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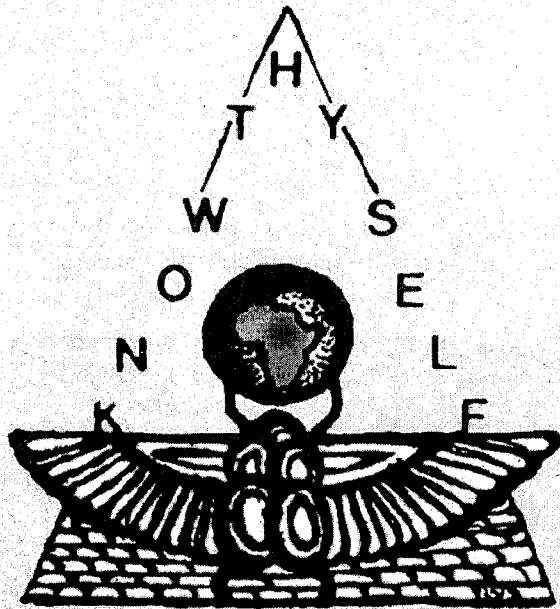
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TO THE EDITOR

November 2, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I was surprised and disheartened to read the article about the theoretical "conspiracy" of September 11, 2001. I would have addressed this letter to the author, but I notice that no by-line was given for what was a two-page article. I should like to note that I have always been a supporter of your newspaper, believing the staff to at least attempt to abide by some code of journalistic integrity.

Though, given the above-mentioned "article", I can see that I have misjudged your paper, it is apparently a soap-box. Let me make it clear that I understand the need for differing points of view, now more than ever. However, I feel that such opinions must be based in fact in order to garner any sort of place in the debate. As such, the above-mentioned piece should never have seen the light of day. How are we, as readers supposed to form opinions based on such statements as "Muslims wouldn't do such things," or take the authors word that since bin-Laden has given allegiance to Mullah Omar, he would never think of carrying out such atrocities. How, in short, can the anonymous author know the mind of one of a man he/she's never met?

The author hems and haws through the entire article, and only offers worthless conjecture. Since Osama bin-Laden is living in a cave, the author claims that he would never be able to send a fax. What does one have to do with the other? Certainly a man with an extensive fortune, who can shoot Hi-8 video statements and send them to the world, wouldn't have much of a problem getting a fax across. The author feels that anyone who planned such a crime would never leave all of their information behind, so therefore everything has to be framed evidence, yet the author offers us no expert opinion on the subject. It seems to me that one could just as easily try to pin a case on Eskimos as the author did with Israel, they are both equally arbitrary. The previous statement is my opinion, and I wouldn't publish it in an article, unless I had facts to back it up.

It is not the author's fault that he or she has opinions, or that he/she doesn't know how to properly frame them for use as an article. Rather, it is the fault of BlackWorld that such an article was ever published. I'm sure that the staff has a very strong feeling about not censoring pieces, and rightly so. However, keeping unsubstantiated rumors about world events out of newspapers is not censorship. Rather, it keeps the debate open and rewards all of us with the freedom to think for ourselves. Now if you'll forgive me, I left my Quoran carelessly lying around.

Please do a better job,

David Knuffke
David Knuffke

FROM THE EDITOR

As a newspaper it is our duty to be objective and publish material that allows the readers to view an issue from every angle.

The commentary "World Trade Center Theory" was based on a groups opinion and was not printed as fact. The word "theory" also implies that it is someone's personal philosophy and does not represent the opinions of the BLACKWORLD staff. The piece may not have been objective but that is because it was an opinion.

It also was not given a byline because it was not written in article format, nor is it the opinion of one person. However, attribution was made at the end of the piece so individuals with opposing views may contact the authors and voice their support or opposition on the issue.

I would now like to refer you to the disclaimer at the bottom of page two, that states articles are not necessarily the opinion of the staff. If you still have comments on the piece please refer to end of the commentary where there are websites, or contact BLACKWORLD and we would gladly help you contact the authors.

BLACKWORLD newspaper is definitely a soapbox; which is why we chose to run this piece and why we stand behind our decision to publish it. We are a platform for individuals to voice their opinions, whether the opinions are politically motivated, controversial or otherwise.

However, we do apologize for not placing this piece in the op-ed section and for not properly attributing it.

On behalf of the BLACKWORLD staff and myself we would like to thank you for voicing your concern in this matter. We do hope that you will continue to read and enjoy BLACKWORLD.

Dr. Preston Speaks on Polity

By Yvonne Belizario
BLACKWORLD Editor

Strenuous relations between Student Polity and the school's administration is not new, but this year it seems that even the basic functions—such as passing the budget and elections—cannot be carried out by our student government.

Dr. Fredrick Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, said, "this is the worst I've seen since I've been here." In his professional opinion Polity has gotten progressively worse over the years.

In the past the members sometimes had internal problems and disagreements but they were always able to overcome them when deadlines needed to be met, said Preston.

The problems did not just begin this year; it started in spring 2001. The budget for Polity is supposed to be completed by a certain time every spring. Preston said that because of infighting amongst Polity members they did not complete the budget in time.

Polity has a provision in their constitution that states when this situation arises the Senate appoints a committee to create a budget that will then be approved by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dramatic changes in the allocation of the budget money is one reason Preston said he did not approve of the first budget submittal by this committee. He points out that the major changes in the budget would have considerably benefited

some members groups represented in the Senate appointed committee.

These dramatic changes made by the committee also affected the central administration of Polity. "They didn't consult with the council to see what the impact would be," said Preston.

Preston had the option of not allowing clubs to have any money coming into the fall 2001 semester until the full budget was agreed on, but he permitted each organization and club to have a fourth of their budget from the previous year.

He states the reason why the Senate and Polity as a whole was not in accordance with his actions was because they wanted the full budget at the beginning of the semester before it was approved.

The clubs and organizations really did not have any knowledge of the extent of the problems and was complaining about not having their money when they needed it as well. But the Polity members knew that they had to follow the constitution.

By mid-semester the budget was finally approved. Preston states that all the unused monies will still go to the clubs and organizations.

The elections were another major issue that created a whirlwind of problems this semester. Preston states part of the reason for the problems is the Polity constitution and bylaws as it relates to the elections.

The wording in the constitution might be too confusing for the members. Polity right now is in

charge of creating their constitution. Preston said it is in need of revising and he is going to try and get a group of people in Albany to critique it.

Preston said issues with the election stem from quarreling within Polity. People raise objections on technicalities, which prolong the election process.

There were grievances in the spring, so Polity Judiciary invalidated the spring election. The first fall 2001 election was invalidated because a defeated candidate filed a grievance regarding the winner not obtaining *majority* votes.

In the past Preston said the constitution was interpreted as the winner may obtain a simple majority. But now this year they changed their interpretation. He then states although this is their right, it is contributed to an already difficult situation.

Due to the grievances, a runoff followed in which Preston said he had issues with. For a student body consisting of 13,000 students, 154 of them voted in the runoff. He felt this was unacceptable.

Another problem with the runoff was there were significant grievances that went unheard.

"They have to hear the grievances before they can put anyone in office," stated Preston. "They have to follow the constitution when it comes to elections," he continued.

"Internal squabbles results in ineffectiveness

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BLACK FACULTY PROFILE: Gary Matthews

By Yvonne Belizario
BLACKWORLD Editor

Gary Matthews began his life at Stony Brook as a graduate student from the School of Social Welfare where he received his masters. Although he has been Assistant Vice President of Administration for the last six years he has worked as a faculty member here for twenty-seven years.

Even though Matthews may prefer to go unnoticed, his accomplishments on campus definitely do not. "I prefer to stay behind the scenes," he said.

Under his title, Matthews is responsible for facilities, planning design, maintenance, the University Hospital, mail service, Environmental health and Safety, Parking and Transportation, and the University Police.

Matthews helped improve situations between students and the police. "Relationships with students from the city and police are much different here," said Matthews. "That takes a lot of work," he continued.

The police chief reports to him, so if there is a problem with the police Matthews handles it.

He also basic needs of the campus community are met such as heat, electricity and eliminating potential problems. Basically anything that is non-academic falls

under his realm.

Despite Matthews' limited involvement with students on a personal level, his department has ways of keeping in touch with the needs of students on campus.

For instance, the department hires students, they conduct surveys, and they also hire interns. Transportation and Parking talks to students to see what they need. This is how new parking lots are created and new bus services are provided.

Matthews also embarks on projects that will improve student life and Stony Brook as a whole. He says "the key is listening to people, working with them and then trying to get the money in place."

There are thirteen construction jobs that are in effect to also help improve student life and Stony Brook overall.

The new stadium and the Student Activities Center, Phase 2 will open in fall 2002. Heavy Engineering renovations will be completed in 2003. And the Charles B. Wang Asian American Cultural Center open maybe as early as this spring. There are many more that are scheduled to be completed a little after 2003.

There is even talk about creating another apartment building because there is a need for an additional

thousand beds on campus.

"We are growing and will continue to grow for the next five, six years," said Matthews.

Matthews does not plan to retire from anywhere but Stony Brook. This university has been good to him he said. "I met my wife here and were still married." His wife, Carmen Vazquez, is also a faculty member here on campus, as she is the Dean of Students. Matthews said he plans to work here for another ten or fifteen years. And when asked if he likes the university in general, he enthusiastically said "No, I don't like it, I love it."



IFSC PROFILE:

Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity, Incorporated

by Reishelle Maynard
BLACKWORLD Contributor

Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity Inc. is a progressive, innovative African/Latino fraternity that has grown to become a significant voice in African and Latino communities.

Though in existence for a little over 20 years, Malik Sigma Psi has grown to become a foundation for young men who understand and embrace the economic, social and political struggles that Africans and Latinos are faced with throughout the nation.

Malik Sigma Psi is one of the most prominent fraternities on the Stony Brook campus. However, due to their mysterious persona there is little that people actually know about these conscious, young men.

Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity Inc. was founded by fifteen highly motivated young college men at C.W. Post College of Long Island University in May 1977. Their vision was to establish a fraternity that was uniquely catered to the rise of cultural pride, community restoration and heightened social awareness of the 1960's and 70's.

The name "Malik", which is also an acronym for **Manhood Achievement Leadership Integrity Knowledge**, was selected for a number of reasons. It was chosen to pay respect and homage to the shining black prince



El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, the religious name of the world renowned Malcolm X.

It was also chosen because it is the Arabic-Swahili word that means "king and ruler."

During the 1970's, only two Greek letters were needed to establish a fraternity so the founders decided to use the 18th and 23rd letters of the so-called 'Greek' alphabet, Sigma and Psi.

Many of you have seen the "Maliks" on campus—strong, muscular African and Latino men proudly wearing their orange and black. This has led to many misconceptions about the fraternity. One is that their prospective members go through a rigorous hazing process that is the cause of their newly developed bodies.

This is completely inaccurate. Their purpose is to reeducate the world about the African contributions that was stolen from Egypt by the

Greeks through the Rights of Passage that their members experience.

The fraternity strongly believe and follow the African Fraternalism ideology, which states 'want for yourself what you want for your brother'. They believe in improving the original essence of the man rather than breaking him down into lower beings.

Second, is that their fraternity is only for Africans and Latinos. "Malik Sigma Psi is open to any male who embraces African heritage and recognizes the struggles that they face," said Patrick Blemur, a member of the fraternity. "Our organization is diverse, we even have white members."

The Jeem Kingdom -they use the Arabic alphabet for their chapters instead of the Greek alphabet- that was established at Stony Brook in 1985, currently has 11 undergrad and 5 grad members.

Like so many organizations at Stony Brook, Malik Sigma Psi is surrounded by many stereotypes that their members would like to diffuse.

Blemur stated the biggest stereotype that he would like to dissolve is that the "Maliks" are

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Country Profile: Haiti



By Harold Dangervil
HSO President

Haiti is an independent republic of the West Indies, occupying the western third of the island of Hispaniola. The events that led to the freedom of this one time French slave colony were brutal and bloody. However, these events show the passion and the love for freedom that the Haitian slaves carried during their struggle and how their story can be used to inspire us all.

Christopher Columbus discovered the island that Haiti shares with the Dominican Republic in 1492. In the beginning he named the island La Isla Espanola to honor his Spanish sponsors.

The name later evolved to its modern name Hispaniola. The Spanish settled in the east-

ern part of the island and left the west unsettled because of an early settlement near Cap-Haitien, which is located in the north-western region of Hispaniola, being destroyed by Native Americans.

In 1697, Spain formally ceded the western one-third of Hispaniola to the French. With this land, which later became Haiti, the French established a flourishing slave plantation system throughout the colony.

By the end of the 1700s Haiti had become the world's richest colony that included a population of more than 450,000 slaves, 25,000 free mulattoes, and about 30,000 French planters.

In this flourishing colony the slaves, who were all of African decent, struggled as they were beaten and battered by their French slave owners to serve the purposes of their mother country France. Their hatred and frustration became the fuel they needed to gain the freedom they desperately desired.

On August 22, 1791, the Haitian war of Independence began in flames under the leadership of the religious leader Boukman, who led over a hundred thousand slaves to rise up against the hated French.

Unlike the French and American Revolutions,

the Haitian revolution was fueled by the passions of the men and women who had been their for most if not all their lives.

The Haitian slaves retaliated brutally by burning every plantation throughout the fertile regions of Haiti and executing every French person they could find.

Although the beginning of the revolution was sparked by unorganized revolts, it wasn't until the appearance of General Francois Dominique Toussaint L'Ouverture that the slaves began to systematically gain their independence.

L'Ouverture is considered the great hero of the Haitian revolution because of the actions he took in freeing the enslaved population.

His first move was to train some of the slaves into a small military group. Then he realized that the Haitian slaves that occupied more than two-thirds of Haiti were caught between three contending European forces that all wanted Haiti for themselves.

These forces included France, who wanted Haiti back, Spain and Britain, who both saw the

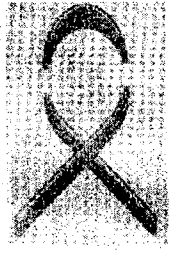
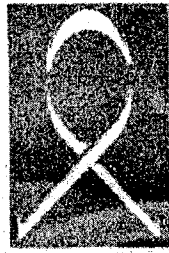
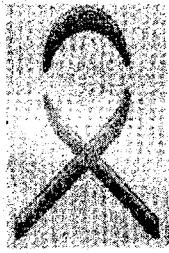
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Interview with Preston

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of Polity," said Preston. They did not have their budget or their president on time. Their judiciary has not yet been put in place Preston added.

"Unless they improve their operation they will be decertified Preston" stated.

Although Polity will still be in commission, they will not have any control over the student activity fees anymore.

Preston also pointed out that desertification will have nothing to do with the clubs and organizations. It is simply transferring control of their money.

"People have blinders on for accepting responsibility," said Preston. If Polity is decertified it is not the students fault or his fault.

Yes, the students should be more involved in the politics of their student government, but the blame should not go to them he said.

He feels Polity as a whole needs to take responsibility for the budget and elections. Preston said, "If by the end of the semester they don't have it together, they will be decertified."

CLUB PROFILE:

Minorities in Engineering and Applied Sciences (MEAS)

by Ray Roberts
MEAS President

The primary aim of Minorities in Engineering and Applied Sciences (MEAS) is to assist in the recruitment, retention, and graduation of minority engineers and applied science majors at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. MEAS does hereby affiliate itself with the National Society of Black Engineers, which is a national student based non-profit organization. The National Society of Black Engineers dedicates itself to the development of intensive programs for increasing black and other ethnic minority participation in the field of engineering and engineering technology. These programs will be initiated both within and outside the university community and will serve to strengthen relations between the professional industry and the black community.

The objectives of MEAS are to recruit minority engineers by stimulating and developing student interest in engineering; to retain minority engineers through academic, career, and personal development programs; and to graduate minority engineers and endeavor in the advancement of



the ethnic minority in the professional industry.

Members shall be defined as an undergraduate enrolled in SUNY Stony Brook who is a candidate for a degree in engineering, engineering technology, or applied/physical science or, a graduate student enrolled in SUNY Stony Brook who has received an undergraduate degree in engineering, engineering technology or, applied/physical

science. A honorary member shall be defined as a person who does not meet the definition of member or affiliate member but has contributed through efforts in support and goals of MEAS and has been nominated by a member and approved by the executive board.

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Disband Polity!

Can Administration Do That?

by *Andrez Carberry*
Former Polity President

Over the past few weeks I have been asked by a number of individuals to comment on the current state of Student Polity Association Incorporated, and the seemingly strained relationship amongst administration (in particular Dr. Fred Preston) the Senate and the organization at large.

I have decided to break my silence on the topic, because I truly believe it is time that you the students really know what your student government is all about and some of the underlying issues associated with this subject.

In my undergraduate career, I have held a number of positions ranging from senator, sophomore class representative, United States Student Association Regional Chair and most recently Student Polity president.

The issue that has always been of concern to Polity was that no one seemed to know what the charter in our papers of incorporation stated. In reality, we were, and continue to harp on this sentiment of autonomy, when we are truly uncertain as to what this term means in a state university system. Directives from the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor monitor the University and all its components.

In the past, and actually quite recently, there are numerous horror stories of student governments misusing funds, purchasing automobiles, advisors purchasing personal items and other such infringements and in all conducting business in a manner inconsistent with those of the state.

Thus, Trustees and the Chancellor alike have taken an active role in the oversight of these organizations. Student Polity has always understood that Dr. Preston serves as the liaison through which all the guidelines and wishes of these governing entities are funneled. And as such wields a very powerful stick in the battle over who has final say.

That being the case, it would seem that he has the authority to disband the organization if certain inconsistencies are present. The question yet to be asked and/or answered is exactly what constitutes inconsistencies of that nature. Once those guidelines are presented to the students then from there one can attempt to challenge his ruling on the subject.

Instead of laying blame on administration, let us instead assess what has brought us to this impasse. It is always easiest to villainize a person or their stance. We choose in instances such as these to point the proverbial finger, and say that, "they are the cause of this and that they are doing

the wrong." But who gave them that power?

In this situation we have forfeited our power by allowing others to dictate our future through a conscious acknowledgement that such action yields far greater benefits for the individual and as such should be adopted (i.e. conforming to society's rules/laws.) By allowing others to dictate your future through a history of inactivity, stagnation, turmoil and overall chaos.

The latter are just a few of the characteristics that have defined an inefficient legislative body (senate) barring some exceptions, has likewise defined our executive council. In reality if we look at what issues the student leaders have concerned themselves with, it is a miracle that the organization or at least certain branches of it, has been allowed to continue for this long. I support democracy as much as any other American does; however, we should not confuse incompetence, utter complacency and the need for change, with a struggle to keep the big bad administration out of our business. The problem here is not the administrators but you the students.

The truth is, the system that we have can work, and has in the past. I have had nothing but good things to say about many of the student leaders with whom I was privileged enough to work with throughout my undergraduate career. Even today, it is evident that a pool of intellectual and analytical minds are present in the senate. The council also has some good leaders intertwined in the mix, some with fresh faces and new perspectives and there is no one attempting to taint their vision of the organization or their roles as student leaders. These are the tools and assets that must be fostered and afforded a healthy environment in which to develop.

It is counter-productive for freshmen to attend a meeting where they are interested in getting involved with a student government and hear their predecessors speaking of the turmoil they wish to start or the individuals that they dislike and will do anything to ensure their failure. If we speak negatively about an organization with which we are all identified, whether you choose to be active or not, we are in essence saying more about ourselves than anything else. If we see a problem and devise no method of addressing that concern, are we any better off than those that perpetrate the problem?

A call by Dr. Preston for a reassessment of the organization, our goals and the way that we go

about doing things is not at all out of line. We may not favor it, and while caught up in the emotions of the situation, may choose to view this as an attack on the organization and the autonomy it currently enjoys. That is **NOT** the case and I challenge student leaders and students alike to take this opportunity to examine their goals and get involved. We all pay an activity fee; we have little choice in the matter. Unless you are that wealthy or that naïve, merely flushing money down the drain and forfeiting your right of representation without taking a stand does not cultivate good citizenry.

Contrary to popular belief, we need not emulate the ridiculous infighting and underhanded dealings of many of our country's political entities. We can work together for a common cause, (see the Meal Plan Rally and Constitutional Convention of a few years ago.) Remember that our polling site on campus was not just a council or administrative venture, but a combined effort. We must first, choose to be different; take a position because you have that organization's and the student's it represents best wishes at heart, not because you need something on your resume or graduate application.

To stand against the administrative entity and claim to be the voice of students is not enough, we must first learn to listen to the voices of those students. We must be the vehicle that bring their concerns to the table not the obstacles they want to overcome. It is only with the support of the students that we can stand in unison against administration.

I challenge you all, ask yourself this question and then answer it with your actions. How will I make an impact on this organization, an impact that will benefit students and leave a positive, proactive, blue print for others to follow? If you challenge yourself to do good, meet viciousness with kindness, evil with love and adversity with teamwork and foresight, we will all be proud to say we were not just students but **LEADERS** and **VISIONARIES**.

BLACK WOMAN

*Black Woman, it is in the brown
color-coated complexion
of your skin where you hold the
fundamental ideology
behind the existence of life;
inside of your pigment one
would find the essence of man,
ironic isn't it?*

*Biblically you were made from
me, but now I see that as a myth,
a lie,*

*infact to me it makes no sense:
To further backup my argument,
how is it that you, Black
Woman,
is so much more powerful than
I, Black Man?*

*Mentally, Spiritually, and
Physically you have what it takes
to dictate*

*your beliefs on supreme
empowerment*

*Black Woman, it is in the
simplicity of your complex vibe
that men,
of all colors,*

*would love to glide to the far
ends of limbs, both physically
and mentally*

*Black Woman, beauty is your
dark horse and you ride it well
through fields of broken down
dreams of misconstrued themes
held by the masses,*

*the styles and reasons behind
your existence cannot by taught
in the*

*most crowded of any all-black
college classes*

*Black Woman, you epitomize
all things
both complex and un.*

*this is why I see you to inspire
the force that dwells within me
because Black Woman, without
you, there is no me*

RhAPS

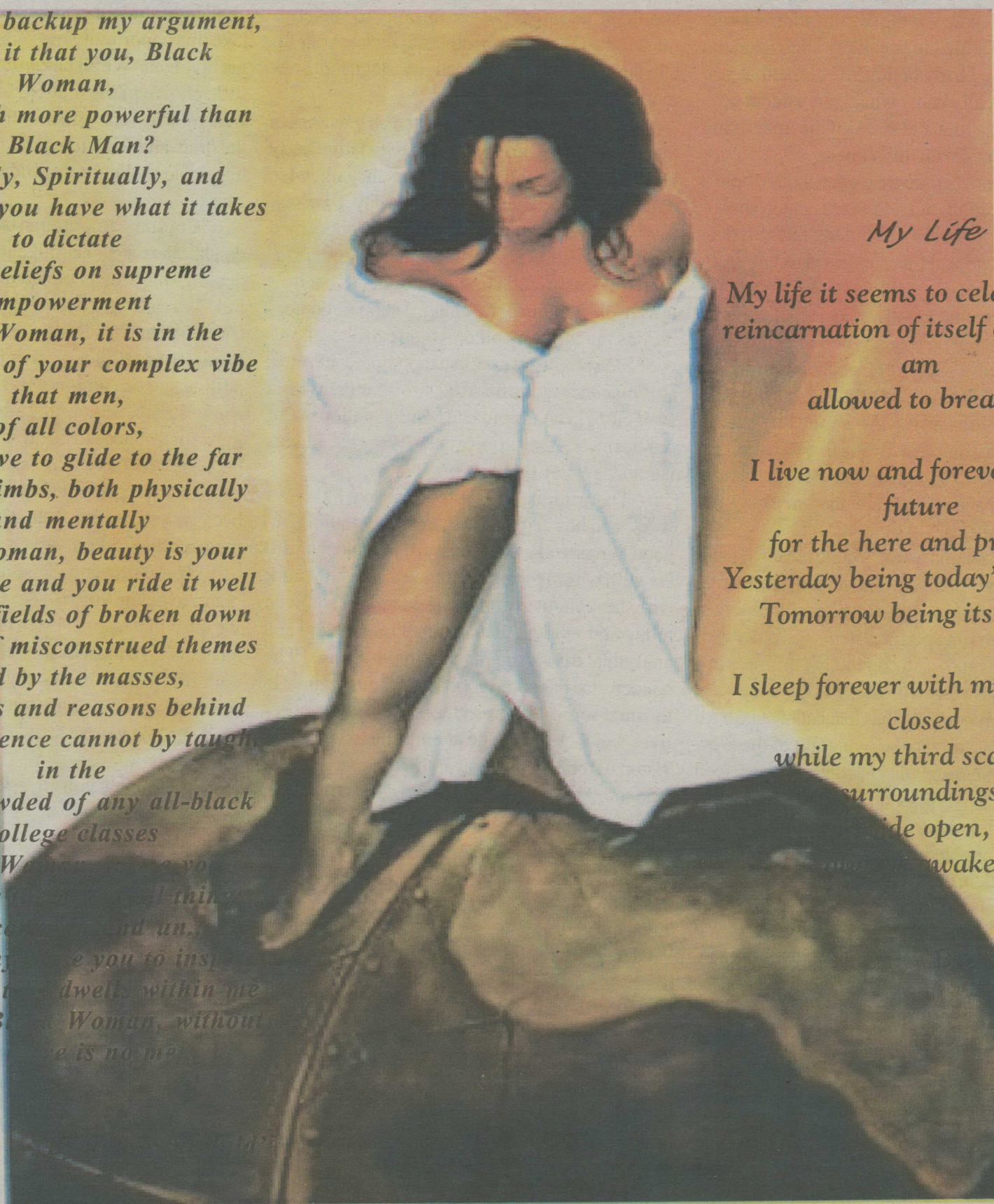
My Life

*My life it seems to celebrate the
reincarnation of itself everyday I
am
allowed to breathe*

*I live now and forever in the
future
for the here and present,
Yesterday being today's past and
Tomorrow being its dream,*

*I sleep forever with my two eyes
closed
while my third scans my
surroundings,
side open,
and I awake...*

Black Woman 'Starchild'



LEATHER

*So here we are again...
This dance seems all too
familiar, Now I think I
recognize the steps. Here we go
again... right in between where
you cum and I go. I know the
dance. See I've memorized the
steps. No need to show me to
the door, My love I Know How
To Shut Things out. Please just
hand me my pants, and I'll
worry about finding my dignity
later... Sure it's here
somewhere on this floor,
Underneath the guilt, probably
stuck to the shame. Wishing I
was ambidextrous. So I could
hold your dick in my right
Dignity in my left And I
wouldn't have to swallow my
pride all in the same sitting...
Isn't it a wonder we have two
hands. Sometimes even those
aren't enough To clutch the
baggage one must carry. And
for now, my arms are full. Need
to lighten the load Lighten Up
now... Letting go of how you
feel Tossing off some of your
shame. Cause right now you're
hanging your shit on me. And
I can't breathe. I can't breathe.
I can't feel myself Anymore. So
here we go again. And I'm
back at the end of my dance...
See now, you don't have to go
home- But you've
got to get the hell
out of here. Cause
the parties over,
And my faith is
tired. I'm sure
we'll be back
here again.*

-Anonymous-

A Black Man

Chocolate, mocha, brown body
Skin tanned by many milleniums-many
millenia of toiling labor in the callous sun
A creature of the earth
A creature arisen from lava—An entity
of unimaginable heat

Black, wooly hair
Curled and wrapped around each other
Spiraling into their own pitch, black
abyss
Dark waves collide upon each other

Lips, drawn on by God's own hands
Lips, burushed by the wings of Angels
Full and lush
Damn! They need to be kissed

Firm, round, broad hands
Hands to clasp unto my body
Hands that have lived many destinies
Hands that awaken the demon within me
Rub and Rub and Rub and Rub
My malicousness away
Till I reach the brink between the world
of Hades and the gates of the living,
Till I reach teh dawn of the day

A face only a mother could love
A face filled with mahoghany colored
dreams
A face that is a craven image
A face that can melt the ice around a
women's heart
The face taht can morph into a God
The face that can evolve into evil
The face that I desire between me
That I desire infront
The hand clasped to the back of me

Chocolate, mocha, brown baby
Lips painted by God
Hands that have held the world
A face others dream about
A man
A black man
an entity of unimaginable heat

By: Crystal-Joy Medina

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revolution as a chance for seizing Haiti's economic advantages for themselves.

It was L'Ouverture's plan to achieve what he wanted for the slaves by playing these great powers off of each other because they all knew that the slaves were the key to obtaining Haiti.

L'Ouverture eventually allied himself with the French, and Haiti remained a part of France under the consulship of L'Ouverture.

At this time although Haiti was nominally under the control of the French, it was in reality under the control of L'Ouverture who ran the island as a military dictator. Under his rule he managed to keep a level of racial harmony that both freed slaves and French settlers both enjoyed and praised him for.

However, his reign came to an end in 1803 when the French, who were now under the rule of Napoleon Bonaparte, tricked him into a meeting where he was arrested and sent to France. He later "died in prison" in April of 1803.

With L'Ouverture's death the revolution was then led by Jean-Jacques Dessalines, who unlike L'Ouverture was very angry over his treatment as

a slave and was determined not to let it happen again.

General Victor Leclerc, who was sent by Napoleon to crush the Haitian troops, did so by simply executing blacks wherever and whenever he found them. The slaughter that he perpetuated killed so many people that the death rate was not equaled until World War II. This tactic was continued by Leclerc's successor Jean-Baptiste Rochambeau.

In retaliation Dessalines ordered the execution of all Europeans that opposed the new revolutionary government. Since Napoleon's government did little to help the depleting French troops Rochambeau had no choice but to surrender, and on November 28, 1803 Dessalines declared Haiti to be the second republic of the Western Hemisphere.

These actions, which would have been the actions of any oppressed people under the same situations, ended up costing the Haitian people. The fact that they were the first black colony to liberate themselves from slavery led other countries to turn their back on the newly independent country.

Countries did not trade or conduct business with Haiti, which caused it to lose economic value. It moderately became a third world country that it is today because of these action imposed by the larger nations who saw Haiti as a threat to their slave policies.

The story of the Haitian revolution is an inspiring tale that every person- especially blacks -should be aware of because of the components that were involved. This story shows that when a people are united under one belief that they can overcome any odds in order to obtain that belief, just like the Haitian slaves did.

It is the Haitian Students Organization (H.S.O)'s honor to show this theme and to help everyone incorporate it into his or her life. The club's new slogan, "Chaque Haitians pour tous Haitians", which translates to "each Haitian for every Haitian" promotes this theme.

The term's purpose is to promote unity and does not only apply to Haitian people, but instead serves as a theme that should be held by all people. **H.S.O meets in the UCC on Thursdays at 9p.m.**

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elitist. "People feel intimidated by our presence on campus because we are very stern on our beliefs," he said. "Just because we went through 'The Passage' to obtain the necessary tools of brotherhood doesn't make us any better than anyone else."

One of the many mottos of Malik Sigma Psi is 'we are not elite, just unique'. The "Maliks" are unique indeed. They may be a fraternity made up of predominately black members, however they are very different from the historically Black fraternities and sororities that make up the "Great Eight".

For instance, they do not relate to the term 'Black Greek'. "We are not Greek, we would never be embraced in Greece," Blemur said. "Society has accepted the fact of who and what we are, they should be ashamed to degrade their African heritage by calling themselves Greek".

Malik Sigma Psi is a fraternity where everyone has a voice. Although they were established in the 70s during a time when there was a necessity for Black and Latino communities, they are still of great importance today. They have a great dedication to community service.

Their programs are intended to help the African and Latino communities in America and around the world. For instance, their Reconstructing of Africa Book Project collects books from colleges and universities around the

nation to redistribute in Africa. Malik Sigma Psi is strong in their beliefs to help reeducate young men about their African and Latino culture and heritage.

Malik Sigma Psi is definitely showing Stony Brook and the rest of the nation that they are

productive, young men who strive everyday to live up to the vision that their founders intended for them more than 20 years ago. "We are definitely in existence now, we are trendsetters," Blemur said.

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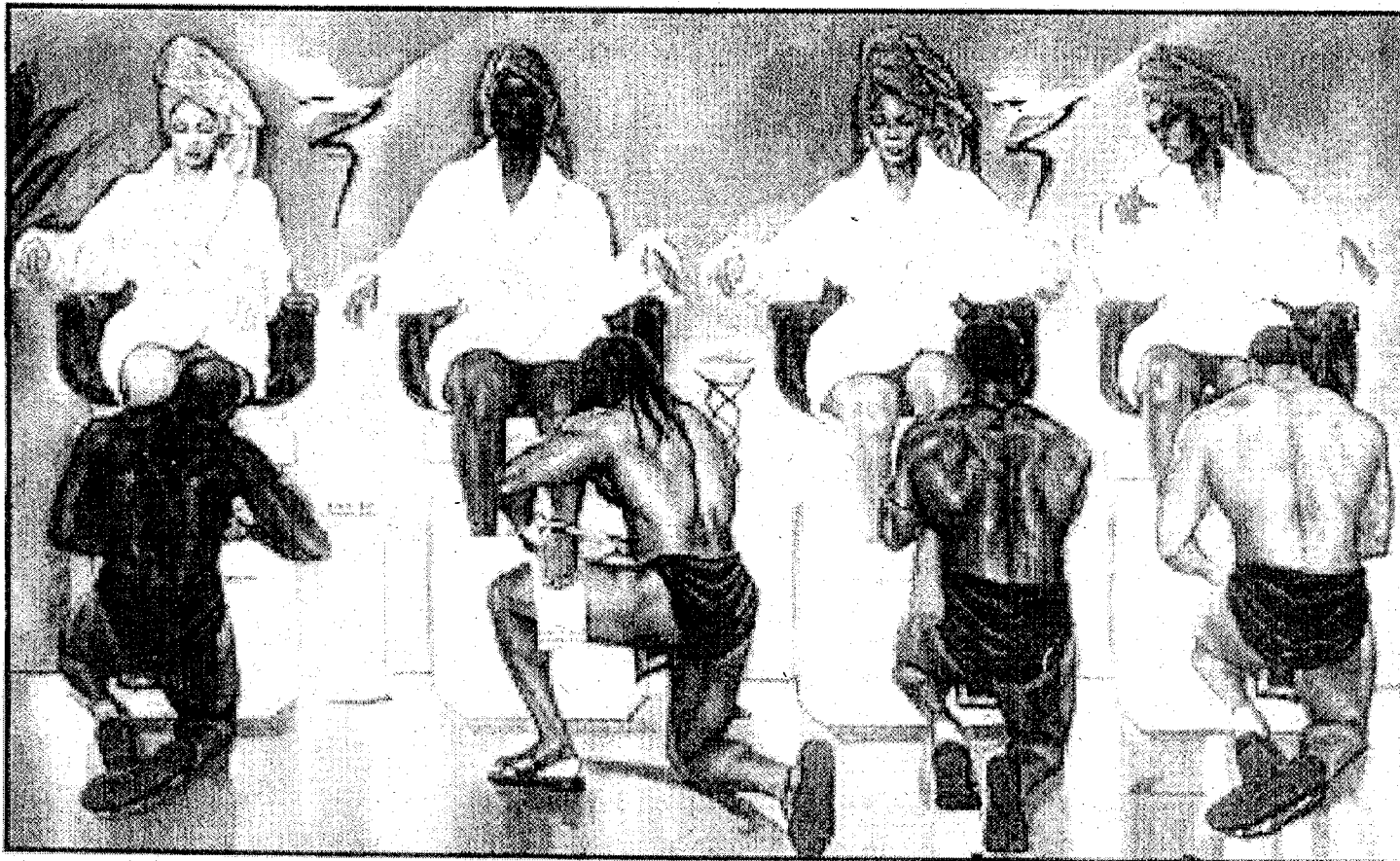
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