,  
What's up babes? The scandalous  
clothes is just a little something I picked  
up from you! Is it our fault that the  
family encourages this.  
Keep 'em HOT!!!  
Love Tamara

To Brelle,  
What's up with that? You know what  
I mean!!  
MARA-BONE

To Erika,  
You were dissin' the out-  
fits but you ain't too far be-  
hind now! Scandal!!!!  
MARA-BONE

Joe-  
Who threw the bottle?

G.I. Julie-  
You back-hoppin' scorpion!  
K&B

To Meha,  
Stay sweet. Love ya!!  
Habika

To Lovely Ladies of L.A.S.O.--  
Keep looking beautiful and  
stay true to your latino lega-  
cy  
Simba Kha Malik

S. G. Rho,  
'Yall missed your chance to  
play with the kings of the  
jungle.

Buff Steady,  
Keep up the good work,

To Meha,  
Stay Sweet. Love Ya!!!  
Habika

Roy,  
What up, What up, What  
up!!!  
Cool, cool cool!!  
Stop Playin'  
FATTY!!!!

To Stony Brook,  
Stop the rumors, the lies,  
and the scandals!!!!

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I suppose it must be nature's way  
We live for tomorrow but we grow today  
As such will a people realize  
They too will flourish in our Father's eyes

