

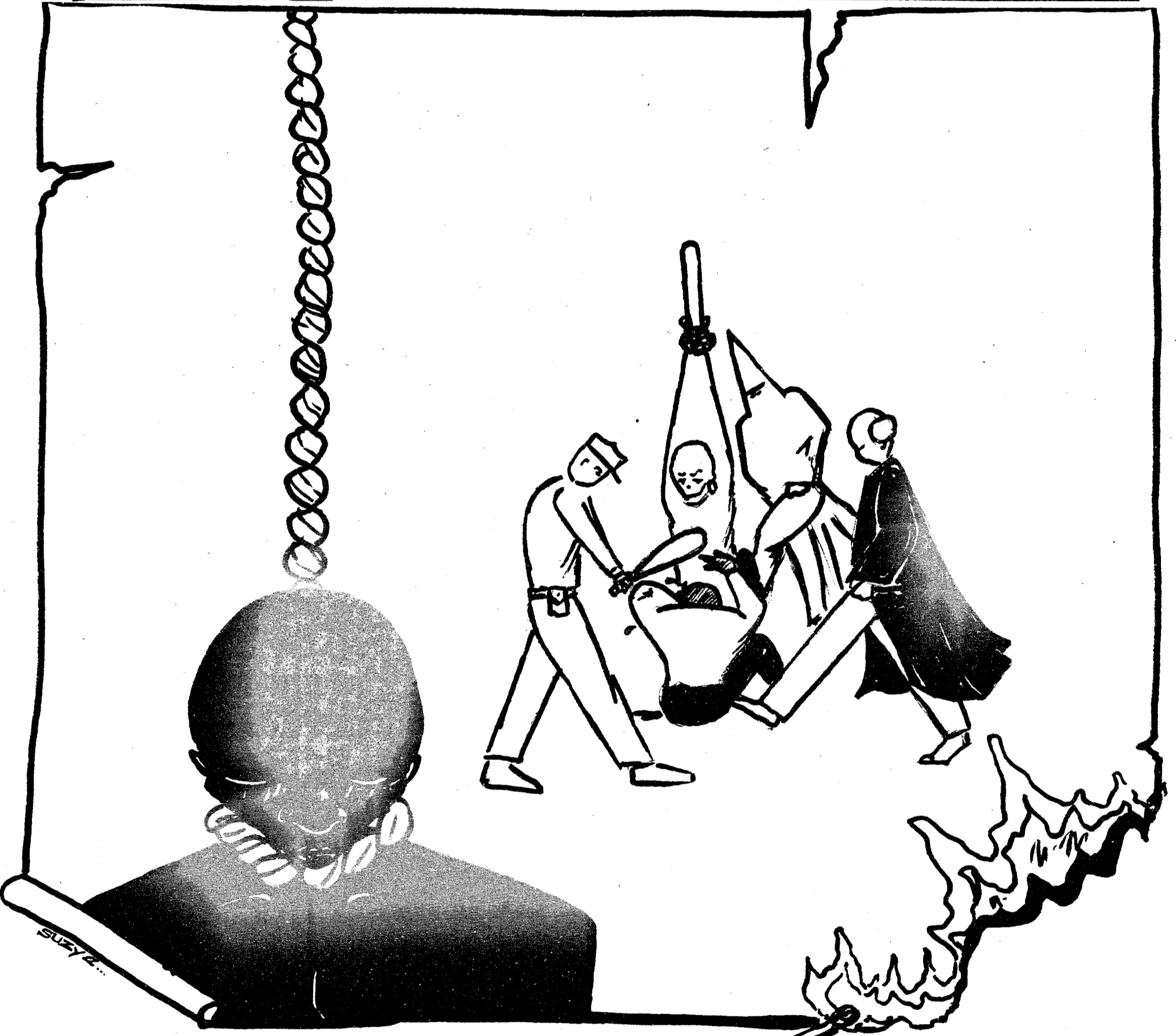
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**TELL ME WHAT THE F--K
AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? B.D.P.**

**THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO
HAVE SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF INJUSTICE**

BY PENIEL JOSEPH

RODNEY KING VERDICT

BY ERIC PERKINS

First off, I would like to thank BLACKWORLD for allowing me to express my views concerning the "Rodney King Verdict," and all the havoc and chaos it wrought. And, while the other campus newspapers refuse to express any kind of concern and/or solutions as to what happened in (my home city) Los Angeles last Wednesday, BLACKWORLD has at least dedicated this entire issue to Mr. King.

Even though this incidious miscarriage of justice took place more than 2,000 miles away, and happened to a Black man, everyone, everywhere should be outraged at the jury's verdict. And, let's not forget the role that the mass media played in the ordeal. They not only televised Blacks that were beating up white people and looting store after store, but they also tried to sway the true significance of the whole situation by showing all of America Korean people in the streets, and in broad daylight, shooting at Black people. Maybe, since I was born and raised there in L.A., I could shed some light on the "conflict between Blacks and Koreans": as far as I can remember, there was no "conflict" between us and them. But, we cannot perish the thought that some resentment & anger exist between Blacks and Koreans there. So, let us move on to the real issue at hand here--- that racism is running rampant everywhere, and Blacks, Koreans or the Hispanics are at fault.

Given the fact that I was born and raised in L.A. I can also assure you that police brutality is no anomaly --- especially towards minorities. So, what's the solution, you might ask. Well, the only solution should be sought in the Bible. Also, Black people as a whole should learn more about ourselves and teach our children more, and we also have to learn to unify --- once and for all; then and only then will we be able to learn about other cultures around us so that, racism doesn't have a chance to grow and fester, because ignorance (which is it's roots), will already be severed.

To the all the graduating students of '92, when success comes your way, please remember where you came from, and use all of your knowledge and success to give back to your home communities, and teach the younger generation so that in the future we won't have to carry a video camera around with us everywhere we go.

What is important to remember in light of the recent events in South Central Los Angeles and the 33 other cities where violence erupted, is the reasoning behind the outbreak of rioting across the United States. Many people have claimed to be outraged by the jury's decision, while still holding on to the banner of non-violence. When discussing Los Angeles it must be remembered that it was the police that lashed out against this community in the first place. Rodney King was not just an isolated case, and contrary to popular belief, the decision handed down by the jury was not an aberration. These types of injustices occur on an everyday basis in African-American communities across the country. The justice system consistently ignores cases of police brutality where minorities are the plaintiffs.

Meanwhile the print and television media has become enamored with the constant replaying of videotapes that show black rioters beating arbitrarily on whites who happened to be there while the rioting was going on. The videotape showing Rodney King being beaten with nightsticks 56 times in 81 seconds once again being lost in the shuffle. The police reaction, what there was of it, seemed predicated on allowing these neighborhoods to be destroyed. President Bush is finally coming to view the wreckage after waiting days too long. He

has recently made the statement that the violence that is occurring around the country is a direct result of social movements in the 1960s and 1970s. Never mind the institutionalized racism that exists within our own borders, maybe a further shift to the right is exactly the antidote that is needed. As long as President George Herbert Walker Bush continues his reign of terror in the White House more outbreaks of violence can be expected to occur this summer.

Recently, on the Oprah Winfrey show, people were talking about what we have learned in the aftermath of the violence. Some talked about violence having been unnecessary, Oprah herself expressed concern for what she described as a lack of familial values. Since Oprah might have been too busy eating a bucket of chicken, or buying a new packet of slimfast, it is imperative to refute such statements. There was no lack of family values at the root of this case, there was no pathology inherent in Los Angeles, this violence that had to erupt, erupted because of constant years of abuse suffered by minorities in Los Angeles as well as around the country (i.e. the 33 other cities that erupted in violence), I say had because the rage that had been built up in these people would not have been alleviated by a march. Those who wonder how people could destroy property in their own communities must understand just what that word

community really implies. Black people in Los Angeles, as well as across the country, rarely feel a sense of community, even if it is their so-called neighborhood. What community implies is safety, ownership, control, and political power over the things that happen in that community, things that so-called black communities all over this country are completely devoid of. The buildings, stores, and cars that were being destroyed were not a part of that community, they were not included in those communities, they were symbols of all that they wanted, didn't have, and was wrong in "their" neighborhoods and the country.

What must now be done is to work towards solutions, which include formulating political and community agenda's that will be inclusive towards all those people who were rioting because they felt as if they had nothing to lose. The people who know that this land is not one filled with freedom and hope and promise, those that have only found prejudice and despair. Once a true sense of community on a national scope in respect to people of color is established, there will be no powder kegs in city's like Los Angeles, but since the Rodney King decision is a confirmation of what community we find ourselves in now, that notion is one that may never come true.

HEADS OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

BY KIM SCARLETT

Minorities in Engineering & Applied Sciences

Senior Engineering/ Computer Science Major Jonathan Walters is President-elect of MEAS. His goals next year are to encompass the engineering community to make it more academic and available for students. Particularly freshman and transfer students, MEAS is responsible for holding resume workshops, job fairs, and national conferences for the 50+ registered members and approximately 70 minority students within the major. Also a desire of Jonathan's is to start a mentorship program with high school students from the city.

Gospel Choir

Jonathan Walters is also the President of the gospel choir for a second year. He called this past year his "growing stage" and commends his board for doing an excellent job.

The 70+ choir did a lot of community service this past year, such as collecting food for the poor and fundraising for scholarship funds enabling high school students to go to college. They plan to

continue this next year.

Jonathan says "We plan thru gospel music to build up the community and our heritage, because gospel music is a powerful influence in African-American history and all music has its roots in gospel."

Minorities in Medicine (MIM)

The President-elect for MIM is Lizette Irizarry who is a senior Biology major from Levittown, Long Island. Her goal is to increase membership to at least 150 students from the current 85+ that it attend now. Particularly close now to Lizette's heart is to open the organization to encompass more latinos on campus.

The organization has evolved as a major support group at Stony Brook. It gives information that the pre-med society wouldn't give to minority students. It deals not only with Biology but with allied health professions, but every aspect of the medical field.

MIM recently acquired an office in Central Hall and next year plan to establish office hours and provide information on medical school. They also

wish to have a copy of the minutes available to those who cannot make the meetings so that they know what is taking place.

One of the first activities for next semester is to start to send out invitations to freshman and have them come to academic advising for counselors to review their schedule.

African-American Students Organization

Recently elected president for next year to Keith Saunders. His intention is to maintain community relations with other organizations on campus so that scheduling next year won't be a problem. His desire is to have a quantity of quality programs that will "liberate and educate."

Some of the programs that they planned this past year was their annual Black Solidarity weekend which brought Professor Leonard Jefferies to our campus, had video series on Black Empowerment, and brought Conrad Muhammed Farrakhan's Long Island representative and co-sponsored many activities.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Blackworld,

I am dismayed by the misogyny displayed by F.A. Mesa in his article supporting Mike Tyson in your 4/13 issue, but thank you for printing Peniel Joseph's article in the same issue. Racism was definitely a factor in both the Tyson case and the Thomas hearings. Yet, as Joseph points out, the problem is not that Tyson was convicted, but that those in the St. John's case and other cases where African-American womyn are attacked by Euro-American men are not convicted... and that political power can be used to keep Kennedys out of jail.

Mesa offers us a view of Tyson as a victim. (In fact he says he is THE victim.) The poor guy was lured into it. This is a version of the myth that a womyn somehow "deserves" to be raped because she acts or dresses in a particular way. In Mesa's scenario she may even be an agent of the establishment, but it is still the myth of the evil temptress of Genesis waiting to entrap poor unsuspecting men with her strange and forbidden fruit. Men have tried for centuries to justify rape, including bringing shame on those who are the true victims. Racism probably played a role in Tyson's conviction, and it is possible he was set up, but the fact that other rapists have gone free does not make him the victim. Mesa says it is unbelievable that a womyn would "be naive enough to go out with Mike at 3 a.m.? And what if it is 3 p.m.? Is rape OK if it is dark? If a woman says no but is forced to have sex, it is rape. Period.

Mesa also trivializes rape, saying that Tyson likes womyn, but just doesn't

respect them, and that womyn have "gotten the short end of the stick" when it comes to sexual assault. Rape is an act of violence. I would argue that it is more violent than torture or murder. It is not sex that somehow got out of hand. It is not the natural outgrowth of men "liking" womyn. And it is certainly more than "disrespect" or the "short end of the stick".

Tyson's own remark that he was sorry, but there were no bruises, shows his own inability to grasp the violence of the rape. The misogyny that leads to rape is in all of us, just as racial prejudice is in all of us. Men do not like to look at this side of themselves, which leads them to justify date rape. Rapists aren't at all like them. Rapists are perverted men who hide in alleys waiting for womyn. The reality is that the majority of rapes are committed by someone the victim knows. I know womyn who were raped by high school friends, fathers, a brother, a date, and a friend (who was a peace activist!) who was staying at her house while looking for a place to live. I do not know anyone who was raped by a stranger. For men to face the reality of acquaintance rape they must look at the misogyny within themselves, and realize that it is not the faceless pervert in the alley which threatens womyn. It is that misogyny within themselves. (Many womyn don't like to admit the presence of this misogyny either.

It is true that the fear that someone might rape "his" womyn has been used to fuel racism within the Euro-American man, as has the fear that some African-American man might attract "his" womyn

away. The "belief that Black men are sexually aggressive and rapists" is not the "white woman's worse nightmare", as Mesa says, but the white MAN's worse nightmare. Men's "ownership" of womyn has been a motivation for both prosecution and cover-up of rape, depending on the identity of the rapist, and both sexism and racism are involved in the creation of the image of the African-American man as a rapist. Yet excusing Tyson because this picture has been used to fuel racism ignores the fact that a great many men of ALL races are rapists. And it denies the rampant misogyny and rape in our world.

Wake up Mesa, womyn of every race are raped every minute by men of every race. Statistics say that one out of every four womyn in the U.S. will be raped or incested in her lifetime. These rapes are not committed by a few deranged men; misogyny is deeply ingrained in our society, and African-American men are as likely to commit this act of violence as Euro-American men. Mesa says he does not mean to bash womyn, and I believe him. But he must listen for the subtle voice of the misogynist within himself, just as he would ask others must listen for the subtle and not-so-subtle racist within themselves.

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**WE, AT BLACKWORLD
WOULD LIKE TO THANK
THE STONY BROOK
COMMUNITY FOR ITS
SUPPORT THROUGH A
SEMESTER THAT WAS
VERY TRYING. WE ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO
ANOTHER YEAR.**

ANGST AND INJUSTICE

BY PENIEL JOSEPH

On Wednesday, April 29, a jury acquitted the four Los Angeles police officers who had been up on criminal charges stemming from last year's highly publicized beating of Rodney King. The beating, captured on videotape by an amateur cameraman sent shockwaves throughout America. Questions concerning police brutality, and the credibility of the victims were now seen from a different perspective. In addition, because the evidence had been captured on videotape, it seemed for a while that justice would finally be afforded to the African-American community of Los Angeles, as well as around the United States, whose list of complaints regarding police brutality had always fallen on deaf ears. All who believed this were mistaken. The streets of South Central Los Angeles were burning last week as outraged blacks looted, rioted, and literally cried out in the streets demanding some sort of justice, compensation, and revenge for such an obvious and outrageous miscarriage of justice. To understand the impact of the verdict, one must first view blacks and the criminal justice system in the same context as the master-slave relationship we study in our history books, as old curios of a long forgotten past. Yesterday, we were once again reminded of a past that was not so long ago, and of treatment that is still being received by the black community, and served out in various legal forms by the justice system.

The jury, which consisted of 1 Asian, 1 Latino, and 10 whites, found in favor of the police officers because they felt that the force used was necessary and justifiable. Now to say that the recent onslaught of celebrity cases, such as the arrest and imprisonment of Mike Tyson, does not effect black people's views of this judgement would be unfair. However, to say in the words of lead prosecutor Terry White, "That's the way the system works, and they should accept it" is ludicrous. Obviously, in respect to African-Americans who live inside of the United States the system does not work, it is a corrupt one that continually and historically propagates a double standard of justice based on skin color. Last night the media devoted all of 10 minutes to this dramatic story. The pictures of blacks looting their own communities in outrage and protest, not deemed as important or

relevant as last year's Crown Heights riot, where black and Jewish property were being destroyed.

While our leaders express mock-outrage at the decision, they plead for calm. It is this very state of calm that has consumed the community for far too long, allowing a decision like this to be handed out. While black men and women are being brutally raped, beaten, killed, shot, maimed, and victimized by the police, Jesse Jackson preaches for calm. By denying the obvious guilt of the police officers, the jury has formulated a ruling that is not inconsistent with the history of this nation. If crimes are inflicted upon blacks by white law enforcement officials, blacks are rendered helpless under the legal machinations of the justice system. There is no recourse for blacks who are attacked by the police, because the association of blacks with criminality is part of the justice system. If you are black you are automatically assumed to be a criminal or at least have criminal tendencies. These feelings, pervasive in our society, aided the outcome of their decision. While these four thugs go free, despite the testimony provided by an officer at the scene who said that extreme force was in fact being used, the black community is under siege. It has always been previously assumed that regardless of color, the evidence in this case would stand up because of the videotape. Now, despite the damning tape, the officers will go free and black people can no longer feel safe in their own communities. While "We the people" continues to mean nothing in regards to the black community, and the Declaration of Independence is just a piece of paper protecting the rights of all except people of color, South Central Los Angeles continues to burn.

Is it now fair to say that black men and women in this country are not safe? Is there no other recourse than to defend our homes, neighbors, and communities from the police state that we now find ourselves living in. While whites will say that violence will only exacerbate the problem, they are not the ones who are dying. While Jesse Jackson preaches for calm, his sons were not the ones that were beaten, while Fred Preston keeps smiling and selling out, Mayor David Dinkins is expressing outrage while hoping to be re-elected in 1993, South Central Los Angeles

continues to burn.

Why do black people fear and hate the police so much? This question has often been pondered by various scholars. After the travesty of justice that is on display following this decision, that question must never be asked again. President George Herbert Walker Bush preaches calm, Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates preaches calm, and everyone continues to claim that they are angry and keep on smiling, business as usual. White boys continue to listen to rap music, and co-opt black culture, smile in our faces, try to speak the language, and wear the right clothes, while Rodney King gets beaten. Clarence Thomas sits on the Supreme Court, Shelby Steele is a best selling author, Alan Keyes a conservative demagogue, Joe Brown suffers the Bourgeois Blues, and they all are laughing, while South Central Los Angeles continues to burn. Black neo-conservatives should take a hard look at this case, and realize that no matter how far to the right in political ideology they may be, nothing will ever change their skin color.

The anger mixed with shock that this verdict has illicited is not enough. The calm that some black leaders are preaching is not enough, and the sympathy that some white people are feeling is not necessary. This miscarriage of justice must be righted, it must open up eyes that were shut, and re-awaken souls that have left their roots for too long. The cops said that King looked like he was on PCP, had immense strength, and growled like a bear. This assessment, more a description of animal than not, is just an example of the racially code-worded sentiment that the police officers, told the jury, and the jurors were all too willing to except and believe. The market value for black life has just suffered a startling decrease in value and the president tell us not to worry, and the prosecutor says that's the way the system works, and Ted Koppel is on Nightline, and South Central Los Angeles burns.

A crime was committed, but it seems that no one outside of the black community notices, cares, or feels our outrage, pain, and anger over the betrayal of our people by the system. William Kennedy Smith, the defendants in the St. John's rape case, and now four white cops, smiled as they left the courtroom,

while black people today are crying over Rodney King.

Racism, and its evolution in the past two decades has taken intriguing, and sometimes convoluted twists that appeared to be in favor of the African-American community. What this latest development in the ongoing saga of alleged police brutality in the black community has done is ensconce one image into the nation's conscience. At first it was supposed, that at last America would have to find blacks deserving of justice due to the evidence that accompanied the case. But what has occurred instead is the reaffirmation of our greatest fear, that only lip service is being given to the community when we raise questions about our system of justice, and the only real justice that is ever attainable is the one that we seek out and gain for ourselves. The same justice system that is all too willing to throw black men and women, while throwing away the keys, this same system that sentences more minorities to the death penalty than any other group, could not find four men guilty of brutally beating a black man.

So the question must be asked. Just what the hell are we gonna do about Rodney King? Newsday, The Daily News, The New York Times, and The New York Post are not going to do it for us. The Village Voice is not going to do it for us, and black leaders like Jesse Jackson are too concerned about their political futures to help. Its Wednesday, April 29, the four police officers accused of beating Rodney King are acquitted, black people are expressing their outrage in the streets, and the cops are too scared to move in. Los Angeles is under siege because justice has not been served on this day. Long after the beer bottles are picked up, the broken windows fixed, the insurance claims paid off, the marches over, after the demagogues' speeches are finished, and the fires are put out, South Central, Los Angeles will still be burning and although Rodney King's beating may be over, the pain from the wounds that were so cruelly inflicted on that day, have just begun. It is morning now in Los Angeles, the police will be there today, the media will cover the story, the people will go back to their homes, and all across America people will return home from work, just in time to see the videotape of South Central Los Angeles burning down to the ground.

THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN THE DAY AFTER THE VERDICT WAS HANDED DOWN.

THIS WAY FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT

THE AMERICAN VOTERS NEED TO RIOT

BY LENORA FULANI

The acquittal of the four Los Angeles police officers who beat Rodney King with such savagery and sadism is an outrage.

It is even more chilling when we remember that what was done to Mr. King was not an exception. Throughout our country, police brutality against people of color is the rule. The only difference in Los Angeles was that someone took a picture of it. But the cops--and the courts--don't give a damn. They want Black people to know that the forces of law and order are on the rampage.

It is the same story everywhere. East Coast and West, North and South. On November 8, 1991 Ivan Ingram-- an African American citizen of Raleigh, North Carolina--was shot dead by a white police officer. The officer, Vincent Kerr, was subsequently given an award. The

Black community was being given a very clear message by the powers that be in North Carolina: the message was that our lives are worth little to the establishment that runs the state, and the country. Last month I led a march with Ivan Ingram's family through the streets of Raleigh to protest this outrageous police murder of a Black man and the refusal of the North Carolina criminal justice system and political establishment to see justice done. Just four days later word of the acquittal in the King case came down. And many people - justifiably -- took to the streets of South and Central Los Angeles.

Last year the Reverend Sharpton and I led a march in "the city of angels" to protest the beating of Mr. King. We demanded that our elected officials -- from Mayor Tom Bradley to the president of the United States -- be held accountable

for this barbarous act of racism.

Accountability continues to be a crucial issue. We are in the middle of a presidential campaign in which George Bush and Bill Clinton are outdoing each other to prove that they will uphold the tradition of the "racist presidency" established by Ronald Regan. They have created a political climate in which white cops have a license to be brutal and white youth are free to go on wilding sprees against young Black men. Such a political climate sanctions racial violence.

I completely understand why our people took to the streets in Los Angeles in response to the verdict in the King case. But let's be very clear about what happens once such riots are over. The insurance companies compensate the store owners. The cops collect overtime -- and in the next budget session the politicians will

argue that they need even more cops on the streets. Our communities will be left, as usual, with nothing. What's needed in America is a riot of far greater scope. We need to have a voter rebellion in which the people reject the politicians who are responsible for violence, death and poverty and give their support to those who are leading the way to a radical restructuring of the American political system.

For more information, Dr. Lenora B. Fulani can be reached at her national campaign office at 8800-288-3201.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MS. AFRICA PAGEANT

The African Students Union thanks all those who helped in the putting together of the First Annual Miss Africa Pageant. Although we considered the pageant to have been a great success, we regret to announce a mix-up in the calculations of the points scored by the contestants.

As a result, the winners were incorrectly announced at the pageant. We would like to extend our sincere apologies to all of the contestants especially Ms. Nicole Friday who graciously relinquished the title, Tricia Brown who was announced as the first runner-up, and Awa Meite who was announced as the second runner-up.

We congratulate Ms. Dwana Farrell, the winner of the First Annual Miss Africa Pageant. We know that we cannot fully compensate Dwana for our major miscalculation of the votes, but we hope to resolve the problem without any further grievances on behalf of the Stony Brook University's population.

Again, the calculations were tabulated incorrectly on Friday, May 1st. The official results are as followed:

Dwana Farrell, Miss Senegal was the winner; Awa Meite, Miss Mali, was the first runner-up. Nicole Friday, Miss Kenya, was the second runner-up.

We thank all the contestants for their tolerance in making this pageant a success and in understanding our mistake.

ASIAN STUDENTS ALLIANCE

-FEAR OF STEREOTYPING OF ASIANS

Dear Editor,

As Public Relations Officer of the Asian Students Alliance, it is important to bring to the attention of the campus the March 30, issue of the "Police Blotter" titled "Asian Gang Fight Leaves One Injured" featured in the Statesman. We are concerned with the effects it may have on the public. First of all, the title is pre-empted and misleading. We ourselves who witnessed the affair do not believe the affair was gang related. There is no evidence or description of a gang fight within the article to back the title up. What the article states is that "An Asian gang member was assaulted in the Student Ballroom early on March 20, at an Asian Students Association party". This information does not entitle anyone to prejudge that the affair was indeed gang related. What we question is that if there truly was a gang fight, where is the evidence to support it.

The title also catalyzes the stereotype of Asians being connected with gangs, which is exactly what we do not want. Being of Asian ethnicity, we are deeply offended by the fact that this false prejudgment was used as a headline to attract attention. Many Asians have no relations with gangs. After reading this article, a person may now conceive that

because someone is Asian he automatically is in a gang. Stereotypes such as this can alienate Asians from society. This misguided view of Asians may trigger a sense of hatred towards them among some people. Therefore leading to unwanted acts of violence and crime. Misconceptions such as this can be where the roots of racism and discrimination lie.

Secondly, we question as to where the information to write the article was obtained. There are quotes from Public Safety, but when we ourselves attempted to receive information on this affair, we were denied access to the report by Public Safety. So if that is the case, what proof is there that the man assaulted was even in a gang. Within the article it was also said "Harassment charges were filed earlier last Friday by a man Public Safety believes is a member of an Asian Youth Gang". Is that enough reason to assume that the affair was a gang fight only because he was a gang member? The article was set up also gives the illusion that there is a connection between the assault during the ASA party and the burglary that was committed in the Fannie Brice Food Mall that occurred the same week also. There is no clear distinction

that they are both two different subject matters.

This article is not the first to offend concerning Asian stereotypes. There was another article written last semester that focused on an Asian gang fight during an ASA party that had actually occurred. It was also found to the displeasure of some people. The fact that they center on the negative topic of Asian gangs is not what is found offensive but the way they were written. One article gave a description of a typical Asian Gang member's appearance. Although that is how most gang members present themselves, there are Asians who carry the same appearance but certainly have no ties with gangs. With the case at hand, a false presumption was used as an attention seeker. These articles do not alleviate the problem of Asian stereotyping but support it. What also should be clear is that although there is Asian gang violence, there are many Asians who are not connected with it.

Sincerely,
The

ASA Cabinet

GOOD LUCK ON FINALS, STUDY HARD

CRUCIBLES

BY PENIEL JOSEPH

In the aftermath of the rioting, looting, arrests, and deaths that have taken place all around the country this past week due to the Rodney King verdict, an analysis of the events as they unfolded, and the subsequent reaction of the people is needed. The anger that the verdict illicited from the people though difficult to comprehend by some, was more fully understood by others whose skin color was the same shade as Rodney King's. Many whites have questioned why the black people in Los Angeles, and other neighborhoods were so upset by the verdict as to inflict damage upon stores and property in their own neighborhoods.

What those that ask such spurious questions do not understand, is the pain and outrage that was felt worldwide by people of color due to this verdict. The verdict has given law enforcement agents across the United States, the justice system's stamp of approval for abusing people of color. The violent reactive state that seized Los Angeles and dozens of other cities across the country, was predicated on the law's inability to be the objective, fair minded, and color-blind system of justice that is supposed to already be in existence. As to the assertion that whatever protest that took place should have been a non-violent one, this assumption is pure fantasy. Any group of oppressed people's would have responded the same way. White America has always tried to place blacks in a moral vacuum that would prevent appropriate responses to decisions such as the King verdict that obviously call for civil disobedience.

What about the police, where were they when all of this rioting was going on? They were not trying to save lives and bring order to a situation that

was becoming increasingly chaotic. The fact that only stores and homes in all black communities were being destroyed, while the police watched and waited, while the neighborhoods burned down, is just one sign of the reactive state that the police are constantly in. Meanwhile, George Herbert Walker Bush, has yet to tour the ruins of this phenomena. A phenomena that his administration, with all of its racial intolerance, political agenda's, and callousness, in respect to the African-American community, had a hand in propagating. In the past decade there has been no attempt on the part of the government to try and foster racial understanding. Police brutality is an everyday occurrence in black communities around the country, and after this incident things will never be the same. The message that was sent was one that is the antithesis of empowerment, which is what the black intelligentsia on the left and right claim they want.

Typical of the type of racial climate that we now find ourselves in, there are those who believe that the sole reasoning behind the rioting was money, and the verdict had nothing to do with it. So these blacks all over the country were just looking for an excuse to loot and pillage and blame it on the white man. Unfortunately it is safe to say that whatever quick fix solution that is offered up to the communities in the aftermath of the rioting will not be enough. Lives have been lost, and cities scarred forever. Blacks are not safe so long as the police retain total autonomy within the justice system. The results of the jury's improbable decision may be one that creates more strife and misunderstanding than ever in ways that will affect all communities in the United States.

ΣΛΒ FRATERNITY

BY MANUEL BREA

Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity Inc. is a Latino based fraternity that was founded on April 4, 1986 at the University of Iowa, and has since become the first national Latino fraternity. We have settlements at over 24 campus's including those at La Catolica [Puerto Rico], Colorado, Chicago, Michigan, Indiana, Harvard University, and now at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The Stony Brook Chapter has obtained recognition from the national and projects to be recognized by the university before the fall semester begins.

The Philosophy of our Fraternity rests in our Motto: "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture."

Wisdom is the ability to correctly apply knowledge. The higher education system provides the ability to acquire knowledge. We hope to provide an environment for individual progress by utilizing the brotherhood currently

attending educational institutions and those that have moved on to their professional careers. At a local level this networking includes an increasing battery of exams, reports, and class notes. At a National level our networking includes an Alumni Chapter that can circulate a resume across the nation and provide information on job opportunities, scholarship programs and internships..

By creating an atmosphere of progress and academic excellence for our brothers we provide an inner strength that can be used to carry out civic, educational, social, and cultural functions that will disseminate the Latino culture. Our emphasis is the Latino Culture a culture that is a combination of indigenous, African, and European influence. Since the Roots of latino culture stem from all over the world, we welcome men from every culture to join the Brotherhood of Sigma Lambda Beta in our hopes to bind society together.

HERITAGE WEEKEND

BY IGNACIA RUIZ

Junior high school students along with high school student united with college students in Stony Brook's first annual heritage weekend. SAJO, a first year graduate student at S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook was director of the program SAJO director of UJAMA (cooperative economics) sponsored the program in conjunction with Keller International College Issac Rebenstein office of Student Affairs, Office of Admissions (Judy Berhannan), N.Y.C. Department of Youth Services, Domino's, McDonald's, and F.S.A. The goal of this weekend was to bring together a core group of students who will how be a part of the plan to develop a heritage program in N.Y.C. schools. SAJO believes that in order to make a change or to develop new ideas you have to work with the younger students as well as their families.

The weekend commenced on Friday, May 1st and concluded on Sunday, May 3, 1992. The activities included workshops such as "The Road Ahead", a program on culture and understanding. Other workshops consisted of discussions

on student environment such as drug use and peer pressure the role of religion. The group of students were of multicultural heritage and they were brought together to partake and discuss cross-cultural themes. The primary concern was to develop a better student life for African-American, Latino, Asian, and Jewish students.

To change the system it is necessary to work within the system environment. The students at first were quiet and perhaps a bit scared. However, by the end of the weekend, there was positive feedback. The students had to write reports on their activities. These reports demonstrated how much they had enjoyed their weekend and how they looked forward to the next heritage weekend. The younger students learned from this experience as well as the elders. All in all it was a weekend well spent.

The entire weekend is available on video at the UNITI Cultural Center. For further information on UJAMA and Heritage Weekend, please contact SAJO.

CAMPUS LEADERS

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Senior Engineering/ Computer Science Major Jonathan Walters is President-elect of MEAS. His goals next year are to encompass the engineering community to make it more academic and available for students. Particularly freshman and transfer students, MEAS is responsible for holding resume workshops, job fairs, and national conferences for the 50+ registered members and approximately 70 minority students within the major. Also a desire of Jonathan's is to start a mentorship program with high school students from the city.

Gospel Choir

Jonathan Walters is also the President of the gospel choir for a second year. He called this past year his "growing stage" and commends his board for doing an excellent job.

The 70+ choir did a lot of community service this past year, such as collecting food for the poor and fundraising for scholarship funds enabling high school students to go to college. They plan to continue this next year.

Jonathan says "We plan thru gospel music to build up the community and our heritage, because gospel music is a powerful influence in African-American history and all music has its roots in gospel."

Minorities in Medicine (MIM)

The President-elect for MIM is Lizette Irizarry who is a senior Biology major from Levittown, Long Island. Her goal is to increase membership to at least 150 students from the current 85+ that it

attend now. Particularly close now to Lizette's heart is to open the organization to encompass more latinos on campus.

The organization has evolved as a major support group at Stony Brook. It gives information that the pre-med society wouldn't give to minority students. It deals not only with Biology but with allied health professions, but every aspect of the medical field.

MIM recently acquired an office in Central Hall and next year plan to establish office hours and provide information on medical school. They also wish to have a copy of the minutes available to those who cannot make the meetings so that they know what is taking place.

One of the first activities for next semester is to start to send out invitations to freshman and have them come to academic advising for counselors to review their schedule.

African-American Students Organization

Recently elected president for next year to Keith Saunders. His intention is to maintain community relations with other organizations on campus so that scheduling next year won't be a problem. His desire is to have a quantity of quality programs that will "liberate and educate."

Some of the programs that they planned this past year was their annual Black Solidarity weekend which brought Professor Leonard Jefferies to our campus, had video series on Black Empowerment, and brought Conrad Muhammed Farrakhan's Long Island representative and co-sponsored many activities.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Walter F. Schneider





Done Barring
by Kirk K. Dunbar

In my weakest hour
You came into life.
Had I been a friend I might surrender
gifts.
Yet Dark Shadows
Lurk and hide the joy of life.
These dark shadows
Break apart to sounds of your sweet
laughter.

Proud warrior
Storm warrior
Your place is assured
Proud cub-Lion cub
Judah's got you in his hand
Small gentle lion cub fight for your
existence.
In one hand hold the book of knowledge
In another the tool for trade
On your feet where sturdy paws
So that your presence will never be
heard
And Your passage never be barred.



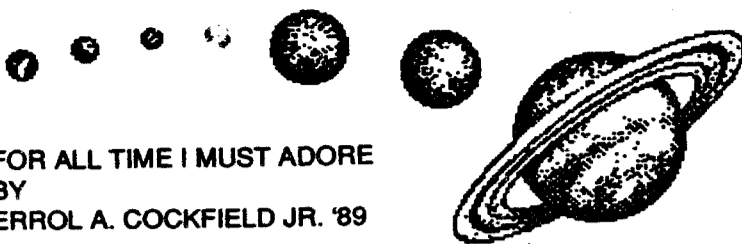
**FRUIT TASTED ONCE AND
FOREVER**
BY
ERROL A. COCKFIELD JR. '98

Innocence is total bliss
Send me back to youth.
I wish to be as pure as a
mother's kiss
Lend me back to truth.

The age to roam and rhyme
I miss it so.
The sage has lost the key to
time
Wisdom let me go.

I would rather swim
The seas of insanity
Than dim
The star of humanity.

But I have savored the
sweet meat of knowledge
Yes, wisdom is my calling.
Now, for signs of nature man
must forage
As technology takes us
falling.



FOR ALL TIME I MUST ADORE
BY
ERROL A. COCKFIELD JR. '89

A fairy, she fluttered and settled upon my heart
And so she began her reign, Queen of my kingdom.
Danced upon my emotions, played Cupid's part
Love's mystic force overcame my wisdom.

Beauty stood in her palm, she controlled it with her
wrist
My eyes could not evade the attire she employed.
Sang a Siren's song, my mind she did twist
A welcome plague, with my life she toyed.

We waged war in my dreams, my army lost
I retreated and contemplated my state.
My being slowly dying, Love's never ending cost
She flew, her winds of change dictated my fate.

Tasted from her fountain, the spring of my soul
Her eyes captivated my glance and stare.
I loved my Queen, for a time she made me whole
I said goodbye to the one I would never compare.

Thus she soared on to another reign
Then I became King of my kingdom.
And so she made the wound for another's pain
I regained my logic and wisdom.



What's the purpose?

Indeed we still wear the mask,
To coax the autocrats to lessen our ta
Of forbearing their undying flaws, tha
Wrought the iron known as laws, which
Chastens us without just cause; yet we
still wear the mask.

Yes, we still wear the mask, despite "
Of those who long to lengthening "the
Under our feet as "the clay" remains "
And all the while, "we wear the mask."

Down this pitiable path many years we
Not to mention the valor, vigor and wo
shown,
Doesn't give them the right, or, our s
To make a flood of the blood from our
Yusef & young Gavin Cato!

To be passive & mute isn't like us, so
Why should our souls exceed the Earth'
Apathy & ignorance is the only mask we
From the potty seats, to the electric
Horrid fate we'll continue to bear,
As long as "we wear the mask":

---Eric W. Perkins

(The quoted words with in this poem ar
Paul Laurance Dunbar's Poem, "We Wear '
poem was also written in his honor.)



Malls
By Kirk K. Dunbar

Malls
Maybe more permanent
Than my memory
For they are stone
I, am alone.
Concrete existence is not my claim
Not even my name
Mat be recalled
Once the dust settles
Nor my smile reflected upon
None will chat of my heroism
Or misery. But stores will be
permanent.
There doors will always be open
Wide to the tide of followers
Fleeing mediocrity.

In the broad expansive city
Clatter of hangers
Shall trumpet each new sale
And when measured against my
time
Their value will seem divine
And their bargains heaven sent.
Surely, when the hour reaches
To the end, a sale will be the only
important
Thought of all concerned.
Does tombstone's have a sale on
coffins?
And how much is a black XL three
piece suit?

By the way
Is that grey

or black,

I left my glasses

In the car out back?

While my essence seems to drift,
will thoughts just be of gifts?
Will I be like the dinosaur extinct,
while Malls exist and sink.



Hatian Flower

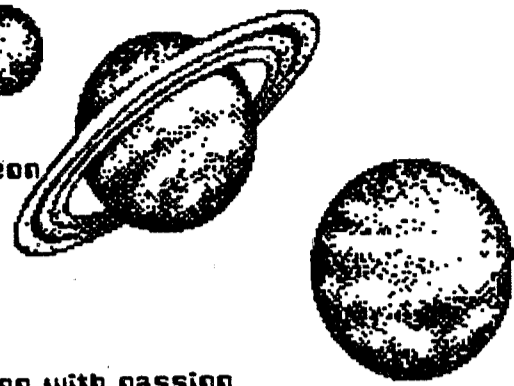
Hatian flowers bloom in spring horizon
 Bursting in blue red and white
 fertilized by ebony spirit
 from the dark roots of Africa
 clouded by white clouds of misery.

In all she came through
 rooted her stems in my heart growing with passing
 winds
 am I a tree, bend...but not for all to see
 in dreams to let my manhood free.

I am not sure of why
 but you are the sweet nectar
 scent that I love, the powered
 essence that you posses
 am I not a tree, bend but not for all to see

Ms misery I remember
 Aprils songs in the image of first tender touch
 but love is a flower
 blown wild in the breeze of life
 unpredictable.... beautiful
 in the likeness of a hatian flower

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Holder
 sensor
 I think
 and you
 react
 Keeping
 me in
 touch
 with
 every
 being
 of
 pleasure
 You
 enable
 every
 cell
 to
 pulse
 with the
 energies
 of
 soft
 whisper
 blown
 from the
 honey
 breath
 of your
 soul.
 Am I
 destined
 to be
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 by senses
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IN DARKNESS I LAY WITH AN
 EMOTIONLESS LOOK, LETTING
 TIME PASS ME BY. DROWNING
 MY SORROWS AND HAPPINESS
 INTO A DIMENSION UNKNOWN
 AND UNSPOKEN OF. YES MY NE-
 GLECTED HEART. NOT WANTING
 TO THINK, FEEL OR SEE, I LET
 MY FLESH FREEZE AND LET
 MY SOUL FREE. NOT ABLE TO
 CONDEMN MYSELF TO SADNESS
 OR LET MYSELF BE PRONE TO
 A LOST OF HAPPINESS, I REMAIN
 STILL. AS A CORPS, I'M AT PEACE
 WITH MYSELF. FALLING WITHIN
 AN INFINITE DARKNESS I SURRE-
 NDER TO YOU. REACHING OUT FOR
 YOUR HAND, I SEE DARKNESS
 SHAPED INTO AN ABSTRACT ENTITY.
 BUT I FALL AND FALL, AND LOSE
 THE CHANCE TO FIND YOU. I FINALLY
 STOP AND HIT SOMETHING AND
 REALIZED IT WAS ALL A DREAM.
 BECAUSE YOU WERE ALWAYS WITH
 ME, MY HAPPINESS, MY JOY, MY LOVE!

CASSANDRA JASMINE BELLABE



*Aw, man another lynching?!
 Somebody didn't understand
 Maybe I was too abstract
 My similies and play on
 words
 and dragged out sentences,
 sounds and visual aids
 didn't get my message across
 and darkness dangles against
 an overcast sky
 an occasioanl stron wind
 nudging the murdered hopes
 and dreams I will...
 Oh, no there I go again!*

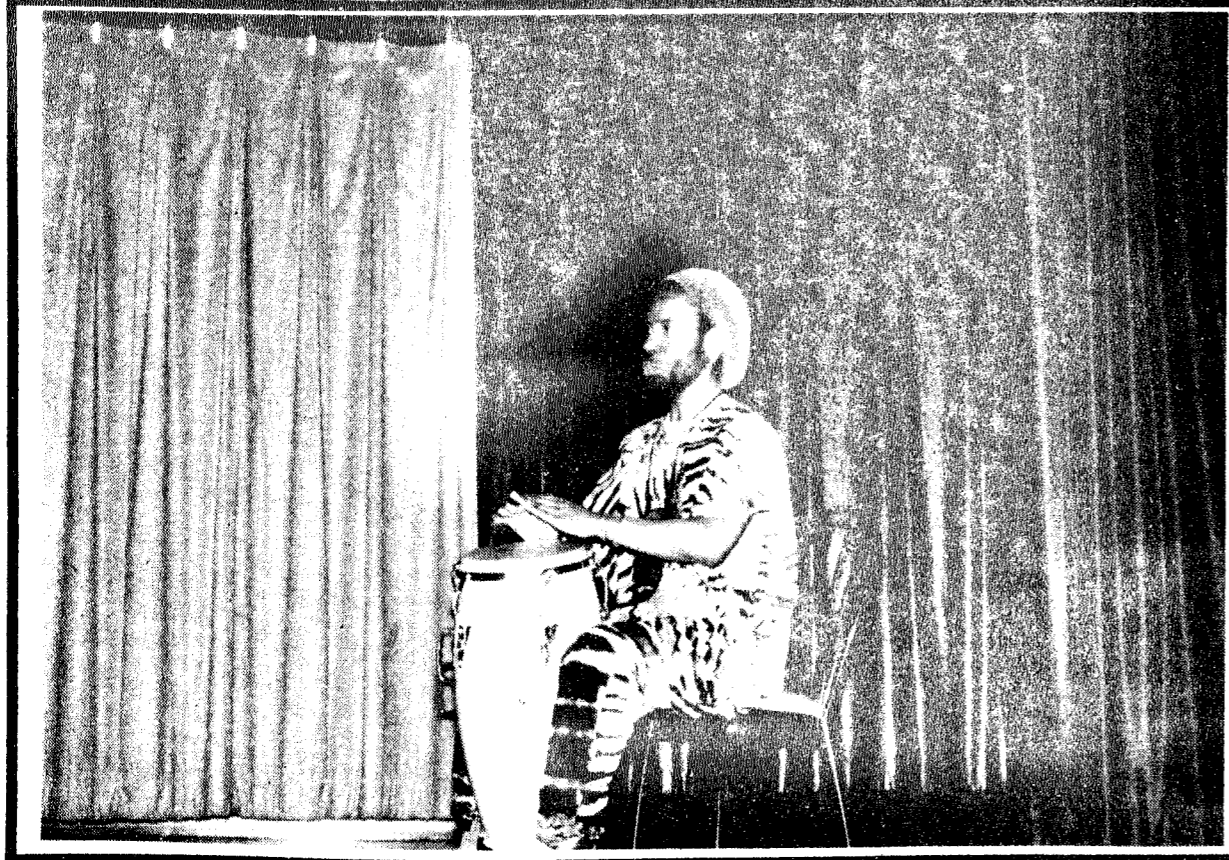
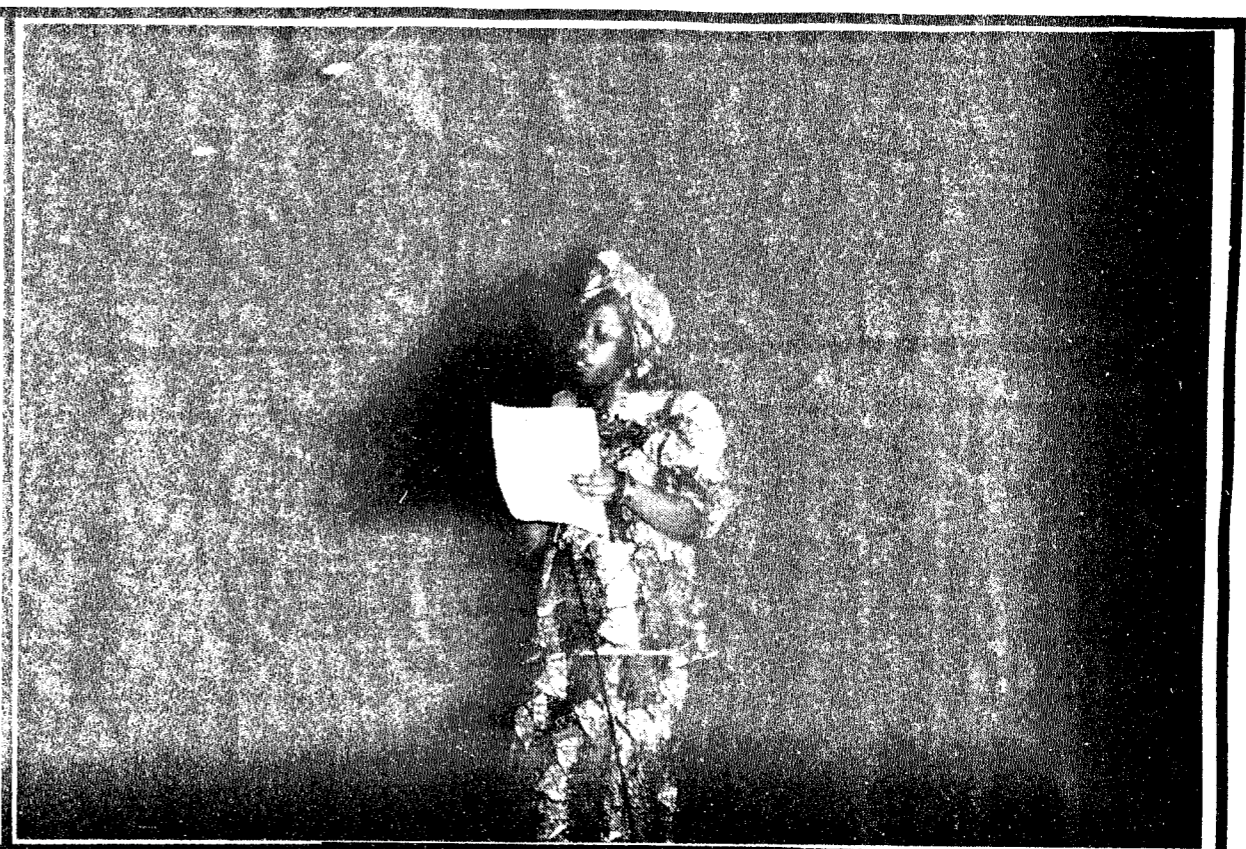
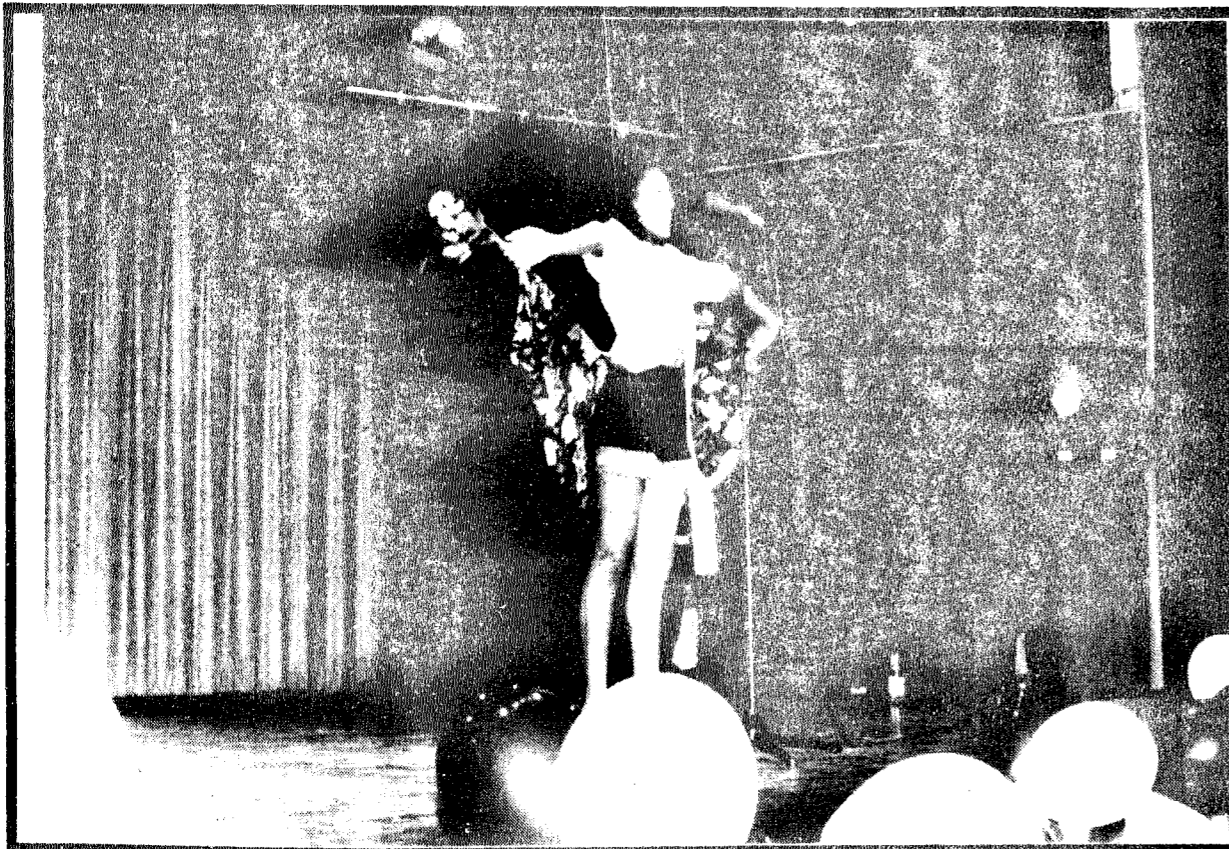
*?Que es lo que no entiendes?
 ?Estoy hablando otra
 idioma o que?!
 Estoy cansada del color
 Que me odies por calor
 A trabajar bajo de tu mundo,
 de tu riqueza, de tu poder, de
 tu risa
 mi espiritu muere en la
 oscuridad del cafe bustelo
 que ruego me de la fuerza a
 sobre-vivir
 y esconder las lagrimas que
 atrevo llorar
 ?Que estou haciendo?*

*Last thing I have time to do
 is... go into depth
 When reaching your core
 through flowery words
 doesn't guarantee
 sudden understanding or a
 change of heart
 I have no time for you
 to not get the message or
 miss the point*

*Anyway who cares about
 line breaks and stanzas
 with a noose beneath your
 chin*

Susan Arauz





GOOD LUCK ON FINALS

BURN BABY BURN

BY CRAIG BLENMAN

Well, well, well. In the apparent aftermath(I say "apparent" because I'm not sure if we're done yet) of the L.A. riots '92 style, I have to be honest and say...that was the best t.v. I've seen in years! The scenes were sad, but exciting. Sorrowful, but morbidly intriguing. This, my brothers and sisters, was history. Real, live, history. The media used constant reference to the Watts riots, which most of us are too young to remember. But if those riots were "worse" than the one we've been forced to see for the past couple of days, they must have been gettin' busy in the 60's! It's good to see in a time of widespread apathy, we, in the 90's, still don't play that! I only wish that they would stop burning down their own neighborhoods and black owned businesses.

Now, after saying all of that, let me get to the matter at hand. I, in no way, neither condone nor condemn what is occurring in South Central or in any other city across America where rioting, arson and looting have been taking place. I simply understand. The first thing we have to remember is that alot of those people don't give a damn about Rodney King. They're basically using it as an excuse to act out their warrior fantasies as well as have an early Christmas. (Come to think of it, I could use a new VCR but anyway...) The fact of the matter is that

this goes far beyond the tragic acquittals of those four devil cops. Our frustrations, especially young black America's frustrations and anger and fear and hopelessness have been growing within us for decades. Remember the saying that the Klu Klux Klan no longer wears white sheets, they black robes and blue uniforms now. Well, that verdict should unequivocally, without a doubt, prove this to be true.

As a young black in this land of the free(if you're a middle to upper class Caucasian) and the home of the brave(if the odds are four grown men with sticks against one man rolling around on the ground), I, as I'm sure most of you have either been a victim of or witness to some form of police brutality. I'm sick of it We all are sick of it. Just like those people running the streets of L..A. stocking their wardrobes are sick of it. No matter what you may think of their methods of protest, it had to come to this. It had to! We've been marching peacefully for years with no change. We've been writing letters and sending petitions to congressmen and our, (oops!) I mean, their president for years with no change. We've been victimized, brutalized and humiliated on national television through the eyes of an amateur video camera with no damn change! It had to come to this. It had to! Hopefully, now our "injustice"

system will get its act together and stop exonerating the guilty. Hopefully, now victims of police brutality will receive get satisfaction from the courts. Hopefully now our Black and Spanish brothers and sisters will stop being killed by "warning shots". Hopefully, now the St. John's lacrosse team will learn to keep their filthy hands off our sisters. Hopefully, now our "injustice" system will finally begin to give us some...justice.

(This comment goes out to the staff member in our gymnasium whose name remains undisclosed only because I don't know what it is.) He remarked that all of a sudden Rodney King is supposed to be and innocent motorist who was dragged out and beaten. "We don't know all the facts," he said.

Just to get the record straight, I'm not naive. I don't think that Rodney King was totally innocent. However, his actions can in no way justify the way he was beaten by those officers. My man Rodney could have been driving 200 miles an hour and got out of his talking out his ass. Once he was physically restrained to the point where he was lying on the ground, he would should have been cuffed and arrested, not beaten like a dog. By the way, if that staff member is reading this, I am the "black guy" who was in the gym's main office wearing the red sweatpants and a black Knicks jacket. So

if you want to confront me and debate me on what I just said, "please, step to me!" (I'm in the gym all the time)

Let me conclude by saying, the summer is coming up my brothers. The summer of '92 has the potential to be one of our most violent in years. Please be careful. I don't want to see you on T.V. being "dissed" like they "dissed" brother Rodney. I don't want any of my brothers and sisters to come back next semester maimed or scarred by the hands of the prejudiced, cold hearted law enforcement. Who protects us from you!

I leave you with this fact. In light of those four white police officer's acquittal, remember this: About a month ago, a black man felt he was going to be attacked by a dog, so he pulled out a gun and shot the beast. That man, that black man got 30 days in jail. Ain't that some shit? I guess all I can say is burn baby, burn!

Also: This goes out to S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook's administration, President Marburger and all others involved in the future of "public safety." I sit here humbly and beg you, please DO NOT arm public safety officers.

To all my brothers and sisters from this campus to the "warzones" in L.A.--PEACE!!!

FINE NEWS

-A Year of USB Police Community Relations Program: What's Next?

BY JOE T. WILSON

The late Dr. Kwame Nkrumah once said " progress dose not come by itself, neither desire nor time can alone ensure progress. Progress is not a gift, but a victory. To make progress, man has to work, strive and toil, tame the elements, combat environment, recast institutions, subdue circumstances, and at all times be ideologically alert and awake."

It has been almost two semesters since the USB Police Community Relations Program was established in an attempt to attenuate the negative vows that exist between USB students and Public Safety officers. Disrespect and disharmony, emanating from several years of mistrust, has prompted each group to perceive the other as its potential enemy working vigorously to tarnish the reputation of adversary. The derivation of the bad feelings that exist between students and Public Safety officers is traceable to two Public Safety fiascos.

The 1989 fiasco: On March 24, 1989, an anonymous 20-year old white female student, residing in Douglas College, accused Mr. Quincy B. Troupe, a 22-year old African-American student, residing in Whitman College, of rape. The accuser said she was trying to open the

door of Douglas College for her alleged rapist when she was attacked from behind, dragged onto the grass behind Douglas College and raped in a twenty-degree weather and a rainy night for that matter.

At the time of the alleged incident, Quincy Troupe, who was a viable member of Malik Sigma Psi Fraternity INC, Stony Brook Basketball star, Resident Assistant of the Divisions of Campus Residences and a senior in the Mechanical Engineering Department, was away on Spring-Break in the city. The alleged victim reported the rape twelve hours after the occurrence, after which she went to her dormitory took shower and went to bed. Despite Quincy Troupe's credible evidence that could have been used to acquit him, USB Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with high-ranking USB officials, prematurely turned Quincy Troupe over to Suffolk County without conducting a thorough investigation of their own. Mr. Troupe was arrested and jailed in Riverhead. To ascertain that he is railroaded, the presiding judge set a \$10,000 bail. When the case finally went to court, the accuser fled. She was nowhere to be found. Consequently, the prosecutor

had no case to argue and the case was eventually thrown out of court. This caused a public humiliation for the Department of Public Safety and other USB high-ranking officials.

The 1990 fiasco: Public Safety Officers, again, monstrously handled two Haitian Student Organization, Emmanuel Severe and Phillipe Valbrune, during an anti-blood rally on December 4, 1990. The two students were protesting against United States Department of Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) discriminatory policy which bars Haitians and Africans, South of the Sahara, from participating in any blood drive in the US. The reason given for such a discriminatory policy rests on the presumption that these two groups are potential carriers of the HIV AIDS virus.

Emmanuel Severe and Phillipe Valbrune were accused by few Public Safety officers of instigating a melee which resulted into them being injured. USB officials again took drastic disciplinary action against the two students. Emmanuel got one academic year suspension and Phillipe got six months.

After those two incidents, most student, most especially African-

American students, viewed Public Safety officers as enemy of the people. The mutual trust and respect that once existed between the two was annihilated. In an attempt to restore the confidence and trust once enjoyed by the Department of Public Safety, the University Police Community Relation program was established. The team which comprises of Public Safety officers Lt. D. Little, P. Freeman, T. Clark, D. Capps and D. Herinberg, has worked, strived, toiled, tamed the elements, combatted the environment, recasted institution and subdued circumstances over the past two semesters to create harmony, mutual trust and respect amongst us all. These officers should be highly commended for their diligent efforts.

The outmost respect is bestowed upon Officer P. Freeman who is considered the people's officer. Officer Freeman has managed to balance his profession and individuality. He speaks to students as respectable individuals and not just as ordinary students. That is why all students, both blacks and whites, can confide in him. He is seen as an officer and a friend.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL EFFICACY

BY MICHELLE BROOMFIELD

Women have traditionally been socialized to think of themselves as passive nurturers, who were solely dependent and subordinate to their male counterparts. They were discouraged from developing characteristics-aggressiveness, dominance, ambition and independence-that were generally associated with men. Women were seen as homemakers and mothers, and as such should have no personal outside interests or participation in longterm political activity except that of supporting her husband in his career choices.

In the late 1800s women realized that there was a need for them to be involved in the social, economic and political spheres of their lives. They realized that there were issues such as child care, abortion, the wage gap, sex discrimination and violence that were not being addressed. The women's movement began which resulted in enfranchising women in 1919. Since then, many barriers have been broken. Traditional sex-gender related roles have been overcome. Women have been elected and appointed to political offices, and a greater access of women in education and occupations generally dominated by men have been achieved.

Women now have a 'public' voice and have used this voice over the years to 'break ground' in every area of their lives. One area common to all of us on this campus is Women's History Month and Black Womyn's Weekend. Initially, there was so little information available on women's history that some people wondered if there was enough material on the subject to fill an entire week. In 1987 the Senate and the House of

Representatives declared the month of March, "Women's History Month". This was another victory for women, even though it was not perceived as being quite as significant as the others. But we must acknowledge the fact that for unaccountable years, women have experienced everything through the eyes and the successes of men. Now they can celebrate themselves and be recognized for their contributions.

The issue of abortion rights is another area in which women have used their 'public' voice. Since the threat of a reversal in the Roe vs. Wade supreme court decision, women have band together on all levels of society. Women are on both ends of this controversy involving whether or not she has the right to choose to give birth. The recent march on Washington by pro-choice advocates to show support for the Roe vs. Wade decision is evidence that women are utilizing all their available resources to produce positive results. On the opposing side you have "Operation Rescue", a group of women and to a lesser degree men who are against the abortion laws as they now stand. Regardless of the division on this issue, the key point is that women are taking advantage of their political efficacy.

There is, however, a sad twist to all the significant steps that have been gained. The twist is in the fact that even though women have gained access to the work place and have strived to gain respect from their politicians, peers, husbands and friends, we are still subjected to such atrocities as: sexual harassment, rape, domestic violence and a host of other sex crimes.

Today more than at any other

time in the history of this country these issues are being addressed. Politicians can no longer ignore them or put them on the backburner due to people like Anita Hill and Desiree Washington. It's not that these problems have just crept up from nowhere. They have always been here, but now they have a distinctive voice.

The Center for Women's Concerns is that voice for us on campus. They designated last week, April 13-16, as Rape Awareness Week. Some of the topics discussed were: "Women's Empowerment Against Rape", "Legalities of Violence Against Women- Does the Law Protect the Victim?", "Violence Walks and Peace Talks", and "Sex Power and The Media". This issue needs to be explored and a solution obtained to secure more sensitivity about the subject. Recent statistics show that 12.1 million women are raped per year, 61% before the age of 18 and 22% before the age of 11. Something has got to be done to make the system more receptive towards rape victims, instead of treating the perpetrators as if they are the victims.

A precursor to rape is, at times, sexual harassment, the one can lead to the other. These days the issue of sexual harassment has been receiving a lot of exposure, but some people still don't get it. It is trivialized when placed on the same table as rape and other sex crimes. Victims usually have a much more difficult time getting the courts to hold such conduct actionable. Friends and family are also unsympathetic to women placed in such a position because they tend not to understand the magnitude of this crime. Among the symptoms victims experience, insecurity, guilt, headaches, lack of focus,

absenteeism, and a drop in work performance are a few. In an academic environment the victims are less likely to report such conducts, seeking rather to deal with it than risk not getting a good grade or that well-needed recommendation for graduate school.

If we are really concerned about the fairness in gender relations, sexual politics and abortion, then we must be equally concerned with the status of women in the workplace and academic circles regarding sexual harassment and rape. No longer are women sitting in the shadows waiting for men to come to their rescue. Women are taking their complaints to court even as a last resort when they go unanswered or unaddressed at work and on campus. But what is needed here is an ongoing education about rape and sexual harassment. "Rape Awareness Week", the Anita Hill case, Desiree Washington's victory is just a drop in the bucket compared to the weight and magnitude of the problem women are now facing. There are too many facets to both issues that cannot be covered in a week or even a month. So I beseech you to read pamphlets, ask questions, go to the Center for Women's Concern's and the library. Educate and equip yourselves with the tools to fight these diseases. Women use the voice that you have to educate your friends both male and female, because trust me, no woman is immune to these diseases. No one can predict the outcome of our actions. We may not win our cases or get the justice we deserve, but at the least we can say that we tried.

ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Violence towards African Americans have existed throughout history. For over three hundred years they have been victims of ruthless oppression and exploitation. All these years they have fought and died to end their oppression and earn the unalienable right to be treated with respect and dignity. Thus far, their long, painful, and complex struggles have been ignored or briefly attended by a small group of the American society.

In 1992 this victimization and abuse of Blacks is still very prominent. The most vivid and recent example is Rodney King, the Black motorist who was pulled over and severely beaten by four white police officers in Los Angeles. The officers in this case said that King was a tall muscular man and fought them off. When the video tape was played in the courtroom, it depicted a helpless man on the ground being brutalized by the officers.

These officers also claimed that

King was under the influence of the hallucinogenic drug, PCP, and seemed impervious to pain. Blood tests, however, revealed no traces of the drug in King's blood. In spite of the candid evidence that King was brutalized and the four officers, Timothy Wind, Stacey Koon, Theodore Briseno and Lawrence Powell were lying, they were all acquitted.

The twelve member jury was comprised of ten whites, one Asian and one Latino. They said that they did the best possible job they could. It is obvious that they have either done this job with their eyes closed to the videotape or their hearts were closed to justice and compassion. The acquittal of these officers makes one wonder, what happened to "justice for all"? Or is it justice for all who are not Black?

The plight of blacks is underscored within the criminal system. Too often the judicial system that is supposed to be a balancing scale of justice, has given Black people in this country an

unfair measure. Police officers who are supposed to "serve and protect" have attacked and killed.

Being Black in America still seems to mean being inferior, even after the chains have been broken for over 100 years. Blacks continue to be seen as an inferior species unsuited for equality and meriting the physical abuse they receive. Some may question this but if so, I ask, why has the inhumanity towards Blacks allowed to continue to prevail in 1992? There should be no great astonishment in light of the outcome of Rodney King's case, because in this "great" and "advanced" country, apartheid officially ended just 38 years ago.

It is time for the U.S.A. to stop assuming the rule of international police and realize that charity begins at home. George Orwell said, "who controls the past controls the future" but he was wrong. We will not let our future be controlled our past. We will be free, "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY".

LASO THANKS YOU

BY MANUEL BREA

To the Latin Community:

I would like to thank you for coming out to vote on May 7, 1992 at the Latin American Student Organization elections. The large attendance at the meeting, especially so near finals shows that the Latino community cares about who's going to be given the responsibility of disseminating our culture at the Stony Brook Campus. We have made steps towards unity

LETTER TO EDITOR

In response to Ms. Tousey's editorial, I would like to clarify my position regarding my article which was printed in the last issue. Firstly, the title which was given to the article was not my own. In fact, in writing the article, I left it untitled because I did not feel that it needed one; a title, such as "Tyson's the Victim," was given the article by Black World's managing editor merely to sensationalize the issue. Furthermore, the title gave my article a completely different viewpoint than the one I originally intended for it.

My position is not to support Mike Tyson, or his actions, but to condemn a society which perpetuates certain stigmas attached to Black Men. I also did not write the article to discuss the general issue of rape, but to discuss those cases which pertain exclusively to the media's distorting focus on Black Men and their sexual behavior. I do not feel that rape is justifiable by any means, but I do feel that African-American Womyn must realize that we do live in a society in which rape exists. Therefore, I believe that womyn should should discretion when confronted with situations such as Desiree Washington's.

I agree that my description of the

mistreatment of womyn in our society was not as thorough as it should have been. However, once again, my article was not written to bring issues of this kind to light. Rather, I used examples to demonstrate societal and media influences that instill certain beliefs in the minds of the masses.

Ms. Tousey, you stated that "a great many men of all races are rapists". If you had read closely enough you would have realized that I said the same thing in the first paragraph of my article. Only, I went on to say that I do not believe that we are the only people faced with this problem. The media has used the African-American community to bring this problem to the forefront; the entire societal problem is being dealt with at our expense. This I find to be a deliberate attempt to divide our community the original focus of my article.

My purpose is not to fight you, but to unite our people. Many of your points are well taken but I think we are both the victims of histrionics.

F.A. Mesa

LASO SE HABLA!!!

BY MANUEL BREA

To the Latin Community:

I would like to thank you for coming out to vote on Wednesday May 7, 1992 at the Latin American Student Organization elections. The large attendance at the meeting, especially so near finals shows that the Latino community cares about who's going to be given the responsibility of disseminating our culture at the Stony Brook Campus. We have made steps towards unity. A Latin Council has been created that represents the following faculty/staff and student organizations: Latin American Student Organization, La Union Universitaria Latina, Gamma Ce Upsilon Sigma Iota Alpha Sororities and the upcoming Sigma Lambda Beta and Balaam Mu Tau Fraternities. The goals of the Latin Council are to unify the respective organizations by having biweekly meeting's were discussions would occur that would allow each organization know each others events, and allow for planning cosponsored events amongst the Latin American organizations. By being a cosponsor in the Black History Extravaganza and hiring a professional artist to airbrush Henry Cisneros, Rita Morena, Roberto Clemente..... and the

flags of the countries of Latin America we have shown that the UNITI Culture Center is for us to. Remember the Days we brought up the High School students up on Youth Empowerment Day, remember the lunch that followed in the bleacher club. Remember the water basketball game in the pool. Recall this years Semiformal! We need to continue all these traditions, but we must also take the suggestions that have been made. There's a need to plan simple times when we can be together and just talk about what it's like to be Latin, what concerns we have about our people. To increase our sense of who we are, not who someone else thinks we are. We must become active in these "Options for serving the Latino Community." and continue to cosponsor events with other organizations. We have to strengthen our selves from within by spending time with each other, not just to plan events, but to plan to get to know each other. Lets Continue doing the positive things that we have done and continue incorporating the ideas that have come up throughout the year. LASO has been growing and growing and it will continue to grow.

MUSIC REVIEW: KRISS KROSS

BY ANDRE BARRETT

Music Review

****- slammin'
***- good
**- fair
*- poor
0*- Don't bother

Kriss Kross- "KROSSED OUT"- **1/2
WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY KRIS SMITH AND KRIS KELLY.
PRODUCED BY JERMAINE DUPREE

In a year where young teen acts like The Boyz and ABC have dominated the r&b charts, it was only a matter of time before acts such as these would eventually invade the hip-hop market. Groups like the Fam-Lee and Da Youngsters are two examples of this hip-hop youth movement. The one act making a huge mark on the industry however is KRISS KROSS. Their album, KROSSED OUT, has become one of the surprise mega-hits of the season currently holding at #2 on the pop album chart and the hit single off the album, JUMP, is currently the #1 single on the pop charts for the last two weeks. The single has also gone platinum which means its sold over a million copies.

KRISS KROSS is made up of Kris Smith, 12 and Kris Kelly, 12, two youngsters from Atlanta and they are produced by 19yr old Jermaine Dupree. While these kids have a nice sound and a

very catchy look, the album is sometimes nothing more than a bunch of recycled hip-hop beats and simple lyrics.

The album starts off with the Intro, which consists of a mock interview with KRISS KROSS on a radio show. The interviewer asks the group about their look with the jeans three sizes too big and everything put on backwards. They call it the Krossed Out look. Then the host of the show compares them to ABC and one of the guys respond, "that's another bad idea homie!" Its a funny interview that takes them into the first song JUMP. JUMP is one of the catchiest jams of the year that samples Michael Jackson's "I Want You Back" as effectively as Naughty By Nature did with OPP. Its the type of song that makes a party go crazy with excitement and it also has a lot of cross-over appeal. Its the best single on the album.

Lil Boyz N the Hood is the next cut on the album, tells the story of life of kids growing up in the hood using dope beats to back up the lyrics. Warm It Up is the single that is currently being played on the radio and it too also has a dope beat but the lyrics are so-so. The rest of the album plays pretty much the same way, dope beats, wack lyrics though it must be mentioned that side 2 gets worst before it gets better.

Though the album from a hip-hop purist standpoint is kind of wwwickty wack, I can understand why

it's such a huge crossover hit. It's because Kriss Kross is what you would call a concept group with hard-core feel to it. They have a great look and tracks with dope recycled beats that you can always bob your head to, but you never really take them seriously.

2-Pac- "2-PACALYPSE NOW"- **1/2
WRITTEN & PRODUCED BY TUPAC SHAKUR. CO-PRODUCED BY THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, RAW FUSION, LIVESQUAD, SHOCK G, PEE WEE JEREMY AND BIG D.

Tupac Shakur alias 2-Pac started 1992 with a bang with a riveting performance in Earnest Dickerson's JUICE, then kicking lyrics on Digital Underground's third release SON OF THE P, and now a solo album titled 2-PACALYPSE NOW. Its an album full of disturbing images of racism, police brutality, gang warfare, drugs etc, all within the black community.

Side 1 starts off with Young Black Male, the story of being young and black in the ghetto. The beat is dope, sampling of Ed OG's Gotta Have It. The next cut, Trapped, talks about the black man being kept down by society. The lyrics are straight and to the point and beat is dope. Souljah's Story is a slamming track with a dope beat. I Don't Give A F**k is another cut that talks about police brutality and harassment. After this jam,

side 1 begins to fade out because the beats become very tired.

Side 2 starts off where side 1 left off, WEEEEAK!! The first three songs on this side I won't even mention because they are simply not worth it. The fourth cut on the album however, Brenda's Got A Baby, is a powerful song about a 12 yr old girl named Brenda who's father is a junkie and her mother doesn't give a damn. She gets molested by her older cousin, becomes pregnant, gets kicked out of the house, becomes a prostitute and is murdered in the very streets that bore her. The song hits you right in the heart as 2-Pac tells the story with a crisp delivery and slamming background vocals. With this song, he is at his best. After that, the album fades again into oblivion until the last cut, Part Time Mutha, a cool song about a dysfunctional family. It uses Stevie Wonder's "Part Time Lover", as the background music.

This album had the potential to be good but 2-Pac at times fell into that Oaktown Hip-Hop sound and it made for what turned out to be a mostly garbage side 2. What saved the album from being total garbage was 2-Pac's lyrical style and delivery which was for the most part first rate. Hopefully his second album will be an improvement because he could only get better.

PERSONALS

BY

SUZANNE LOBBAN

To the Men of the Blue-Phi!!
I'm not as priceless as 'diamonds'
and 'pearls' and I don't always act
like an 'angel' but I'm always
your sweetheart. Thanks for
making me feel at home.
Eternity Sweetheart 90

Ralph,
The DRAMAS almost over, hang
in there.

To Simba Nguvu,
I love you just the way you are.
You are the best there and I hope
we are together a long while.
Love, AL

To the Neos of A.K.A
Congratulations, Skee-Phi.
The Men of AΦA

To my roommates,
Oh the sleepless nights T,C,T,R the
crazy escapades, Domino's and
Coke, Westbury scandals, the P.G.
chair in the bathroom. Miss Light
eyes with the combball attraction
magnet.
Sure O.K. Chill!

To Amelia,
It's very hard to find a good friend
nowadays, but I can truly say from
the depth of heart that you're a
true friend. I'm glad we got to
know each other. Good luck in
your endeavors.
Love Curlina

To The Neos
Yo, You Kicked it on Sunday!!!
From the Prophtes

To my fly, sweet and sexy sorors of
ΣΓP, Sorority, Inc.,
Good luck on your finals!! Get
those A's! Always remember, that
we definitely got it goin on! Yeep
Yeep, my sorors. Sisterly Love!
Love, Bounty Hunter Spr. 91 #3.

To my Spr,90 Sands,
Happy Anniversary!
Skee-Wee #12 Smooth Operator

To my Ammann Lover,
You promised me a night of
passion. Now I've come to collect.
Love, Shorty

To "Little Might", Spr. 89 #1
Yo sands.. words could never fully
express what I feel.
Congratulations!! We'll still be
close to each other- hey I got your
apartment!!(smile)
Peace&Love TTBOB "In the
Middle"

To my Sands,
Thank you for being there for me
when I most needed you the most.
Thank you for being me friends,
my sorors, and my sands. JSA
definitely fits.
Love, One Eyed Jack

Dear 'Extreme' '06,
When you wish upon a 'star',
makes no difference who u R.
Everything your heart desires will
come true. P.S. There's 1 shining
brightly just 4 U.

Frosty & Frenchy,
GET BUSY, it's all over F-
Around we made it through a
whole year together. INDEED.
Knowledge & Wisdom

To the neos of Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc.,
Congratulations! Oop-Skee!
Good Luck, Distinguished Ladies
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc.

To My Sands Rea #2 Sp 89
We've been thru it all: pledging,
deaths, babies being born...And
our love keeps growing stronger.
I'm going to miss you when you go
back to St. Thomas and I'll visit
you as much as I can.
Congratulations, you deserve this.
OOO-OOP. Love, In The Middle
#3 Sp 89

To my Fall 91 Sands(Karen,
Michele, Naadia, Christina, and
Alycia):
Stay sweet and stay strong.
Remember I am my sisters' keeper
and will always be there for you.
And yes, we are all that!
Yeep! Yeep My Sorors Yeep!
Yeep! Love, Patches

To the Cold Alphas,
I enjoyed the program that we
participated in. It was a rewarding
experience. Always remember
that: "A man that hath friends
must shew himself friendly; and
there is a friend that sticketh closer
than a brother." Oop-Phi!
Love the Deltas

To Tracey,
Happy Birthday! You seem to get
younger every day. I'm sure
you'll age a couple of years
around the 18th of May!
Love Ya, Carine

To Jerry, Larry, Ernest,
Shane,Dave, & Kenny,
Stay cool and I'm looking forward
to see all of you graduate. I'll
miss you guys.
Peace, SVG

To my newest Sorors Denise, Kia,
& Saunsarae,
Welcome to the other side! Skee-
Wee.
Spr. 90 #12

To Amber,
Make the most of what you have and
never look back at the past but
towards the future. Remember life's
too short so don't hold yourself back.

Happy Birthday Espie,
See ya in class this summer!
Crystal

To my Road Trip Sorors,
New Paltz and Syracuse was
definitely the move. Let's get ready
for the summer... Picnic at Philly,
and Jones Beach.
Love, Big Wig, Glow Worm

Suzy,
Do you think people know the
difference between us now? Well,
one thing is for sure- I don't think
I'm the one going on the "CLUB
MED" vacation!!!

Sherryann, Althea, Yolanda, and
Jason,
Thanxs for having the patience with
me. You all are great.
Miss Ivory Coast

Mausie,
You mean the world to me, you'll
always have a place in my heart.
Sonya

To My Spec Regina
Thanks for being the person I could
turn to with anything. Your support
has helped me through this entire
year. Congratulations on graduation
and good luck in grad school.
Love always, Errol

To D,
We made it through another school
year. I look forward to many more
with you by my side. I love
you.(B.B.Y.S.A.T)
D's KB

To My Spec.- # 3 Sp. 91
Happy Birthday to you. Are you
vacationing this week???
Peace out. #3 Sp. 89

Michael,
Have fun, but don't lose your
individuality.
Peace, Sister

To Stony Brook
Stop Skating!!!

To My Sorors,
I love all of you, and I thank God
that you guys are always there for
me. Thanks for everything.
Love,Arcadian - #2 SP 92

To Byrone,
Congratulations!
Skee-Wee, The AKA's

To the Markster.
Do me Baby!
Signed, the one you really want!

To the Baruch 124 Crew,
Thanks for being there for me
when I needed you. Without
your support and advice, I never
would have made it this
semester.
Jen

The Breeze,
I didn't dis you, in actuality,
YOU DISSED ME!
Tuck In #4

To the S.G.Rho's,
S.G. Rho's got it goin on. Act
like you know!!

To our Sorors Pam & Tanya,
Congratulations and good luck!
Skee-Wee

Egg-Roll,
You're my Best Friend, always.
Be careful - The Brook might
just get you!!
Spec

Tanya ,
I'm sad to see you leave, because
I won't have anyone to bother.
I'll miss you and your
AKAttude! Good luck out there,
Congratulations!
Love Ya, Suzanne

To Soul Strong Survivor #3,
Even though two of us are gone
Fall 90 style will live on. There
will never be another!
Challenge!!!
Peace,'06 Style Soul Strong
Survivor #2

To Polity Council,
Thanks for a year of hard work.
We truly appreciate your
involvement.
Joe Student

Ralph,
The night you got me wet was
really special. Let's do it again.
U-know you

Tamara,
O.K. roommate, thanx for
deserting me. Oh well guess I
just have to break someone
else in. But wait who will I
scheme with now. Stay sweet.
Love, Allison

To my Cuz "Darryl",
Thanks for the encouragement
and motivation! I couldn't have
done it without you. Good
looking out! See ya at the
family reunion!

To Althea,
It's been real. I love having you
as a roommate. Good Luck in
the future and keep in touch.
Love, Curlina

To Dillon,
When you come around you will
know what's best for you!
Signed, You know

Espie,
Happy Birthday!
Tracey, Crystal, & Carine

To that "Soul Strong Survivor",
You have proved that it all can
be done. You are a positive role
model for others to follow
There's no doubt that you will
succeed in whatever you choose
to do. (Especially w/ the b.f.
cam!) Happy Graduation!

Sorors:
We are outta here- we love you
and wish you all the luck in the
world... wait a minute! We'll
still be around!!!!
Peace & Love TTBOB The
Graduates OO-OOP!!

To the graduating Ladies of
Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Best of luck to all of you and
may all your future endeavors
bring forth positive outcomes.
C.K.

To Lethal Lambda Tau,
It's been real: This semester and
this whole year! Congratulations
to all my sorors- good luck in the
real world! Sisterly Love!
Love, Always, Bounty Hunter.
P.S. Act like you know, It's all
about S.G. Rho! We run this
yard!

To My Sorors,
We've had our share of ups and
downs, but no regrets. I wish
you the best in all your
endeavors!
Spr. 90 #12

Que Dog,
You got it going on!
T.C. & C

Congratulations to A.K.A.'s
C.K.

To Althea,
It's been real. I love having you
a roommate. Good Luck in the
future and keep in touch.
Love, Curlina

To all the neos on the yard:
Congratulations and I wish you
all the success in the world.
ΣΓΡ Allison

To Dolores & Regina,

We don't want you to leave, but we
know it is time for you to move on.
You have dedicated yourselves to
the cause and we appreciate all the
time you have dedicated to passing
"the torch". We love you!!
TTBOD. Congratulations!
OO-OOP! Love, Spr.91 & Spr. 92

Mike,
Thank you for being REAL!! I'm
graduating, not leaving!
I Love You.
Regina

To my Sorors,
Now that the semester is over and
we have taken care of business(as
always), it's time to relax! See ya
at Jones Beach!! Oo-oo!

Love, Shem Dur Deady

To Whitman A 24 & A 23 Girls,
We had some great times together .
Keep in touch.
Peace , Curlina

To All My Sorors(ΣΓΡ),
Good Luck on Finals! To all
graduating sorors-
CONGRATULATIONS you've
worked hard and deserve it.
Yeep Out! Naadia

Erika,
I wish you all the success in the
world, but I still wish you were
staying.
Love, Your R.A.

To our newest sorors,
Welcome to finer sisterhood, the
first of first, where all others
originate!
'08 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Inc.

To Sigma Lambda Beta,
Congratulations! Welcome to the
yard!
From the Ladies of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Inc.

To Black Diamonds,
Without you we wouldn't be.
Happy Anniversary! TTBOB.
OO-OOP! Love, Pi Delta

To the Bio 152' ers,
Knock it out the box!!
T.A. Manny

Happy Birthday Tracey,
Alpine

To the Ladies of A2
Irving(Tamara, Naadia,
Latrice, Farah, Amelia, and Erika):
I wish you were all returning, but
wishes don't always come true.
You all made life interesting in
Irving and Farah made a few more
friends.
Your R.A.

To Joan
Looking forward to being on staff
with you next year
Peace. Errol

To Azali Askari #1,
My son, my only son, remember
what you were taught and you will
continue to shine like the light of
this great fraternity. Peace '06 Style
Soul Strong Survivor #2

To Thierry,
From day one, you have proven to
be a good friend. Thanks for
everything, but do you think I can
get my c.d's back now?!

To Genevieve,
CONGRATULATIONS!!! You did
it. I will miss you so much. I'll
never forget you or all the time that
we have spent together. You are
truly a good friend and I LOVE
YOU!!
Love Always, Naadia

To my spec Kia,
Nothing worth having comes easy-
you've finally made it!
Skee-Wee. Liz Spr. 91 #5

To Hugh and Joe,
Congratulations and Best Wishes.
Allison

Tracey and Tolighta,
Thanks for making this year at the
Brook special!
Love, P.B. & J.

To Konfidence and Mikey,
What we have accomplished this
semester can only be surpassed by
what you do next semester. I have
no doubts that next semester will
have a lot in store for Stony Brook
and I'll definitely be back to give my
support. Remember, hold up the
light with all your might!
'06 Vain

To the newest members of
MΣΥFrat. Inc.,
Congratulations!!!
The Ladies of ΔΣΘ Sorority, Inc.

Dear Linda,
You are selling out big time. Don't
get into any fights! I'll miss you.
Love, Scatterbrain #2

Chaka,
Thank you for all that you have
shown this semester. Your support
meant a lot and we want you
to know that it's not taken for
granted. We love you!!!!
OO_OOP!!
Your Sorors of ΔΣΘ

To the Ladies of ΔΣΘ & ΣΓΡ,
We would like to thank all of you
for helping out with our
BridgeHampton High School
Outreach Project. We look forward
to working with you again next year.
The Brothers of ΑΦΑ Frat., Inc.
Rho Rho Chapter

To my Sands Suzy,
HAPPY 21'st BIRTHDAY!!!!
Love Ya, Venus Spr. 91 #4

To: My beautiful sisters of Ujima
Imani
The school year has finally come
to a close - but I won't say good-
bye, only peace-out. I love you all.
OO-OOP, Soul Provider

To Konfidence and Vain
Thank you for making this year
the most memorable of my life.
The fraternal ideals that you have
instilled in me, I shall always hold
high.
'06, Azali Askari, FA 91 #1

To Infinite wisdom and Set it Off
Happy Graduation, I knew you
could do it-Congratulations.
OO-OOP, Ms. Thang

To Vain
Spec, Congratulations on
Graduation, I'm really proud of
you. I'll miss you, but miles and
miles won't keep us apart.
'06, Azali Askari, FA 91 #1

To Licorice
Girl - you are truly a blessing - the
bond we share is a special one. I
love you. Good luck at the Brook
this Summer (Were both in there)
OO-OOP, Ms. Thang

To The fly Sorors from Pi Rho
Thanks for everything. See you
ladies this Summer.
Love, Soul Provider
P.S. "Got it Goin On",
Thanks for trying.

To Virginia Slims
Happy Birthday
The men of ΑΦΑ

To Stoneface
We've tried but not hard enough.
Let's leave the past in the past and
make the future a bright one. Love
Ya!
"Little Red Corvette"

To Precision
I'm glad that we've gotten closer -
and have a better understanding of
who we are. Thanks for caring
(during the picnic) In my heart
you'll always be a #1
OO-OOP, Ms. Thang

Vain #2
Yo, Sands, it's finally over. It's
been a long hard struggle.
Congrats, always got your back.
Konfidence #3

Sisters Sim and Crystal
I will miss you. Don't cry at
graduation cuz we'll all cry.
Julie

Julie and Simminate
Congrats
Darryl

Chris, Stimsom 124
Never let them see you seat. We'll
talk after finals.
Anti-Perspirant



Though the exclusion of Haitians from donating blood is over the stigmatism of association with AIDS will take longer to remove. During the blood drive protests we were also treated to an example of "peace" officers' contempt for people of African descent. The University administration showed its reverence for the abuse of power in its sentencing of Phillippe Valbrune and Emmanuel Severe.

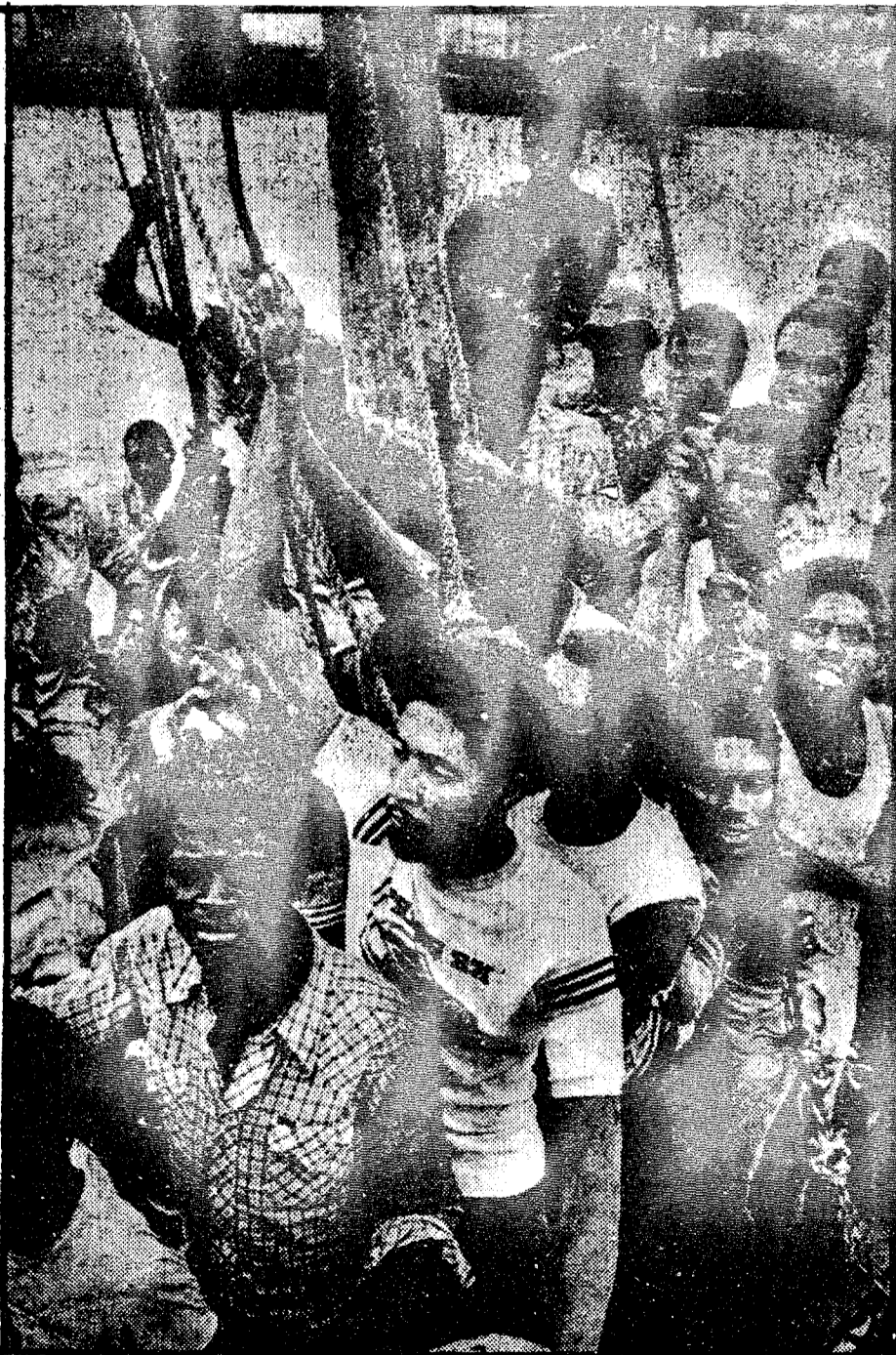
Stop The Oppression of The Haitian People, Because We Are All Victimized by The Same Authority

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Haitians Continue to Arrive in Miami

A boatload of 136 Haitians, at right, who arrived Monday in Miami after sailing over a thousand miles in their 45-foot wooden craft. Above, two refugees stand in line at the National Guard Armory in Homestead, Fla., while they waited to be processed by immigration officials. More than 700 Haitians arrived by boat over the weekend. Jails and an old Nike missile base near Opa-Locka airport were inspected by officials as possible emergency shelters. More than 15,000 Haitians are believed to have entered the country since 1972. About 3,100 have entered so far this year. Government officials believe that the recent calm seas have allowed a larger-than-usual exodus from Haiti.



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Though this clipping is over 12 years old

by Walter F. Schneider

a similar situation exists today because of the coup that ousted Aristide.