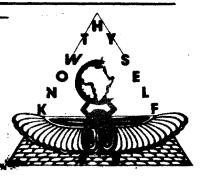
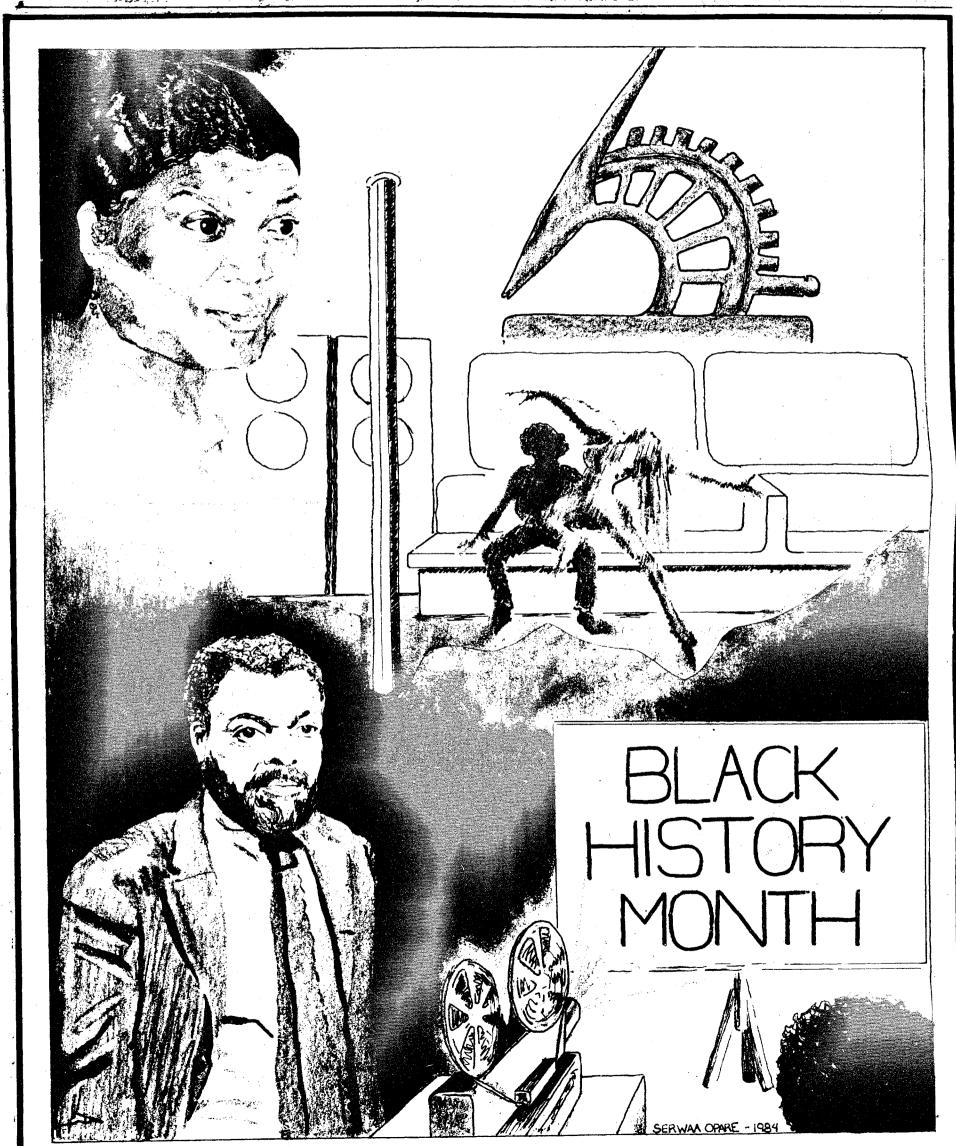
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The program was both enlightening and inspirational. It celebrated the history of the struggle of Black Americans for freedom and equality. It reminded us from whence we came; where we are now, and where we hope to be.

Sandra Williams, one of Stony Brook's talented vocalists began the evening with a moving rendition of the Black national anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing". The audience joined in with her to echo the words of our loyalty to his experiences in the Army. He showed the dif-were well protrayed by the level of organization Blackness throughout the auditorium.

Rene Lipscomb, a diligent contributor to Black awareness at Stony Brook, introduced Henry Schoolfield. He read a synapsis of the lives of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X in same time. The former having advantages and which he compared and contrasted the ideologies and lives of the two men.

Mary Canada of the Learning Skills Center ing. and Ray Smith of the Fine Arts Department provided some deep and fulfilling insights on professors who is an author and poetess, delivertheir respective lives during the Malcolm-King

did not appreciate Africa in the times of King/ sor, author and poet. Kimako passed away Malcolm. She said that Black people did not under tragic circumstances recently. Kim Parks take pride in their history and ancestry. She wrote a poem to this memory, and Charlene later described Martin and Malcolm as two Winlry performed a dance to it. different men seemingly apart but working for the same cause. King used non-violent protest ley and Gemma Solimene protraying Betty and and Malcolm sought freedom "By Any Means Coretta respectively, the wives of Malcolom X Necessary". Though their methods differed, and Martin

The African American Students Organization both men had valid reasons for their similar views. She informed the audience that before sible" and intermission followed. In the second the sixties Black people were reffered to as half of the show the African American Students colored or negroes, and Black women were Organization did a classroom scene. This was always portrayed as superoir to their Black men. followed by a dance entitled 'Working for King'; In some of her closing remarks, Ms. Canada heautifully executed by Henry Schoolfield and pointed out that Dr. King's and Malcolm's Alicia Stovell. efforts and achievements paralleled in many aspects but never joined. In as much as Malcolm interpreted as an intermediate between a poem recognized the need for Black Americans to be and a song. It was unique and well performed. close to other Black people, King concerned Alicia Stovell, president of the A.A.S.O. did anhimself more with the unity between northern other dance entitled "Malcolm's Gone". and southern Blacks.

ferent morpologies of racism. The life of a of the program and the excellent performance of Black man as an officer in the U.S. Army and a each participant. The program was indeed an Black man in the outside world, was completely educational enrichment. different, though they were both living in the priviledges otherwise denied to the latter. His advise was to keep the torch held high and burn-

Miss June Jordan one of our distinguished ed poetry on the journey of King. This was followed by a memorial to Kimako Baraka, sister Ms. Canada pointed out that Black people of Amira Baraka-another distinguished profes-

The program continued with Charlene Win-

Miss Robin Hodges sang "Dream the Impos-

Terrence McLaughlin did a rap which can be

The program ended with a Candle Light Cere-Mr. Ray Smith shared insights gained through mony. The efforts and dedication of A.A.S.O.



Did You Know...?

by Cheryl-Ann Webb

There have been many Negroes It seems likely that he began the Pointe de Sable.

Accurate information about the States. background and early life of de Sabhis mother was Black.

as in rivers and streams, that de Jean Lalime. Sable came upon the huge lake. course, Chicago.

among America's discoverers, pio-Chicago trading post in the midneers and explorers. Negroes ac- 1770's. Both Indians and Frenchcompanied many of the early Span- men were employed by De Sable. ish and French explorers in the Uni- His post florished because the Indted States territories. One among ians trusted him, so they brought them stands alone in founding a him their best grade of pelts. De great American city; Jean Baptiste Sable is one of the earliest successful black businessmen in the United

In 1800, de Sable sold the Chile is difficult to obtain. Accounts cago post to Jean Lalime of St Jowritten during his lifetime only re- seph, Michigan. It had been thrivfer to him as a Negro. However, it ing for two or three decades before is thought that he may have been he sold out. The record of de Sabborn in Haiti in about 1745. There le's sale to Lalime is of the greatest is also considerable disagreement importance. For the title of foundabout his pa rents, but it seems lik- er of Chicago was not given to de ely that his father was French and Sable until more than a hundred years later. During that time the He was a successful fur trader founder of Chicago was thought to and businessman. No doubt it was be John H. Kinzie, a white man while trapping for animals on the who became a resident in 1804 and plains and in the wilderness, as well took over the trading post from

De Sable's contribution to the The great lake we now call Lake growth of the United States is co-He built a thriving mmerated by a plaque in Chicago trading post there, which included a which reads: "Site of the first holarge house, barns, stables, mills, use in Chicago, erected around shops, livestock, and fine furniture. 1779 (it should be 1772) by Jean The city which grew up on the site Baptiste Pointe de Sable, a Negro of de Sable's trading post is, of from Haiti." This is hardly a fitting monument to the founder of a city, Old records indicate that he but lack of recognition does not lesbought a farm in the early 1770's. son the importance of the work done by this pioneer.



by Kim Parks

Black heritage shall never fade.

Black history is a form of expression, celebrait was an experience within itself.

The Black Historians were a major contributing factor in this experience. Nine students, Charlene Winley (founder), Melanie Witherspo-Parks, Renee Lipscomb, Gemma Solomene, Gerald Seegars and Yemi Kuroyo initiatied the forand staff members could take part in. Meetings were held every Sunday (with a few exceptions) where the planning began. In the process other organizations took part in the planning. The Carribbean Organization furnished us with a series of films and panel discussions. The African American Student Organization worked side by side with the Black Historians and constructed ideas that would enable everyone to enhance the celebration on campus. Also, we couldn't have done it without the donations from organizations such as the African Students, Haitian Students and the S.A.I.N.T.S., with special thanks to the A.K.A.'s and Sigmas.

designated for those who were not registered. for our survival. This will enable our next years It wasn't bad at all! This Black History Mo- and for those who thought it wasn't advanta- planned events to be more successful. nth deserves a standing ovation from everyone. geous. We must all take into account that excer-Although Black History Month is over we are cising your voting rights is mandatory indeed! month out of the year. It just so happens we still rejoicing over our everlasting blackness! Many thanks to the Sigmas and Sweethearts, shout it a little louder in the month of February. The month of February may pass us by but our Wayne Bekles and Dr. Al Jordan from the Health Sciences Center.

All of the fund raising events were also sourtion, and triumph for the vast accomplishments ces of enjoyment and assemblage for the stuof our Black heritage. It is a time of commera- dents. However, the monies were allocated to tion for our late Black leaders and the welcom- the budget for costly events pertaining to Black ing of our new leaders to come. A lot of time History Month; donations of the United Negro and effort was put into this event and planning College Fund and other mandated purpose within other various organizations.

There were also important individuals who made Black History Month events possible. Thus, we must direct our gratitude towards on, Craig Waterman, Lance Waterman, Kim Amiri Baraka. He is Black History. The support he has contributed to the Black community here at Stony Brook, as well as to Black history, mulation of events in which all organizations should be acknowledged by an infinite expression of appreciation and respect. Baraka, who has a family of his own, finds in the goodness of his heart a desire to create a family atmosphere with the students and staff members here. We love you Baraka. Linda Martin (Baraka's secretary) who handled the correspondence for the Black Historians did it with precision and sometimes overtime. June Jordan's soothing words and participation helped the Black Historians and African Student Organization to keep the faith in their pursuit of success in planning the

More support from hidden student activists are needed to come out from the woodworks The campus-wide voter registration drive was and into the participation which is imperative

Black History pride isn't just celebrated one



In Praise of the Africana Studies Program

Tracie A. Bing

On February 29, 1984, I got a chance to express my feelings. Not just any feelings, but my feelings about something necessary for survival in Stony Brook. The Africana Studies Program was evaluated. Everyone was there: Chairman, Professor Imanu Amiri Baraka, Professor E. Fred Dube, Professor Carolyn Brown, Professor William McAdoo, Professor Leslie Owens, Professor G. Michael Bagley, and Professor Kuhnikanan.

I was also there thanks to the dedicated efforts of Linda Martin, the very personable and dedicated Africana Studies secretary. About fifteen other Stony Brook students made it their business to be present at this crucial gathering.

The program was evaluated by a committee of four distinguished people: From Stony Brook, James Rule of the Sociology Department and John Truxal of the Department of Technology and Society; Hollis Lynch of Columbia University's History Department and James Turner, Director of Cornell University's Africana Studies and Graduate Research Center. It was their aim to evaluate the Africana Studies Program's Curriculum, the effect of the program upon student

achievement and other crucial educational. social and political factors. They will submit a comprehensive report to Mr. Graham Spanier, Vice Provost Undergraduate Studies.

I must say, they learned a great deal from the students, who have learned a great deal thanks to our dedicated Africana Studies Professors. They told us they were quite impressed with our comments, criticisms and suggestions. In short, we were helpful in their evaluation. As they asked us many questions about the Africana Studies curriculum and its impact on our educational experience, we clearly expressed how our educational experience here has been enlightened and enriched thanks to such a valuable program.

We made their job easier. After talking to us, they understood, in my opinion, how a student who has taken A.F.S. classes has a more analytic, objective and realistic picture of the educational process, and life in general.

As a political science major, I elaborated on how taking A.F.S. classes has give me that extra push of incentive and enthusiasm. Writing papers, researching primary sources and reading essential journals and publications, are

just some of the many abilities the Africana Studies Program has installed in me.

Having taken a great deal of A.F.S. classes, I feel privileged to have experienced classes where I am somebody, not just a number; classes where I am encouraged to learn. By this I mean I can ask a question without being dehumanized, acknowledging all aspects of subjects, and have a professor who is doing what comes naturally educating the masses; and so much more.

Having taken classes within the program since 1980, I can see how having a strong, supportive and dedicated Africana Studies Program can enrich any student, regardless of race, color or ethnic origin, in his/her quest for knowledge.

Finally, I would like to extend gratitude to the Africana Studies Program for helping me realize that I am somebody and all that I aspire can be 😸 mine. THANK YOU!!!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE, YOU SHOULD BOW YOUR HEAD DOWN, OR REGISTER FOR AN A.F.S. CLASS, YOU MIGHT LEARN

SOMETHING!!!



Since Jackson declared his candidacy in November, attempts have been made to disrupt his campaign by the Jewish people. "We're not picking a fight with Jackson, said Hyman Bookbinder of the American Jewish Committee. "But if you ask us to support him, we cannot support him unless he withdraws or explains some of the rather hateful things he has said in the past."

In the Monday February 14 issue of the Watitle "Peace With American Jews Eludes one sentence, "In private conversations with re- "It was not done in the spirit of meanness," he told porters, Jackson has referred to Jews as "Hymie" the crowd in the synagogue Temple Adath Yer-

ning when asked whether this was true or not, was wrong," he continued. Jackson all but denied it.

reply to the allegation made in the article, "I am not familiar with that. That's not accurate."

At a debate of Democratic candidates' debate in Goffstown on Thursday February 23, Barbara Walters (ABC News interviewer) the moderator asked Mr. Jackson if he had made anti-Semitic statements, including referring to the Jews as "Hymies". "I am not anti-Semitic," Mr. Jackson reiterated three times. "These rumors have been designed to disrupt my campaign." When pressed on whether he had used the term "Hymie" and "Hymietown" to refer to New York City he replied "I have no recollection of that."

Appearing at a synangogue in Manchester shington Post, an article was written with the N.H. on February 26, Mr. Jackson acknowledged that he had used the words "Hymie" and "Hymie-Jackson." This article merited fame because of town" in a private conservation to refer to Jews.

and to New York as "Hymietown". In the begin-shurun. "However innocent and unintended it

On Tuesday February 28 Mr. Jackson revealed On Thursday February 16, Jackson said in the reasons for his delay in acknowledging the remark. "On one hand, I had a desire to keep open the doors that were open; on the other hand, I did not want to lie and be absolute," he said.

Most of Jackson's rivals chose to praise him for apologizing instead of questioning the way he dealt with the issue. Gary Hart; "It was appropriate for him to apologize." John Glenn praised Mr. Jackson for admitting his mistake in his choice of words. Walter F. Mondale called the "Hymie" characterization derisive, "It should not have been used."

Most observers of the Jackson campaign believe his support from Jewish voters will be miniscule, so there is little profit in tempering his Middle East views. "Mr. Jackson may have alienated some people, but those who had committed themselves to Mr. Jackson are still committed. There was no overall effect on the mission," said David Harvey, regional assistant of region six of the New York for Jesse Jackson campaign.

And so, I end on that note. Those who were

The writer is a SUSB undergraduate.

Roving Photographer By George Freeman



Name: Mark Ashman

Junior

Major: Applied Math Minor: Economics

I deal with stress by disassociating myself from others and by listening to Bob Marley. His music is inspirational to me.



Name: Alicia Stovell

Senior

Major: Biology

phone my friends and family and talk or some-

times I dance to relieve tension.

How do you deal with stress?



Name: Asia Wills

Senior

Major: Sociology/Africana Studies

When I find myself under stress I without delay find a place where I can be alone. In this place I fantasize about being surrounded by things which make me feel good. Such as walking on the beach, eating good food, and listening to good music. In this fantasy I pinpoint what has caused my stress and I replace it with an activity which. makes me feel relaxed, such as talking to friends, going to the movies, or just doing nothing at all. I participate in one of these relaxing activities at least once a week, which I find to be helpful in limiting the amount of stress I have.



Name: Dominique Seide

Junior

Major: General

I listen to loud music and drink wine.



Name: Michael Marsh Sophomore

Major: Political Science

I beat the hell out of my roommate. Not really. just yell at him or I listen to my B 52's, Cyndi Lauper, and Billy Idol.



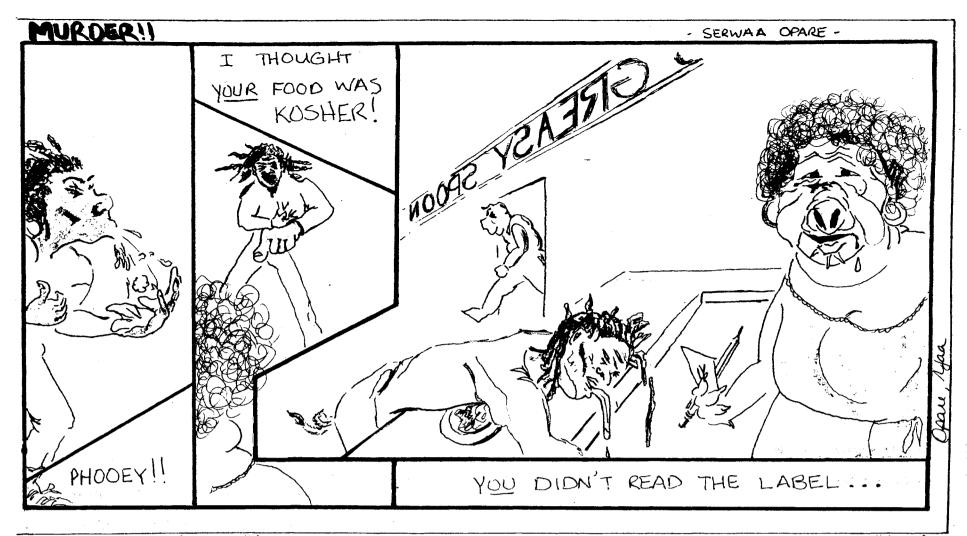
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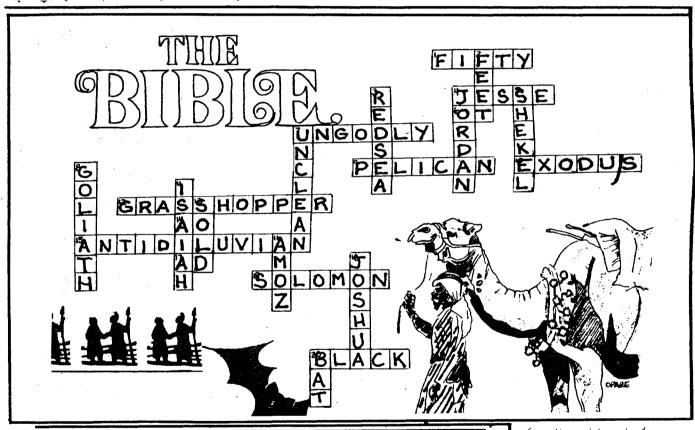
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I smoke a pack of cigarettes, then I sit down and

have a good talk with myself.







See the solution to last. month's x-word puille above.



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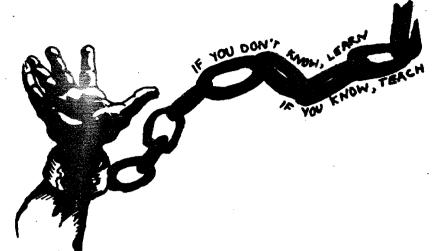
Viewpoints...

Don't Be Fooled

by Marvin Duncan

Life of today is so complicated that it is easy for any one to be fooled. There are some things that are said to exist but do not. Marriage is said to be when we go through a formal ceremony and some one tells us we are now married. It is not. Marriage is when a man and a woman unite as one in the form of their first child. Knowing how to drive is not when we pass our road test and recieve our driver's license. We know how to drive when we feel confident and secure within ourselves on the road. There are so many people unemployed and the reason is supposedly that they are lazy. The simple truth is that where ever they go they are turned down. The number of still births in America is supposedly going down. The still birth born rates are only going down in the areas of good facilties, but it is going up in the Ghettos.

The most important thing you with time four to five years we will are not to get confused about is the all be doctors, Lawyers, Nurses, Sci-



reason you came to Stonybrook University. You came here for a major. Little do you know your major is as close to you as you can stretch out your arm and reach it. How long will it take for someone to learn any trade that this school offers? For if we were given our major when requested, accepted to all the classes we applied for, and with time four to five years we will all be doctors, Lawyers, Nurses, Sci-

entists, Astronaughts, Engineers, or what ever we desire. This is not the way it is at Stonybrook and many people leave Stonybrook without what they came for. The simple reason is because we were turned down. Only a few get through to what they want. For most of us were not permitted to stretch out our arm. It only takes a little time for anyone to stretch out his arm. If we were given that time, all of us

who are here now, here before, and those yet to come would be able to stretch out our arms and become Doctors, Lawyers, Nurses, Scientists, Engineers, or what ever we desire that this University offers.

Before you give up and say you can't stretch out your arm, remember that if they stop you from stretching your arm one way you can stretch your arm another way. In other words don't give up your desire to reach your goal until you have suceeded. For in this world we are like blind men in a big room, looking for the only door to get out. Just because we do not find the door the first time does not mean there is not a door. Yes, many times we do hit a wall on the way to our goal. So I want to tell all of you, "Don't Be Fooled", if they don't accept you to your major, give you the necessary funds, or allow you in a class, this does not mean you can't become what you desire. Remember, don't let someone tell you you can't stretch out your arm it is your own arm and not theirs.

-EDITORIALS

Worth A Dollar?

by Michael Grimes

Was it worth it? Was there enough satisfaction for the cost of \$1.00? After all the controversy, Debbie Does Dallas came to the lecture hall as one of COCA's movie presentation. COCA expected to pull a very large crowd but they were disappointed, and so were half of the students that went to see the film.

Pairs of eyes watched as the same sex scenes were done over and over again. There was no variety, as flesh went from genitals to mouth to eyes to face etc. Well then again, maybe there was too much variety. After the first ten minutes repetition became boring and the acting was so terrible that the rythm did not go with the groans. The fake orgasms seemed to be shot after the act itself took place; how that was done beats me.

What else? Let me see. The audience, that's a nice subject. After all who would go and see an X-rated movie? It's not curiosity seeing that half of Stony Brook saw Deep Throat. According to friends that I asked, they claim it was because "there was nothing else to do."

The film was shown and the controversy is now over. Most people thought the film wasn't worth the trouble it caused, but they also felt that it was good that the film was shown because they were given a choice to like it or dislike it. This choice is very important to the so-called free generation even though we sometimes fail to see when half of our rights are taken without a fight. Anyway I'm straying from the movie which was trash and not worth writing about. This does not mean that all porno movies are trash. It's just that this movie took out the beauty of sex and made it into a filthy unappealing act. There were less bad words in the film than I expected from an X-rated movie; the importance of this is not clear to me. I think an X-rated movie might be worth looking at if it's done with style and class; therefore I am looking out for Brian DePalmer's (Scarface director) next film, which is supposed to be an X-rated film.

Ed. note: Two articles from the previous issue (vol. IX No. 2) did not have bylines. "Do You Qualify" was written by Michael Grimes and "The Graduation Dilemma: Can We Go Home?" was written by Marvin Duncan.



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Reveiw of Dutchman

by Peter Ward

The one objection that I have to reading plays is the fact that the majority of scholars insist that reading a play is essentially the same as watching its performance. I have always disagreed with this axiom and I found "The Other Season's" production of "The Dutchman" to be a perfect illustration of my sentiments.

The Dutchman, written by Leroi Jones (Amiri Baraka) is a play written to illustrate the sixties. It demands a great deal of symbolism and dramatic interpretation in order to be understood completely. This is exactaly what was shown in the play. The scenery was very authentic and depicted a very realistic subway car. The lighting was very effective and quite efficient; Particularly as the train traveled through the subway system. The production staff should be congratulated on the scenery for a job well done.

To get back to my opening statement, I would like to point out that although I have read The Dutchman and found it to be a very well written play, I could not really understand the implied foreshadowing as much as I did when I saw the play in action.

The performers displayed almost a professional grace to their acting. They were so realistic in their parts that one almost forgot that they were just acting. They were wonderful in their directions and seemed very much a part of their character as opposed to just reading into their parts.

The Director, Glenda Dickerson, should be congratulated for the preperation of her troupe and the fact that all her performances were done without a hitch of any kind. In truth the only qualm I have against this production is the fact that it wasn't on campus long enough so that everyone who wanted to could get a chance to see it.

To be quite blunt, this production was a beautiful piece of work, and the people who should be praised most of all are the actors.

In particular, the characters Lula and Clay were played exceptionally well by Monica Pregine and Vincent Brooks respectively.



Clay started out reasonably slowly and picked up at the end with a magnificient tour de force speech to Lula which grabbed the audience with the suddeness and the forcefulness of the change in the character's personality. Mr. Brooks should be congratulated for such a display of two conflicting personalities in the space of a few minutes. Clay also served as the chief source of the forshadowing when his impending death was shown in the very beginning of the play in the form of a very macabre form outside the train. This death happened at the end of the play when Lula stabbed Clay with the tip of a small pole which held the American flag on it. This was further symbolisim of Black oppression as depicted by Baraka through his works.

Lula was played wonderfully by Monica Peragine. She was the perfect White Woman to Clay's Black man. In truth she was the most interesting character of the play. She displayed so many different changes in her personality that

one would believe she was a certified nut case. Miss Peragine was particularly effective in her know-it-all-personality where she picked apart Clay as if she had known him all her life.

The rest of the actors should not be left without praises either. In truth they were the one's who displayed the various symbolisim in the play. From the ghostly apparition to the masks which were worn to symbolize moods and feelings, to the parts played in illustration the points each of the main actors were making at a given time.

I always said a play well done can surpass the play on paper anytime, and while this wasn't precisely the case this time. It still shows that it is better to see the action in front of you than to have to look into the minds of various characters at the same time.

This performance troupe succeeded in making a very good play into a very good show, for the people to see and enjoy. For those of you who missed it, maybe you'll be lucky enough to see a revival of it next season.







Polity...Your Student Government

by Gerald Seegars

The student government of SUNY at Stony Brook is formally known as Polity. POLITY is one of the most important organizations on campus. With a budget close to a million dollars Polity oversees sevral of the crucial aspects of campus life.

The money for the clubs such as the Caribbean Students, African American Organization, Haitian

Students Organization etc, etc, comes directly out of Polity which gets the money directly from each student through the semesterly activity fee. Polity is also the parent body of SAB which schedules concerts and guest speakers. PSC is responsible for special events, newly formal clubs and the polity Hotlines which help students with campus related problems.

The need for Black and Hispanic students to become more active in polity is becoming painfully obvious. If we review the concerts this year we must note that there was only one concert that would interest the majority of Black and Hispanic students (Eddie Grant). Furthermore it was only because of constant pressure put on by concerned Black and Hispanic students that SAB agreed to schedule two minority concerts for this semester.

Presently, the budget committees are beginning to **prepare** the budgets for the clubs next year. We should all be aware that funding for clubs have been reduced the last couple of years and more cuts are expected this year. The minority clubs have always been subject to budget reductions, not to say that they are unfair cuts, but without adequate representation in polity minority clubs will always get the short end of the stick.

With this is mind the United Front (that progressive group of third world students) will be sponsoring workshops this semester aimed at educating students on Polity and how to make Polity more responsive to our needs. I urge everyone to attend. In April Polity will hold its annual elections and this will be an excellent time for minority students to get a foothold in Polity and have more control on how our money is being spent. Seek out members of the United Front, and talk to them, come to the United Front meetings and please get



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Is the meaning of love clear to me, or maybe the best explanation, should come from the priest, let's not forget the judges side.

You and I know not the meaning, neither do half of the people that shout it, in a time of ecstasy, in a moment of need, love, love, they all say.

Love at first sight love that takes time, love for the wicked, love for the good, can you explain the similarities?

Lost in extreme pain, bordering on the line of abstract happiness, a man, a woman, reaches out, and low and behold they find, love, love, they all say.

Does it matter that hate, turns its side and becomes love, does it matter that sex, in pleasure's height becomes love, unimportant, is sure to be your answer,

What did he say before he pulled the trigger, was it not, I love you,
What did she say when she walked out the door, was it not, I am doing it because I love you;
it's a pity you have to leave.

Modern time has used my mind, making waste of my body, he beat me, but I know he loves me, she sleeps with him, but deep down she loves me, oh, turn off the lights.

By Michael Grimes



MY HANDS ARE DARKER THAN MY FACE

by Gerald Seegars

My hands are darker than my face My African blood runs richly through my veins

As I struggle through life
I grow, I grow stronger,
I become more conscious and more alert
Forward Ever, backward never!
Never backward but not burning any bridges
because of the detours of life.

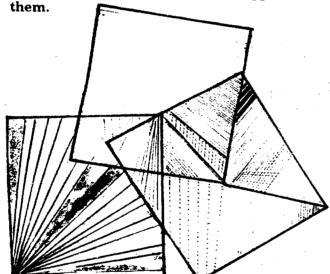
In search of love, riches and stability
So much to do and with the knowledge
that time waits for no man
It has to be done! Now!
My hands will always be darker than my face
Because my hands have picked me up so

many times
when I have fallen,
My hands have toiled and strained while my

face just smiled or smurked, and served the purpose of a mask.

Elegant and dynamic are what my hands are. And they are what I am.

My hands are darker than my face and I finally have come to love and appreciate them.



MODERN BABYLON

I know of a land that has denied me my rights. I know of a land where my people are psychologically embarrassed.

I know of a country where babies are killed by the score.

A place where leaders are chosen but not by me.

A place where love, joy and happiness do not arrive.

A place where my dreams become nightmares.

A place where politicians lie with every two

A place where politicians lie with every two phrases.

I know of a land where justice is based on the

colour of my skin.

I know of a land where my strength is the

ultimate test.

A place where I must help my people to remain sane.

A place where my heart beat booms the sound of drums of a true identity.

A place that leaves a sour taste in my mouth. Yes this is the place called land of the free. Yes, this is Modern Babylon.

By Abbakha

POETRY

GONE

Lancelot Walker

When your hand was seperated from the warmness of mine,

Leaving it naked, gripping nothing and being gripped by nothing

That's when I realized something was missing, But it was too late then to change anything. When the bonds of love were broken and the pieces left behind,

unshoveled and scattered That's when I realized for sure that you were gone

Out of my life you went!
When the phone did not ring and the voice in my

ear did not sing,
When my heart stopped waiting
And my mind stopped contemplating
That's when I thought my God! she is gone.
When I walked the beach with no one by my side
And watched the waves caress the sea.

When I looked around me to confirm the reality, Not a dream to share,

Not a smile to wear, That's when I told myself that it was over and done.

When I laid upon the sand
Feeling like a helpless man
And you were not there lying beside me,
I felt a pain within my heart,
And I know where ever you are you feel it too,
That's when I gave up on you.

When you were absent on the beach, in the park, in my room, on my bed,
When I made love to someone else and she called

But the voice was not the same That's when I said to myself forget you! And then I started to live once more BY: ANGELA JOSEPH

Every day I see the world changing around us.

For me, I see it from many perspective,
As I lay here looking out this window,
listing to Stanley Turrentine's album, I can
just imagine when it will all end.

Yes! When will all God's children be able to live
in peace with themselves and in peace with the world.

There is so much hatred, anger, hostility and pity
on many of my sister's faces. That when you look at
them you can read the next line. Listen my brothers,
I am only human. I do have feelings too, so please
just treat me with some respect. I f you do not have
any for your selves then that is your problem, but
have some for me, because I am a woman of the future,

a woman with a goal, and far most a woman with respect for her body, mind, and soul.

ME

by Tracey A. Bing
dedicated to Ms. June Jordan

I AM THE BLACK WOMAN,
STANDING STEADY AND READY
FOR ALL THINGS I ASPIRE TO
ACHIEVE,
FOR ALL THINGS I STRUGGLE TO
RECEIVE,
FOR ALL THINGS I DARE TO BELIEVE.
SINGING PROUD AND LOUD
OF THE PAST AND PRESENT.
DANCING DELIBERATELY
WITH EYES TO THE SKY.
FOLLOWING MY FEET
IN THE RIGHT LIGHT.
STANDING STRAIGHT AHEAD, I SEE ME
STANDING STRONG, TALL AND FREE.

EASE THE ANGER

There are times,
That I wouldn't blame you for getting uptight
I guess one of those times was last night

There are other times, that I wish you would say You forgive me and everything is O.K.

I hope one of those times is today Because then I can make it up to you in everyway

I hope this poem does what I prefer Cheer you up and Ease the Anger

The Voice of Christopher Joyce

LONELY, LONELY, OH SO LONELY

Dedicated to Lady D, Love Mr. C.

When you're away I feel so lonely I could rap to other girls; but that would make my feelings phony

Baby, it is you I love, and love you only Damn—when you're away I feel so lonely

When you're not with me I feel so miserable To occupy my mind I work out and stay physical But to no avail, sometimes my loneliness reaches critical

Oh Honey-when you're not with me I feel so miserable

When we're not together I feel so down Sometimes I crack jokes and may act like a clown I guess it's better than always wearing a frown But all in all, when we're not together I feel so down

Sweetheart, I can't wait until you're in my arms
Then my feelings will be calmed
Baby, I can't wait for you to phone me
But, until that time, I guess I will be feeling
Lonely, lonely, oh so lonely

By: The Voice Of Chris Joyce



INVITATION

Lancelot Walker

When I look at you I see something beautiful, Something that no other eyes can see the way that my eyes do,

Just the vulnerable beauty I see

That makes me love you the more I look at you. You, a person that I only know enough about to say hello to in a very superficial way

Yet there is so much more that I would like to say to you,

However, each time I look at you, you seem to avoid my eyes

And the one time that you showed interest with

a positive smile
Is when I spoke to someone else and you unmistakably

thought I was referring to you.

I was most delighted by this response only to be chilled

by your coldness the following day.

The few times I caught you looking at me were most exciting

moments for me,

But then you looked away so quickly before our eyes conveyed

a thought,

Yet deep down within I am falling in love with

If only you knew or understood the way I feel about you

That would be so comforting to me.

The part that hurts the most when I think of you, Is the feeling that probably you think of me the least.

So far you have done nothing, for me to believe otherwise.

If only you knew how eager these arms are awaiting to hold,

And to feel your lips and body against mine, But then I realized that is so unlikely

As your world is so different from mine. Still the thought intrigues me, though the reality is

way out of line.

I hope someday some freak magical spell could bring you to me

But that might take the end of time, Especially if it is the kind of spell that needs to be

motivated by you

Then I guess I would have to wait a longer while.

You do not seem to be very conversational, nor

wish to let strangers in your life

So if by chance you happened to read this poem and understand

what I am saying

You will have understood something that is worth a try.

⋆Name: Renee Louise Lipscomb

*Place of Birth: Jamaica, Queens, New York

Birth Date: September 4,1962

★Sign: Virgo

*Major: Africana Studies/Social Science with a minor

in History Year: Senior

*Goal: To achieve inner peace and satisfaction in my *personal and professional life.

Philosophy: Be proud of who and what you are share it with others and the rest will follow. . Forward *ever. Backward never.

Activities: Ivory Sapphire Pagent, United Front African American Students Organization Treasurer *Black Historians, Peer-Counselor, Black Women's *Forum, Black Women's Weekend.

* Message to the Community: We must stop think-≠ ing that everyone else is supposed to do what is our **★** own responsibility. We all have and obligation to make organizations that cater to our needs that work for us. Without our support our very foundation and programs on capmus. Be determined to succeed and existance in Stony Brook (and for that matter the world) will fade into background. Be proud of who give up hope.

and what yor are; demand the respect you deserve Once we have a deep respect for ourselves, an innerlove that no one can destroy, you can't help but wan to tell everyone about it. We are a strong people with a very long history of struggle. We must learn to appre ciate the successes and failures of our ancestors in order that we don't make the same mistakes. Realizing that only a strong united body can achieve success no matter what the struggle and that a divided house will fall will help us in our endeavors. We must redefine our existence in the world by our own standards and realize the power we each have within our minds. As Steven Biko said, "the most important weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the minds of the oppressed." Break the chains. . . Help each other in times of need. Many brothers and sisters come to Stony Brook one year and leave the next. Talk to one another so that we might know the needs of each other and utilize and exhaust the assistance and advisory you will, with a little help from your friends. Never



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*Name: Gerald C. Seegers

*Place of Birth: Charlotte, North Carolina

Birth Date: December 11, 1961

*Year: Senior

Major: African Studies/Political Science

Goals: To see the world, fight racism, write a Bestseller and when the time comes, marry and raise children.

Philosophy: Without stuggle there is no pro gress! Forward Ever, Backward never!

Activities: Polity senator (Kelly E), Black Histo rians, PSE committee, United Front.

Message to the community: Be true to yourself; live, learn, share, love and reflect love; and don't forget where you come from.

Name: Melanie Witherspoon

Place of Birth: Manhattan New York

Birth Date: August 21, 1964 Major: Pre Med

Year: Sophomore

Goal: My citadel of content would encompass demonstrating to the world that I am a totally realized Black woman, in all senses of the meaning.

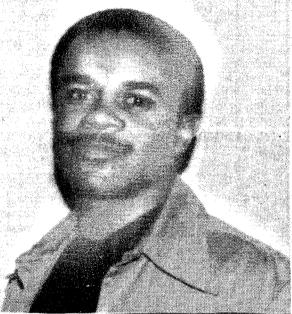
Philosophy: This is a mean and cruel world where timid minds cannot survive.

Activities: Participant in many community af-Name: Wayne A. Beckles fairs; Black Historians, Ivory Sapphire Pagent, Place of Birth: Guyana, South America Kwanza, Gospel Chorus Talent Show, Black Date of Birth: December 29, 1961 Women's Weekend.

Message to the Community: My brothers and sisters; search and you shall find; listen and you Goal: One of my goals is to reinvest the knowlshall hear; shout and you shall be heard; love and walls of oppression. Peace and Love always.







Major: Social Welfare

Year: Senior

edge that has been made available to me; to give you shall be renewed; fight and we shall quest the bthers the opportunities that have been given to

> Philosophy: One should always strive to achieve bne's full potential. As best stated by a Connecticut Radio Personality: "Do a better best, don't * ever let it rest, until your good is better and your? better is best!"

> Activities: National Association of Black Social Workers, Stony Brook Chapter President 1984, * Voter Registration Student Committee, (School of Social Welfare) Chairperson 1984, Uniti Cul- 🖫 tural Center Intern—1984, African American≯ Students Organization—officer—1983, Third World Academic Awards—Planning— 1982,83,84, A.A. Stage XII Quad Office—1983. * Message to the Community: Success should be a * collective goal. We need to continually help each 🕇 other and not compete against one another. If the 🛪 goal for which we are ultimately striving is a* better way of life, then we will all benefit by striving together.

> > Broken the Arthress is a series

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NAME: Marion Metivier

TITLE OF POSITION: Special Assistant to the president for Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The overall administration of AA/EEO at Stony Brook; the design and development of plans for remedies and programs; representing the University's affirmative action stance—internally and externally; maintaining productive relationships with special interest groups, on and off campus; mediating grievances and complaints; staying abreast of all relevant laws, regulations, policies, events, information, trends in the field of AA/EEO to insure the dissemination of equality throughout the institution and to ensure that Stony Brook is always up to par with current requirements. The job also includes developing policies and materials; writing special reports; overseeing searches and other internal compliance activities; providing consultation to administrators and others on AA/EEO issues; designing, planning and conducting training programs, seminars, conferences, etc. and serving as staff resource person to the President's and Provost's AA/EEO committees on issues related to AA/EEO.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER A MAJOR PROBLEM IN YOUR JOB? There are a lot of things that we want to do in terms of programs, increasing awareness and really making affirmative action work, but, there are so many reports and things to be done. AS A BLACK STAFF MEMBER WHAT DO YOU FEEL SHOULD BE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BLACK STU-**DENTS?** Role model and mentor.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS RELATED TO THEM IN THIS MANNER? Yes, always.

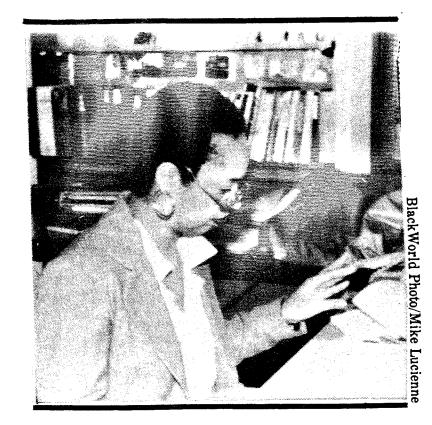
DO YOU FEEL IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE BLACK STAFF AND STUDENT TO HAVE A DISTINCT CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO DEAL WITH CERTAIN PAR-TICULAR PROBLEMS THAT FACE THE BLACK COM-MUNITY ON CAMPUS? Yes, I think it is really necessary. It's especially important that there are open lines of communication with students, staff members and faculty because a lot of us who work here have been out there in the world a long time and have some valuable insights we can share with students.

IS THERE ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN YOUR DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR AND THE UNIVER-SITY IN GENERAL, THAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AS STUDENTS? IF SO HOW WILL IT AFFECT US? No, not right now. The office has been moved and we are trying to make it more comfortable for students. The staff in the office is beginning to learn to work as a team. Regular staff meetings are being held to discuss and exchange ideas about programs. Eventually, we would like some input from students, but not right now. We have to implement our projects and programs that must be done now.

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE PRESENT GENERATION OF BLACK STUDENTS IN COLLEGE? Different from when I went to school. Going to college wasn't automatic. Getting through high school was rough enough. In junior high school, you had to fight to get into college prep. programs, you were encouraged to go to trade school. We thought about college, but it wasn't guaranteed, especially if you were a woman. In those days women went to school only to find husbands. While I was in school there was the civil rights movement and desegregation of schools to contend with. With this generation it is a little more subtle; then it was more direct. This generation is also smarter because of exposure to more

THANK YOU MARION METIVIER.

By Althia Barrow





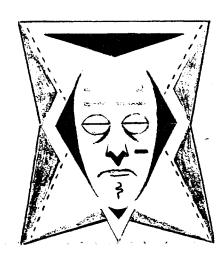
BFSA First Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance

By Lorna Francis sociation (BFSA) will sponsor its ties with the community.' first major fundraiser entitled an, The BFSA is a non-profit organi- versity of New York at Stony Brook. Long Island.

The Black Faculty and Staff As- of the BFSA and to have stronger the impact of this change on Black

"Annual Scholarship Dinner zation whose major purpose is to The BFSAneeds financial support Dance" on Friday, April 13, 1984 at promote the full participation of its and would certainly appreciate dothe Huntington Town House on Black faculty, staff and students in nations from faculty as well as stuthe life of the University and surdents. With everyone's help, this Emile Adams, Associate Vice rounding communities. The Associ- fund raiser will be an affair to re-President for Student Affairs and ation works closely with the member. For information please the BFSA Chairman of the Dinner University administration, faculty, contact Emile Adams (Administra-Dance committee says, "We hope to community leaders, legislators and tion Rm. 348; at 6-7000). accomplish the following by the fun-students to create new programs draiser: raise money in order to pro-/services and to improve those curvide scholarships for Black rently in effect. The BFSA is now

students, improve the social aspects moving to do its part to minimize student enrollment at the State Uni-



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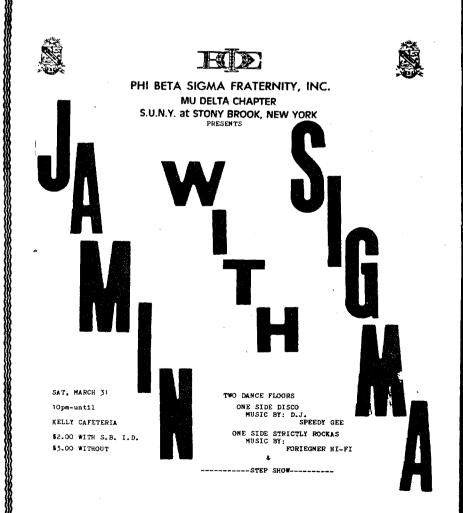
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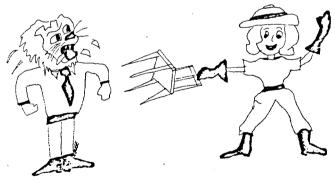
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STONY BROOK AT LAW PRESENTS: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON



)F STAFF IN LEGAL AID 2.DR. MICHAEL BAGLEY, ATTORNEY DIRECTOR OF AIM PROGRAM 3.MARY BUTLER, D.A. 4.ISABEL BUSE, ATTORNEY 5.DR.ROSEMARIE NOLAN UNION RM.231 MARCH 29. LINE & CHEESE RECEPTION 2:00P.M.

Ms. Norma Mahoney, You're always there when I need you, I hope I can be there when you need someone. Luv va!

Tracey A. Bing

Steven Frazier—You're so bad you get a personal. "What's up." Be cool!

Tracey A. Bing

Mr. Earl W. Cokley, Jr.—I hope now that you realize I'll always be there for you, because I love you. I had a wonderful weekend.

Tracey A. Bing:

To the Juice Crew—Regardless how some people try to dehumanize us, we are the future, we are strength. Together we can move mountains. Juice on the Loose!

Tracey A. Bing

Fay—Soon you'll be Mrs. Bradley and a college graduate. Yeah buddy!

Tracey

Gerald—Hey G-man, here's a personal. "Hello" to an outstanding Black prince. Forward ever, Backward never!

Tracey Bing

Sharon—Hurry up and get that leg better for Caribbean weekend; we need you.

Jo

Dee—I thought you deserved at least one personal; so here is is. Don't look for anymore. Just kidding.

Your Roomie

Annette and Denise—Cook for once and don't starve yourselves.

Ms. Bull—Next time you won't get in for free. You'll pay.

Dee—I saw you at that Caribbean party. You surely enjoyed yourself; didn't you?

Someone Nosy

Richard—Who was your rub a dub partner? She sure can rub.

Althia—Why are you never in your room?

Caroline—Why do you always look so lost even though you have on your glasses?

To the crazy girls on Az—Stop acting like yourself and act civilized for once.

Berthlyn-You better stop missing Psy. You'll regret it.

Janet-with-the-ugly-black-dog—The Tabler posse is disappointed in the lack of a visit.

Love, Famine & Drought

Chinaman—Whenever there's a session, you an' I gonna rub it little harder, you are my rubba-dub partnarr.

Paul:Hendrix—Do you know that Valerie Small (C32 Hendrix) is married?

Caroline-Clean up the room. Your roomate.

Theresa—I love you, but I don't really

Love

Sandy "W"—Love me! Love me! Love

Freshy

Ivan—Do something with yourself. Try Blackworld.

Guess Who?

To all the ladies who requested a poem, "Invitation" is for you.

Lancelot

To Marcia—I rested well!

Lance

Angie-Stop listening to my bed squeak.

Your next door neighbor (Meg)

Trina—Next provide room for your guest.

Joy-Why do you go home every weekend?

Felene—I hear you're not feeling so well, You gotta take better care of that body, you only have one.

Greg

Denyce-Bravo! Go 'head girl.

Golda—When are you going to let me take some more of your money? (Poker Pal)

Theresa—You are my best student. You have an excellent eye.

Kim Parks-Welcome Aboard!
Black World

Gerald Seegars—You should have had more published sooner. Keep it coming.

Black World

Yaa Serwaah—So much talent!
An admirer

Greg—You fool. I'm your only student. (smile). T.

To Elsie Sam—You ought to take it easy sometimes baby. I like you.

Yemi-I love your yummy!

Kenny McD.—Who shall it be? Get rid of that problem.

Admirer





DO WOMEN NEED REVOLUTION?

Do women need revolution? Ask my sister DES daughter cancer ravaging her body at 23 ask her who arranged it that way for drugs to be used experimentally, ask her beautiful, smiling face, who arranged it for there to be no health care concerned with preventing, concerned with caring, preserving, continuing, maintaining, nurturing life. Just business as usual. Her smile grows even as the cancer spreads, so warm and firm, encompassing women in sweatshops with children sitting on piles of dusty rags, women in prison, women in hospital/prison, women in Puerto Rico, fighting for nationhood, ask them, women in Harlem, Watts, Oakland, 3 times oppressed, women in the Black Nation, defending the women of the Red Nations Sterilized in Four Corners, reclaiming the cultures suffered genocide. Ask them, women with children in the hand, in the womb.

Her smile is blooming, tulips
roses, plum blossoms, cacti flowers
tenaciously clinging to desert rocks;
her teeth are bullets, her teeth are white
crystals, pearls stolen from Hawaii,
Her smile encompassing women in China,
working side by side with the men, allies
in the new society.
Do women need revolution?
Will women lead revolution?
Can there be revolution without women/without
women and men side by side.
Tell me, tell me, do we
need revolution?

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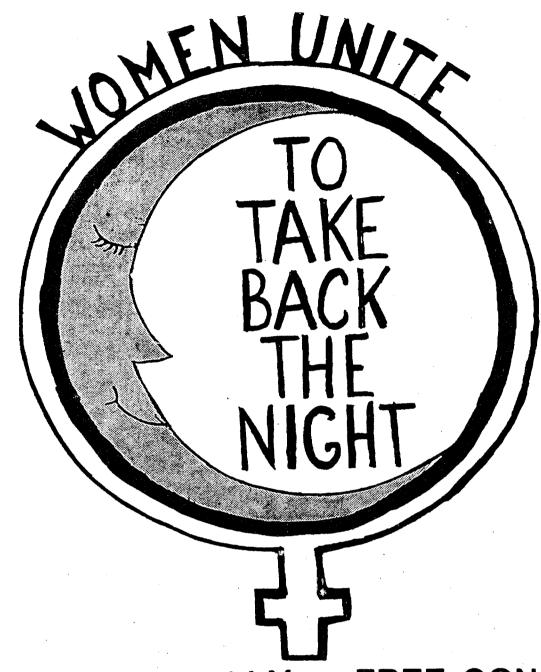
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