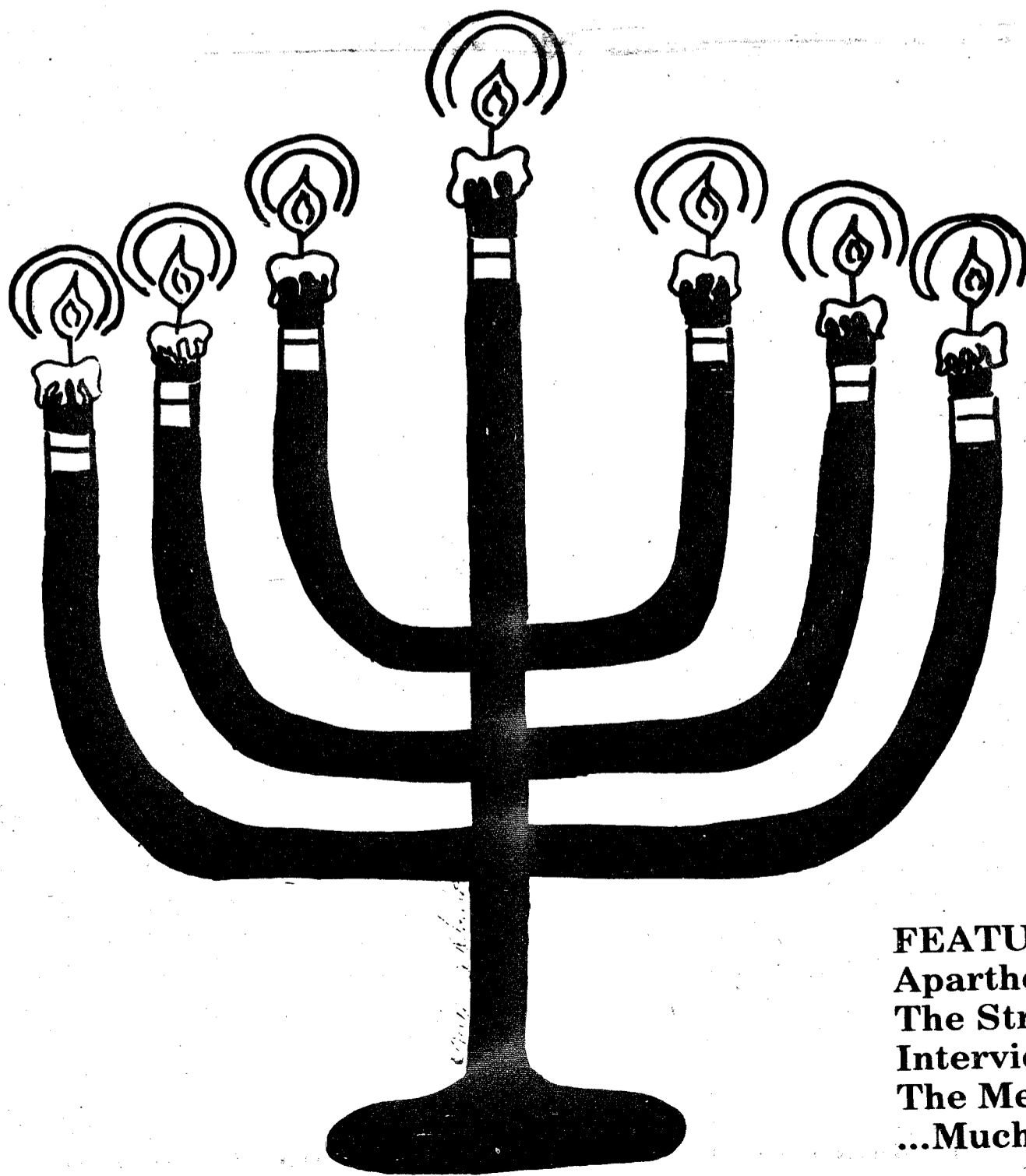


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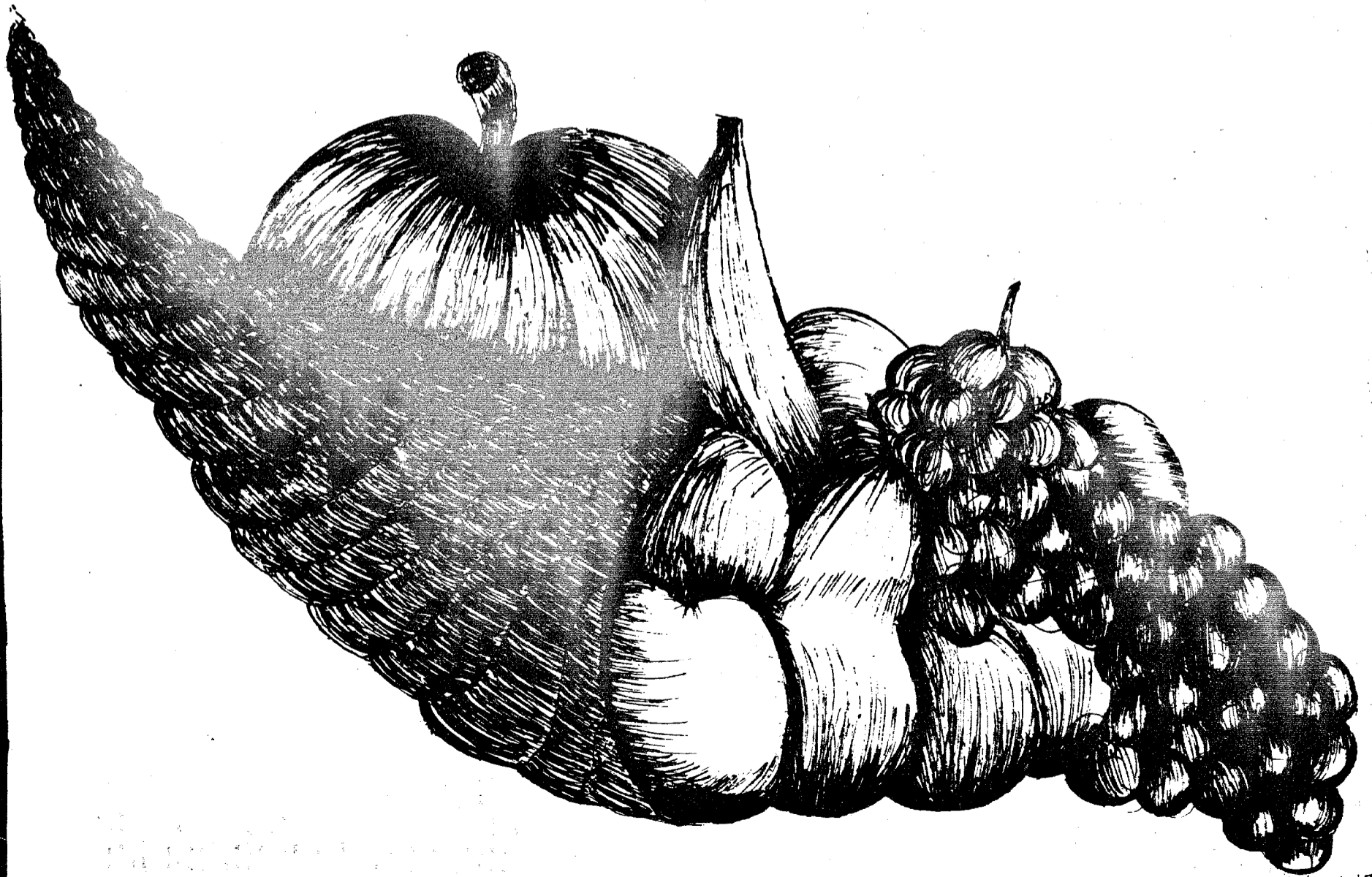
Greetings Again,

It seems that the latest issue of Blackworld, specifically the topic of racism, has stirred a lot of emotion and excitement on this campus. There appears to be three manifestations of these feelings. The first is among the Blackworld staff, where we feel that this is the kind of paper that we would like to turn out. Blackworld has a duty to be not only informative but also insightful; this was accomplished in grand style. The second manifestation is a campus at large one. This is the sentiment that something has been hit on here that does exist. Additionally, there ought to be something that we all can do to eliminate these irrational and illogical feelings of animosity towards each other. This is the purpose of these writings, to facilitate more of a sense of community on campus. Any other interpretation of them is erroneous. This leads to the third manifestation of feelings towards the articles. This is the one that causes all of us the most disappointment. We once again observe the factionalized sniping that lead to the articles in the first place. We can make no progress towards solving the disease if everyone who writes about the symptoms is going to be criticised or derided. The ability to be self critical should not be eliminated, racism is not knowledge of another people, it is

ignorance and should be stamped out of existence wherever it resides.

From racism we now reach to the other end of the spectrum, this being the idea of unity. Every once in a while, usually around the time of a referendum, we see a list of many or all of the organizations that Polity funds on this campus. Among those are the number of minority clubs and organizations we have all come to know and love. This was not always the case. Years ago there was only one major one, that being the Black Student Association. The BSA was given a budget and basically all functions were coordinated there. After a while there was a feeling that one group could not handle the various interests and needs of all minority students. So instead of keeping all of us together under one budget, we now have various groups with different budgets. This was supposed to be an improvement, but has it been? The split seems to have been in more than name only. We see that the clubs and organizations appear to have lost contact with each other and have adopted do for self attitudes. We now observe situations where something as trivial as a party cannot be planned without problems and conflict. Case in point is that of the Minority Planning Board. This was an organization formed to fill a definite need; Programming concerts more in line

with our cultural background. Unfortunately something went wrong. First off it did not seem that everyone was involved in it, or even welcome. This feeling is not new, it is associated with almost all organizations on campus. This also does not excuse the apathy or indifference of the minority community at large. If you possess the power to change or influence something you want but choose not to the fault lies in yourself not elsewhere. Plain criticism of the MPB serves nothing save blowing off steam. Garry Jacques, the chairman and the rest of the board have made it clear that they not only welcome, but require, input and help from everyone. Existing much less thriving is not easy up there in the polity suite and the recriminations from both sides do not help matters any. This is something we can't afford to let die. The MPB belongs to all of us and we will all shoulder the blame if it does not succeed. So I hope we all have taken heed of the memo the MPB published a few weeks ago. Also remember that as much as they need your help they also need you to support the functions they sponsor. Good intentions don't bring the artists you want to see to Stony Brook, money does. So let's make next semester one to remember at least in terms of the Minority Planning Board.



APARTHEID: Economic Racism

by Renee Pendergrass

Apartheid is the system of institutionalized racism, implemented by the minority Government of the Republic of South Africa to oppress and exploit black South Africans, Coloreds, and Asians. Out of the present population in South Africa of 29 million, only the 4.5 million whites have full citizenship rights. Africans cannot vote, buy or sell land, choose their residence or where they will work. Under the Land Acts of 1913 and 1936, Africans have been forced on 13% of the least productive land called "African Reserves" or bantustans. The 4.5 million whites, who amount to less than one-fifth of the total population have taken 87% of the land. Africans over the age of 16 must carry a "pass book" which states the individual's race, residence, and place of employment. An African unable to produce this pass book upon request is guilty of an offense. Presently, there are more than 350 apartheid laws. Some of them are:

— Bantu Homelands Citizenship Act, 1970. Black Africans, Coloreds and Asians are denied South African citizenship because they are made citizens of their homelands.

— Group Areas Act, 1950. Specifies which races may live where and outlaws racially mixed neighborhoods.

— Natives Act, 1952. All Africans over the age of 16 must carry a passbook at all times specifying their residence and employment.

— Mixed Marriages Act, 1949. Interracial marriage is illegal.

— Suppression of Communism Act, 1950. "Suspicious" persons are not permitted normal contacts and anyone expressing dissatisfaction with the government may be defined as Communist.

These laws deny people their basic human rights and makes it a criminal offense for them to strive for equal rights.

Apartheid, because it deprives Africans of their political rights, enables their economic exploitation. Foreign and domestic industry and business firms are able to extract large profits by exploiting the land, abundant natural resources, and cheap labor. The major trading partners of the Republic of South Africa are the United Kingdom, the United States, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, and Italy. Presently, in the United States, there are more than 350 companies which do business with South Africa. These major corporate operations are: Mobil Oil, General Motors, IBM, Chrysler, Caltex, Exxon, Goodyear, Ford, and General Electric. Of all the total U.S. foreign investments, approximately 20% is directly invested in South Africa.

The Reagan Administration in 1981 introduced a policy of "constructive engagement", which seeks to bring about the peaceful, incremental change at the discretion of the minority government. According to proponents of this policy, the best interests of the U.S. will be served, "stability" will be maintained, and trade and investments will be permitted to expand. Although the U.S. voted against a U.N. resolution which endorsed the use of "all means available" in ending apartheid, arguing that this implied an approval of the use of violence, the U.S. in contradiction expanded military ties with the

apartheid regime. In 1977, the U.N. imposed a mandatory weapons embargo which the U.S. has violated by exporting more than 28 million dollars worth of military related technology and police gear to South Africa since 1981.

The Reagan Administration views the position of the U.S. as one in which its interests and South Africa's interests are mutual. "Constructive engagement" has taken South Africa out of its isolation and has strengthened the military, technological, economic, and diplomatic ties to the U.S. The U.S. condemns apartheid and yet it directs its money and energies towards the minority regime as an agent of change. Since apartheid is viewed as a crime against humanity, why hasn't the U.S. directed its money and energies towards the liberation movements which serve the interests of the majority? Historically, U.S. policy towards Africa has been a reaction to Soviet activity in Africa. Therefore, the actions of the Soviets are considered primary and apartheid — the crime against humanity is of secondary importance. It would seem that the U.S. is comfortable with the minority government of South Africa as an ally comprised of 4.5 million. Support of the liberation movements and the liberation of 22 million would appear to be a more formidable ally against the "Soviet Threat." Anything less than the severing of all ties with the South African government, and the active global condemnation of South Africa's apartheid structure must be viewed as a mechanism for maintaining a system defined by racial segregation, political oppression, and economic exploitation.

Grenada: Before, During, and After the Invasion

by Felicia Best

It has been exactly one year since the United States troops and its backup Caribbean force invaded the tiny Caribbean Island of Grenada. Grenada, part of a 3-Island nation, including ricou and Martinique was the first English speaking country in the Caribbean to have a successful revolution. When the 7,000 U.S. troops invaded Grenada, they brought with them some swinging changes to the small island. The revolution was becoming an inspiration to others that struggled with underdevelopment, backwardness and dependency. It was also a model for black Americans struggling for a new society there. All this was considered a serious threat to the U.S. Government. Here is some information of before and after the invasion in order to understand why and how a superpower would try to crush one of the smallest nations in the world.

Grenada as a whole, poor and grossly underdeveloped, was under the corrupt and brutal dictatorship of Gairy from 1951 to 1979. He was the first Prime Minister at independence from Britain in 1979. The New Jewel Movement (NJM) led by Maurice Bishop and others became very powerful and wanted to lead the country out of poverty. The N.J.M.'s founders were young educated Grenadians who were influenced richly by the Civil Rights Movement. The N.J.M. forced out Gairy's dictatorship in 1979 forming the People's Revolutionary Government (PRG), under Bishop's leadership with nation wide support. The PRG promised "people's participation" in national reconstruction and economic development.

Some achievements of the revolution included the highest economic growth rate in the Caribbean. For the first time native food stuff for domestic and export use was being manufactured, unemployment was reduced from 49 percent under Gairy to 12 percent by 1982. Free medical care and secondary and university education was for the first time. Sex discrimination was made illegal, equal-pay-for-equal-work laws were passed and paid maternity leave was instituted. The supplies of water was doubled and the construction of the international Airport was almost completed with international aid.

During the fall of the Bishop Government, difficulties within the NJM unknown to the public revolved around Deputy Prime Minister, Bernard Coard and his followers. This resulted in a coup, execution of government leaders, and establishment of short-lived Revolutionary Military Council under General Hudson Austin, leading to the invasion. Evidence mounted that the CIA was already involved in Grenada's events in September and that the Military was preparing for intervention. During the invasion, journalists were banned from Grenada by the Reagan Administration. The Island was practically demolished and this invasion was condemned internationally and in the United States as well.

While interviewing some students, getting their viewpoints on the whole situation, their reaction to the situation pointed in the direction that the U.S. would not have invaded Grenada. One particular student's reaction was as following; Michael Grimes, a Grenadian here at Stony Brook University said, "the U. S. reasons for invading Grenada were wrong, they didn't go to rescue their students, they went because they thought that Cuba was building a Military Airport and that the Russians would be involved." As long as Cuba wasn't in there, even if these things were true, such as building a "Military Airport" the U.S. wouldn't care about what was happening and wouldn't have invaded. America needed justification that the Grenadian Airport was becoming a military one for Russia and Cuba and they felt that the Cubans were helping out the Grenadians, so they came up with the idea of rescuing the medical students. Some Grenadians came on National television than jubg and praising the U. S. for saving them. Michael said, "this was American propaganda due to the fact that they didn't show the angry people." Grenada was destroyed by this invasion.

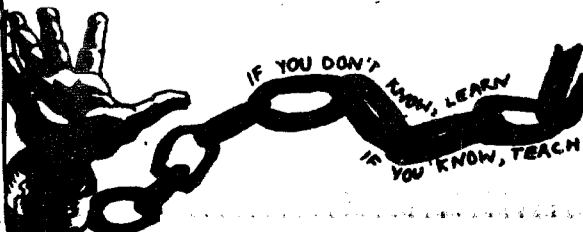
Most Caribbean Islands were used as puppets to go into Grenada. Everything the U. S. said to do they just jump to it. In closing this Michael said, "I wanted to go back home because I thought that the Bishop Government was one of the best and I wanted to go there and carry back what I've learned over here."

Another student's viewpoint was that the U.

S. wanted to get rid of the Socialists influence out of the Caribbean. This person preferred that the U.S. went in as opposed to Russia. She really would have preferred neither of the two powers to invade tiny Grenada.

Today, in the present, the U.S. Embassy opens, non-supporters of the PRG policies and visions are stepping forward and filling roles U.S. presently demands. Social, economic and political structures created under PRG were dismantled. U.S. and interim government included in Early deportation of Pre-Bishop foreign nationals. Mechanisms for popular participation in government were abolished. Elections scheduled for November, 1984. Grenadians will have to produce on request photo I.D. cards. Candid dates running for office includes that of Eric Gairy and a new party led by surviving PRG leaders, Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement. U.S. aided around \$57 million to go to pay for occupation forces and on projects to attract foreign private investors including completions of the International Airport project earlier vilified by Reagan. Water and electrical supplies services greatly diminished; drastic rise in crime rate, alcoholism, hard drug use (first drug arrest recently made in Grenadan history) significant rise in venereal disease and prostitution. Not one of these were seen during PRG period.

Resistance to the dismantling of PRG programs is reported to be increasing and besides Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement, another organization, the Maurice Bishop Memorial Foundation, was formed to carry on the NJM work, it's U.S. counterpart, the Grenadian Foundation, was recently launched. As former Prime Minister Justice Kendrix said, "The seeds planted by Maurice Bishop in the years of Revolution will blossom again--the people have not forgotten."



Rape — Read All About It

by Yvett Hernandez

Imagine yourself:

- Walking towards your parked car in the dark parking lot
- hitching because of a desperate need to get where you are going
- opening your front door because the telephone man says your telephone needs to be repaired. . .

These are all situations in which you — the victim — can make yourself vulnerable to the attacker — the rapist. There are ways to prevent rape and many ways to cope with the situation once it occurs.

Rape is one of the most brutal of all crimes. Its victim can relive the crime over and over and need not sustain physical injury to suffer lasting pain. No other crime leaves its victims with such lasting mental wounds. Yet with all the traumatic effects, rape, in N. Y. S. can only be called rape when there is penetration of the vagina by the penis. Where this has not occurred it is changed to a lesser crime of sexual assault or misconduct. Whatever it is called the effects are the same.

Most women will never be victims of rape, but any woman may become a victim. It is a misconception that rape can only happen to someone else. Once the crime has been committed it is not only a crime against the victim herself but a crime against society also. Rape is a violent vicious crime against every member of society. Everyone is affected when a rape has occurred.

The after affects can also be traumatic for the relatives and friends of the victim. There may be feelings of

guilt, they may feel they could have done something to prevent the rape. But one thing is important to remember: It is easy to look back and think of what you might have done, but it was impossible to have looked ahead and predicted what would happen. A rape is no one's fault, especially the victim. And this is society's problem. Victims do not cause the crime and blaming the victim does not make the crime easier to absorb. It is important to make the victim understand that she is indeed the victim of which the crime has been committed against. Once the victim has the understanding of those around her can she be courageous and strong to report the crime. It is important to report the crime in order to prevent any further rapes by the criminal. All this will help her overcome the strong emotions that follow a rape: confusion, shame, fear (of further violence or of another rape), numbness, anger at the world in general, helplessness, guilt, dirtiness, worthlessness (loss of self-respect), isolation, and distrust (of everyone).

A rape can occur anywhere. There is no difference between our campus community and the outside community. A rapist is not always a stranger all of a sudden overcome with lust. More likely and often a rapist is someone you know. Someone you may have entrusted some degree of trust. They are criminals who use women as objects on which to release their aggression and hostility. A rapist can be anyone. He commits rape to control and

humiliate another person not out of sexual desire.

There are many precautions a person can take to safeguard themselves against a possible rape. One way it to take a pro-active stand, to be aware and prepared for a possible rape. To know the do's and don'ts when travelling alone. On campus there are a number of ways a person can become aware: there exist personal safety and awareness programs and seminars, and literature about rape and prevention, available in the public safety office and lectures on the subject.

There are also services that can be resourceful for everyone. CSU—Community Service Unit — which contains a walk service. Any individual who does not wish to walk alone at night on campus doesn't have to. There is a student walk service available where between the hours of 8pm. and 2 am, two students will escort another student anywhere on campus. Their number is 246-8228. There also exists in suffolk county a counseling center called VIBS (victims information bureau of suffolk) for victims of assault, rape, and misconduct. Their hotline number is 360-3606. The bureau is free and available to everyone.

With a pro-active attitude, education on the subject and investigation about available resources, can help to prevent rape. So if you're thinking about walking across campus alone at 2:00 in the morning— think again, that "someone else" could be you. Plan and be prepared and be smart . . .

The Gospel Choir Concert

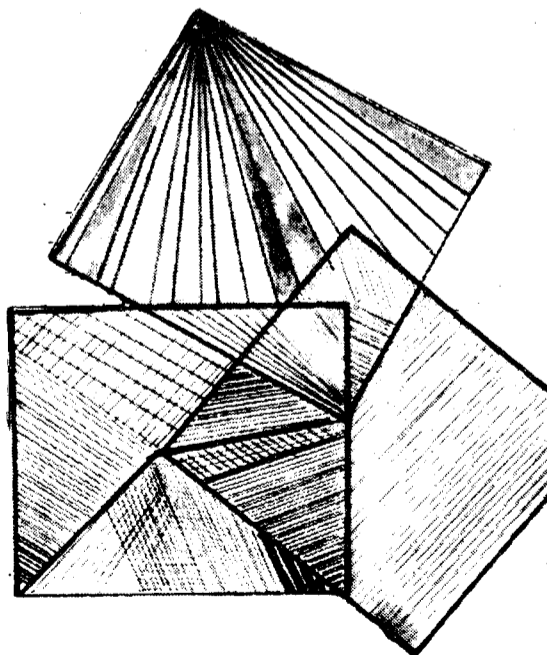
By David Bryan

Inspiring. In a word that describes the performance of Stony Brook's Gospel Choir, November 13 in the Main Auditorium of the Fine Arts Center. For over two hours it seemed that the troubles of Stony Brook faded away and were replaced by the melodious offerings of these talented young men and women.

The evening began in standard fashion with the welcome address, prayer and introduction of the M.C. Then we heard a very provocative recital by Lloyd Gordon entitled "What you got in your hand." Even though it was marginally related to the evenings events, its words of support and encouragement were certainly welcome by the people in the audience. After this the choir came on and sang a set of four selections; *We've Come This Far By Faith*, soloist Stephanie Raleigh; *He's Worthy*, soloists Lena Vernon and Donna Lundy; *Count Your Blessings*, soloist Verlinda Montgomery; *Finally, Bread of Heaven*, soloist Shiann Brown. A particularly strong performance was turned in by Verlinda Montgomery, who also happens to be a faculty member her at Stony Brook.

Following these was a small but very talented Hollywood Baptist Church Choir. They sang only two songs but they were more than enough to leave their mark in the audience. We were able to see their versatility and adaptability as their director put them through their paces. They sang *It Is Well* and *You Must Be Born Again*. Next one of the former directors who graduated, William Thomas, presented a rendition of the song *Ordinary People*. It was good and reassuring to see that the outside world does not diminish one's talents.

Due to the slightly delayed starting time the intermission was dispensed with and the Stony Brook



Choir came back out. The second half of their performance consisted of five songs. The first two were *Nobody but Jesus* and *God Will Answer Prayer*, with solos by Brenda Braithwaite and JoAnne Jones respectively. JoAnne, whose voice commands attention, gave a performance of note in her solo. A trio of Dwayne Taylor, Jacqueline Simpson and Carlos McDonald then lead. If You Need Him, Call Him. President Robin Hodge performed the solo in, *For God So Loved the World*. Robin then gave acknowledgements, the most significant of which was a farewell to their Concert Coordinator, Stephanie Raleigh, a leading member who is graduating. Following this the M.C. Stanford Perry was encouraged to sing, with the singing of *Amazing Grace*.

Following this was the high point of the evening, the song *I'm excited*. During the song former members of the Gospel Choir were invited on stage and the former directors took turns leading the choir. The solo was done by Constance Evans. The performance ended with an encore, which turned out to be the *Lord's Prayer*.

The performance in total was once again a very good effort by the Gospel Choir. There were a couple of slightly sore voices that always accompany singing performances. In addition there were points at which the soloists weren't heard clearly by everyone. Technical problems, which generally aren't anyone's fault were held to a bare minimum. These however did not detract from the completeness of the performance. Kudos to the Stony Brook Gospel Choir for another show well done.

Exclusive: Election Dilemma

by Collene Peters

By now most of us have heard of or met our newly elected Polity Vice President Joyce Yearwood, but what most of are unaware of, is the turmoil that proceeded the election; some of which are still unresolved. The first runoff election for Polity Vice President, held in early October between Joyce Yearwood and Belina Anderson resulted with Ms. Yearwood the victor by eleven votes, but Ms. Anderson asked for a recount citing alleged discrepancies in the first count. After the recounting of the ballots, Ms. Yearwood was again proven the winner by two votes; some nine votes were disqualified, this may be due to the fact that there were some questions raised regarding the whereabouts of the ballot boxes during the one week lapse between the first and second counting.

The second phase of this issue dealt with the legality of the election. Ms. Anderson after the recount made an appeal to the Polity Election Board, asking them to invalidate the election. This plea was based on two alleged discrepancies. First that she had anonymous eye witness who saw the ballots being stuffed on the day of the election and second that there were some unaccounted votes from various quads on campus. But after an investigation of these charges, the Election Board validated the election and declared Ms. Yearwood officially vice president. However, Ms. Anderson was not satisfied and made a second appeal to the Polity Judiciary Committee to invalidate the election. Again the investigations found the election legal and valid, with Joyce Yearwood as the winner.

Why has Ms. Anderson persisted in this issue, after both the Election Board and the Judiciary Committee have validated the election, which as the constitution states is their purpose and duty. If our student body is governed by the Polity Constitution, then are we not

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bound to abide by it? Were the ballot boxes stuffed during the election? Were the boxes tampered with during the one week lapse between the first and second counting?

Whatever the answers are, they probably will be settled by the Suffolk County Court. Since Ms. Anderson filed suit there to invalidate the election, based on the above mentioned (alleged) discrepancies. The case has been in court for about a month now, and there are rumors that the delay may be due to internal conflicts. It is believed that there may be some existing friendship between the judge and Ms. Anderson's lawyer. If this is true, one wonders if there will be any bias in the final ruling. Legally however, if the election is invalidated, there will probably be a new election for the office of vice president.

In the mean time Ms. Yearwood is ardently carrying out her duties as vice president. Her reasons for running for that office are to enact changes and be a voice for minority's interests. The latter of which she feels ought to be utilized more by minority. Since in office Ms. Yearwood has implemented several programs, one of which is the campus bus service. As of January twenty-first, bus service will be extended to twelve midnight weekdays and a limited service on weekends.

Some other long term programs Ms. Yearwood is involved in are: a committee to reduce tuition hike, starting a branch of The Third World Cacus (Cacus is a state wide minorities organization), The Minority Planning Board, Faculty Student Organization, The Board of Trustees etc. Apart from these Ms. Yearwood has become more vibrant in several student organizations. Her direct involvement in these various groups, gives her first hand knowledge of student needs and enables her to better fulfill her role as vice president. After all she says "I need to know what's happening in order to be more efficient."

MESSAGE FROM THE POLITY VICE-PRESIDENT

My one campaign promise was to be a Vice President that was representative of the student needs. The only way I can fulfill that promise is with your help. My office is in the polity suite, and I am extending an open invitation to all students. I am here to try to help with your problems, and respond to your complaints. I would like the presidents of all clubs and committees or any student to come up and get to know me, so that if there is ever a time when you need polity you know you have representatives you can turn to. You elected me to represent you, and with your help I am going to do the best job I can. Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped with my campaign and everyone who voted for me, I hope I can live up to your expectations. To those who didn't vote for me I hope I can do a job that will make you feel I am worthy of this position.

Thank You
Joyce Yearwood
Polity Vice President

Students Become Involved

by Adrienne Holley

Incoming students have become more active in community service orientated clubs and organizations that they had in previous years.

They are now entering into the university and are acknowledging their need to seek a club or organization that is committed to community service. Freshman, Monique Collins said that getting involved in an organization that prompted community service ranked high on her list of priorities when she initially entered the university.

Incoming students said that there is a need to get involved in community service orientated organizations because by getting in an organization, they become accustomed to working with a group of people with distinctly different backgrounds. This will prepare them for life outside of the university when he or she will be forced to interact and work with a large number of people.

Freshman, Marie Helarie said "another factor which resulted in a greater number of incoming student involvement, may stem from the fact that these students participated in organizations while in high school." Helarie seems to feel that once one has experienced the joy of meeting and working with people, one has experienced the satisfaction which

comes from helping others or from engaging in a positive event with an organization. "One becomes motivated and becomes anxious to get involved in clubs or organizations at the University, so that they may once again experience these emotions," said Helarie.

For the most part the campus' organizations have been extending their right-hand of welcome to incoming students. And more than likely, if the organization hasn't exposed itself collectively as a whole to the incoming students, a member of the organization has. Golda Clarke, Vice-President of the African American Student Organization, was recruiting incoming students to become active in organizations. According to Clarke, posters and advertisements can be passed by or go unnoticed. Clarke said that it is up to each club or organization member to confront incoming students and invite them to participate in the organizations.

Clarke said, "I found that many incoming students would not take the initiative, for whatever the reason, to seek clubs or organizations." Because of the tactic Clarke used, she said it is responsible for a great number of incoming student participation.

Many of the incoming students stated that they became active in organizations because their upper-

classman friends were active, and invited them to attend. Freshman, Avril Williams said, "I was extremely glad a friend introduced me to S.A.I.N.T.S., because now that I am active, I am equipped with knowledge that will allow me to grasp all of the opportunities opened in the Health Science field." Williams said "Once I get mine, I will return it to the community at large."

Other incoming students agreed that concentrating solely on one's studies became monotonous after awhile. According to Lynette Jefferson, "What better way to spend my time. I am doing something constructive."

Incoming students are beginning to realize that they must do their part to bring about unity with the minority community on and off campus, and they are doing it by becoming active in community service orientated clubs and organizations. Melanie Witherspoon, President of the Black Historians, said, "The incoming students are enhancing our organizations and are bringing fresh ideas and new energy. They are also helping to motivate us even further." She urges incoming students to continue to get involved, so that they will be able to carry on what we worked so hard to obtain. "Who else can we turn to after we've gone," said Witherspoon.

Mentoring Program At Stony Brook

by Lorna Francis

A mentoring program has been established for freshmen, sophomore and first semester transfer students who would like to have a friend or someone to count on. The program's main objective is to help the students alleviate feelings of alienation and to make the student's life on campus much more pleasurable.

There are presently 31 mentors who are faculty/staff members and 30 students taking part in the program. Members of the "Minority Students Concerns Committee" are coordinating the program. They want to inform students of the support system involved with the University.

The program emerged as a result of meeting with students and faculty/staff members: Lucia Rusty, chairperson of the committee and an academic advisor with the Office of Undergraduate Studies Gerald Shephard, counselor in the counseling center, Judith Burke, assistant director in admissions, David Ferguson, Faculty assistant to Vice Provost in undergraduate studies and Norma Mahoney, an AIM counselor.

"The feedback is positive," said Lucia Rusty. "The faculty encourage their mentees to come in anytime and talk about their progress on campus

and/or personal problems." Rusty said it's important to have such a program on account of the outreach approach — the committee come in on weekends and conduct a workshop to inform students during orientation.

Emile Adams, a mentor and Associate Vice President for University Affairs said he wanted to be part of the program because it gives him the opportunity to interact with minority students on a personal level. "The program is helping students in an effort to provide them with a kind of base to the institution," said Adams. He added, "It helps students fit in by interpreting some of the questions that are going on in the institutions."

Avril Williams, a freshman said, "I sign up with the program so it can help me with personal problems and academic advising." Williams said her mentor, Dr. Colin Martindale always motivates her by telling her to keep on top of school work, and to believe in herself so she can reach her goal. "The program is putting students in the right direction," said Williams.

Note: If anyone would like to sign up for the mentor program, please contact Lucia Rusty at The Center for Academic Advising — Library, 3rd floor or call 6-3520 for further information.



RESPONSES TO RACISM

WITH

A LATIN STYLE

COMMENTARY

by Peter Ward

Above you will find nothing; i.e. ABSOLUTAMENTE NADA. The foundation of all the hollow comments made about the previous article written by Yvette Hernandez.

The foundation of all arguments made against this article was that Miss Hernandez was not qualified to speak on such a sensitive topic.

We say otherwise, Miss Hernandez is very qualified to speak out on this topic not because she is qualified to do so but because she is qualified to speak on the particular aspects affecting her. This article was written to get Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, and other latin students to voice their opinion on the topic in an open and constructive manner through this paper.

The most regrettable aspect of this issue was the abuse Yvette received for writing this article. We fully apologize to Yvette for forcing the pressure of this article on her. At the same time, however, the pressure received by the young Puerto Rican by Dominicans at large justifies the article more than the article did.

Miss Hernandez was called more insulting terms than necessary and yet not one single individual chose to write anything constructive or otherwise to this paper. This is another sad comment on the state of the time.

To Yvette, we wish to apologize and we do hope that you consider the sources of the comments in the same aspect as the letters to the editor made above. NOTHING!!!

Reagan's Side Show Recalled for Second Season

Some of you have been wondering who is the guy who plays the role of the President of the United States in the movie *Our Government*. Believe it or not he is Ronald Reagan, a brilliant actor indeed. He was even asked to repeat his last performance. Surprisingly he did, and with more enthusiasm this time. Some of the peoples' reactions towards him are ecstatic. He even brings the house down in some homes when he appears on the "boob tube". Unfortunately, he only gives his live performances in Washington. Yes folks, at the White House Theatre. Some even say he gives the White House true meaning. College students are pathetic when it comes to Ronald Reagan. They talk about him all the time! Just the other day the financial aid lines were packed with students who were eager to get aid from the government. They waited patiently on long, tedious and frustrating lines shouting, "Hey Ronny you're some kind of hero! Come down and see us sometime". Remember, these kids are the future generation, but with an idol like Reagan where could they go wrong?!

Hey folks, remember the Ethiopians!?! By the way, they're not starving, they're just fasting. They would probably kill to see Reagan's exclusive performance... Live. This Thanksgiving they invited him down to shake his hand and thank him for not including them

in Scene III "Reagan abolishes poverty." They thought poverty was an understatement for their class of people. Nevertheless, they prayed he wouldn't choke on the wishbone they wished they had.

Economically speaking folks, the lollipop industry has bloomed since Reagan's last performance. That's when he converts some of the Democrats into Republicans. Since that day, there's been a sucker in every crowd. But don't you worry Doc. That's a dilemma for the dentist. Besides, you have a new toy to occupy your time; the artificial heart. However, forbid those patients to see Reagan's performance. The excitement will probably kill them. The elderly should follow this advice as well. Besides, you should be concentrating on how to support yourselves after 65. That's if Reagan doesn't come up with the idea first.

Let us take some time out to acknowledge Mom and Dad. Even Reagan has a set of these. Well, remember in Scene V, that other character Mondale claimed he was raising taxes and Reagan, with a look of dignity and honesty, exclaimed he wouldn't in his rebuttal? Well, what-a-you-know mom. There's still a little mischief in all of our little boys. I bet Reagan thought he fooled us that time. Believe this folks: this particular scene Reagan his first academy award.

Now Mom and Dad, you can send Dianne off to college. So what if she receives her high school diploma this year. Now you'll have time to save up for at least two years of college.

How about minorities? All they keep saying is, "Life will never be the same without Reagan." A group of minorities exclaimed "we want him dead or alive!" Don't you think that's taking it to the extreme? Some minorities believe Reagan gives them the incentive to struggle harder. They even said this with a smile...or was that a clenched jaw? Anyway folks, the impact Ronald Reagan leaves on his audience is outstanding. Personally, I feel he's the biggest bull on the ranch. His movie is even rated PG. So parents, parental guidance for your young ones is mandatory for the full understanding of Reagan's ingenious plans to *discover* America. Parents, if you don't understand, join his fan club. People are always writing letters to him telling him what he can do for them.

Well, gotta run folks. Don't miss Reagan's next movie *Reagan Survives the Nuclear War*. However, if you miss it, he'll understand why.

Your friendly reporter, (well, ex-reporter. I got laid off last week). But Reagan will take care of everything.

Kim Parks



African Solidarity Day

by Dawnette Wilson

African Solidarity; What does it mean to you? This day is not marked on your calendar like Veterans day, Columbus day or even United Nations day. African Solidarity Day is celebrated on the first Monday in November. African Solidarity Day signifies the achievements and the persistent struggle of the people of African descent. So on this marked day, we try to unite all people of African heritage under one roof.

The African Solidarity program was held in the UNITI Cultural center, in Stage twelve, where a large gathering of people came to acknowledge this festive day. Professor Glenda Dickerson gave a warm welcoming address and spoke about the meaning of African Solidarity. Professor Dickerson made

the analogy of a baby taken from its mother and having to learn to adapt to a new and different environment Africa was referred to as the mother of its people, and its people were kidnapped from their mother land and forced to accept the ideology of the "land of hope and glory." As stated by Professor Dickerson, "we are the strongest people that ever survived, we have grown, nurtured, developed and persevere to the ways of the new land."

While we all joined hands, the Black National Anthem was belted out full of enthusiasm and warmth. The program proceeded with the Gospel Choir giving an uplifting rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." A solo was also sung by JoAnn Jones, "God Will Answer Prayer. The representatives of different clubs and organization pre-

sented something to show their awareness of African Solidarity Day. Members of the Black Historians, African American, Caribbean, Haitian, The Minorities Engineering clubs and two sororities the AKA and Delta organization exhibited and appraised their appreciation to African Solidarity Day. The floor was also open to anyone who wished to express their acknowledgement for African Solidarity Day.

To many Black Solidarity Day is just another day, just like Columbus Day and Veterans Day, it will come and pass. Even though African Solidarity Day is not marked on our calendars it should be marked in our minds.



Reagan, South Africa, and You

by Camille Nelson

Since 1984, millions of black South Africans have had their human rights trampled into non-existence by the minority descendants of Dutch settlers. The plight of these 22 million victims recently bent an international ear with the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to South Africa's Bishop Desmond Tutu. Every Nobel Peace Prize candidate covets the prestigious award not because of the personal fame he will win for himself but because of the world-wide attention he will win for his cause.

Ask any Stony Brook student about South Africa and he/she will state simply, "Blacks have no rights". But then ask what happened last month in South Africa or who is Nelson Mandela. You will receive many blank stares of ignorance. To those of us whose job it is to enlighten, that blank stare is a compelling invitation. Unfortunately, until 2 months ago, that ignorant blank stare resided in my mirror. Therefore, I feel compelled to RSVP that invitation.

Given the present state of affairs between the U.S. and South Africa's racist government, no person, black or white with a grain of decency should have voted for Ronald Reagan this past election. Why? Consider the following:

On September 13, 6 South African political activists, 5, Indians, and 1 black sought to escape detention by South African police by running into the British Consulate. Their "crime" was the organizing of a boycott of elections that, as always, exclude blacks from participation or representation. They immediately asked for sanctuary from the U.S. Embassy. In light of South Africa's unabashed brutality in dealing with political dissidents, their situation was considered desperate. The U.S. said "NO", their reason: "While it had in the past given temporary refuge in exceptional cases of imminent bodily harm, this did not apply in their case." (*New York Times* 10/8/84)

In the early weeks of last October, 80 people were killed during uprisings in black townships. Although public funerals for the slain were banned, thousands showed up peacefully to pay their respects. These "illegal gatherings" were dispersed by policemen wielding 2,500 Crowd-Control Shock Batons, courtesy of the United States of America.

We all watch old news footage of police dogs attacking civil rights marchers back in the 60's and we think, "Phew! I'm glad that's over." But it's *not* over.



It's ten times worse today in another corner of the world. Four and a half million whites sprawl luxuriously 87% of the land while 22 million blacks are forcefully dumped on worthless, barren, arid Bantustans. Anyone can be put in prison for at least six months for "preventive detention" — no charge, no trial. And when he gets out, a fine piece of political persecution ensues: no one arrested by way of "preventive detention" can ever be quoted in print, on TV, radio, or in a speech for the rest of his life.

The people of South Africa have shown their indomitable will by persistently trying to bring about change peacefully. SWAPO, the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front are all dedicated to the liberation of the stifled majority. The South African government, consumed by a paranoid fear of Communism and shrewdly aware of the United States' "Commie-phobia", have labelled these organizations as Soviet inspired. Indeed, whenever Reagan is asked about South Africa by American reporters, which is once every two years or so, the first sentence out of his mouth is about Cuban troops in Angola. As far as he is concerned, apartheid is a very naughty thing but it's those Commies he's worried about.

The African National Congress was outlawed in 1960 after a major riot. It went underground and sought support from neighboring African countries. In 1964, its President, Nelson Mandela, was arrested. He has been in jail ever since. Last year he was offered his freedom on the condition that he go the Bantustan assigned to his tribe and give up his South African citizenship. Nelson Mandela, 66 year old father of children he has seen only as babies, hero of every black in South Africa, declined. If there were ever free elections in South Africa he would be the overwhelming choice to be the first black President of South Africa. Yet I only heard of him 2 months ago and some of you only 2 paragraphs ago. Lech Walesa and Andrei Sakharov are white and fight against Communism. Nelson Mandela is black and fights for blacks. You will never hear his name uttered by Reagan. We shouldn't have to wait for American politicians or American press to parade a champion in that good old-fashioned Hollywood style. We must recognize our own champions and support our own worthwhile causes. International awareness, especially that of their black brother and sisters in the U.S., is the main hope for *peaceful* change in South Africa.

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On Being Saved: A Student's Perspective

by an anonymous student

For years I have been inquiring about "being saved." We all know them. People who walk around talking about God all the time, some handing out tracts, and getting the spirit or happy as they call it. Over the years, I have heard several versions of the word "saved." Working towards everlasting life in heaven, following the Bible, and doing as Jesus did, were the most popular definitions. Along with them come not rules but closely followed traditions like not wearing pants, going to the movies and listening to rock or disco, and many more. One definite law is no **FORNICATION**.

Granted, these people are humans and sinners like everybody else. When you are saved, one thing must be understood, you are being watched. One thing that I have noticed that has left me dumbfounded is that the people who walk around saying and acting like they are saved claim that they are allowed to have boyfriends and kiss. When my friend tells me that "so and so has a boyfriend but they can't so anything but kiss", I reply, "sure, I understand, he/she is saved but his/her lips are not and other suitable parts which takes care of his/her needs aren't. I understand.", with more than a slight hint of sarcasm. Well, I don't

understand, can somebody please set it straight? Of course this does not apply to everybody who are saved. Deep in their hearts, they know if they are in this category.

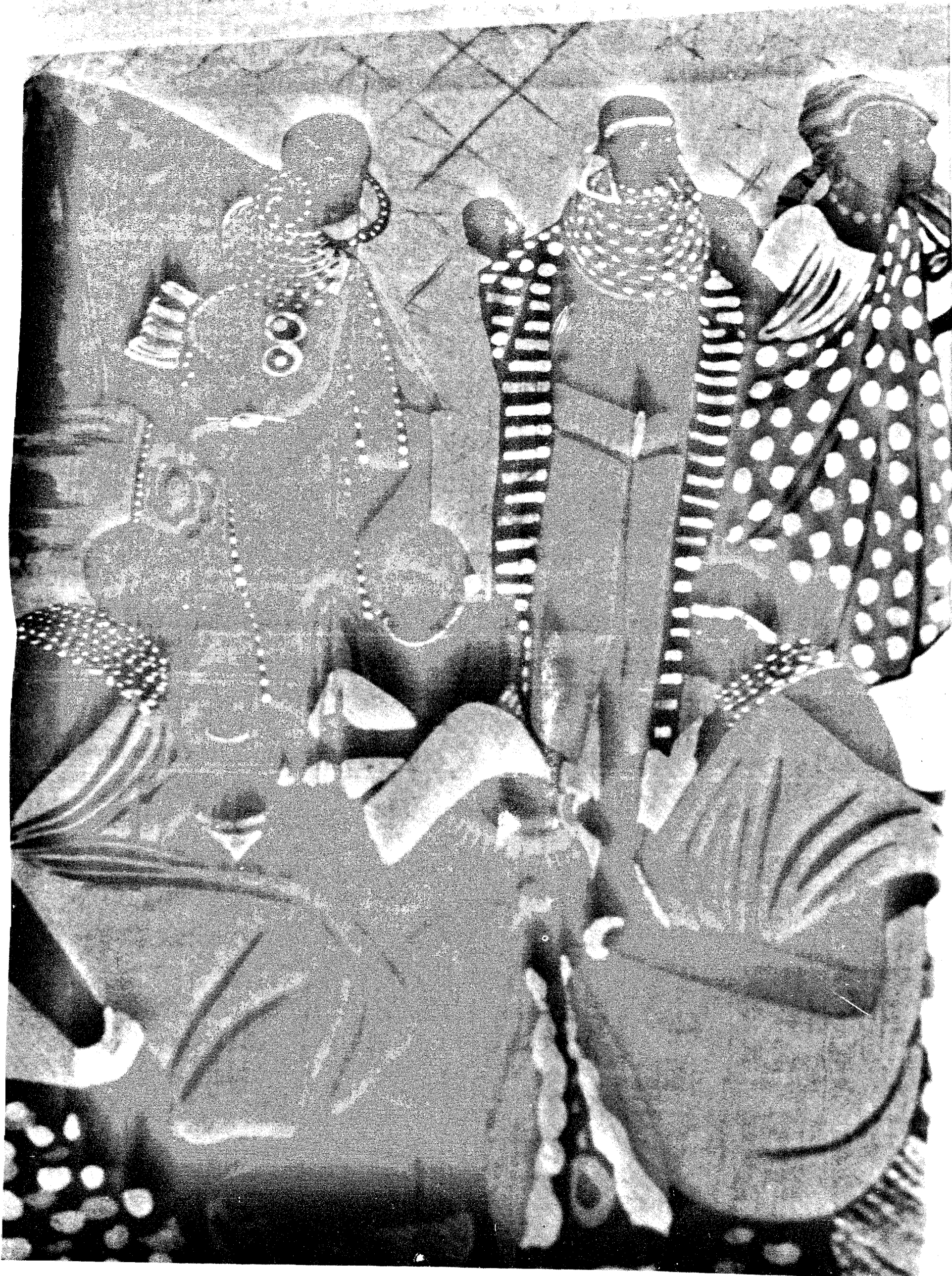
People come to me and tell me that I should go to church regularly, read the Bible more often, and eventually become saved. No, I will not. No I am not saved because:

I am not saved until I admit my faults and save all parts of my being.

I am not saved until I stop trying to show and persuade everybody else that I am but until I show my soul and God that I am.

I am not saved until I die and on judgement day, God tells me that I am — Saved.





Black Relationships On Campus

by Ann Marie Bull

In every day life people have to interact with each other especially when it is on a day to day basis, where we constantly see and meet people. School has always been one of the major places for people to meet their *ideal* mate. Relationships develop first through an introduction, which then leads to friendship, and possibly a serious relationship.

While attending college, students get to know each other better through classes or through social interaction, etc. We all have the intention at some point in our lives to meet the *right* person. A relationship is one where both parties give a hundred percent of themselves into the relationship and it is one that must have both faith and trust. These two components are very important in order to have a solid relationship.

If we observe black relationships on campus we will notice that it also has its pros and cons like anything else. Most blacks have a relationship on campus primarily for companionship and support. It is a way out of loneliness and by having someone by your side, assists you in getting out of this particular state. At times you need someone to give you some type of consolation other than your family or friends. Having someone there is an uplifting way out of depression, boredom and loneliness. Black relationships on campus seem to be one in which it lasts only for a certain period of time and may at that time seem to be a good relationship, but sooner or later breaking up is at the end of the process. This may result from contributing factors such as peer pressure. For example, one party could be spending more time with his/her friends than with their girlfriend or boyfriend instead. This then causes problems because the party involved feels neglected and feels that more interest and time is spent on his/her partner's friends.

Other relationships tend not to last too long because priority gets in the way. Academic progress may be a major priority and it should be, but the other party may believe that his/her partner concentrates

more on his/her studies rather than spending more leisure time with the other party involved.

Relationships are very hard to keep on campus because you have different forces acting against you from every end. People may want to start or create problems for a particular couple just out of revenge or something else. Parents or friends may disapprove of the relationship because of their own reasons. There is a heavy commitment involved within a relationship and one has to prepare themselves for what lies ahead. At times the relationship is an emotional strain. You get so involved that it begins to affect your feelings towards the person, and your academic performance.

While having a relationship on campus it can make it hard to succeed. Sometimes one's sexual needs gets in the way. One of the partners could be very interested in sex and wants constantly for his/her needs to be fulfilled. The other partner may become very frustrated or annoyed with this particular behavior. This then can cause a loophole within that particular situation. Still on the other hand, a relationship is good to have on campus because it may help both partners' moral support. Having someone close by for encouragement and support is a good factor to help one to succeed through college. Both partners can discipline themselves to know what their priorities are in life. Having this type of relationship is advantageous because there'll be somebody there that you can depend on for any kind of assistance.

People who go together on campus tend not to last too long because one may not have the time and dedication to put into the relationship. Sometimes it is a relationship just for convenience. To have someone there just when you need them to do something for you and discard them when they are of no use to you anymore is one way of showing how selfishness is geared towards the other partner. Blacks, tend to take time-out in starting a new relationship after they have just broken one. They are very careful in selecting someone else to get involved

with. If a relationship doesn't succeed, it takes time for another one to start. Becoming involved with someone isn't something to jump in and out of. A lot of people have relationships off campus because there is a great possibility that it would last a much longer time than if it was on campus.

On campus, people tend to keep watch and pry into one's business. There tends not to be enough room to breathe because most of the times the same people who you socialize with in class are the same ones who live in proximity to you. But at the same time, when one observes another's relationship you may better your own if and when you have one.

Several relationships have been broken up on campus because of various reasons. Couples that you think were compatible, break up and then you as the observer have to think twice about your own campus relationship working. The relationship may look good on the outside but inside they may be having a lot of problems. It can be said that most blacks tend to hesitate from having serious relationships on campus and instead, they fool around just for the fun of it. By having a relationship off campus, your friends or peers will not have the opportunity to keep constant watch or observe your every move. That type of relationship would depend on trust and faithfulness because of the distance away from each other. Relationships off campus have a tendency to last a much longer time than the one on campus because of the various reasons stated above.

By observing other people's relationships on campus, it is seen that the flame is there but it can easily get blown out unless you try to prevent it from happening. It is very hard to keep a relationship on campus, and if it does last, it shows that both partners have put in enough strength and will to fight the odds acting against them. It also shows that they have a well rooted relationship, that is very hard to uproot. So it is then left up to the individual to choose which type of relationship is preferable and which is the best for him or her.

Caribbean Students Organization

by Dawnette Wilson

As the semester draws to a close, we all look forward to being exposed to a little culture on campus. By doing this each semester, different organizations open the doors to their culture, by sampling their food, music, dance and perhaps their skills and art work.

In the Union fireside lounge, the Caribbean Students Organization presented Caribbean Day. A day full of culture and Festivities. The morning activities began with a touch of Caribbean music, reggae, Calyso, and salsa. A film on Grenada was shown called *The Future Coming Toward Us*. The film depicted the Grenadian revolution from the people's perspective, it was a moving and inspiring film. The afternoon program proceeded with more music and Caribbean food made and catered by the Caribbean Students Organization. The afternoon's entertainment started out with "The Magnificent" Gregory, the fire-eater, who exhibited his endurance of strength by walking and performing headstands in broken glass, while the crowd took a

gasp of breath. Gregory's next main coming attraction for the evening was eating and throwing fire. But what would Caribbean day be without a limbo contest? This is the time when the crowd break their backs a little in order to win a prize, but its all in the aid of fun and exposure to Caribbean Festivities.

The evening in the Union fireside lounge closed with a cultural fashion show, where four girls exhibited African print dresses and head wraps, which added more sparkle and colour to an eventful day. In the late evening the Caribbean Organization put on a cultural show. The show wouldn't have been a show if it had started early, so as tradition has it, the show started late. The cultural show started off with a slow pace, but gradually picked up through the course of the night. This year's performance given by the club, lacked its normal sparkle and flair given off by the aura that the club normally presents. But the club made up for its lack of performance by giving a swinging party in the ballroom.

Day

JOIN AN UP...AND

COMING...

NEWSPAPER

BLACKWORLD

NEEDS:

***WRITERS**

***REPORTERS**

***TYPIST**



POETRY



An Angel In Disguise

"An Angel In Disguise"

There are some people in this world
Whom I have come to recognize
Not only as just mortal beings
But really Angels in Disguise

For God is so good that He would send
An Heavenly being from above
Who enchants all with their beauty
And inspires all with their love

You can always tell who they are
For their countenance is always glowing
They prosper in everything that they do
For good seeds are they always sowing

When clouds appear making the day black
Their smile lightens the day
And when the tears of sorrow come
as a flood
Their gentle kiss washes them away

It appears that I know of such a person
And I must confess this is true
For God has blessed me with an
Angel In Disguise

That Angel Being You!

by Constance E. Evans

You Cops

(Prose in Black English)

You don' think 'bout
Cops 'til
You gotta get one cause a thief insist he take
You pocketbook or
You come home to nothing 'cause
You house been ranshacked.
You don' think 'bout
Cops 'til
You get raped 'n only one
You think can help
You is the
Cop at that time.
You don' think 'bout
Cops 'til
You see some Bullshit 'bout them shooting
some o'l lady 'cause she
ain' gonna let go her
home, probably the only
thing she got.

You don' think 'bout
Cops 'til he shoot
You brother cause he had the right
color but wrong man.
.....You know they come too late
if they sho' up at all.
I guess they ain' thinkin 'bout
us either.

by Kim Parks
(for Willie Jordan)

Am I Wrong?

Living a life in a world of greed
No more genuine smiles and most of the helpers,
them gone
Only desire of want, No more feeling of need.
Am I wrong to care about the sufferation
of I and I people?
Was I wrong to speak out and struggle
against oppression?
Life in Babylon Nah Sweet!
How could life be sweet, when we are
brutally killed by racist Babylonians (cops)
Who are than released or slapped on
the wrist by the Law of the Land.
How could life be sweet when my
seventy five dollars life savings is swallowed
up by the banks because I didn't
withdraw it fast enough
Am I wrong to benefit from the system
yet not contribute to it?
Was I wrong to fling away my comb,
brush and scissors?
Look deep and see people, Babylon don't
gare bout we.
Look deep at the economic statistics.
Look deep at the housing statistics.
Look deep at the employment statistics.
Look deep at the status quo statistics.
Man, you better be realistic
How come you can't see that Babylon
Nah care bout we.
Am I wrong to be Rasta
Was I wrong to sight up Jah Jah
No Sah. How come
You can see that I and I have awaken
from your dream to face reality.
To fight, to struggle for a better
life for all ah we.
Brother, sister Rasta. You better wake
up fast and follow we.

ABBALHA I

Lift Every Voice

(not a Poem but
something you should know)

Lift every voice and sing
Til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmony of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies
Let it resound
loud as the rolling sea
sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past
has taught us
sing a song
full of the hope
that the present
has brought us
facing the rising sun
of our new day begun
Let us march on
'til Victory is won
Stony the road we trod
bitter the chastening rod
felt in the days when
hope unborn has tied
facing the rising sun
of our new day begun
let us march on
'til victory is won

Say Something

To the Sigma Squires,
You'll all make perfect Sigmas.
IZ's

Dawnette,
We have been very special room-
mates and friends for 2½ wonderful
years and I hope we remain as such
for a long time to come.
Love ya
Janet (no. 1 roomie)

To Eric, Hal, and Pete,
Brotherhood is your true
meaning but sisterhood would
make our relationship complete.
love,
Kim, Melanie, Miki, Robin, and
Joy

To Steph,
Congratulations and you will
definitely miss us.
Eric, Hal, and Pete

To Gabe:
You've been a great help so far
and you've been like a brother to
us! Thanks a lot and "Release
Yourself"
Darlene and M. C.

To Larry,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
YOU
Just because you're a year older
does not mean you've become a
year wiser!
Love,
Joane, Jackie, Sonia, and Ondine

Dear Charles A.,
I know I make you mad some-
times, but I really care about you.
It's just the way I am, you know.
I'll really miss you when you're
in California. Keep in touch.
Love Jana

To the lush (Andrea),
Stay sober this weekend and
don't let the roach touch your
eyelashes again.
Your roommate

To Miss Syracuse,
You came back from that one-
horse town thinking that you're
all grown. Oh! Please!
Ce

To Joe (Gershwin),
Thanks for everything. You've
helped us out in times of need and
we appreciate it.
Darlene, Maria, and Rebecca

To Nancy, Andrea, and Shiann,
You've been great friends so
far. Please don't ruin it by be-
coming lushes. Please join Alco-
holics Anonymous for your own
sake.
Your concerned friend,
Darlene

Left Half,
We had something really spe-
cial. It's too bad it ended the way
it did. Deep down we will always
be "BEST FRIENDS".
Love
Right Half

To Panama,
You are the key to love.
Chic

Dear Janet,
Since you're still begging for a
personal, we decided to write you
one.

love pat & juju

To Jeff & Larry,
Get a job!!!
love D.

Pat,
Get a man!! I'm tired of you
complaining.
---A Deaf Ear---

To Steph,
Congratulations and we'll see
you on Broadway.
Larry, Jeff, Dave, Pete, Louis. Tony

To Steph,
Living with you was a treasure,
but leaving you was a loss.
K. P.

Jackie,
I know who you are and I saw
what you did, so you'd better be
nice to me.
?

To My Roomie, Janet,
The tunnel seems dark, but
there's light at the other end.
Dawnette

To the Unicorn in C-1,
Share your magic with me.
love ya
Pint Size Perfection

To Chic, Lady J, and Harmony,
Suite with heat
Hendrix 85
Brown Sugar

To Vinnie,
You are our starship and with-
out you there would be no smooth
sailing.
Cast of Tar Baby

To Andres,
We can only dance to the music
of your drums. Thank you for
your time and patience.
Cast of Tar Baby

To Ray,
Without you, my sunshine
would be Ray-less.
love Sharon (Isahai)

To the Black World Staff,
It has been a rough semester,
but if we all keep working toge-
ther WE CAN MAKE IT!!!
love
Lorna

To Dawnette,
We are going to knock them
dead at NEWSDAY!!
Guess Who?

Jeff,
Rolling right, Luis down and
and Dave on the right cut to the
middle. I'll run when I see you
open.
The rest of the squad

To A.I.M. '84',
Rules were made to be broken
and things were made to be stolen.
We did it all.
A.I.M. "High"

Lorna,
Reports of my demise are pre-
mature at best. Thank you for the
words of encouragement.
--Pete--

To Annette,
Keep Smiling!
Donna

To Scott L.,
You light up SSI 103!!
The girls behind you

To A.I.M. Counselors of Summer
'84',
Thanks for Everything.
Class of 88

To Rodney,
My love for you grows stronger
everyday.
R.D.W.

To Gabe (Hendrix),
Somebody's Watching
Beware

To Shiann (The Syracuse Girl),
May God Bless you with many
more. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
Some one who cares

Debbie,
You are a BEAUTIFUL girl. Re-
member what I told you.
Val

Dawnette and Janet,
Cheers to lasting friendship.
Val

Denyce (AKA),
Without your guidance I still
would of made it, yet with it I
did it even better.
Rebecca

To the Ladies of Crimson & Cream,
Black Diamonds are Forever!!
Love Aristocrat

M. I. Ques,
Omega will be the Alpha of a
new experience.
Melanie

Barry B.,
Don't forget I'm here and I
have faith in your wisdom. I hope
you will call on me because I truly
understand.
You know who...
...your sister

To the Delta Gents,
This is just to remind you that
we love yall!!!
Aristo

To the Ladies of Alpha Kappa
Alpha Sorority,
Thanks for your understanding.
We appreciate it and if ever you
need us, we are here.
love
Delta Sigma Theta

To the Bubbling Posse,
A Mash We Come, Fe Mash It!!
Love
Annette

To my roommate,
Thanks for making life at Stony
Brook so bearable this semester.
Now don't get a big head about this
personal,
I'm just trying to be nice
for a change!!!
Love Juju

Dawnette,
How do you spell r-o-o-m-
m-a-t-e, is it one 'm' or two?

Theresa,
I like the "hair".
Chic, Lady J, and Harmony

To Lucia Rusty,
You are one together lady, espe-
cially since you are a Leo. Thanks
for all your help and keep reaching
for the stars.
love
Lorna

Dearest Jackie and Golda,
No we don't have any!!!!
love ya
Patsy and Juju

To Robin,
Your sarcasm is accepted by
many, so relax and just be you.
from K. P.

To Miki
Each one teach one---
from K. P.

To Peter Ward,
I am grateful for the confi-
dence and boost I received from
you. You're the best editor I
know.
K. P.

Bedel,
One's you can depend on....how
many of us have them?so let's
be friends.....once again.
TCO Incorporated xxx

Jannet,
Is prostitution really paying
A--Room

Angie V.,
Why didn't you kiss him???
JuJu & Patsy

To Pete,
Thanks for your concern. It was
very encouraging.
MC

To Kurt:
Good Luck this Basketball
Season. "Set it up".
Ms. Jackson

To Larry,
Keep up the good work and
have a happy one.
Love, K. P.

To Melanie,
If the road to success was so
smooth, a leader would never have
been born.
from K. P.

To Cool Maria and "D" as in Dar-
lene
--and you are in fact two very
special people, moreover, you are
my friends, and I thank you.
Rebecca

Annette,
Without you, my days here at
S.B. would be dull. You are mak-
ing it hard for me to leave in De-
cember.
Love always
Val

To the Gospel Choir,
How about that raffle? Thought
we for got about it? Hell No!! Get
a job!
Love Ticket Holders

Dear Adrienne,
You know you love me
juice -- booty

Dear Wendy and Yvette,
You got the cooties...ha, ha, ha,
Eric and Hal

To A25,
We want your foreheads,
and chins....you wenchs

To Rozetta,
It's hard sometimes getting a
long with you.... but I think it's
worth it (sometimes)
love always,
the bum!

To Twiggy,
Fun being you twin
Ziggy

To the Frog,
When are you inviting us for
some Rice!!
D and D

To our IZ Sisters,
Hang in there..... Remember
we are all one.
D and D.

To the Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta,
We can't wait to be true sisters.
IZ's

To my roommie Steph,
Alias Chaka
I'll miss you next semes-
ter. Remember when you're
under those Broadway lights
do not forget the little people.
Micki

To Larry,
You're right. It is the eleventh.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Micki

To Vous,
Get a real job, not a garbage
job!!!!
The Abuseree

To the guy who made his cousins
sleep in the basement on Thanks-
giving:
They are people too so face it!!!!
A concerned Syracusan

Master S.A.I.N.T.,
Congrats on your 21st, we hope
you live to enjoy the next one. Viva
la bourjolet!!
The C.C.

Jan and Dawnette,
We are ooooooh sooooo
---A-Room---

Bow Legs -- Hendrix A-2,
One of these days when you
least expect it!
Sophisticated A.

To Sweet Pete,
I bought the Whipcre , cherries
and pineapples. Just lay back and
enjoy. (If you know what I mean)
Sign.....And then....

To Nancy,
Although you are a pain in the
Syracuse derrier, I will always love
you.
love,
guess who

Dave,
You are very special to me and
I am glad I got to know you as well
as I did. Someone who is as loving,
thoughtful, understanding, and gi-
ving as you are is extremely rare.
I hope you never change these won-
derful virtues.
Love ya
Jan

Annette, Donna, Debbie, and Val,
It's fun having you guys around.
It makes life at Stony Brook less of
a drag.
love,
J

To Glenda Dickerson,
A Paradigm for our Time
May your wisdom and your glory
and the beauty of your love shine
on forever and ever.
from the Cast of Tar Baby

"Black Butterfly"
....your moment has arrived
and your dreams have finally been
born." Today S.B. tomorrow Med.
School....."cause now you're free
and the world has come to see just
how proud and beautiful you are.."
To the Top
Love and Friendship always,
R. (Harmony)

A voice says,
My cheeba is still good.
The C.C.

To Kim T.
You are the greatest roommate.
I hope you and I will remain
friends after the year is over.
Love your suitemate,
E121

My friend,
I consider myself fortunate to
know a very nice, decent, arrogant,
obnoxious, sweet, young lady as
your self. Our daily arguments
are potentially the highlight of
each of my days. Have a Happy
Birthday, my friend---you de-
serve it even though you forgot my
birthday... Call me when you need
me, I'll be here for you.
--your friend
--Pete--

Michelle,
Stay cool fool. I'm glad I got a
chance to meet you.
Monique

Avril,
You're the best friend anyone
could ever have. I know I'm a snob
sometimes, but you know I love
you.
Monique

Sharon, G. E.
Welcome home, we missed
A Lot!!!!
Love Ya,
No. 1

To Angela,
I'll miss you when you leave.
Don't forget to come visit me when
you come to visit Keston.
Love always,
Michelle

Au, Mo, Lise,
Some real cool girls. I know we
will be friends for a long time.
Love Meech

To Au,
My homegirl. Stay as bugged
you are and watchout for the fellas.
luv,
Shell

To Lisa, Monique, and Michelle,
I take you all as blood sisters!!!
Let's stick together through thick
and thin!!!! I love all of you.
Auril
(homegirl)

To Kim.
Good friendship is a rare com-
modity to obtain. I am glad we
got stock.
Love Ya,
Spoon

Stephanie,
I am going to miss you. Don't
forget that you'll always have a
place in my heart.
love,
Mel

To Adrienne H.
Now that I'm finally leaving,
I hope that we can still remain
in contact with each other.
Patricia J.

To Sandy W.
You have been one of my dear-
est and closest friends at Stony
Brook. I will truly miss you.
Patricia J.

To Chris,
It's been a pleasure knowing
someone like you. I wish only the
best for you.
Patricia

Valerie T.,
It's nice having a beautiful
friend like you in both looks and
personality. Stay just the way you
are and don't change for anybody.
Love,
Ann

Rich,
Keep as sweet as you are and
keep pumping those irons. You've
been a good friend even during
those times when I wasn't in my
best moods. Happy Belated Birth-
day!!!
Love Ann

J.B.,
Thanks for putting a smile on
my face. You've been a great
friend. Keep the magic coming.
Love Sophisticated A.

Val,
It is rare when one finds some-
one who is very understanding and
to whom they can truly relate, let
their hair down with, and just be
themselves. I am glad I have found
such a friend in you.
Love
Jan

To Lloyd,
Thanks for that very delicious
dinner. The whole evening was a
real bug-out.
Love,
Jan, Dave, and Dawnette

The Trips,
Guess what, guys? You are go-
ing to be blessed with my "royal"
presence sooner than you think.
However, I am sorry but you can't
have all that I've got. Smile.
Love you both,
Sweetie J

To Scott,
Is Gordon Heights as soft as it
sounds? Happy B-Day

Construction Crew
You Know Who We Are

Lynette,
There is someone who wants to
meet you.
not sosnotty

To Fritters,
Watch out for the moon dogs....
Rex and Spot

Dear Cornbread, Okra, Greens, and
Fatback, neckbone, pigsfeet, chit-
terlings and yams,
What's up?
Grits and Hamhock

To Kim,
A very understanding and sin-
cere person. Keep being strong and
you will be a shining star.
love
Lorna

Adrian,
You have been a good friend to
me over the past years we've been
here. Hang in there and don't give
up.
love
Ann

Lorna,
Thank you for all the help you
have given me thus far. I'll be a
journalist yet!
Peace always
Adrienne

Patricia Jackson,
What ever happened to going
out to lunch?
Adrienne

Fronnie,
I appreciated your concern.
S. I'll be graduating in Dec. '85' so
I'm not doing too bad, huh!!)
Adrienne

Biggey, Bootsey, & Drinkley,
I look forward to bugging with
yall....Here's to another semester
of good times.
Adrienne

To Janet, Dawnette, and Val,
I hope we make it on our spe-
cial trip. I know we will have
fun.
love
Annette

Crescent Mike,
Hang in there, we know that
you can do it.
IZ's

To the Bro's of Phi Beta Sigma,
You are all so sweet!! Hope you
remember this when we get on line.
D. and D.

Eric,
There is nothing more special
to me than simply being with you.
Thank you for being the one that
you are.te quiero!
Rebecca

Lynn and Jean,
We will always be black butter-
flies!!
love,
Av, Mo, Li, Shelly

Jeff and Larry,
Make your mother proud and
graduate,
the crew

Delta Sigma Theta,
That was a damn good RUSH.
It was better than you know whose.
Anonymous

The Prank Callers,
Get a job and grow up. You
know who you are.
Lover Boy and Bob

To Chad,
I told you I would apologize.
I'm sorry!!!!
You know who
To the Pledgees of Malik Sigma Psi,
You're looking good. We love
you. Av, Mo, Li, Shelly
the Crew

To Danishlal,
You mean the world to me. I
will always love you.
Your wife,
Miko

Brown Sugar,
Cool your heels soon.
guess who

Dear Lorna,
I would like you to know that I was very touched by your concern.....you showed me that you do more than "Not Playing that ----!"
Love,
Pete
P.S. Again Thank You

Annamarie,
You're very sweet, but damn fresh, bumptious, and audacious, and I think you know that. But you know I love you anyway.
love Valerie T.

To Maurice of the Walk Service,
Roses are red
Violets are blue
You can walk me home anytime you want to !!!

Sincerely someone who needs a walk to Oneill E-1

Maurice, Barry and Steve,
How are yall doing? Long time no see..... hint, hint. Good luck on your finals.
love Valerie

To Jannet,
You have been a great friend. I know you have senioritice and want to get the hell out of Stony Brook but hang in there. We don't have far to go. Stop going home every week-end and maybe you can bust out all your classes.
Love,
Lorna

Annamarie,
You're glamorous, sexy, sweet, and downright adorable. Don't change. Always maintain that glow that makes you the person that you are.
love Valerie

Lisa,
Happy Birthday & Stay sweet your roommate, best friend and English tutor.

To Pete,
You're not such a bad editor after all. Keep sticking to what you believe in and BLACK WORLD will survive.
love,
Lorna

Hey Roxanne,
You're going to have to change your last name, Roxanne Bovian just ain't making it.
A.J.

To Melanie, Golda, Rena, O.J. Daisy, Jackie, Adrienne, Selina, Beth, and Jody,
I love you all very much.
No. 7

Mount B-24,
All of you men. Good luck on your finals and do good. But most of all, be good.
love Valerie

The Gospel Choir Drawing was held on Tuesday Decembe 4th at 8pm. See Joanne LaSane for results.

To Bruce (Samarai No. 7),
You're a true friend indeed. Thanks for being there when needed.
A==307

Gershwin B-21,
Good luck on your finals also. Keep up the good work.
love Valerie

To Lawrence,
The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. would like to take this time to thank you and the S.A.I.N.T.S. Organization for your donation. It helped to make our RUSH successful.

To the Delta Gents,
I can't Imagine what we would dowithout you.
Thanks for your help.
No.7

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the Delta Gents would like to wish everyone a happy holiday.

To Micro and Macro,
Get Out!!! No, you can't play chess!!! No, you can't play Mille Borne!!! Now get out!!!
Sammy D.

To Judith, Jackie, Monica, and Rhoda,
The four best friends a girl can have.
Jacqueline
Happy 19th Birthday
CONSTRUCTION CREW

1. UMOJA (unity) 2. KUJICHAGULIA (self-determination) 3. UJIMA (collective work) 4. UJAMAA (co-operative economics) 5. NIA (purpose) 6. KUUMBA (creativity) 7. IMANI (faith)

KWANZA
AT STONY BROOK

DEC 7th 7:30 PM

cultural center

come and help us
!Celebrate!

THE
BLAGKWORLD STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO
WISH EVERYONE
A HEALTHY,
PEACEFUL, HAPPY
CHRISTMAS.