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Maliks Hold Cultural Show

by Salimah McCallum

On Monday October 24, 1988, the Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity Inc., sponsored its fourth annual Cultural show. According to Jeffrey Royal, a member of the fraternity and also one of the M.C.'s for the evening, the purpose of the Cultural Show was to present African and Latino culture.

Brook's Performing Dance Club. The African culture." dance group "Attitude" which is prt of the Performing Dance Club consisted of: Shirell Reeback, Tina Harrison, Dawn Barrett, and Janet Benson, danced Helps in to the tune "Break For Love." Amy Eisan, President of the Performing Dance Club performed a solo dance routine to Patti LaBelle's, "Winner In You." Amy expressed her enthusiasm in the club's participation in the Cultural Show.

Three members of the Malik Family read poetry. Joseph DeJesus recited a Spanish poem, "El Mano Negro." Joseph explained that he selected this poem because he was interested in creating an environment where Hispanics could, "get in touch with their African ancestors." Harriet Williams read an original poem entitled, "My Higher Self: A guide for women who have

lost hope." Also Joseph Mignon recited, "I Hope."

The final performance in the Cultural show featured, Kimati Dinizulu and his Kotoko Society. This popular band specializes in Sankofa music, representative of traditional African music. Members of the band added to the spirit of the occasion by encouraging the audience to clap and by using Africa lyrics.

According to Paul Pittman, a member of Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity, Inc., "The purpose behind the Cultural Show was to provide a community service by presenting an event in which the com-The Cultural Show featured Stony munity could obtain an awareness of the

Omega Psi Phi **Blood Donations**

By Oliver Lewis

The members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity/ Upsilon-Mu Chapter, have become official "Blood Drive Captains", in an effort to eliminate the drought in blood supplies that Long Island has had for the past decade.

The Stony Brook student Blood Services/ Greater New York Blood Program operated by Stony Brook students and Long Island Blood Services has the sole responsibility of supplying the total blood needs for an area that contains 18 million people. It services more than 250 hospitals with patients that need 2,000 units of blood every day of the year. Unfortunately, less than two-thirds of this need is filled by volunteers donors, the rest is received from other countries.



Oliver Lewis registers students for Blood Drive

Realizing the dire need of this life-saving service, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has joined the greater New York Blood Program life support team, by sponsoring a Blood Donor Recruitment Drive Competition at last year's bi-annual Blood

The contest was originated to encourage all clubs and organizations to partake in convincing more Stony Brook students to donate blood. The average units of blood donated in the Fall of 1987 and Spring of 1988 were more than 795, this amount was 100 units more than the past average amount of 695 units, thus making the competition a success. The official winners of the competition for Spring 1988 was Alpha Phi Sorority and Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Granted Tenure, Hare Returns to Teach



By Rama Vidyasagar

He specializes in the sociology of education, social psychology and sociological theory and is nationally known for his expertise in these areas.

He went on to teach elementary school in his hometown of Harlem from 1969-1971. oneness they would like to promote. He received his M.A. in Sociology of Education and his Ph.D. in Social Psychology Schools in Baltimore and at Stanford University in California.

He was recently awarded tenure after returning from a year of sabbatical. During his leave of absence, he traveled around the country giving lectures and worked at the Schomburg Center for Research in Harlem.

Professor Hare's research deals mostly with the psychology of social control: the effects of society's socialization on th academic performance of young children and the influence of gender, social-class background, and race on a person's performance. He also studies the role of schools in maintaining th stereotypical division of labor. His theory on "educational eviction" rates, not "dropout" rates, puts the blame on the school which, unconsciously, fails to educate students who were meant to occupy the labor force(usually minorities).

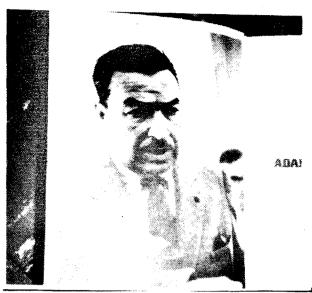
He feels that American society is "technically advanced and morally backwards." For example, Hare says that we talk of "helping the poor and the homeless instead of eliminating (the problem)" and of having "better race relations" instead of eliminating racism Hare "rejects the term minority" saying, "I challenge 'blackness' and 'whiteness' as anything other than political ideology." He wants to get rid of labels such as "predominantly white university" which are the same as welcoming a minority student "to the peripheries of our white university."

Hare has also done research on the stresses of living in our highly individualistic society where individuals are blamed and blame themselves for shortcomings that are actually induced by society. He addresses important modern problems of Dr. Bruce R. Hare is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Stonybrook. He is society such as drug abuse, crime, alcoholism. The solution to these problems is to be presently teaching courses on the Sociology of Education and the Sociology of Youth. found in a society that can find a balance between individualism and the collective

Presently, Dr. Hare is on the SUNY Wide Task Force for the Cultivation of Plural-Dr. Hare began his studies of Sociology at the City College of the City University of ism which serves the multiethnic student population. The name of the Force was N. Y., where he received his B. A. in Sociology and his M. S. in Elementary changed from the Task Force on the Status of Minorities to represent the sense of

A Forum on the State of Black America will be held on Tuesday, November 1, in from the University of Chicago, which is considered the best U. S. school for socio- the Fine Arts Center. Topics to be discussed include education, the economy and the logy. He taught at many institutions the Manhattanville Child Development Center, upcoming presidential election. Professor Hare will discuss his paper-"Black Youth at the University of Mass. at Boston, and the University of Illinois) and did post doc- Risk"-that was published in the National Urban League publication of the State of toral study at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Black America, 1988. Students are welcome to come and participate or just listen to the discussion.

The Power of Powell



Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. was born on Thanksgiving Day, 1908, in New Haven, Connecticut, to parents Mattie Fletcher Schaefer, and Adam Clayton Powell, Sr., a Baptist ministe. His family later moved to Harlem.

From the beginning, he was a brilliant student who went on to attend Colgate University, graduating with top grades in 1930. From there he planned to attend Harvard Medical School, but in his senior year at Colgate he got "the calling." And decided to follow in his father's footsteps and go into the ministry. Instead of Harvard, Adam went to the Union Theological Semin-

College, where he got his Master's degree in Religious Adam. His was the first relief program ever in New York Education. While he was there, he studied under a host City. It was he who started the "Don't Buy Where You of brilliant minds that included Margaret Mead and John Can't Work!" campaign to boycott companies in Harlem Dewey. He also worked as Assistant Minister in his that would take black people's money, but wouldn't father's church, the Absynnian Baptist Church in hire them. Companies all over New York City were in-Harlem, eventually taking over for Adam Sr. when he tegrated in Adam's relentless campaign to stamp out became ill.

Powell's career as a civil rights leader began in 1930 demonstrations. He even attempted to meet and reason with racist white officials in the medical profession, but of course was ridiculed and rebuffed by them. He was not deter Adam. So it was at the tender age of twentyone that a recent college graduate led a mass march of 6,000 people to City Hall to protest the hospital's racist practices, and demand other reforms. The hospital administration had no choice but to give in under this great pressure, and the hospital staff was integrated, with its general conditions being improved as well. But this victory was just one of many in Adam's newfound career as a "pioneer marching black." During the Great Depression of the 1920's and 30's, Adam did his part, helping to arrange programs to provide food and jobs for thousands of afflicted families, black and white. He organized some of the first rent strikes when ary to pursue his "calling," but left there after only a he was presented with eviction notices by some of these

short time to enroll in Columbia University's Teacher's families. Landlords crumbled under pressure from discrimination in hiring, and all other walks of life.

in the midst of all this Adam came to realize that, in Harlem, when a group of eminent doctors who had despite the fact that the population in New York City been banned from working in Harlem Hospital simply in 1941 included close to half a million black people, not because they happened to be eminent black doctors a single black-elected official really represented them. approached him and asked him to fight their battle. So on September 25, 1941, he announced his candidacy Adam had never before been involved in civil rights, but for the City Council as an independent. He had little he took on the task and organized mass meetings and money, but supporters funded his campaign. He came in third out of 99 candidates, and won a reputation as the "First 'Bad Nigger' in Congress."

Adam made it clear right from the start that as a even turned away by black organizations, but this did congressman, he would push for: fair racial practices, desegregation in all aspects of life, fair employment practices, and a host of other people-oriented changes in the Constitution.

> Adam's congressional duties took him all over the world, and in his travels he saw that America's practices in foreign policy was making it the most hated nation in the world. He alone salvaged America's reputation at the Bandung Conference in Indonesia in April 1955 by pointing out the slow but steady move toward desegregation being made in parts of the U.S. The Bandung conference caused a change in Powell's policies. Where before he had only thought of stopping racism in terms of how it would help other blacks, he then began to think civil rights for all in order to save the U.S. from itself.

Faculty and Personality Profiles

by Carla Sterling

Professor Marlon B. Ross has been with us for two and a half years now, and is still enjoying every moment of it. He is pleased by the challenging and opinionated students here, and their great zest for arguing. He is also very happy with his colleagues and his present position as Assistant Professor of English.

Before teaching here Professor Ross taught at Perdue University in Indiana for three years. He was however unhappy there, and as Stony Brook was near to New York City, and had a good English department he was interested in teaching here.

During his undergraduate years, Professor Ross attended South Western University a small private university in Texas. His graduate years were spent in the University of Chicago.

When asked about any dislikes that he had about Stony Brook, he replied, "I dislike the way students are treated by the administration." He feels that students at Stony Brook are not taken seriously enough by certain departments. He also feels that some professors tend to forget about teaching because they become so wrapped up in their research." Stony Brook could have more of a sense of academic community."

Professor Ross started out as a Political Science major, but he found that the most interesting courses were those that required thought and analysis. He ended up becoming a Humanities major, basically because he wanted to be like his teachers who he felt had done a

This semester Professor Ross is teaching three courses, two British Literature courses, and a major authors course. He is presently involved in several scholarship issues such as feminist issues and the issue of 1960's but he supports the ANC's goal of a non-racial culture and politics on literature. His major concern is nineteenth century British literature.

Up to date Professor Ross has seven books which have already been published, and two new releases which are: Romanticism and the contours of Masculine Desire, (this book examines British romantic poetry) and Romancing the Nation-State: The ideology of Romantic Nationalism." Blackworld would like to wish Professor Ross success on these two publications.



The Life of Desmond Tutu

by Scott Dinowitz

Desmond Moilo Tutu was born on October 7, 1931 in Klerksdorp from parents of Bantu-Tswana tribal descent. He is a well-known South African (SA) civil rights leader and also is presently an Anglican archbishop. He was baptized as a Methodist, but later on his entire family had converted to Anglicanism.

was educated at the Bantu Normal College and the University of South Africa. '. Her has been very dedicated in trying to end the South African discriminatory racial segregation police--most commonly called apartheid. Tutu has even asked various foreign nations such as the United States and their businesses from limiting trade and investing in S.A. until the government stops their racial policy of apartheid.

During the 1960's, Tutu earned degrees in divinity and theology from King's College in London. Tutu was the Anglican dean of Johannesburg in 1975, Bishop of Lesotho in 1976, and the bishop of Johannesburg in 1984. He also won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his campaign of non-violence against the apartheid system.

begun by the African National Congress (AN democracy and considers ANC President the "real leader" of the struggle.

In March 1985, Tutu demanded that the government state their plans of stopping the apartheid system and auclear timetable of when they would do it. He declared that the government's state of emergency in July 1985 as "a typical response of a totalitarian government."

Shortly after this, Tutu had concluded that the

chances for peaceful change in S.A. were "virtually nil," and asked for "punitive" economic sanctions against S.A. When President Reagan said that the U.S. would have limited sanctions against S.A. in September 1985, Tutu called Reagan "a racist pure and simple."

Later in 1986, he was the first Black that was ever elected to the archpishop of Cape Town. As a result of his being an archbishop, Tutu is in charge of the Anglican Church in S.A., Namibia, Mozambique, Swaziland, and also Lesotho. Tutu would like for all of us to remember his first sermon as archbishop; he said that he will always be committed to non-violence and that: "It is important when talking about violence to note that the primary violence in this country is the violence of apartheid."

In March of this year, Tutu was arrested at a S.A. demonstration. Tutu said that the government was headed for war when it established a ban on political actions of seventeen anti-apartheid groups, Tutu and Dr. Allan Boesak, president of World Alliance of Reformed Churches Both were arrested but later re-

The arrests came when Tutu and his followers participated in a demonstration in Cape Town headed by church leaders. The group tried to march peacefully on Parliament to give a petition against the restrictio on the seventeen groups, which inleuded the Democratic Front, the nation's largest anti-apartheid group.

South Africa's largest labor federation, the mostly Black, 800,000 member Congress of South African Trade Unions, also was placed under restriction to stop it from campaigning for disinvestment and sanctions by Tutu said he is against the armed struggle that was foreign companies or governments. Hopefully Tutu will continue in what he believes in S.A.



Basketball: Not Just A Game

by Freddy Martinez

of New York City, it's called "playing ball" or "B-ball." Others call this activity youth of New York City.

York City are filled with people passing who was recently named N.B.A. Rookie the time playing basketball. It is a good of the Year for the previous season. He form of exercise. Doctors have stated was important in the New York Knicks that aside from swimming, it possible form for the human body. This making the playoffs last year. Bernard is why professional basketball players are King first picked up the "pill" in the Fort recognized as the best athletes in the world. Yet, the use of specific body he led the league in scoring. Nate "Tiny" muscles is of minimal importance to the Archibald began his basketball career in "fellas" when they "pick up the rock." the playgrounds of the Bronx. In his old They are more concerned with showing neighborhood, he will always be rememoff their "game."

play ball is not considered part of the

The school yards of New York City serve as the building blocks as far as learning how to play the game is concerned. On these courts, everyone is out to prove themselves. Each man is out to display his "handle" and his "j." The taller individuals will draw more attention by showing kid to pick up a basketball. They have as they float in the air and jam the ball

skills in the school yard, you gain admiration and respect. This is of utmost im-In the playgrounds and schoolyards portance to the individuals who partake

The asphalt floors of New York City "getting some run." In any case, the sport playgrounds have produced many N.B.A. of basketball has its own distinct vocab. stars. Some of these players include Karulary and is of utmost importance to the eem Abdul-Jabaar, Bernard King, Tiny Archibald, and a newcomer, Mark Jack-On any given day, the courts of New son. Mark Jackson is a product of Queens the best rebounding from sub-par seasons and Hamilton projects in Brooklyn. In 1983, bered for his work ethics. Stories are still Basketball is more than just a game to told about how he would shovel snow the youngsters in these playgrounds. It just to practice his ball-handling skills. His is a mental and emotional outlet from the hard work paid off and made him a vital harsh realities of inner city life. It is a part of the Boston Celtics championship form of escape for them. For some, it is teams of the 1970's. He is now one of the a ticket out of the ghettos and a chance all-time leaders in assists in N.B.A. histo receive a college education and a shot tory. The man known as the best player at playing in the National Basketball of all time is a New York City product. Association. The game, then, becomes an Kareem Abdul Jabaar's patented "sky obsession to them. Someone who can't hook" has made the all-time leader in N.B.A. history. With every basket he scores, his record is made larger because he continues to play at age fory-one. He just completed another season as the starting center on the 1988 N.B.A. championship team, the Los Angeles Lakers.

It is the success stories of men like these which inspire every New York City off their "hops." They will attract crowds proven how far a mixture of talent, hard work, and blessing can take you. This is through the rim. By demonstrating your why "B-ball" is not a game to them. It is more like a way of life. It is a chance to



A work by Romare Bearden

Stony Brook Dilemma 2

By Natalie Neita

Mi still nuh know how mi fin mi self ina dis situation lef Jamaica come attend a so called reputable instituion whe dem curve yuh grades..... an fi get a 21% in ECO. 251 is a celebrated A an wi can hardly understand a wud di Korean a teach afterall, him hardly speak a wud a English which cause some of us automatic failure and it's all apart a di StonyBrook dilemma

While Marburger still have most of our names on file because fi Dube, wi refuse fi give up di fight HE CHILE! what a ting when wi win and Dube return bwoy, I caan wait fi si di administration burn us fighting wid knowledge as our guns watching Marburger try to hide behind the tapes of administration..... What a sinting mah, when wi beat di Stony Brook Dilemma

Di lines at di financial aid counter seem to be getting every time yuh go dem tell yuh "there seems to be a default in the computer." In yuh panic at registration yuh run go see a counsellor fi get yuh schedule straight

can't graduate." If yuh tell dem of a problem yuh have wid a class or a

and after four years dem spring it pon yuh "I'm sorry you

dem tun roun ask yuh "why don't you a semester off and work, or better yet change your major." Wi nuh get nuh Easter holiday off

an pon Good Friday and Holy Thursday di pig dem meck wi have

But if it was YUM KIPPUR which wi know noting about, wi would

be off without a doubt Misses dis pass laughter Yes, I have a plan to cure di dilemma

Yuh know sinting, Di food nuh change one bid-everytime mi go to union cafeteria I feel ah gwine vommitt

Last week's chicken cordon bleu, suddenly become todays creme

Papa Joe's pizza still look like it meck outa paper, and sometimes through a slice I believe I can si from here to

Di chef ina di cafeteria resemble a carpinter or a garage cleaner, whatever him be him no right a serve human being dinner. Now here's a test to all of Daka's best "what do these ingredients make?: LAST WEEKS REFRIED BEANS' LEFT OVER HOT DOG ONIONS AND PEPPERS, AND TWO WEEK OLD CHEESE yes you are correct it's today's special AN ENCHILLADA BAKE. fi those a yuh who nuh realize wi caan cook again, maybe Daka believe seh wi a go run dem outa a business or maybe even poison dem.....which wouldn't be a bad idea afterall that might just cure the STONYBROOK DISASTER!!!

On Maya Angelou

by Lisa Payton

Maya Angelou (Marquritte Johnson) is a prominent Black American autobiographical novelist, poet, productions such as "Porgy and Bess," which toured dramatist, composer, actress, and dancer. She was born Europe and Africa, and "Cabaret for Freedom" at in St. Louis, Missouri on April 4, 1928. Ms. Angelou's New York's Village Gate. But one of her most acclaimed success in her career ties greatly to the publication of performances was for her role as Nyo Boto the grandher autobiographical novel. 7 Know Why the Caged mother in "Roots" in 1977. Angelou was nominated through her early childhood. Through this novel she she went on to write and produce a ten part series on hopes to educate young people whom she warns "You African tradition in American life. She also wrote the may encounter many defeats, but you must not be de- original screenplay and musical score for the film feated.'

Her other famous works include, "Just give me a cool drink of water 'fore I die" (1971), Gather together in different African cities. in my name (1974), Singin' and Swingin' and getting Merry like Christmas, (1976). "Still I Rise" is a very as North coordinator for Martin Luther King, Jr. For her inspirational poem about all the abuse blacks exper-

Angelou has studied many years at several universities. She earned degrees from Smith College, Mills Campus in the Fine Arts Center this past summer on College, Lawrence University and Wake Forest University. She has also studied music for seven years, and itive Aspects of Multi-Cultural Diversity on a College studied dance with some of the best in the business. Her educational background has helped her become one of the most talented and educated, not Black political work is an inspiration tomany of us and her women, but women in America. She speaks six lang- works continue. Presently, she is still lecturing at Wake uages and has taught and lectured at several univer- Forest University. sities

Maya Angelou has starred in many black-oriented The novel describes Angelou's struggles for a Tony Award for Best Supporting Actress. Later 'Georgie, Georgie.'

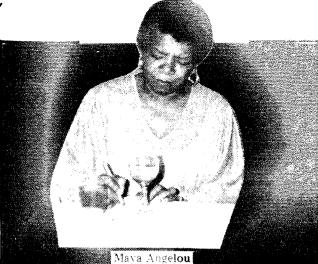
She was a writer and editor for several newspapers

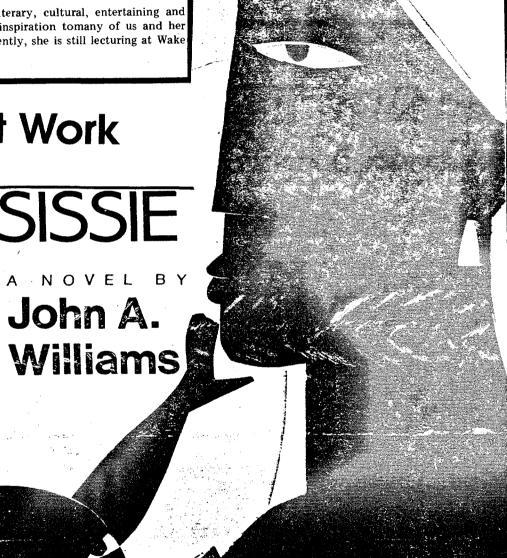
She served for S. Christian Leadership Conference, many accomplishments she was once named Woman of the Year by Ladies Home Journal.

Closer to home, Maya Angelou lectured here on "The Importance of Literature in one's life" and "Pos-

Maya Angelou's literary, cultural, entertaining and

John A.





WILLIAMS: An Artist at Work



John A. Williams

by Linda A. St. Rose

John Alfred Williams is one of numerous Black authors whose books dotted the however, to be an inclination toward writing that does not disturb or provoke society bookstore racks in the Sixties and Seventies. Having written fiction and non-fiction, he this I believe is mostly the fault of a country that refuses to face up to its many ills, will survive as being a novelist first and foremost. John Williams certainly holds his and short comings. According to Earl A. Cash who wrote a criticism of sorts on John own among the best American novelists of this century.

1925. December 5, to be exact, in Hinds County, Mississippi. Williams was the oldest in refusing to confront the truth underlying the literature, in flaying the writing as of four children. World War II interrupted his high school education and in 1943, he subjective and paranoid, remains religions to its habits of self imposed myopia." Earl joined the United States Navy. Disillusioned by racism in the service, Williams received Cash believes that an American writer like John Williams is one of few who remains an honorable naval discharge and returned to Syracuse, New York where he spent dedicated to detangling the truth, rather than writing around it. most of his early years. There he got married and in the spring of 1946, Williams went back to finish high school. Upon completion, he enrolled at Syracuse University where has been said by one Critic reviewer that both Night Song and Sissie are "angry and in June 1950 he graduated and received a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and English. raw and full of violent scenes."

John A. Williams, author of eighteen books including The Man Who Cried I Am, !Click Song, Sissie, and Captain Blackman has been a foreign correspondent for News- I Am is more than a fine novel; it is an important document of its time." week, as well as Professor of English at Rutgers University where he is currently employed. Williams was the recepient of the American Book Award, The Richard Wright his works The Junior Bachelor Society, aired in late September of 1981, brought new Jacques Romain Award, The Centennial Medal for Outstanding Achievement, and th recognition and success to its author. The film was called "The Sophisticated Gents." the National Institute of Arts and letters Award, among others.

ance. One, is that given this time and its processes he really has to deal with and for liams once said that he wants America, especially Black America to learn something his people. And two, he has to become an educator, a teacher, a storyteller, a satir- intense and powerful about American life from his work, and he will never stop ist, any vehicle that will help make his people aware of their positions." There seems trying.

Williams "When the black writer outlines in his tale, the specifics of his deplorable Allow me to introduce you to the background of John A. Williams. He was born in condition, the poverty, sickness, discrimination, and sometimes joys, white America,

Some critics of John A. Williams' earlier novels refer to him as an angry man. It

Another reviewer remarked that "the seething 'angry' book The Man Who Cried

Today, Williams is writing poetry--"these poems tend to be historical, for they are John Williams believes that "the Black writer has two functions of equal import- glimpses of injustices, racial and otherwise, and not unlike my other work." John Wil-

Finally - A Glimmer of Justice

Professor Ernest F. Dube was officially granted a trial by jury Monday despite the efforts of the State to dismiss his case. But neither we nor Dube are satisfied. We will not rest until Dube is back and justice thereby served.

Black Moman's Morld

by Gayle Manning

Stony Brook University is no longer a safe little community that is shut off and protected from the outside world. Two weekends ago, on October 8, 1988, an incident occurred that greatly disturbed the campus community. Early Sunday morning, off-campus visitors at a Sigma Fraternity Party, became involved in an altercation which led to the stabbing of one party-goer and to gun-fire.

The past few years have brought increased violence to Stony Brook. Last year, a rape was committed against a Stony Brook student by visitors who attended a suite party in Roth Quad. Also last year, an outsider, with a rifle, in Tabler Quad, once again threatened the safety of this campus. Numerous robberies, assaults and incidents that occurred at campus functions, led to headlines of SUNY Stony Brook in local newspapers and fear among campus residents. Hopefully, these incidents of violence will bring about some good. . . a heightened awareness of crime in our community and increased security.

During the past few weeks I have been questioning a random selection of Stony Brook students, from the female population, to gain insight about their feelings of safety and Stony Brook. When asked if they walked alone at night each student replied "no." "Lorraine," who is in her sophmore year, replied "No, I drive everywhere, even to the Union." Only one person, however, reported ever calling Walk Service. (Walk Service is a student operated project. Its goal is to ensure the safety of students by escorting them from one point to another -phone 632-6337). Each girl did though, express growing anxiety over their safety at Stony Brook. "Stacey," also a Sophmore, said that she always looks behind her to see if anyone is following her. She tries to keep a distance between herself and any strangers walking with her, and would run if she felt threatened by an approaching stranger. "Renee" admitted that she walks "home with a group of people going my way." Renee admitted that she would walk home with a group of strangers or another girl just to be safe and not alone at night. Personally, I have done so too. I have often walked back to my room after a late night at the library. Many times I would see another girl walking in the same direction as me and would suggest that we walk back together. There's safety in numbers.

room robberies. One reason for this may be that many students leave their windows and doors unlocked during the day or when they go to sleep at night. R.A.'s, as part of their duties, have checked entire buildings late at night and reported numerous suite/room doors unlocked. One explanation for this may be that during the day and early evening, suite doors are kept opened, for visitors. Later on the doors are just closed in without being locked. (This has happened in my suite many times.) "Renee" often locks her doors but keeps her windows cracked. I remember four years ago, everyone going out of my suite and leaving the suite door unlocked, my roomate was constantly losing her keys. (I also remember putting my clothes in the laundry dryer and going to class.) Neither of these things would I attempt to do in today's climate at Stony Brook. Things have surely changed.

I received a variety of answers when I questioned students about crank calls. "Stacey" said "I always hang up, course" 'Carion," a senior replied "I scream," and Renee's response was "Sometimes I talk to them... Why are you calling me; why are you wasting your time?". Lorraine, on the other hand, stated "I talk to them a couple of times... we talk to Freddy" (referring to a caller who sounds like a character on "A Nightmare on Elm Street").

"Phyllis and "Lois," both sophmores, admit to using their keys as a form of protection when walking alone at night. By placing each key between a finger. When asked had they ever attended a campus function where there was a violent incident each student replied "no." Lorraine stated, "I almost went to the Sigma party." My final question was to ask for any advice these students would like to share with the rest of the community on safety. Stacey said, "Don't walk alone. . . There's not enough light, everything is wooded." Renee advised "Don't go out, stay in your room. Phyllis replied, "Always have something with you," while Lois suggested, "Mostly try not to go anywhere by yourself at night. . .tell someone where your're going." Lorraine offered, "Look mean, no one talks to me." Finally, Carion stated "Take Walk Service, it's available and you meet really nice people."

In addition, there are tips from Public Safety . "Be Alert! Know your surroundings and be aware of who is

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Stony Brook University has a total enrollment of about 16,000 plus students (grad and undergrad), of this number approximately 7,000 students are dormitory residents. This population is bigger than many cities, in fact, Stony Brook is a small city and should be treated as such. It is a JOKE to expect four unarmed public safety officers to protect the welfare and interests of such a large campus. For too long the issue of safety on this campus has not been taken seriously.

The Stony Brook Ad Hoc Committee on University Security is currently working on recommendations to improve safety on campus. Recommendations include having an alpha list at the main entrance gate to check student I.D's., phone access to student rooms, and having a record of all license plate numbers of guests and their destinations. Also included, is the closing of campus Entrances at 10:30pm and extra public safety officers for each shift, including two officers that would patrol the campus on foot.

My own suggestions include incorporating student security on campus, into a centralized system. Security should be taken seriously. Student security should be a club; it should be run like a business. The same security personell should be used at ALL campus functions. Security personnel should not be friends of those hosting an event, or those looking for free entrance into an event. Security personell SHOULD NOT DRINK, they should try to enforce the alcohol policy and should not be allowed to play favoritism. Priorities should be set at Stony Brook and the welfare of the campus community should be on top of the lsit. Money was found to build a new gym, it should also be "found" to protect OUR interests.

It is time for everyone to speak up and take an interest in what is going on around them, it is also time for everyone to sit up and listen.



Vision Hispana

Nuestra cultura es nuestra espada y escudo

EDITORIAL

En nuestra segunda edición empezamos nuestro enfoque en paises Latino Americanos con España porque es la madre patria de todos los países Latinos Americanos. Ahora sequimos con al Republica Dominica cuya capital es Santo Domingo cual fue la primera capital de America por esta razon tiene el honor de ser segunda en nuestro recorrido de Latino Americana.

Republica Dominicana esa isla tan bonita con su gente tán dulce y agradable. Empezaremos hablando de su historia en la mayoría de sus aspectos, despues mencionaremos sus riquezas naturales, su posicion geografica y sus grandes vistas

Ya la hablar de su naturaleza tendremos que hablar de su gente la cual ha hechó lo que Republica Dominicana es hoy en dia, estas són sus personajes historicos, escritores, poetas or poetizas, y politicos.

Aparte de mencionar toda estas cosas acerca de el país, también veremos en está pagina periodistica los sentimientos de algunos estudiantes Dominicanos en la universidad acerca de Dominicana o de la comunidad hispana en general escritos en forma de prosa o lirica.

In our second edition of Vision Hispana we started our series of Latin American countries focusing on Spain, because Spain is the mother-land of all Latin American countries. Now we continue with the Dominican Republic whose capital Santo Domingo was the first city ever established in America, this gives it the honor of being the second one covered in this series of Latin American

Dominican Republic, that beautiful island in the Caribbean with its wonderful people. We will start out with a brief history on all aspects, then we will talk about its main natural resources, its geographical location and its great natural views.

After having talked about its nature we will talk about its warm people, its great writers, politicians, poets, and the people who made the Dominican Republic what it is today.

You will also have the opportunity of reading poetry or any other type of writing from Dominican Republic or Hispanic community at large.

QUISQUEYA

The Dominican Republic

La Republica Dominicana es una isla Caribeña la cual tiene una area de 19,000 millas cuadradas, localizada al este de la isla Hispaniala la cual comparte con Haiti. Esta isla preciosa es el hogar aproximadamente seis millones de habitantes. La capital Santo Domingo, cual es la más habitada con casi 800,000 residentes. Las principales areas de recreación turisticas son La Romana en la costa Sur, Puerto Plata en el Norte y Samana en el Noro-

La lengua nacional es el español y el grupo racial predominante es el mestizo cual ocupa noventa y cinco porciento de la población. La Republica Dominicana es una grán exportadora de azucar y esta sin mencionar sus otras grandes exportaciones como la de cacao, tabaco, cafe, frutas y vegetales tropicales.

La Republica Dominicana la madre del merengue, cual es su musica nacional y le ha dado reconocimiento internacional como también sus grandes poetas y escritores le han dado; entre ellos Salome Urena de Henriquez, Jose Joaquin Perez, Baston F. Deligne, Enrique Henriquez, Favio F. Fiallo, Arturo Pellerano Castro, Juan Bosch, Joaquin Balaquer, Valentin Giro y Andres y Julio Aybar.

Si la Republica Dominicana, la isla donde las sueños se hacen realidad en una manera especíal. Si en la isla donde

"Quiero Quisqueya"

Dominicana como en Domingo Cuando todo es bonito Donde queda el recuerdo De un hijo bueno

Donde se crearon sus sueños En tu calor Caribeño Como le paso A un Dominicano como yo

> Ramon Pimentel 10/24/88

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Deslogue 'Mental

BY CARLOS MENJIVAR

Placer o agonía, obscuridad total del sentido visual. El joven se enreda locamente en sus propios pensamientos, cayendo repetidamente en el abismo infinito del estado alucinogeno, buscando escape a una realidad pre-medida por otros.

Noticias de ultima hora----segun los documentos encontrados en su persona se llama-----Usmale Hernandez, de 22 anos de edad, soltero, reside en la avenida Colcaina número 1366. ----fue encontrado vagabundiando y empugando una silla de ruedas vacía.

El trajín de la ciudad lo trago espantosamente dando la concreta imagen de estar en otra dimension. El dolor comenzo al estar este arreglando la linea de productos lacteos. Reconocio el síntoma inmediatamente, aunque este se presentaba dos horas antes lo cual hizo pensar al joven en un anuncio de radio que decía lo siguiente "......con el pasar del tiempo el lapso necesario para obtener la satisfación se acorta más y más....." miro su relog "apenas son las cuatro" penso. Un escalofrío hizo estremeser su cuerpo gotas de un sudor helado recorián su frente y espalda. Este se paseaba de un lugar a otro mirando repeditamente, las agujas de un instrumento que parecía no andar mas 4:15,4:20,4:25,4:30,4:35,4:36...... la espera le parecia una eternidad, el alrededor parecía cobrar vida, lo acorralaba, lo atacabajllevandolo casi a un estado de histeria, por fin se decide pedir que los degen salir temprano, lentamente se dirige a su jefe 'Senor Antonio mi madre esta muy mal y por eso quisiera pedirle que me deje salir temprano' el jefe viendo la aflición del joven responde de una manera

seca y basilante''vete pues'.

Las oleadas de calor parecía haber intensificado el dolor, puesto que este doblo al joven, el cual no tubo otra que vomitar en el pavimento, se sentía a morir el cuerpo gritaba, cada poro magnificaba el suplicio, la visión ardía, la lengua seca se enroscaba, se mordía los labios se le salían los ojos. Caminó despacio ya que el sentido del balance se le habia esfumado y ahora se mantenía a pie a puro instinto. En esta locura de hambre de barbituricos se materializó un oasis de compustura el cual formaba imágenes deun pasado ya casi olvidado:

...Usmale acércate esta e de la buena you know, lo problems de esta vida puta se disapear.....

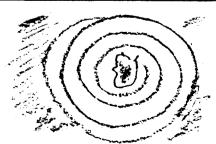
La pantallas cambian al pispiliar, desarrollando una macabra película muda---la obsenidad/los brazos/las jeringas/el azucar enmascarado/placer/sensualidad/ llorar/soledad/MuertE - subir escalones, escalones, escalones, el pensamiento, pensamiento, luz, obscuridad, luz, obscuridad.

LLego a su edificio casi de milagro o mas bien a fuerza de costumbre los mismos ninos jugando en la entrada, la misma señora observando come centinela las calles, el mismo grafitity en la puerta ya se acabo, se acabo, se acabo...... grabado en la memori'T-FRESH tanbaleándose dirige a su cuarto, lo espera la libertad-esclava, abre la puerta, los libre. Esta sonriendo le dice si hijito, cajones, las maletas, rabia-miedo lo suge- sí hijito, llévame, llevame quiero tomar tan el inden de la realidad se rompe... aire libre...... Donde esta, donde esta, donde esta? si,si,si, es Nancy Reagan la que ha revisdo este cuarto, la mato porque la mato' entre este termolino de divagaciones incoherentes, una voz melodiosa modula su nombre 'Usmale' A Que te pasa? Estas sudando, ¿Qué te pasa? ¿Estás enfermo?" mas este no la oía sólo veía la causante de

su desgracia repitiendo "just say no", el cuchicho se materializa casi por magia, el golpe fue barbaro y decisivo,

La Playa de Sansuci

Mama me siento mejor, soy libre, soy



WITHIN THE CONSCIOUS OF MEN ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE DEVELOPED WHEN DROWNING IN THE SHADOWS OF THIS CAPTIVED WORLD. FREEDOM OR DEATH CARLOS MENJIVAR

- Ebony Arts!

Bearden Sets Stage For Future

by Nadine Palumbo

Romare Bearden; Artist. A name that touches few ears, unfortunately even in the art world's circles. Bearden, a black painter, had a career which spanned the social realism of the late 1930's, the abstract expressionism of the 1950's, the socially tumultuous 1960's, working up until his death in the spring of this year. He explored new ideas and materials in painting, most notably his collage work. He offered fractured images of the world around him, depicting the black plight is the impressionist monet depicted his ifestyle. Bearden's work is both naive and sophisticated, offering the viewers social commentary with a good deal of raw energy. He presents a montage of images and ideas, drawing from newspaper images, cut paper, wallpaper textures. primitive art, and much more. The effect is disconcerting in both form and subject matter.

Bearden's manner is aggressive, the images jagged and direct. His form ties into the subject matter effectively, making the impact frighteningly realistic. Figures pile on top of each other, overcrowding the space within the painting bombarding the viewer with their pathos. The images are often innercity, full of poverty and suffering. Bearden alludes to and draws from primitive African art, suggesting a sense of history for American blacks. The work gives us not a political evaluation, but instead, social commentary.

As one can see in two of Bearden's more famous pieces, The Dove (1964) and Palm Sunday Processional (1967-8) he combines many, images to form one. The Dove utilizes an innercity backdrop, people and objects pile on top of it and each other, dramatizing the black existance in the ghetto. There is no sense of visual depth, all of the pieces lie upon the same plane, creating tension. Bearden also breaks down faces and bodies, reassembling them in a jumbled fashion.

Palm Sunday Processional works in a different manner. Instead of drawing from photographs and newspaper images, Bearden uses a neoprimitive style. It, too, has little or no depth, but works with no background, flattening the surface out further. The figures are clearly African influenced, almost Egyptian in composition. Of this piece Bearden states, "I did the work out of a response and need to redefine the image of man in the terms of the black experience I know best." Bearden's work also addresses inter-personal relations. His figures are disengaged, isolated in their agony. He examines relationships between families, couples, men. Their gazes are vacant, if there are even eyes present. They do not touch each other with affection or any sense of engagement, the touching is not that, it is more a feeling of overcrowding.

Bearden was born in North Carolina in 1914, moving to New York City to receive a degree in mathematics from New York University in 1935. He then turned to art, working as a cartoonist

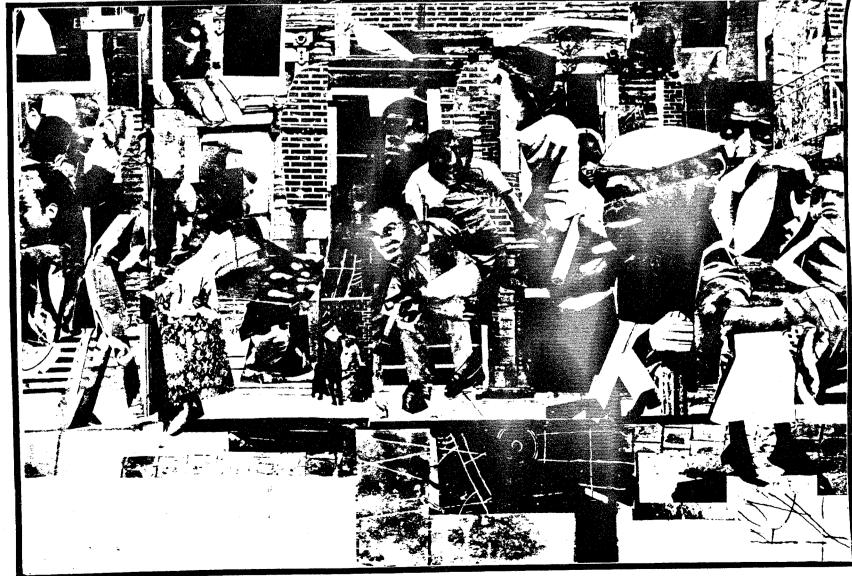


and studying at the Art Students League in New York. Bearden, at this point, sharpened his awareness, at a time when blacks were lynched without a thought. The 1930's were of course a turbulent social period, and especially harder for blacks. Here is where Bearden's message stems. "I cannot divorce myself from the inequities that are around me."

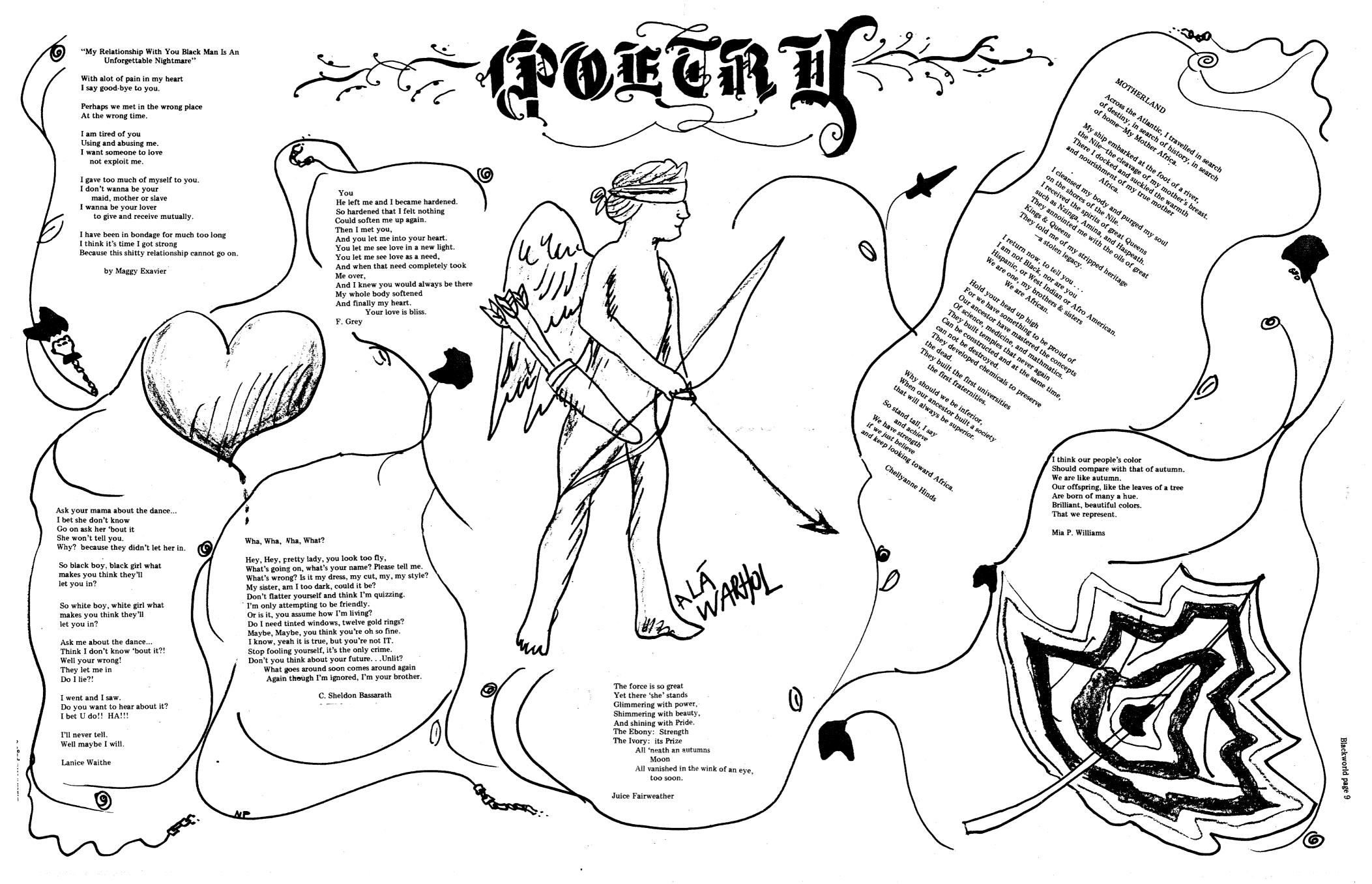
Most of Bearden's profound work took place in the politically charged 1960's. Instead of following the Pop movement or making pretty pictures, Bearden chose to make statements that affected his own community. Many of his images stemmed from his life in Harlem, not only the environment around him, but sharing his studio with other

black artists. Together they explored new tools to make their statements. Bearden decided to develop the medium of collage. This manner of working adds to the jagged images and is a less convential way of working.

So why isn't Bearden a more renowned painter? Some may say his is too 'black' to enter the white male dominated art world. Others may attempt to say his work is not academic enough. At any rate, the realm of art must open its doors, one painting in the Museum of Modern Art is not a grand show, more must be done, for one Romare Bearden symbolizes dozens of black artists that have never received attention because of their ethnicity. Let Bearden's images symbolize paintings that have yet to be seen.



A work by Romare Bearden



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Viewpoints ON APATHY

Things to do

by C. Sheldon Bassarath

What's Up?

by Dwayne Andrews

"It's so weak here at Stony Brook."

"Stony Brook is such a fun school, if you're not a minority."

How many times have you heard these quotes come out of a student's mouth. Whether he or she is a returning student of a transfer or a freshman this gripe is repeated over and over. Many minorities on this campus feel as if there are no activities being promoted that are geared towards them. This is a horrible misconception; if you are the type of person that gets up and make things happen this school has unlimited potential, but if you wait for something to happen your whole college experience will pass you by.

There are a vast number of minority oriented organizations that provide social outlets for Stony Brook students. Groups such as the African American Students Organization (AASO), the Latin American Students Organization (LASO), the Carribean Students Organization (CSO), and the Haitian Students Organization (HSO) fit this description. All of these groups offer people of common background the opportunity to meet and learn and experience more of their culture. They also plan many social function and charity events such as parties, shows and cultural awareness activities. These groups could always use a new face with new ideas and their meetings are never boring.

If you would really like to be an active member of the SUSB community, the various predominantly minority fraternities and sororities are the way to go. These organizations promote "brotherhood" and "sisterhood" amongst their members. They also sponsor numerous amount of social activities, charity and cultural functions. Many of these groups are having their "Open Houses" or "Smokers" now and even if you are not very positive about going "Greek" it might be interesting to attend one of these functions.

"The last party I went to, the group that performed stunk."

If you attended a meeting of the Minority Planning Board (MPB) or any of the aforementioned groups you'd have no complaints because the performers would have been those of your choice. MPB does exactly what it sounds like it does, it plans many of the activities and events that cater to the minority community. If you don't like the activities that are being sponsored by a certain group, don't gripe to your friends, become an active member of that group and offer your insights which could help them in the future.

"BLACKWORLD doesn't address real minority issues."

If you're one of the people who feel this way, get inolved with BLACKWORLD. We are always willing to take articles, poems, and viewpoints from the public. But it is just like everything else, you've got to participate to earn the right to complain.

Many students might be worried about the presence of academic support groups. Within your perspective major there is probably a group that helps minority students achieve their goals in that field. The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHE) and Minorities in Medicine are just a few ex-

What is wrong with the minority population of Stony Brook's campus? Apathy? Everyone talks, but few get involved. The ones who are inolved are not going to be attending Stony Brook forever. Who will take over when they graduate? I shouldn't single out Stony Brook It happens all over. Because I live in New York, I see it the most here, but I know it happens all over. Apathy. Come on, get involved. Learn your history, learn why vou are here at Stony Brook. Take the Black population of this campus and think why you are able to attend Stony Brook. If it was not for people who got involved, we might still be in chains. Impossible, no way. We are all very lucky. "I don't care" you say. Is it experience you need to realize what is going on around you? Why don't you go down to Harlem and stand on the corner of 125th Street for a night? That should prove to be an interesting experience.

Is it a crime to say "Hello" to someone of your own color. On this campus there are not enough of us to be separated. Why is it so hard (no names) to say "Hello" to someone you don't know? Why does it feel like you have to twist someone's neck to say 'Hi' back. Has this situation every happened to you? Are girls always too "fly" that they think guys are trying to talk to them whenever they are said "Hello, how are you doing" to? Do the brothers think they are so "hard," they do not need to say "What's up" to another brother. It's all about self, right? Nah, I don't think so. It is really pitiful though.

Next time you are walking and by chance spot a brother or sister, instead of eyeing each other then suddenly looking away, when you are next to each other, say "What's Up," "Hello," or "How are you doing?" It is not that hard. Think about the Unity.

amples of these groups. Scholastic Achievement for Non Traditional Students (SAINTS), is a more general academic group that provides students with counseling, old exams and a great deal of help in their courses.

Many of the other activities that take place on this campus are prepared without any input form the minority community. We all know that the Stony Brook Homecoming is nothing like those at Howard or Hampton, but have any of us served on an advisory committee for the Homecoming. You can make a change by getting inolved. Start by running for a position in your building's LEG and help plan events that are fun for minorities as well as everyone else. When applications are being accepted for positions in Polity more minority students should apply so we can have some control of what our money is being used for. Being an active member of the school's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would also be a step in the right direction. Action is the only way for us to have an enjoyable campus life.

"I'm too busy to be involved in any organization."

If you are too busy to plan the events aren't you also too busy to attend them. If you plan your time correctly there should be no reason why your Stony Brook years aren't the best years of your life.



In today's society how do you feel minority women have succeeded in the business world?



Regine Miller - Freshman, Age 18, Psychology major: "We've made positive progress but the job is still not finished. Mrs. President is the next step."



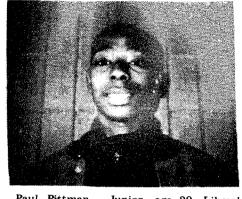
Dawn Barrett - Senior, age 22, Psychology major: "Minority women have learned to overcome their obstacles that are presented to them by society."



Regina Lawrence - Sophomore, age 18, English major: "Minority women have accomplished a great deal since we first began to appear in the business world and we are continuing to achieve greatness."



Janet Benson - Junior, age 21, Economics major: "I feel that minority women have come a long way and can go even further, if we really bring ourselves together and let nothing stand in the way."



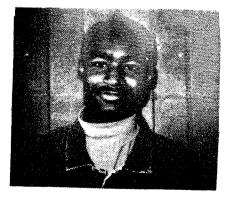
Paul Pittman - Junior, age 20, Liberal Arts major: "They have become a major driving force in the business world."



April Ali - Senior, age 21, Liberal Arts major: "Women have been greatly influenced by the progressions made by others in earlier years and have built their success upon the achievements of their ancestors."



Eddie Alijaj - Sophomore, age 19, Liberal Arts major: "The war is not over, there is still a long way to go, I appreciale what has been done and hope for ed success."



Thierry Cazeau - Sophomore, age 18, Undecided major: "Look at the front page of Ebony magazine, you would be surprised at the number of minority women in executive positions."



Troy Callahan - Sophomore, age 19, Biochemistry major: "I feel that minority women have made some advances but, still have a long way to go to achive equality in the business world."



Serge Azor - Junior, age 20, Economics major: "Women hold high executive positions. Women are no longer stereo - typed as secretaries, nurses, etc."

For Your Information

Committee to Support Prof. F. Dube will have speakers on November 3, 1988, 7:30 p.m. Center Road, North Amityville, off Highway (Southern State Exit 33S)



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Financial Aid and Teacher Certification will be discussed.

Check out the MESSAGE

Keep up to date with what's happening in the Minority Community.

We are on Sunday at 11:30 pm-12 pm on 90.1 F.M. WUSB

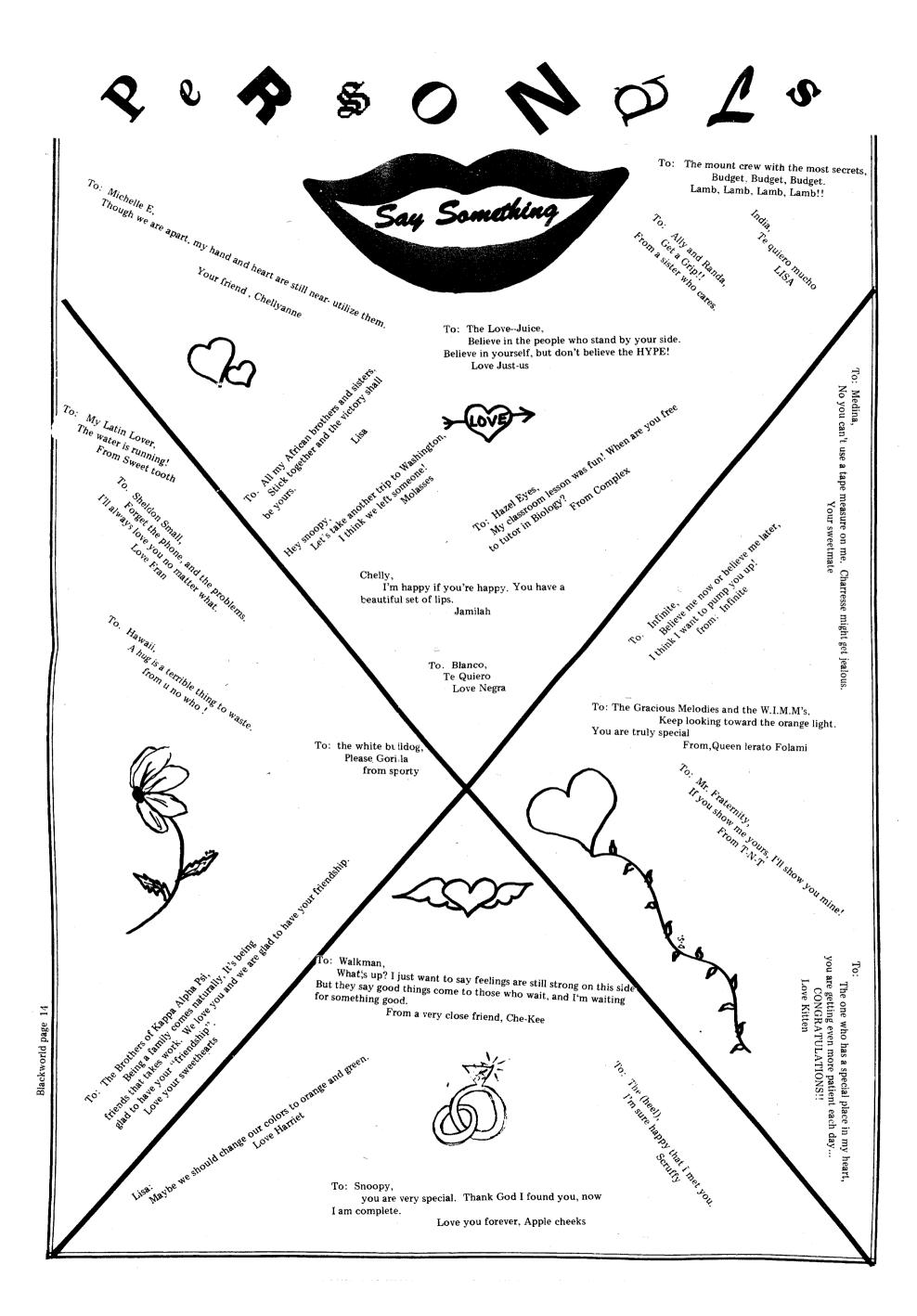
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- Films Nov. 11 Haitian Day Union F.S. Lounge
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