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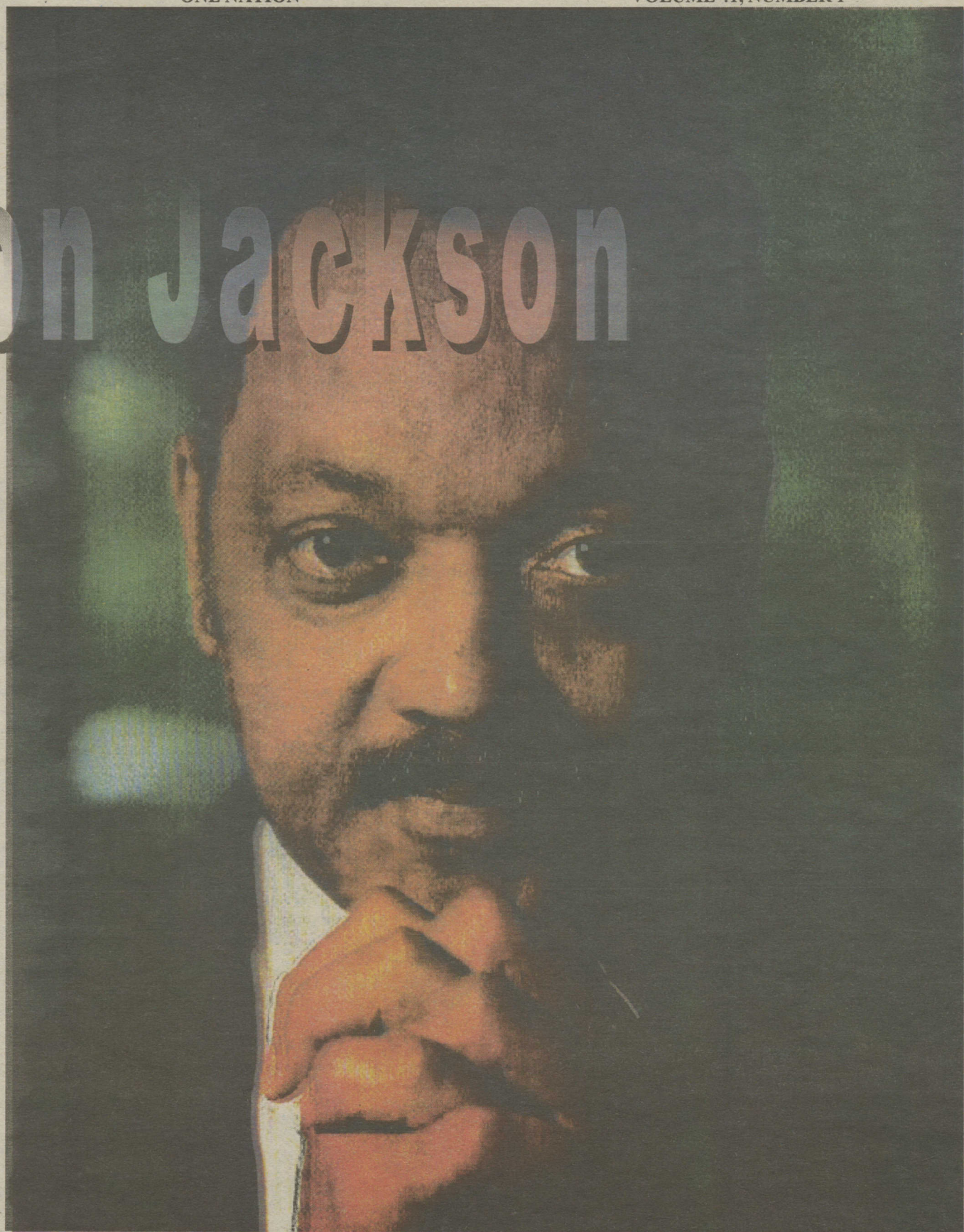
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If living does not give
value, wisdom, and
meaning to life, then
there is no use in living
at all

from the Souls of Black
Folk

W.E.B DuBois

Jackson does it again!

By: Melvin Bennett

Who said that we do not have that "Black Power"? From the looks of it, power is definitely within our repertoire. Reverend Jesse Jackson is living proof that black people can rise disregarding the negative circumstances. Currently, Jesse Jackson has made a massive impact on international affairs. Oblivious to many, Jackson has been using international mercy mission to empower his prestige. Reverend Jackson has been called, "the conscious of the nation" and "the great unifier", helping to bring people together on common grounds. The founder and president of the Rainbow/Push Coalition have successfully completed many movements from civil to international. We are all aware of the civil accomplishments because our livelihood would not be of this freedom, had he not joined men like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others to fight for our civil rights. Who knows of his international accomplishments? His prestige, honor, and his power have given him

the accessibility to be internationally bound.

In March of the year three us soldiers were captured along the Yugoslavia-Macedonian border. The three Calvary scouts for the U.S. Army were originally deployed from their base in Germany to Macedonia as part of a United Nations peacekeeping mission. They were held for little over a month. The US State Department has failed on many attempts to secure the soldiers but they were unsuccessful. Back channel, third party and military intervention negotiations were attempted but all failed. The mission was labeled as a mercy mission because it seemed as though there was nowhere to turn. Jackson has embarked on the mission because he knew that he had a shot. This is not the first time that he has been involved internationally.

In 1984, Jackson heard of a prisoner that was being held captive by Lebanon. The soldier being held was Lt. Goodman, an African American. To Jackson, it seemed as though the US was not attempting to

free the prisoner to their fullest capability. Jackson went to Lebanon freeing Lt. Goodman. Later in that year, he got Fidel Castro to release 22 Americans and 26 Cubans from prison. Jackson also persuaded Iraqi president Saddam Hussein to release 500 foreigners being held against their will.

This mission was far from easy. The amount of bombing, and warfare that was taking place made it virtually impossible for anyone to attempt such a mission. Jackson was brave. The bombings continued to proceed during his trip. The national Security Council tried to call off the mission because of the bombings. The security council urged them to call off the trip reminding them that their safety could not be assured and that the bombing would not halt just because they were in the country. President Milosevic, Yugoslavia's president, was afraid that if they came to Yugoslavia, there would be a chance that they were killed due to bombing causing more problems. Jackson said, "that was their fear. But they could have ended that fear just

by stopping the bombing, while we were there." But they didn't.

On the night of the delegation, the bombing was among the heaviest of the warfare. They never stopped bombing. The courage of Jackson was that overwhelming that his life was the farthest thing from his mind. Jackson says, "they never stopped bombing next to us. I think it aroused in us the fires of determination. I was mentally prepared, spiritually fortified, psyched, pumped, ready. War was so wrong and our cause was so right."

The method of which he used was strictly persuasion. The simplicity of his approach makes people wonder exactly what is being done in the United Nations. The three soldiers were captured on March 31. Until the day that Jackson arrived, they haven't seen each other since the day that they were captured. The assembly of the soldiers was just the beginning. Jackson met with president Milosevic and urged him to let them go. Basically, the power was

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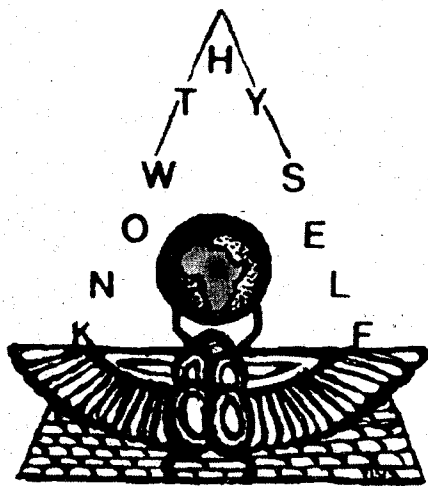
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EDITORIAL

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the freshmen and the returning students. I hope that everyone is adjusting to the school system as quickly as possible assuring a successful year. My name is Melvin Bennett and I am the current Editor-in-chief. BLACKWORLD is the only black student publication on campus, giving us something to look forward to every two weeks. Last year was a depressing year due to the lack of production. The lack of production was due to the lack of staff. The former Editor-in-chief, Tishelle George, uplifted BLACKWORLD to the best of her ability. She has willingly passed the torch on to myself to take BLACKWORLD to heights that is has never reached. Im very pleased with the improvements that we have made as well as the new staff.

The new staff consists of Patrick Jean-Pierre, Brian Squires, Kim Herrera, Duane Bourne, Ruth Robledo, Rodney Morandi, Fiona Bailey, Mark Pinnock and Darrin Maxwell. Our staff writers are as follows, Millicent Ugo, Jonell Doris, Sweetie Francis, Andre Rawle, and Anna Ortega. We have a lot of expectations here this semester. We are planning on fulfilling the two-week period that BLACKWORLD should be

available. We are also planning an amateur poetry night. All this is being looked into because our goal is to serve the black and minority community. One thing that I ask of you is to try your best to contribute as much as you can to the publication, because the publication is here for you. The lack of contribution to the paper is further explained on page 3.

I would like to thank Norm Prusslin, publicly, because he has monitored my position as Editor-in-chief and has made sure that any helped that I needed, I got. Thanks Norm. Also, the Statesman has help get me off of my feet and for that I thank them. Any idea that you may have please feel free to drop a note in BLACKWORLD's mailboxes located in the Polity Suite or upstairs in the Student Union.

On a lighter note I am pleased that was given this position and hope to make the best of my stay here. Once again I want to assure everyone a good start and get ready for BLACKWORLD 2000.

Social Commetary

By: D.A. Bourne

We talk about the American Dream and all that comes with it. I guess it's that Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness stuff that they program us to believe. I wish that my people could get a piece of the pie without selling themselves out. I see Asian immigrants come to America with that Dream, and go home with the riches they have accumulated because just they know that ain't nobody going to give them anything for free. This was made ever so clear to me this summer when I went to a Chinese restaurant during my lunch-break. I could not help but sit back and revel in their enterprising aspirations. For the most part, they could not speak much of the English language but they owned a piece of the pie. One can never knock their success. They realize that living the Dream may mean "minimum wage"; do you follow the point I'm making? Asians foresee their future; while our brothers and sisters can't see past their next check. Minimum wage does come at a price though, but lowering your standards because "someone may see me washing windows" is not one of them. Now, is that clear enough. I am neither poet nor scholar, but don't take my words with a grain of salt.

My people want the easy way out; while others know that only hard work will yield the fruit, so to speak. Initiative is what this all means; what

I believe our people lack. Pardon me, but we not the lazy vagabonds we are frequently portrayed. I don't think so. We, though, are content with what we are dealt. That slighted hand hinders the survival of our masterful race, but that's another issue all together. Carter G. Woodson wrote in *The Miseducation of the Negro*, writes that black enterprise is one of the proven ways for blacks to "get some" (my words not his). It's all initiative, not a dollar and a dream but a dream coupled with sweat and desire. Bellyaching and complaints of "the man" accomplish nothing. Those are all excuses and you know what excuses are. Feel me. You might say that this brother does not sound like a friend of the "struggle". I'll be truthful by saying that, because I know the infinite potential of the Black Man, Man's Man, do I know that he can accomplish anything. Furthermore, the only struggle that should be made is the struggle to wake up for the graveyard shift. Hey y'all I didn't say settle, humility not selfishness is what I'm getting at. Does that sound like friend or foe? You tell me.

Short and sweet. The ball in on your court. What are you going to do?

Raising Awareness: The Zapatista Struggle

By: Plumbblossom

*Statistical and specific references are derived from Voices of Fire, by Clarke and Ross, unless otherwise noted.

The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), in government for over sixty-five years, ensures the prosperity of Mexican elite at the expense of the lives of the poor. Desperate to merge the Mexican economy with the international market, measures were taken to create a trading corner with American and Canadian neighbors. Dismantling article twenty-seven of the Mexican constitution, the PRI ended land reform policies, in order to leach and export outrageous amounts of natural resources from the communal land of indigenous peoples. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was considered "an international Massacre", to the poor of Mexico. It ensured the import of cheap produce, eliminating the indigenous farmers' (campesinos) meager earnings. The critical nature of their situation was ominous, for the 3.5 million indigenous people of Southern Mexico's Chiapan highlands, 2/3 being campesinos, of which 90% earn minimal to no incomes.

Understanding, that life or death was at stake, the Zapatistas took their stand. The Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN), named after Emiliano Zapata, the indigenous hero of the 1910 Mexican Revolution, made their voices heard through armed resistance. Consisting primarily of poor, indigenous young women and men, they told the government "the only possibility for survival was resistance, dignity and rebellion. And, they would rather die fighting, than from starvation or sickness". The exploitation of Chiapan people, results in 15,000 yearly deaths, by curable diseases and undernourishment.

The Zapatistas agreed to dialogue with the

Mexican government, to discuss their demands for "democracy, land reform, adequate health care, educational opportunity, and indigenous autonomy". As governments often do, promises were made but never fulfilled.

Currently, the Zapatistas are under attack. Government sponsored militia, official military, and police are responsible for constant harassment and massacring of Zapatista-supportive communities.

What does their struggle have to do with us? The Zapatistas accuse the United States of aiding the Mexican government with economic and military support

to squelch the poor people's uprising. "Military equipment, including troops, planes, helicopters, radar's, and arms, said to be employed against narcotraffickers, are really used to repress the just struggle of the Mexican and indigenous people". It may seem like an option to care about, and stand up against the practices, institutions, and insanity in place,

because it seems omnipotent and omnipresent. It is not a choice. The struggle in Chiapas, is the common struggle of all oppressed people. If we are not united in our effort to end oppression, which includes international domination, exploitation will continue its devastating course.

As Chomsky states in, What Uncle Sam Really Wants, "groups that stand up against governmental abuses were attacked, not because they might secure power, but so they would not inspire others". Support the Zapatista Movement To End Economic Exploitation, locally and Internationally!!!

To receive more information about U.S. based organizations in support of the Zapatistas, or to talk about what you can do, contact plumbblossom@hotmail.com, or look the Zapatistas up on the Web. Peace!

Stony Brook and the Freshmen

BY: Millicent Ugo

Obviously, SUNY Stony Brook is a very large community. With so much ground to cover and so many new faces to see everyday, one would be inclined to think that everyone follows a separate path. On the contrary, the majority of the students and faculty, with the exception of those who shall remain nameless, have been surprisingly friendly and extremely helpful. Being that we are new to the particular school and its many systems, a little cooperation and friendly faces make life, on campus, much easier. Like everyone else, I have my own set of problems about certain things on campus. I won't sit here and make it seem as though everything is perfect here at the wonderful house of Stony Brook. However, I think that it stands as a great thing when many negative expectations are dispelled.

"I heard that Stony Brook was a good school,

academically speaking. So, I immediately began to imagine what the people would be like. I envisioned people keeping to themselves and their books but I am glad to say that some of them never met up to my expectations", said Kimberly Rubano, a residing freshman.

It goes without saying that the environment of a given location depends, heavily, on its residents. So, it really shouldn't be that much of a surprise when I say that one of the most appealing things about Stony Brook is its atmosphere. Our residents here, for the majority of freshmen on campus, will most likely be our beginning taste of freedom without the concern of any parental units. When you mix first-year students who want to do it all, with mid year students who aren't quite done, with seniors/grads who have done it all, you are guaranteed to get a very interesting mix in the air. In short, we have been fortunate enough to pick a school with such a friendly and liberal atmosphere that makes you want to do and live and be.

"I was glad to find many open-minded people" stated Max Pilet Jr., a residing freshman.

Not only do the people contribute to the atmosphere; the environment plays its own particular role; whether it is the lush grassy hills or the somber feel around campus.

Stony Brook is a good school; compared to the others out there. Perhaps we only see the good things about it now because we've only just begun. Perhaps we only appreciate it now because we haven't really experienced what a junior or a senior might have. In many ways, I see the advantage of being the freshman. I think that this school has much to offer and if you have the resources before you, then by all means, indulge. Enjoy this feeling while it lasts people!

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in the president's hand whether or not to let the P.O.W.'s free. Jackson persuaded him for little less than an hour and the soldiers were let free.

The object is not to reenact what actually happened, but to show that this civil rights leader has a massive impact on international affairs. It is to show you that despite the oppressions that we black people are supposed to be against, men like Jesse Jackson can continue to prosper. Will he

attempt another bid for the White House? That's a question that lies in the minds of many. With more successes as this, there is a good chance that we may see him on the ballot.

During the ceremony that was televised, Jackson walked proudly with the three soldiers that he just put his life on the line for. The US was filled with cries as they shared their happiness of freedom. As they walked, Jackson had the three

soldiers sounded as if they were civil rights workers instead of men of the military. In pride, they chanted, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we're free at last!"



By D.A. Bourne

A series of Hispanic conferences was featured in the Student Activities Center on Thursday. "Latinos and Electoral Politics", the first of the two scheduled in the Latinos in Politics Series, featured two guest speakers, Dr. Lisa J. Montoya and Dr. Manuel Avalos.

Dr. Manuel Avalos is an associate professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University West. He is currently undergoing research on the political integration of Mexicans in politics.

Dr. Lisa J. Montoya is an associate professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. She teaches Latino politics, while committing her time to the research of political participation of Latinos and the representation of racial and ethnic interests in Congress.

Both lecturers have contributed to the book, *Awash in the Mainstream: Latino Politics in 1996 Elections*. The book is interested in finding out if the Latino vote actually makes a difference. In that light, the program intended to do the same, as the importance of popular elections was the program's backdrop.

"Why don't Latinos vote?" In a democratic society, voting provides for citizen participation, leaves elected officials accountable, gives the government legitimacy, and adds to a peaceful means of political change. Dr. Montoya emphasized the importance of elections in our democracy and stressed that Latinos can play a decisive role in American politics.

Nechy Marte, a student of

POL 330: Gender Issues in the Law, said that, "people don't vote because everything is so protected by laws, there is nothing officials can change." The real reason people do not vote stems from the opinion that the government is not really a government "by the People". Dr. Montoya points out that the low voter turnout in the Latino community is in response to the structural problems which exist within our democratic system.

Latinos have contributed to the fastest growing population in the United States. In 2010, 13.8% of the population will be Latino, and in 2040, the percentage will increase to 25%; soon outnumbering that of African-Americans. This population influx beckons to the importance of Latino voter participation. The need for a higher voter turnout can be illustrated in the proposed measures, Proposition 187 and 208, anti-affirmative action laws that target minorities. Nonetheless, there are 30 million Latinos in the U.S. today, which makes up 11% of the population. The lecturers resounded that Latinos must stake a greater claim in government so that laws would not be enacted to damage their livelihood. Very little information is known about why there is low Latino voter turnout, but the fact of the matter is, Latinos have an enormous potential to impact the political system.

Another question addressed by Dr. Avalos was "Do Latinos make a difference in the outcome of elections?" Dr. Avalos stated that they could if Latinos were substantially mobilized. He also stressed the preferred pattern of block voting, where Latinos would vote for a particular candidate respondent to their needs as a

community. In the 1992 Presidential Elections, 62% of registered Latinos voted for the Democratic candidate, but they did not make a significant effect on the outcome of the elections because the changing face of Latino partisanship favors an increasing number of suburban, middle to upper-class Republican voters. In addition, more and more Latinos register as an Independent third party because they are unhappy with party politics, thus further analysis must be done to understand why Latinos vote the way they do. This affirmation raises another problem in the mobilization of Latino voters, since 40% are not citizens, unable to vote.

In 1992, 29% of the 14.7 million Latino adults in the U.S. did not vote, leaving one million registered non-voters. Also, the population is a relatively young population in which 35% of the population is under thirty years of age. In New York, 35% of its rich community is over 18 years old, and hence qualified to vote. Only 44% of them choose to vote inflicting the lesser of two evil mentalities believing that their vote would not make a difference. These patterns seem to exist throughout the United States. Facts show that the critical states in the electoral college (an assembly of electors for the president), California, Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois possess a large number of Latinos, and has the power to affect presidential elections if they were to effectively vote. The structural problem of voter mobilization stems from the fact that it takes five to ten years to become a citizen in most states. There are 3.9 million Latino immigrants, which contributes to the set of voteless minorities. Moreover, since Republicans promote anti-immigrant positions, a majority of immigrants may never have the opportunity to influence democracy.

The conference, which was coordinated by Dr. Carla Molette-Ogden of the Political Science Department and fellow Stony Brook Student, Domaris Quinones was attended by several members of the Stony Brook community, administrators, faculty and students. The program initiated a long list of social and cultural lectures given at Stony Brook this fall.

Pro Choice/ Pro-Life Which one are you?

By: Sweetie O' Francis

Where do you stand on this controversial line? Are you a full fledged pro-life advocate regardless of the situation? Or are you the type of person that hollers pro-life when you are given certain circumstances or when you are at a disposition, you do the opposite? Or are you just brain-mindless, afraid of the reaction of your peers if you give your opinion?

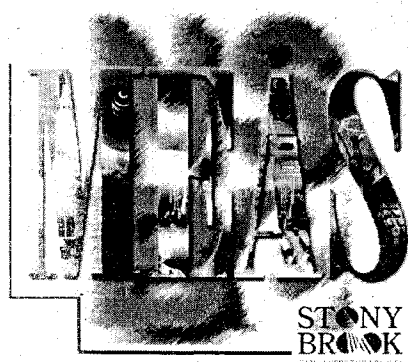
Well, allow me to put your mind at ease by saying that it is all right to support the right to legalize abortion. I have come to believe that a part of the reason for all the controversy surrounding abortion is due to a few simple misunderstandings. The image which won me over on the pro-choice side was that of not having the right to decide for myself whether or not to have an abortion if I was in that situation. If our right to choose what we want to do with our bodies, without hurting anyone, is taken away, then that opens the door into the other constitutional rights that can be taken away from us as well. Now, if you stand by the side of pro-life advocates, then you are probably wondering what I meant by "not hurting anyone." For you would say that I'm hurting the baby or soon to be baby (fetus). Well, calm down and let me explain. Firstly, Pro-choice does not mean that you favor murdering innocent unborn babies. Hell no! Although I'm sure that is what you pro-life advocates would not like to believe. This is one of the misunderstandings I was talking about earlier. Pro-choice is all about having the right of pregnant parties to choose what they want to do. Secondly, "not hurting anyone", is probably the biggest misunderstanding that keeps refueling the controversy. At exactly what stage, month, and day does the embryo/fetus become a baby/human? I know that if decided on this matter, then many pro-life advocates wouldn't have much of a problem with the idea of abortion, given the circumstances.

Even though I stand by pro-choice, I have my own personal restrictions or guidelines on abortion. Such as under what situations should abortions be given and at what stage of the pregnancy it may be given in. I don't believe it should be given as a form of birth control, nonetheless we must go back on the subject of when it becomes a person for a minute. Personally, I believe it's a person when it can feel and live without the mother's support. So, I think, the abortion procedure should only be given before that period.

I realize that I have not addressed the moral dilemma associated with abortion, but I must say that I did it on purpose. This is due to the fact that abortion is a morally charged controversy in our society. I refuse to let anyone preach to me their moral standards when they can turn around and smoke all the herb and rock that they want, while beating up their spouse and family members.

I will not go too deeply into the moral issues of abortion because it is nonsense. I find it hard to believe that our society has not had any real concerns for anything.

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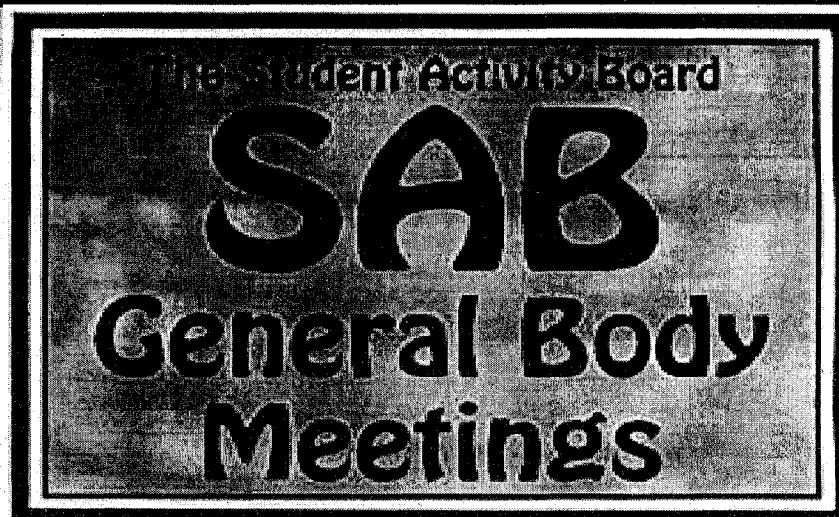


A little about NSBE,

The National Society of Black Engineers is a student organization that was incorporated in 1976 by six ambitious men from Purdue University. A little over a quarter of a century later it is the country's largest student organization with over 10,000 members. Many colleges and universities have a NSBE club or "chapter" within their communities. NSBE's mission: To increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers to excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community. The organization strives to increase minority participation in the field of engineering by use of workshops, job fairs and the corporate interaction between professionals and students. NSBE also offers thousands of dollars in scholarships for its members every year through a variety of contests. Along with the contests members get a chance to travel to other parts of the country and meet other students from other chapters in the Convention and Conferences that NSBE hosts annually. But enough on what NSBE does nationally. What does the Stony Brook chapter have to offer to this campus? One of my goals this year is to promote NSBE on campus enough so that students will see what they can gain from the organization. Unfortunately many people feel that they have to either be black, an engineering major, or have a 3.0 GPA to join NSBE. Nothing could be farther from the truth, Yes, the organization is called the National Society of Black Engineers but the workshops that we hold are for EVERYONE. The corporate representatives that we bring to this campus are here to speak to anyone and everyone. The job fair that we are hosting in Spring 2000 is for YOU! Keep your eyes open on campus, we have a lot planned for this year and we are more than willing to work with other organizations on campus. We are a local chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers but on campus we are also known as Minorities in Engineering and Applied Sciences (MEAS). Our meetings are held every Wednesday at 8:30pm in SAC rm. 303 and you are cordially invited. To find out more about NSBE you can contact anyone on the executive board or you can contact me via e-mail.

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By: Andre Rawle

*Like wind I whisper in your ear
Telling you my dear
Of how much I care
And adore a feeling that is so rare
And like a pear
Which is sweet and fair
My thoughts and emotions which no one else can
compare
Are ripe and near
And like my mother said I must share,
Share what I have and that is feelings for you
And being that you're an angel of God too
You should know that my feelings are true
And like your math teacher said one plus one is
two
Two hearts are needed too
To create a world just like heaven
But the contents of the mind
Needs time
To consume what it has read after every line
And one psychologist said,
The complexity of words go as deeper
Than understanding what they mean
Because words are not always what they seem
So before given a quick reaction
Feel the words like a pleasurable sensation....*

The First Dance

By: Johnny James Hines

My favorite colors are the ones that remind me of you.
When we first met,
Your eyes were the shade of chestnuts dipped in honey
and
Glazed with divinity.
Your Divinity.
Your hair was the color night,
And in it I saw stars and comets, Venus and her moons.
My soul entered its exquisiteness to become part
Of its universe.
Which was actually a part of you,
Becoming a part of me!
And your lips,
The color of appetizing apples
Moving in harmonious sequence to form your speech.
The language of love fluent in your voice.
"May I have this dance?" I asked
My voice filled with lust.
With the smile of a goddess, you replied "Yes!"
Our movements resembled that of the ocean,
Long, slow, and continuous.
while Eros pulled back on his bow
And shot an arrow through our hearts.

POE

For Sale
By: Anna Ortega

How much did it cost you?
And I don't mean how much you spent.
How cheaply did you trade in
your mind
for those Nike shoes and Coach bag?
How many commercials did it take
to make you realize
this and that are what you need?

A cloudy white American dream
Floats casually in front of your view
and into your ears,
while reaching slowly
into your thin pockets—
murmuring, that equality reigns.
I'm going to buy...
I need to have...
Don't you like my...

I know,
it's too easy, too everywhere, too everyone,
and all the time.
But I've realized,
between the constant pumping of images
down your throat,
washed down with the bubbly fizz of Pepsi,
laced with complacency,
you can hear.

You can hear your people getting gunned down by the police,
and bullshitted over by smiling politicians and
news people pretending to give a damn.
Even if only softly, through some
cell phone interference, we can hear.
Low, low prices—on sale—unlimited lifetime warranty—your money
back guaranteed—
over 1,000 varieties—all shiny and bright
greet wandering eyes
Silently blaring, underneath a billowing American Flag.
In a store near you, opening soon.

Fuck those con artist multinational corporations
Street signs say it better:
Wrong way, dead end, stay out, do not enter, stop, one way, turn here—
Turn everything off
stop rushing and looking at a watch,
that doesn't help you understand
what time it is,
because it is time to wake up.

TRY

Happy Brithday Baby

Thoughts of tommrow may never stay
 Memories of today and yesterday may fade away
 But the lessons we learn will linger in our
 Lifes for forever and aday
 As we grow older we can see
 That life's greatest vitrtue are all ways free
 Joy, Happiness, Love are all the same
 These are the ones I wish to you on this very special day
 So take my blessings and love my dove
 And think of me on those lonely nights my love
 When the moon refuses to shine
 And the stars brighten up the night
 It's because I'm thinking of you
 And I wish to be with you tonight
 I hope all your wishes are granted
 And all your aspirations you achieve
 I plea to the heavens above
 You get everything you want
 Everything you need
 I can't give you much
 But I'm on my knees
 Holding out my love for you
 So you may receive
 I wish you a happy birthday
 Today with every breath I breathe

by: Brian Alexander

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My View of Love
 By Kimberly Herrera

*As I look into the ocean
 I see the horizon as beautiful as can be
 It's like a beautiful vivid picture
 This is the view in which I would love to
 See for the rest of my life
 Why can't I walk across the sandy beach forever!
 This scenery makes my problems go away
 And wonderful thoughts and dreams pile up
 Is this a dream?
 Is this my future?
 It takes my breath away
 This makes my tears run like the waves
 Isn't this a wonderful site?
 This is a fantasy of mine I wish not to go away
 I feel the blood pumping in my veins
 And the rate of my hear beating
 But one thing is missing
 You, walking right towards me
 With your arms open wide
 But, it's weird because do you look at
 My beautiful picture of life
 My hopes, my dreams
 Am I the only person that can visualize this?
 I feel like I want to join the sunset,
 Swim to the horizon
 Will my sandy beach be there forever?
 I don't know
 But I look at you and tell you the beautiful
 Words that are even lovelier than
 My vision: I Love You!*

THE END, YEAH PIHT!

We are stupid; we are stupid to think that the world is going to end in the year 2G.
 Okay if the world was going to end, what day will it be? I'll be damned if it was on the first day of the year, because that's the day I was born. Although it would be cool, because since it is my birthday, I may get some extra credit points with God to get into heaven. If the world was going to end, do we actually think that God would tell us? For example, if we Knew that the world was going to end on February 8th, 2000 that would mean that everybody on this entire planet would be on his or her best behavior for at least a week. God's plan is to catch you out there, the element of surprise. Just like everybody in your click can't be rich or your click is rugged, every body can't go to heaven. One more thing, God doesn't wear Seiko, nor have a Rolex watch. So when we say happy New Year he could be celebrating Easter.

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THE YEAR OF COMMUNITY

By: Jonnel Doris & D.A. Bourne

Stony Brook is one the most diverse academic institutions in the nation. Our campus community boasts of students from various nationalities, ethnicities, and cultures.

Acknowledging the potential and the opportunity to instill an environment that is receptive to the differences of its members, President Kenny and Dr. Frederick Preston, Vice President of Student Affairs, inaugurated this academic year as the Year of Community.

The initiative's purpose is to create a common thread amongst members of the campus community, because "as an institution and as individual members of that institution, we share and aspire in our interactions with each other." This campus-wide initiative encourages community-building in the new "All Together Now" motto which hopes to: 1) more effectively communicate and show members of our community the commitment to and interest in each of them; 2) enhance efforts to connect and interact positively with the local community; 3) showcase the benefits of being a part of a diverse and progressive institution; and 4) generally improve the quality of the numerous relationships and interactions that take place in our community.

In October of 1998, a task force, which

consisted of the faculty, staff, professional staff and students, was organized by the Student Affairs Office to generate a statement within the Community. They held town-hall meetings, retreats and conferences a statement that encompassed the values and goals that are important to the Stony Brook community. Upon this declaration, all major programs on campus would be geared to the promotion of Campus Community. For instance, on September 24th, Campus Residence, the Student Affairs Office, the Student Union and Activities, the Athletic Department and countless other organizations participated in the most successful Homecomings ever. Campus Residence aided in this event by donating \$200 to every building's LEG in order to build a float. This action by Campus Residence promoted the concept of an open community, which according to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching is a vital principal of community.

Feeling safe in one's environment is also a very important principle of community. Campus Police has development a new system called sub-stations. These stations will be employed within each quad. Each officer's principle task would be to familiarize themselves with the residents of the quad. Other responsibilities will include patrolling

the buildings, give presentations and become an active part of resident life.

This year, Stony Brook's clubs and organizations should also adopt this focus of community. This institution is essential in promoting a diverse population, but the necessity for interaction and respect of ones differences needs to be improved. "Respect is the beginning of community," says Anthony Gorgi, a second-year resident, who amongst others, believes that the campus community is moving onward and upward. The development of a community begins with its member's acknowledgment of the need for improvement. Here at Stony Brook, we have taken the first step. Implementation must now occur. A conscious effort by individuals and groups must be established so that the goal of developing a comprehensive community will be met.

Dr. Fred Preston states that "Oneness and caring about each other across cultural identities is essential in implementing a sense of community". According to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a community is Purposeful, Open, just Disciplined, Caring and Celebrative. As the 1999-2000 academic year begins we at BLACKWORLD encourages and support this commitment to community.

WAKE UP!!!

By: Melvin Bennett

The black community at Stony Brook has to wake up... **WAKE UP!** Is there something wrong with us or are we just misrepresenting ourselves because we lack commitment to our own society? Are we that incompetent that we can not put in an hour or two out of our week to represent our people through the press? BLACKWORLD is Stony Brook's only black campus newspaper, yet we can't seem to get the contribution from the black community that we need. This is nonsense! Do you know how bad we look through the eyes of the other press organizations that produce substantial material every week?

This situation has left me so disturbed to the point where I had to go the extent of publicizing it. I'm getting sick and tired of people preaching about how conscious they are concerning black issues. I'm also getting tired of that brother/sister that repeatedly talks a hole in my head preaching about how the black society is being oppressed because... blah, blah, blah. Do something about it instead of talking about it. Action speaks louder than words.

Once a colleague of mine defended our low social structure compared to that Caucasians by saying that it is all repercussions from the times that we were oppressed during

slavery. Right now, we are in that same position regarding the press here at Stony Brook.

Nothing in the past has anything to do with how we stand within the presses of Stony Brook.

Stony Brook has an enormous black community. BLACKWORLD is made up of approximately a staff of ten. Does this sound wrong to you, or is it just me? This publication is for no one else but you. Why can't BLACKWORLD have a staff of, lets say, 30, so that there can be a publication produced weekly?

**Action speaks
louder
than words!**

There was once a time when BLACKWORLD consisted of over thirty staff members. Reason being was that the people that contributed a certain hours a week received credit for a class entitled, AFS 283. This nonsense has been going on long enough. When is this misrepresentation going to stop? Wake up my brothers and sisters, **WAKE UP!**

WUSB 90.1 FM

**NO SOUND TEST
THURSDAY AT 10:00 PM**

**ROCKIN' IRATION
FRIDAY AT 7PM**

**THE SOUL GLO BISTRO
MONDAYS AT 10 PM**

Millenium Duckets

By D.A. Bourne

Black wealth in America is a profound issue in the development of our race throughout the years. No one can dispute the fact that money plays a dynamic role in the social hierarchy and economic standing of African-Americans past, present, and future. Money, in effect, is key to a successful rather pleasurable life, it enables all who possess it unforeseen powers over those without; without fail this makes for a contemporary issue of great importance to our people.

The average white household has 10 times more wealth than the average black household does. This speaks greatly of the schism between the white and black populations; and the gap between the rich and poor that still widens. I acknowledge the title of a book that I perused several years ago at Indiana University; which recommend to all of you that related to my former statement, *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Poorer*. How do we, African-Americans remedy this discrepancy... Is there a way? We must closely examine where our wealth is going and what it is being used for because the last time I checked black people ain't got nothing... Self-help is the most viable of solutions to the problems of wealth facing countless blacks in America. If our people have or have not been spending in our communities, then we must know where it went and where it is going.

Wealth in America during the 1800's was characterized by a country where the income came the slave industry, in that respect, blacks were not the proponents of the wealth rather they were the components of wealth. The history of blacks in America is an inspiring story of ingenuity and invention in the face adversity. At this time, blacks were not afforded their basic liberties; universal male suffrage much less the freedom to acquire wealth as they desired. The truth remains that before slavery ended black Americans were engaged in businesses of their own. Black enterprise of the pre-Civil War Era promotes an eye-opening glimpse of Negro self-help at its humble beginnings and consequently what the community has been embracing for centuries. The entrepreneurs of that day could not have known that what they did for survival unheralded more than a century ago, now can symbolize a nation of black men and women coming together with each other's needs on their mind. Self-help in the past constituted one man helping the next in that light, a sense of community was much more visible than today.

The problem associated with black wealth in the past was that black folks did not have the opportunity to save money effectively. If they saved more money, they could build their own businesses. It was difficult to save when banks servicing African-Americans were few and far between, yet essential in building

wealth...

Briefly ponder the question why there were not any banks in the community for a moment... are there any ideas? The only reason I can draw from this is that, if more blacks were accessible to them, they would have the opportunity to climb the socio-economic ladder, thus altering history, as we know it. Fortunately, things have changed but this is not the past... the only thing that distinguishes the past from the present is the of black businesses; in the past the purpose was to benefit black folk. Now, the purpose is diluted by the fact that money is a required evil that pits an individual over his race.

Granted the present state of affairs draw upon that fact that we were granted once denied rights to pursue life, liberty, and property to our liking.

Here are the facts:

1. 33 million African-Americans controls more than \$400 billion in income, with more than 50% of persons in this group rated as middle class.
2. The collective population of black men and women in America estimate between 40 and 60 million people which yields \$190 million per year, making it the 8th richest nation in the world.
3. African-Americans are 14% of the population and only earn 7% of the total income in America; and we still own less than 3% of the wealth in America.

Statistics state that black consumers and black businesses spend 95% of their income in white communities of their communities. If you ask me, though I may sound hypocritical, that is not what a community who evolved from struggle should be doing. We should promote black enterprise to the fullest, making our businesses richer, and not the white businesses that have no true connection to our community. My best interest is to see where our people are spending their money if it's not in our community. "I have concluded that this is where 73% of black wealth is going its going; to their hair salon, the funeral home, the fast food restaurant, the record store, the clothing store, and the shoe store". Unfortunately, 99% of the time these establishments are not black owned. Take this situation and look at it from a different angle; if you go to a predominantly Asian, Indian, white or Jewish community and attempt to sell products that appeal to them, chances are that you would not get much business. Then, why is the black community so different, why do we continue to patronize while businesses when a black man or woman can only be helped by his own people. Self-preservation is the first law nature because it is only natural for us to support our own before

supporting others.

The future makes for a period uncharacteristic of that prior. We look towards the future in order not to revert to the practices of the past; "at the present rate it will take African-Americans until 25th century to finally reach economic equality with the white community". This statement foreshadows an eventual ease in economics status but the reality of it all is that planning, a form of self-help, is the best way to secure your financial status for the future. Please allow me the opportunity to list the steps to utilizing self-help practices in the black community. The first thing must do to effectively plan for the future is to know your financial needs; have an understanding of where you want to go financially and develop a financial literacy. Secondly, you must set financial objectives, which constitutes setting priorities and objectives. Next, you must develop a plan based on your needs. Then, you must implement your plan to the best of your ability, remember the best plan in the world won't work if you don't put it in place. Finally periodically review your progress; make sure your plan is one you can live by.

I can conclude that self-help and making money the old-fashioned way through black entrepreneurship can elevate the problem associated with the present state of African-Americans in America. Black self-help systemically can promote eagerness and the willfulness to strengthen our community; foreseeing our ability to attain our goals with the right attitude catapulting us into the next millenium. One must understand the importance of planning for the future; it isn't a difficult task. Consequently misinformation is still our worst enemy. We must begin building wealth, one person at a time for ourselves, our children, and our community.

**Minority
Planning Board**

**CULTURAL
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**Directors, Playwrights,
Choreographers, poets,
Rappers, & Music
Composers, Actors
Dancers, Singers, and
Musicians**

PUBLIC POLICY

Latinos in Politics

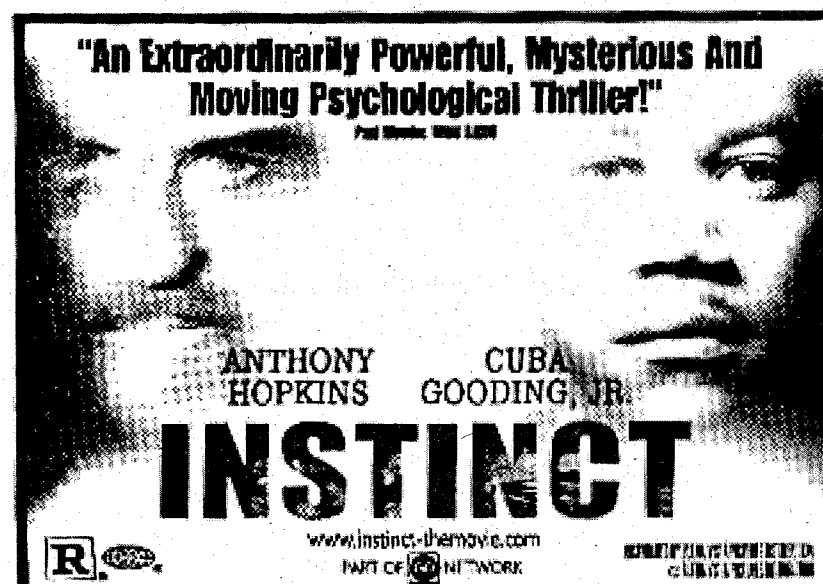
by: Kimberly Herrera

On September 23rd, The Latinos in Politics Conference held in the Student Activities Center, featured two guest speakers, Dr. Manuel Avalos and Dr. Lisa Montoya. Both Dr. Avalos and Dr. Montoya have served on the Committee on the Status of Latinos for the American Political Science Association. Dr. Montoya is an assistant professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. She received a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis in 1995, an MPA from Arizona State University in 1990, and a BA from the University of Denver in 1987. She teaches courses in Latino Politics, Racial and Ethnic Politics, and Interest Group Politics. Dr. Montoya's research focuses on the political participation of Latinos and on the representation of racial and ethnic interests in Congress. In 1996, she was the recipient of a grant sponsored by the Inter-university Program for Latino Research and the Social Science Research Council to begin a project on the Latino gender gap in political attitudes and participation. She is currently completing a book project on the differences between Latino men and women in their political participation. Dr. Avalos is an associate professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Arizona State University West. He received his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico and his BA and MA from the University of Arizona. He teaches courses on Chicano politics, Public Policy, Ethnic and Racial Identity, and Quantitative Methods. Dr. Avalos is finishing a co-authored book project titled *Race and Politics in the Americas: The Rise and Fall of the American Racial Empire*. In Dr. Avalos graduating class, he was the only one out of 45 students to get his Ph.D.

What is public policy? Public policy helps teach people to design, deal and evaluate programs in order to help the government. This field

within Political Science deals with State and National governments, and the implementation of education and Foreign Policy. There are many prestigious Public Policy programs that would help students obtain a Masters Degree. The Masters Program is a comprehensive program offered here at Stony Brook. There are hundreds of scholarships offered for individuals pursuing this major field. Many programs offer Teaching Assistantships, which can also assist you in the future for getting a job. There are also summer programs, which you can attend during your junior and senior years in college. In these summer programs, about 80% of the people who attend them receive scholarships. The job market for public policy is flourishing. Many employers are looking for minorities and women to populate the workforce. There are more minorities working in the public policy field than there was 10-15 years ago. Although many jobs look at the school in which the student has graduated from, many two-year institutions guarantee entry-level employment after the completion of a degree program. There are many schools that have outstanding reputations. Here are a few examples: Arizona State, the JFK Program at Harvard, Woodrow Wilson at Princeton, and Hubert Humphrey at the University of Minnesota. Since tuition is costly, students need to apply for scholarships early. There are many scholarships available on the Internet and in books.

Look into the programs you are interested in. If students are interested in the program, call the Admissions Director and ask for phone numbers of students who graduated from the program. This will give students the opportunity to ask questions. If any student who is interested in graduate school or Public Policy have any questions they can e-mail Dr. Manuel Avalos or Lisa Montoya at mavalos@asu.edu or montoya@mail.la.utexas.edu.



COCA Movies and Events for the Fall 99' Semester

Month Movie
Company Date

Oct. ENTRAPMENT
Criterion 10/1-3

INSTINCT

Swank 10/8-10

SIXTH SENSE

Swank 10/15-17

LAKE PLACID

Criterion 10/22-24

HAUNTING

Swank 10/29-31

Note: Top scariest movie of all time award

Nov. SOUTH PARK/
Swank 11/5-7

TARZAN (Free T-Shirt

Giveaways)

AMERICAN PIE/

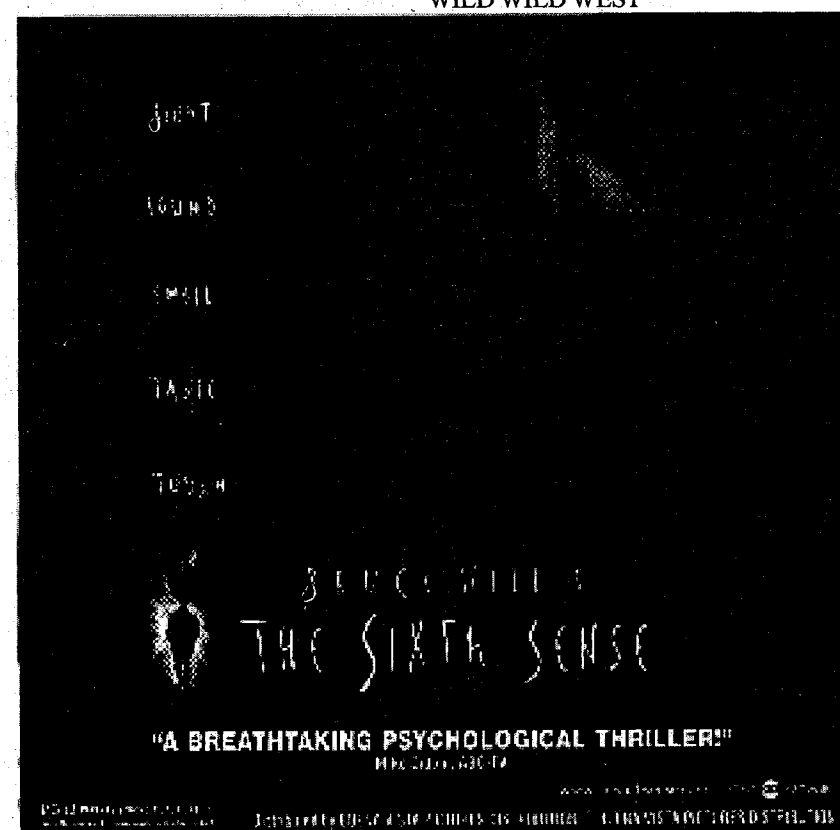
Swank 11/12-14

BIG DADDY

THE WOOD/

Swank 11/19-21

WILD WILD WEST



15 worst pick up lines

1. Just call me milk, I'll do your body good.
2. I may not be Fred Flintstone, but I bet I can make your Bed Rock
3. Is that Windex? Because I can see myself in your pants.
4. Excuse me, do you have your phone number, I seem to have lost mine.
5. If your left leg was Thanksgiving and your right leg Christmas, can I visit you between Holidays?
6. Hey baby, I'm like American Express, you don't want to leave home without me.
7. The word for the night is legs, let's go back to my room and spread the word
8. The fact that I'm missing teeth just means that there's more room for your tongue.
9. Guy: "Haven't I seen you someplace before?"
Girl: "Yes, that's why I don't go there anymore?"
10. Do you have a quarter? My mother told me to call home when I met the girl of my dreams.
11. Your name must be Daisy, because I have the incredible urge to plant you right here!
12. Wanna Play House? You be the screen door and I'll slam you all night long.
13. I wish you were a Pony Carousel outside Walmart, so I could ride you all day long for a quarter.
14. If you're going to regret this in the morning, we can sleep until the afternoon.

Something to Think About

A cult leader is someone who has a group of people that follow his teachings and principles. In the minds of many, a cult leader is someone who is evil, or wants to do harm to society. My question to you, who is the greatest cult leader that ever lived? (He died for our sins)

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Latin Explosion

By: Chico Slimm

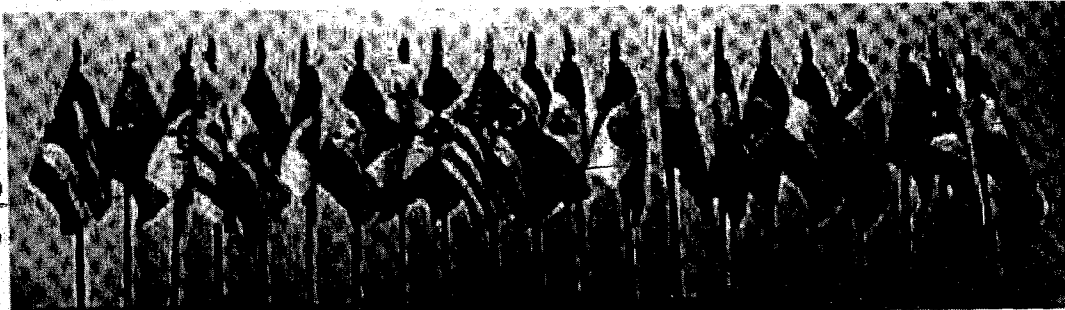
What's up with the Latin explosion? America has me looking at Hispanics in a different light. I have always glanced or tried to sneak a peek at those dark-haired, lightly or darkly tanned Latino men of our extended family, but now I'm downright staring. I mean men like Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Martin, and Felix Trinidad are surfacing in the America limelight and they have women going "loca".

My girls and I are about to become regulars at Jimmy's Cafe, a Latin lounge, located in the Bronx. Latin men have a certain machismo that can be appealing at times. You feel protected and desired, things that women do want but front about it sometimes. Even a good friend of mine is dealing with a Latin brother, and she claims he is the best lover she has ever had especially when he starts speaking in tongues. However that is a different story.

Our black men can not complain about the explosion, when voluptuous Latin beauties like Jennifer Lopez and Selma Hayek grace the pages of magazines, television, and other forms of media. Even rap moguls like Puff Daddy have been allegedly linked with a certain Latin bombshell making him the envy of men across America of all races.

America feels it is time to graciously let society embrace the Latin culture; a culture, which has been thriving with or without America's recognition or acceptance. This rich culture and population has grown tremendously over the years. Latinos are making important strides to kick the door down which has been closed to minorities. So this article is to big up all our Latin brothers and sisters. Do your thang!

LATINO FLAVOR



PERFORMERS PRESENTERS

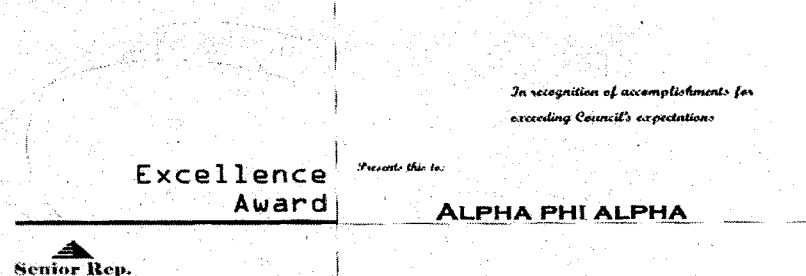
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Place: Stimson Lounge

Time: 9:00pm

Date: Thur. October 14



Stony Brook's Football Report

(1-2, 1-2 NEC)

Oliva, Albany Top Stony Brook, 44-21

Albany, NY - Senior quarterback Mike Oliva threw three touchdown passes and ran for two more, leading the University at Albany to a 44-21 victory over Stony Brook in Northeast Conference football action Saturday afternoon. The Great Danes maintain their stranglehold on first place with the win. The Great Danes (3-1, 3-0 NEC) opened the scoring in the first quarter with 5:44 remaining as senior quarterback Mike Oliva connected on a 49-yard touchdown pass with Chris Phillis. Oliva was at it again less than six minutes later, hitting Jay McFarlane with a 48-yard

touchdown strike with nine seconds remaining in the first quarter to give Albany a 13-0 lead. The Seawolves responded, driving 92 yards on 13 plays as Oscar Alcantara (Brentwood, NY) plunged in from four yards out to cut the advantage to six points. However, it would be the last time Stony Brook would get in the endzone until the fourth quarter. Oliva ran in from six yards out and Greg Garrett scrambled in from three-yards out to give the Great Danes a 27-7 lead at the half. Garrett finished the afternoon with 108 yards on the ground. Oliva's second touchdown run to open the

third quarter gave his team an insurmountable 34-7 lead. The senior piled up 323 of Albany's 484 yards on the day. Stony Brook's Brian Stanley (Baldwin, NY) relieved Oscar Alcantara at quarterback in the fourth quarter, rushing for a touchdown and connecting with David Kopp (Oakland, NJ) for a touchdown from one-yard out. Alcantara rushed for a team-high 82 yards on 19 carries and was 14-of-25 in the air. His two interceptions were a part of six Seawolves turnovers

Stony Brook's Women's Soccer Report

(5-4, 1-0 this week)

Stony Brook, NY - After playing eight games in the first three weeks of the season, the Seawolves battled just once this week, hosting Mt. St. Mary's on Saturday. Freshman Krisha Zagura (Hudson, MA) scored her first two goals as a collegian and Marti Yeager (Wilkes-Barre, PA) added another to pace Stony Brook to a 3-2 win over the Mount. Mt. St. Mary's got on the board first when Richelle Baker scored off a deflection in the sixth minute to

stake the Mountaineers to a 1-0 lead. Zagura got the Seawolves even with her first collegiate goal in the first minute of the second half, taking a pass from Stephanie Smyrl (Pittsburgh, PA) and firing a 20-yard shot that found the net to even the score at one. Zagura scored again less than ten minutes later, converting a cross from Rebecca Ferreira to give Stony Brook the lead for the first time. The Seawolves extended their lead to 3-1

when Yeager notched her second goal of the season in the 76th minute on an assist from Kerri McCabe (Farmingville, NY). Katie Holahan added a late goal for Mt. St. Mary's to close out the scoring. Mandy Hughes made six saves for the Mountaineers which fell to 1-7 on the year. Goalie Lori Nelson (Phoenix, AZ) earned her fifth win of the season for Stony Brook, which improved to 5-4

Stony Brook's Men's Soccer Report

(2-9, 0-2 this week)

Seawolves Suffer Back-to-Back Overtime Losses At Oneonta Tournament

Stony Brook, NY - Brian Baracaldo (Oyster Bay, NY) scored with :10 remaining in regulation, forcing the overtime stanza against Albany, but the Seawolves fell in overtime, 3-2, on Saturday afternoon at the Oneonta State Tournament. The Seawolves jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute as Alton Allen (Roosevelt, NY) scored his first goal of the season unassisted. The Great Danes struck back with back-to-back goals - the second coming in the 65th minute. Baracaldo

then provided the dramatics, scoring on a feed from Mike Kokolakis. Albany's Jarvin Skeete took a loose ball in the Seawolves' end and put it past goalkeeper Brian McOmber (Old Saybrook, NY) in the 108th minute for the win. On Sunday, the Seawolves took on the host, Oneonta State, but fell in the overtime frame once again, 2-1. The Seawolves fell behind late in the first half as Joma Burton took a pass from Orlando Wynter and scored. The Seawolves

got a goal when Oneonta State attempted to clear a shot by the Seawolves and put the ball into their own net in the five minutes into the second half. Luis Valenzuela (Selden, NY) made five saves. The game remained scoreless until the 96th minute when Lenny Camacho's shot dribbled over the Stony Brook goal line to give Oneonta the win. It was the fifth straight loss for the Seawolves, who head to Quinnipiac on Saturday.

Stony Brook's Women's Volleyball Report

(11-6, 3-1 this week)

Seawolves Upset Hofstra, Serrano Leads Team To Seawolves Classic

Stony Brook, NY - Stony Brook opened and closed the week with victories upsetting Hofstra in three straight games and winning the 1999 Seawolves Classic. In the 15-12, 15-12, 15-8 victory over Hofstra, Almaris Miranda (Williamsville, NY) registered 19 kills and 12 digs - both match-highs - in leading the Seawolves to the win. Freshman setter Regine Lilavois (Westbury NY) had a career-high 44 assists. Jessica Serrano (Ridge, NY) had 14 kills as Stony Brook hit .324 in the match. On Thursday, Princeton needed just over an hour to

defeat the Seawolves in three games, 15-12, 15-11, 15-5. Serrano had 38 kills and 24 digs in two matches, helping the Stony Brook Seawolves to 3-1 victories over Wagner and Harvard in the three-team Seawolves Classic Volleyball Tournament Saturday. Wagner came out like gangbusters with a 15-2 win in game one against Stony Brook to open the tournament, but lost the final three games, 15-6, 15-12, 15-4. Natosha Davis led the Seahawks with eight kills and 13 digs while Serrano posted a season-high 22 kills and chipped in with 14 digs. Senior

setter Sarah Boeckel (Williamsville, NY) started for the first time in five matches and had 49 assists. In the championship match against Narvard, Miranda had 31 kills and Serrano had another 16 in leading the Seawolves to the win, 8-15, 15-11, 15-11, 19-17. The Seawolves erased any thoughts of a game five with a furious rally in game four. Down 10-1, Stony Brook took a 15-14 lead and went on to clinch the match. Serrano and Susanne Westing (Bellmore, NY) were selected to the All-Tournament team.

Stony Brook's Women's Tennis Report

(4-2, 2-2 this week)

Stony Brook, NY - The Seawolves opened the week with wins against Hofstra, 4-3, and Siena, 8-1, but closed the week out with losses to Long Island

University, 8-1, and Albany, 7-2. Esther Forrester (Port Jefferson, NY) posted a 3-1 week in singles and was 2-2 in doubles play. The junior is now a team-best 4-2 in singles play and 2-2

in doubles competition. Deanna Ghozati (Westbury, NY) also went 3-1 in singles play during the week and was 1-2 in doubles.

Highlights of Homecoming

First Quarter:

Seawolves punt was blocked on their first drive. Fumble by Dipasquale of the Hawks and ball recovered by Seawolves defensive tackle J.

Kostkowitz. The first quarter ended with the score Stony Brook 0 Monmouth 0.

Second Quarter:

Seawolves J. Kandziolka Field goal attempt is blocked and recovered by Rich Kenny of the hawks. Seawolves, Eric Martinez, intercepts J. Dipasquale of the hawks. Seawolves Oscar Alcantara pass intercepted by hawks CJ Emslie. Hawks Joe Tramutolo's Field Goal attempt is good for 22 yards. Monmouth is up by 3 at the half. The score is Stony Brook 0 Monmouth 3.

Third Quarter:

James Crawford had a 20-yard run for a touchdown.

The score at the end of the third is Stonybrook 7 and Monmouth 3.

Fourth Quarter:

Mitch Ramson sacks Chris Wielogosz of Monmouth for a 9-yard loss.

Patrick Shelley intercepts Chris Wielogosz of the Hawks pass. The Final score is Stony Brook 7, Monmouth 3.

BLACK WORLD Game Analysis

GOOD

Rushing offense

Rushing Defense

Passing Defense

BAD

Special Teams

Failure to convert

red zone

NEED IMPROVEMENT

Throw ball to tight end

Next Home Game October 30, 1999, Saturday at 12:30 PM against Central Connecticut

Next Game Previews

Stony Brook Seawolves V.S. Albany Great Danes

Seawolves Record versus Danes: 1-3

At home: 0-2

On the road: 1-1

Last meeting: Danes Won 42-16

BLACKWORLD Game Conclusion

Seawolves need to Defend the pass

Sack the Quarterback

Put points on the board

COME OUT AND SUPPORT

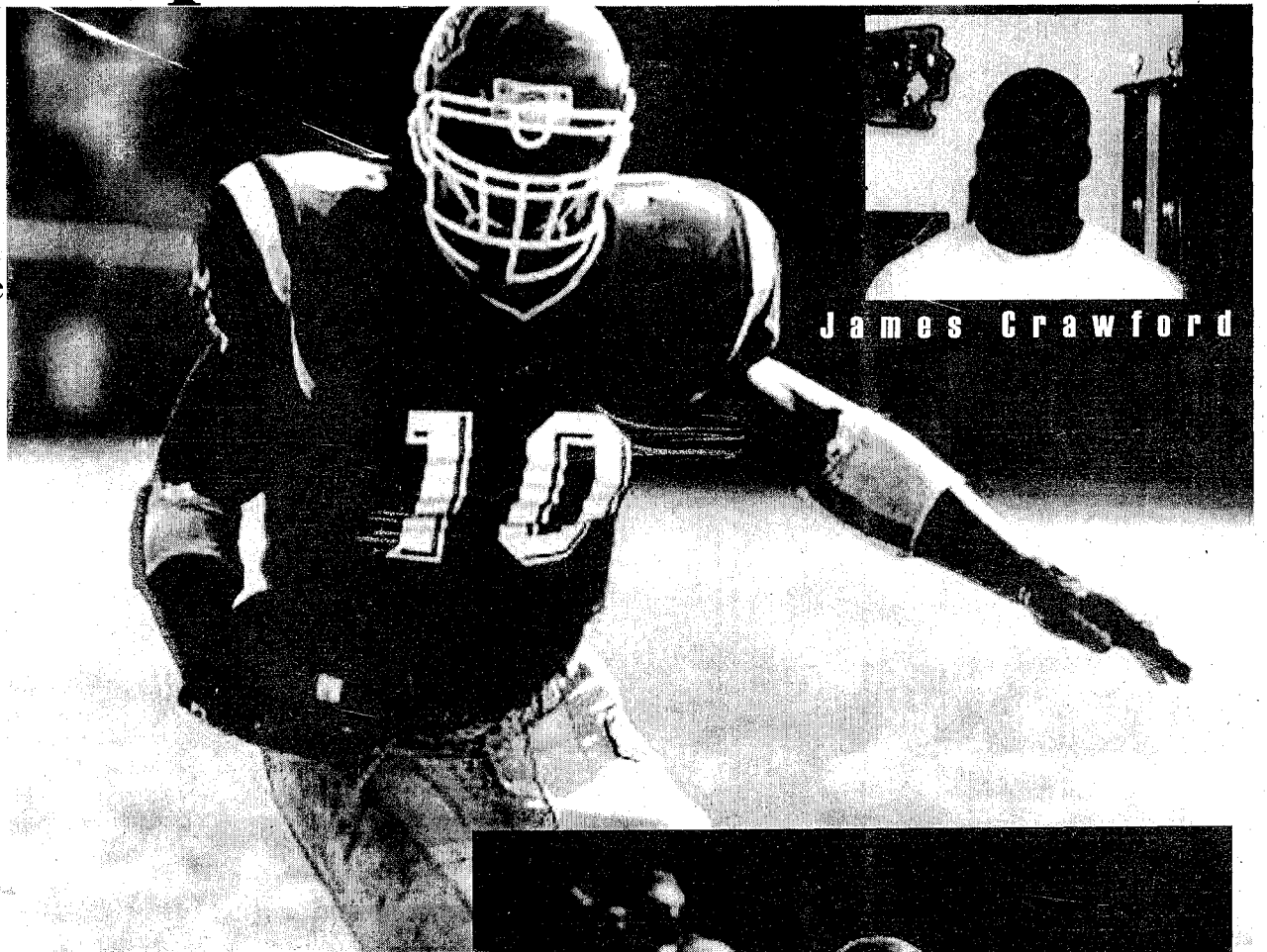
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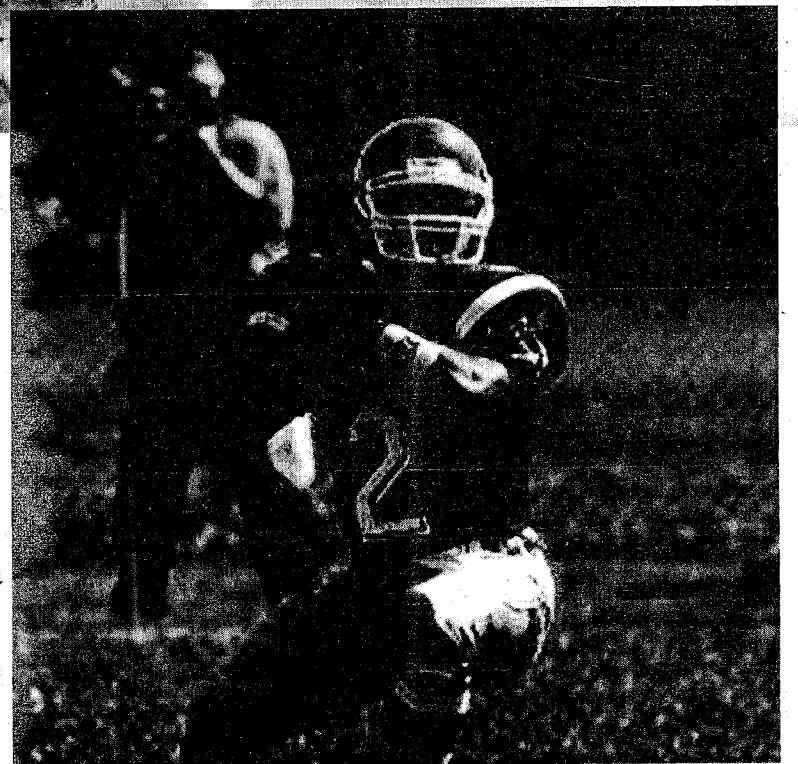
By: Patrick Jean-Pierre

On September 25, 1999 the Stony Brook Seawolves took the field to defend their home at the annual homecoming game. The game was a homecoming to remember. The sun was shining and the stadium was packed with over a 1500 people. The crowd was excited and full of energy. The Stony Brook band played the tunes of winners, the cheerleaders were chanting words of victory, and Errol Smart had the chance to kick a field goal for a new pickup truck. Too bad for Errol, his kick was a little off the mark.

University President Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny was at the game supporting the Seawolves. Despite her busy schedule, she made the time to support the seawolves in their first game as a division one school. Dr. Kenny assisted in crowning our new homecoming king and queen, Anthony Laviscount and Elizabeth Kelley. The Stony Brook Seawolves (1-1) came out fired up from their locker rooms and ready to make the Monmouth hawks (0-4) feel the raft of the wave. The Seawolves catalyst was lead by captains Dan Flores, Jesus Marcano and George Karafantis. The defense was impressive. The Seawolves defense was like a bunch of animals looking to eat hawks for lunch. The Seawolves defense treated the hawks as if they were pigeons. Dan Bertzos led the team with 8 tackles; George Karfantis had 7 tackles. Patrick Shelley and Eric Martinez intercepted 1 pass each during the times when the Seawolves really needed it. However, the offense failed to score



on many opportunities while deep in Hawk's territory. Despite being Oscar Alcantara's first start as a college quarterback, he put on an all-star show for Stony Brook's crowd. He led the Seawolves to a 7-3 win victory over the hawks. The sophomore passed for a 125 yards and rushed for 91 yards. James Crawford Stony Brook's returning running back rushed for 105 yards and hauled in a 20-yard touchdown run



**Come support our Div 1
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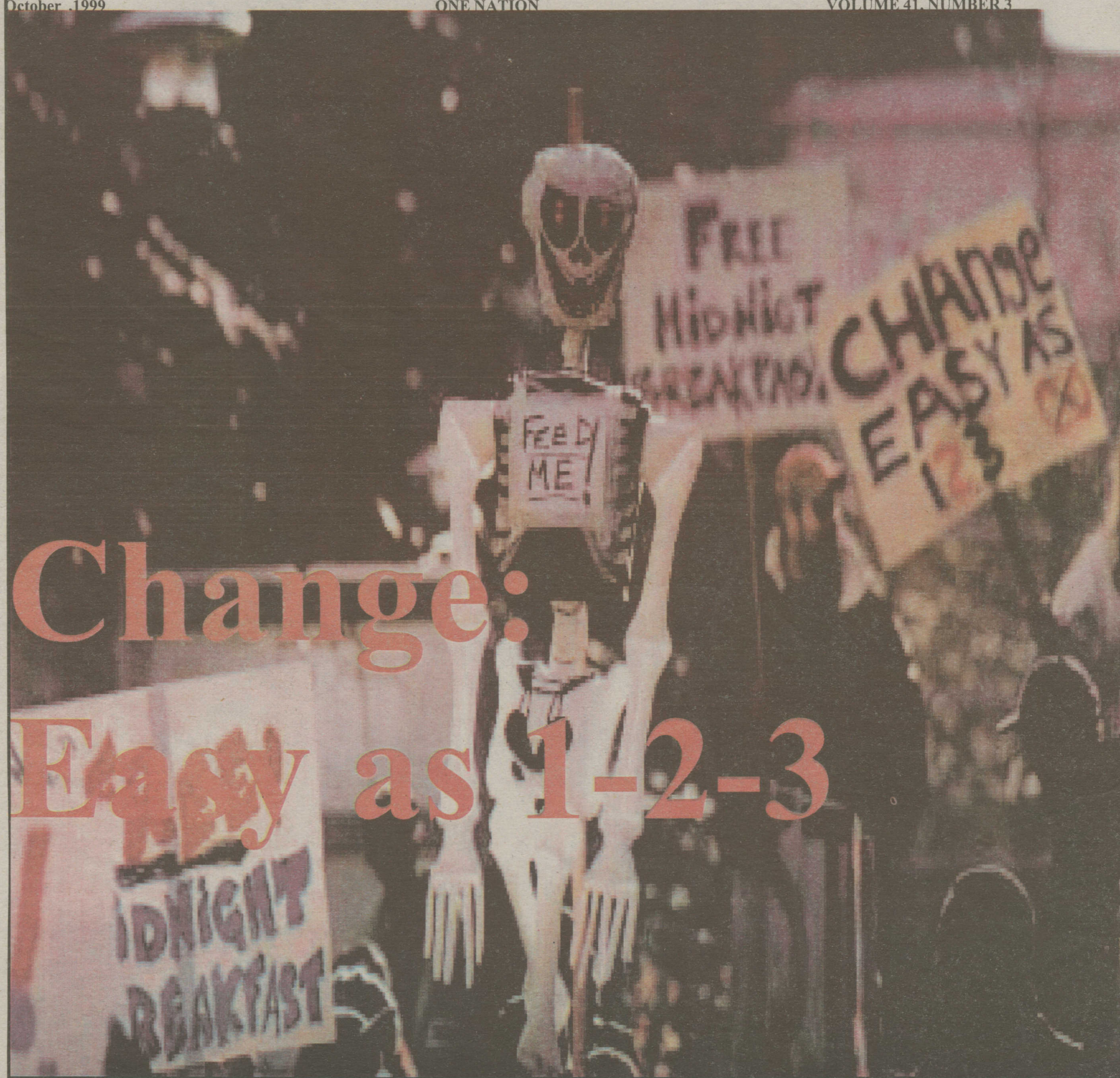
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*It is far better to be free
to govern, or misgovern,
yourself than to be
governed by anybody
else.*

W.E.B DuBois

Freedom Summer

By: Melvin Bennett

Prof. Owens's class, AFS 325, is one to be recommended. Anyone who hasn't had the time or the opportunity should do so in the near future. For all those who can't register due to conflicts of major and issues of that sort, should take the time to sit in because the information that's given is information that you will remember for a lifetime. Recently, Prof. Owens played a documentary on Freedom Summer, a political movement targeted toward the registration of black voters in Mississippi.

What is Freedom Summer? Most of our black population has no recollection of this pivotal event. Freedom summer is one of the turning points in the civil rights movement. Freedom Summer is a push for registering black voters in Mississippi, 1964. Also taking place just before the civil rights act of 1964. 1000 college students from Ohio boarded a bus headed for Mississippi with the mission to register black people to vote. Keep in mind that Mississippi was the most racial state

in the nation. Knowing this fact and the time period that is concerned, there is no doubt that this event is going to be related with violence.

Three men that were more directly involved as leaders were Michael Schwerner, James Chaney, and Andrew Goodman. On June 21, 1964, they visited Mount Zion church in an all black community near Philadelphia. The area had been invaded by Ku Klux Klansmen five days earlier. The day that the movement began was the first and the last for these three noble men.

It was on their drive home to Meridian, where their headquarters were located that the three men were

pulled over by deputy sheriff Cecil Price. When he recognized Mickey Schwerner as the civil rights activist the Klan had been trying to kill, he arrested the men under false pretenses. Cecil Price was in communication with the KKK. They organized the release of Schwerner, Chaney, and Goodman, late at night when the Klansmen would be waiting for them to leave the jailhouse and have an opportunity to kill them. Their goal was accomplished brutally.

The incident received a lot of attention nationwide. The reason for the attention was due to the fact that Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman were white.

The men were killed and buried with no recollection until one of the informant Klansman enclosed some detrimental information regarding the actual occurrence and who took part. The men were brought to trial only to be found not guilty.

Racial segregation continued to be apparent after the death of the men. They weren't allowed to be buried on the same grounds. Chaney's remains were sent to his home to be laid to rest. The pain of his little brother's face portrayed the hurt and pain of Chaney's family best.

The purpose of this article is not to provide a summary of every detail that occurred during this historical moment, but to make you aware of a pivotal movement that is left untaught. Our education system is not centered around us, leaving out a lot of pertinent information that has changed our lives.

Take this information and take the initiative to learn more about the incident. Know your past, that's the only way that we can better our future.

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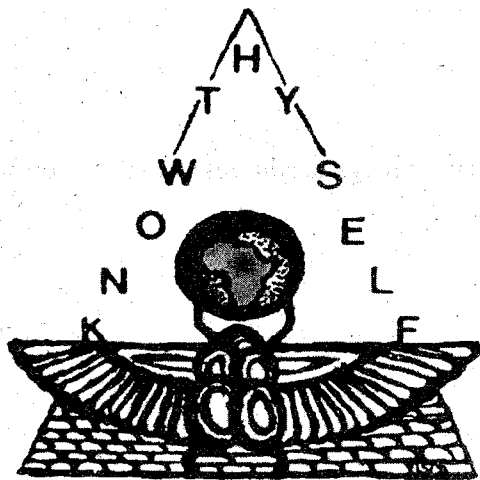
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EDITORIAL

The rally for the repulsive meal plan, which occurred on the day of Wednesday 8th, turned out to be a very big success. Many people thought that there was no way that we were going to be able to be organized but we showed them wrong. The amount of people that came out to support the cause was unbelievable. Led by our Student Polity President, Andre Carberry, and an array of other organizations (MPB, SAB), the student body let Stony Brook know that we are not going to take it anymore. On Monday, a town hall meeting was organized to plan out the events for the actual movement. This meeting was also held so that people can voice their opinions. Attending that meeting was a FSA representative, by the name of Matt Johnston. He spilled the beans regarding a lot of information that we were unaware of. We were told at this meeting that we were basically getting robbed. I don't think that he should have told us this because that was just more ammunition for our rifles. I just wanted to take this time to thank everyone for participating in this glorious event. If our demands aren't met by Friday, then we're doing it again, this time with a louder exclamation point. Somebody recently told me that our school seems to be segregated amongst organizations. On this day we all united, showing ourselves the strength and power when we all can come together as one.

On another note, I just wanted to inform everyone about the happenings concerning Mumia Abu Jamal. The fight for his freedom continues to progress. Similar to us uniting on an issue that is affecting us, there are people worldwide fighting

for the rights of Mumia's freedom. By now we should all know the issues surrounding the issue so there is no reason to redundate the information, but we should all be informed of new happenings. There is a rally and march for Mumia. Free buses are leaving to and from Philly. The rally will occur on Sat. December 11, 1999 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Come out and see unity on a bigger scale.

Next semester, there is going to be a lot happening concerning the "eight semester rule." This rule is unfair and I think that it needs to be changed. Presently, we should all be gathering information on the subject because when the issue gets brought up, we all need to be on the same page and know our information. Regarding this rule, I will not talk about it further, but remember next semester lets be ready to move.

This semester has not been all that was aspired for BLACKWORLD. We made a lot of mistakes that detered the production of this publication to flawless. Next semester the aspirations are the same, hoping for a little more help from you. This is our representation. If we are not going to take care of it then who is? Get off your lazy asses and take the leadership and initiative to partake in the operations at BLACKWORLD.

Ending on that note, I hope that you all enjoy the winter break and I hope to see an entourage of new faces in the new millennium. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Melvin Bennett, Editor-in-Chief

BLACKWORLD
wishes everyone
Happy Holidays
and a Happy
New Year!

THE RALLY

By: Junior Martinez

In the aftermath following one of the most controversial acts performed by the administration at Stony Brook, students expressed themselves about the infamous meal plan that is effecting them. They joined forces in hopes that a boycott would make an impact on the way the Faculty Student Association (FSA), Chartwells, a company in contract with the university, and the administration of Stony Brook run this meal plan. These students have concerns about actions taking place on campus and they decided to speak their minds.

During campus life time on Wednesday December 8, the students held a boycott against the "powers that be" on campus and they told them how they felt. They went around campus as a unit with several goals, all of which they hoped to achieve. Their list of demands was given to anyone who held power pertaining to the meal plan and they made it obvious they wanted their demands to be met.

The first issue on the agenda was the activation fee. The students feel that the \$125 "activation fee" for their meal plan is preposterous and they want it eliminated immediately. They feel this amount of money should, at the least, be placed on their meal cards so they can have more money to eat. The next two demands were in regards to the point system itself. Students feel the "use it or lose it" policy is bogus and should be removed as soon as possible. They feel that no one can dictate their eating habits but themselves and taking away \$30 every week against their will is eliminating the thought of budgeting their points. Furthermore, the campus and resident points, students demand, should be interchangeable. Some students prefer to eat at the resident dining halls, while others prefer central campus food. They feel they should not have to spend their money at designated places.

One of the more popular demands made by the students was that of the prices of certain food on campus. They posed such questions like "Why is a cup of coffee a certain price in one place, while it is different somewhere else?" They feel it makes no sense. Any student you ask has an issue with the prices here on campus. They feel it is truly ridiculous.

Finally, students feel they do not possess the empowerment they so desperately need. They are demanding that administration change the way they communicate with students. They say administration is not telling them all they need to know about campus issues and it has to stop. The administration, as stated in a memorandum to the FSA, Chartwells, and University President Shirley Strum Kenny, is scheduling meeting times that are not conducive to students' schedules, voting without proper student representation, and having meetings that are scheduled when school is not in session.

I had a chance to walk in the rally, where at any given time there were between 300-400 students, and I experienced the emotion emanating from these students. Led by the Student Polity Association President, Andrez Carberry, the large group of students walked through the student union, into the administrative building, the Student Activities Center, and concluded back at the union. While in the administration building, Mr. Carberry stopped the group and made his demands. He stated them

one by one and gave the FSA and administration a deadline of Friday, December 10, 5pm, to respond to these demands. If administration does not meet the December 10 deadline, the students have vowed to march again to support their cause. After leaving memorandums at the administration building and the Student Activities Center, Carberry led his group to the union and concluded at a point that was, in my mind, the climax of the rally. He had everyone in that rally raise their right fists in the air and had them all participate in a moment of silence. When that moment was over, Carberry stated "I want the administration to know that you just witnessed the very last time we students will be silent, because we are sick and tired of what is going on and you will hear us until we get what we want." That proclamation was followed by the cheers of every one of those 400 students who were angry and who were not taking it anymore.

I had the privilege of speaking to Andrez Carberry as well as Dafina Roberts, who is the Executive chair of the Minority Planning Board (MPB) at Stony Brook, Sachiel Mondesir of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Jackedja Francois, President of the NAACP, Lydie Chery, Polity A.V. Operations Manager, Judith Jean-Paul, the MPB comedies/lectures chair, and Lisa LaBarbera, the Polity Secretary, about the situation at hand. When asked about the exact goals of the students, Carberry replied by saying that all the students want is the empowerment they deserve. He also mentioned that it is very important that all the students were coming together for the same cause, because it shows that it does not matter who you are when you are starving. Roberts added by saying the students need more power in the processes taking place

on campus. Administration needs to involve students in their meetings because the students need the information that is pertinent to them. Lack of communication is the key to why these events are transpiring. Administration needs to publicize their meetings so any students interested in adding their input can do so at any time.

All parties also agreed that the students have strength in numbers. "Today, the administration saw many new faces in their building, most of whom are not the usual students who go to them when there is a problem. They have no choice but to recognize that the students care about

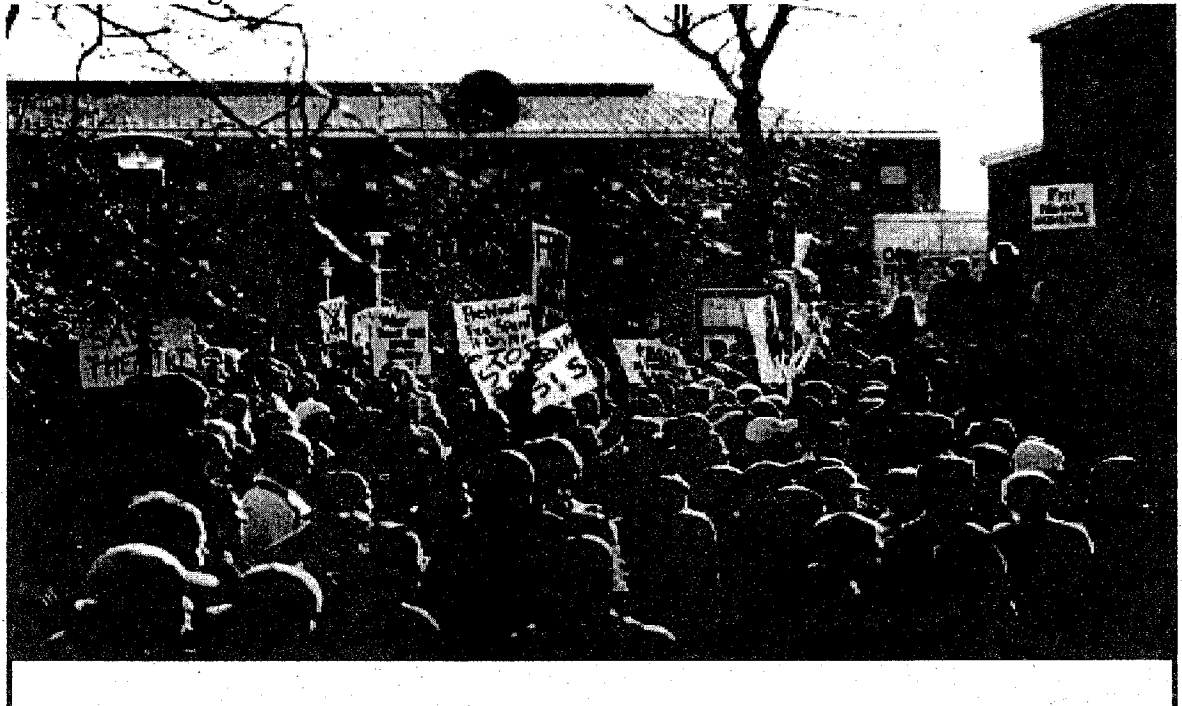
this issue and they are taking it straight to them" says Carberry, confidently. He also added that the students would continue protesting in larger numbers each time if their demands are not met.

I then proceeded to ask all the parties the next question. Do you seriously think you can get through to administration? All refused to hesitate in saying "yes". Roberts added that administration hates bad publicity. That was when Carberry suggested something I found brilliant. He suggested a database be created where students can tell their old high schools about what was going in Stony Brook. This is something that would hurt administration very much. By getting the word out, future college students will not show interest in this university. This can only be detrimental to Stony Brook's success.

During this brief meeting with these parties, there were a few more issues brought up. They wanted to know exactly where the money was going from all these fees. Roberts states that there is "no real truth on this campus between administration and the students". She also brings up the fact that the "higher powers" do not realize that students are up at all times of the night and there should be certain facilities open for them. Something brought up by Chery was the fact that all the dining centers, both on center campus and off, throw away the food that is not used by the end of the day. Why are they throwing away this food when students are starving? Why not charge students a discount to eat this perfectly good food before it is time to throw it out?

The point most stressed among all the parties was that the students should stay consistent with their goals and not give up when they receive their points in January. The questions brought up at this discussion, as well as the demands of the students are points I wish to bring to someone who would know the answers. However, at the present time all administrative representatives have declined to speak to students or anyone of the press on this sensitive topic.

Who is right in this argument? That all depends on the viewpoint you choose to take. Personally, as a student and resident of Stony Brook, I feel the meal plan needs to change and it needs to change now.



An Evening of Funk and Politics with PARKER and Meshell Ndegeocello

By Derrin MAXwell

It had to be at least 20 something degrees outside, and I can't begin to tell you how thankful I was that there wasn't a line at the door. Unfortunately, we did have to wait at least 10 minutes for our liaison to escort us in as his plus three. Upon his arrival, we trooped down the narrow stairs to 6 Bowery Ballroom and stood modestly at the mercy of the dorky doorman, not trying to appear too happy to be beating the fare. Shocked and appalled, our liaison turned to us bearing bad news. "Our name's not on the list," he said blankly as if the situation would soon resolve itself. After a trip back outside to Meshell's tour bus, a call on "the celly", and a tad bit of "weight throwing" we were inside the Ballroom maybe 20 minutes before underground, rock 4 piece Phnom, Parker took the stage. I had seen Guitarist Kelis Parker walking around doing the "meet and greet before show ritual" as usual, and as always he looked shocked to see me at one of his gigs, but I'm into this rock stuff for good now.

It was moments later they took the stage and I joined the rowdy posse gathered around the funk, rock genius Tamar-kali of the band Tamara, at the foot of the stage just before Darlene (of Parker) got into her provocative body whirling, pelvis twirling lead vocalist role. Many onlookers who came solely to see Meshell had no idea that this 4-piece funk machine would be the opening act surrounded us. Blasting off with the pit instigator, "My Friends Don't F*%K Around", the slamming began. However, in a contained manner due to the six-foot four, three hundred pound brother beside me, with his arms around his 2001b woman. It was in my best interest to keep my

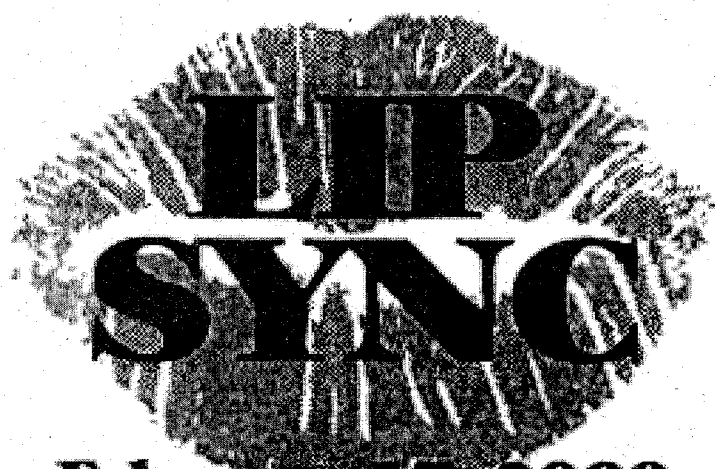
jumping confined to the 12 centimeters between my feet. The temperature began to rise and articles of clothing began to hit the floor in classic Black Folk' coat check fashion. After a guitar solo by Kelis, reminiscent of the quirky, intergalactic, Starship Enterprise scores, that was so intense that it probably had our ancestors buried under Wall Street bopping in their graves, six miles away, Parker exited the stage with a venue full of screaming new fans.

As Meshell took the stage, in traditional fashion, having the crowd applaud for the band as they precede her entrance. She took no time to gander at the big room of fans and began to serenade a gracious crowd. I hadn't seen her perform since Joe's Pub about two weeks before the album was released. Already aware of the overwhelming meditative tone of the album, which was out of her ordinary, but respectable and appreciated by many fans, I didn't know what to expect for her live show. She did however offer an explanation for her expressions to be delivered in such a relaxed and mellow tone. She affirmed her album to simply be about love and that love was the new politics. Suggesting that if each one of us could leave with a little of that love that she's blessing us with, and spread that to another person outside then the politics would change. Surprisingly she "funkdafed" a lot of her material and had us all in a cult of happiness while her and the band played some of the most beautiful live music I had heard since her last show in August.

Many women came out with their men and many women came out with their women. While her words caressed ears, hands caressed loved ones. Hips hugged and heads were nestled

between necks, locks, and shoulders. It was the perfect affair for those who had a special loved one with them but it still managed not to become an exclusive, couples only, celebration of togetherness. Most of the night was made up of very personal issues, denial, betrayal, distrust, and bitter sweat departures, in the most universal of ways. ..melodically. Weaving each mood with monologue intermissions of social commentary, she used the microphone to acquaint the audience with some of her personal observations regarding the POPular culture. She made mention of the lyrically subtle Limp Bizkit and that if they were black and "rapping" there is no way they would get that much airplay or get to do a song with Method Man for that matter. I, of course, agree with all of my working senses and appreciate a voice outside of the "underground" (boy am I sick of that word) culture, finally mentioning it to a capacity crowd.

There really isn't anything bad I could say about her show (and believe me I'm looking). I love the album. It's not at all what I expected for her third album but I was delightfully pleased with the difference. It's the perfect "macking" album including smooth mellow tracks all the way through with no sabotage lyrics to monkey wrench your game (I have to mention that for all of the shallow, conversation inept readers here at USB. You know who you are. You're probably not reading this). It's a great album to write to, work to, listen to, drive to, make babies to, whatever! I'm just telling you it's worth picking up. After hearing about Meshell's new politics, you may feel so inclined to possibly run for office, or change your policy if you're already an elected representative. It's in stores now, **BITTER** by Meshell Ndegeocello, and the title has nothing to do with her attitude.



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Black Honors

James Baldwin 1924-1987



The Bettman Archive

By: Ruth Robledo

James Arthur Baldwin was born on August 2, 1924, in Harlem, New York, during the Black Cultural Renaissance. He was a writer, activist, and one of the most prominent black intellectuals of the 1950's and 1960's. During the Civil Rights Movement, Baldwin acted as a writer, activist and reporter. Journalist Lerone Bennett said Baldwin has always sought to "illuminate the dream of the disenfranchised and

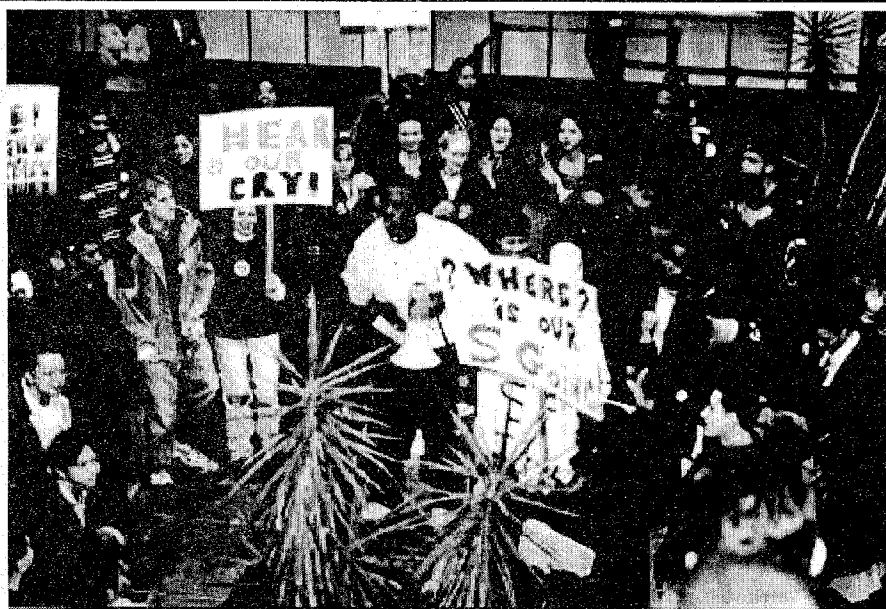
sing the song of the voiceless"; he dared "to confront the racist nation." James Baldwin single handily shaped the thoughts and actions of thousands of blacks and nonblacks with his writing. He however did not feel the need to side with Dr. Martin Luther King's nonviolent tactics or Malcolm X's confrontational tactics. He instead used his writing to give blacks a superior moral and spiritual sense. By doing this he felt that he would help prevent African Americans from degrading themselves as the racist White Americans were. Baldwin said the "whoever debases others is debasing himself." Baldwin was once asked how he felt about living through the Civil Rights Movement, he said, "I

had to go through the civil rights movement and I don't regret it at all. All those people trusted me. There was something very beautiful about that period, something life-giving for me to be there, to march, to be a part of a sit-in, to see it through my own eyes." James Baldwin has be labeled as an echo of great voices such as Martin Luther King, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Richard Wright. However, many feel that as an individual

he has shaped the civil rights idealism with his uniquely personal perspective and style. In addition to his activism he is the author of sixteen books. Some of his work includes: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (1953, his first novel); *Notes of a Native Son* (1955, essays); *Giovanni's Room* (1956, novel); *Nobody Knows My Name* (1960, essays); *Another Country* (1962, novel); *The Fire Next Time* (1963, essays); and *No Name in the Street* (1972, essays). He also wrote a number of plays. *Blues for Mister Charlie* and *The Amen Corner* are two of his plays that received the most favorable reviews. His *One Day When I Was Lost*, is a screenplay based on *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. His screenplay was used as an information source for Producer-director Spike Lee's 1992 film *Malcolm X*. James Arthur Baldwin died on November 30, 1987, at Saint-Paul-de-Vence in the south of France. Approximately four thousand people gathered on December 8, 1987 at Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City for his funeral. Famous writers such as Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison spoke at the funeral. In Toni Morrison's eulogy about James Baldwin she said in part, "So, I have pored again through the 6,895 pages of your published work... No one possessed or inhabited language for me the way you did.... But for the thousands and thousands of those who embraced your text, who gave themselves permission to hear your language by that very gesture, they ennobled themselves, became civilized."

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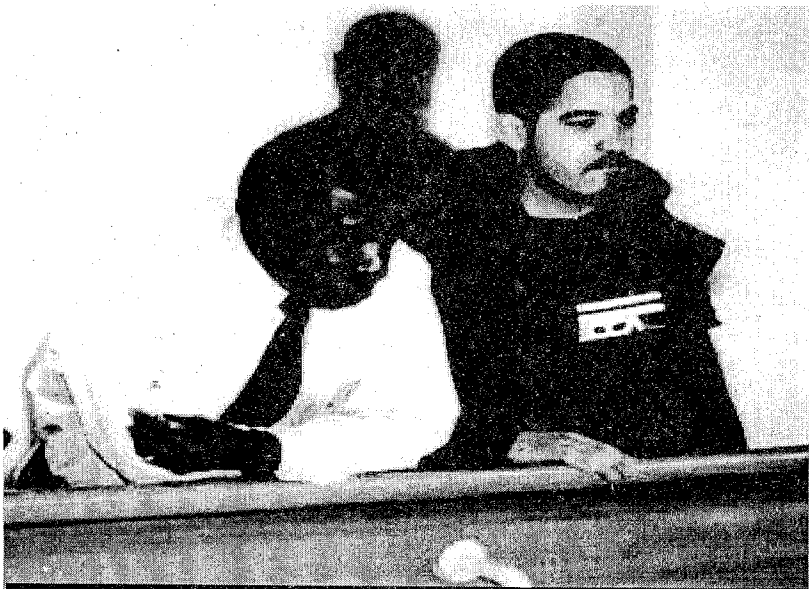


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PUTTING THE MEGAPHONE TO WORK



It has been a long time since the students of Stony Brook has took a stand. Lets use this as an example and continue to fights for our rights. This is our letter of demands. We hope to see many more like it.

Student Polity
Association
"STUDENTS FIRST"

TO: FSA
Chartwells
Shirley Strum Kenny, University President

FROM: The Student Polity Association: Andrez Carberry, President

DATE: December 8, 1999

RE: SUNY Stony Brook Meal Plan

The students on the Stony Brook campus are angry! For over a semester, we have had serious questions, doubts, and issues with the current meal plan, however nothing has changed. Petitions have been signed and questions have been asked, but a brick wall always seems to come between questions and answers.

Right now we feel there is a lack of communication between FSA and Chartwells (those who contracted for the students) and the students themselves. Most students, thought they have an interest in these issues, do not know how to get involved. Although information is somewhat available, students still do not know how to access this information or where to go in order to get involved. We don't feel any proactive steps have been made in order to solve this dilemma. Those students who have gotten involved or at least made an effort have NOT found themselves in a student friendly atmosphere.

- Meeting times, which are not conducive to students' schedules.
- Votes are cast without proper student representation.
- Meetings are made when school is not in session.

We are not here to place particular blame right now, but feel a change needs to be made. Students have lost faith in their ability to seriously effect the bureaucratic processes that affect them on a daily basis, especially in regards to the meal plan. Unfortunately we no longer believe in the promises and empty words of your administration, therefore we have decided to take a stand! We are now publicizing our demands so that the greater campus community can know that we are unsatisfied with the services so far rendered.

Our demands are as follows:

- Get rid of the activation fee
- Get rid of Use it or Loose it immediately
- Allow Residence and Campus points to be interchangeable immediately
- Create competitive and consistent prices immediately
- Immediate change in how students are communicated with
- End shut out of resident students in the SAC during midday hours
- No charge for Midnight Breakfast

Our demands must be met by Friday December 10TH at 5pm or further action will ensue. All answers should be directed to Andrez Carberry, Polity President at 2-6460.

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Andrez Carberry- “This wouldnt have been possible without you, our community. Thank you, and have a prosperous Winter break.”

Student Polity
Association,
STUDENTS FIRST

To: All Participants/ Supporters

From: Andrez Carberry, President Student Polity Association

Subject: Meal Plan Rally

On Wednesday, December 8, 1999, students at the State University of New York at Stony Brook came out in overwhelming numbers to show all, that we will no longer be the puppets of the Administration. We illustrated to our fellow students, the community, professional staff, Administrators and faculty alike that students on this campus are capable of uniting for the good of the student population and serve notice that we will no longer watch our money be used in a manner we deem as inappropriate.

The Student Polity Association Incorporated (Your Student Government) is open for business, and we will continue to fight for all student issues on this campus. This protest is just the tip of the iceberg and there are far more aspects of this food service and other campus issues we need to address. One has to be very enthused, however, with the response we received from the campus we have often deemed “apathetic.”

We have made a giant step toward Student Activism and the rebirth of the “Movement”. Keep strong, and to all those who participated, a heart felt Thank You. Your effort, time and devotion will never go unnoticed or forgotten, you showed us all what being a Community is all about. Thank You and stay tuned for part two.

WE WILL NO LONGER BE SILENCED. TAKE A STAND!!!!

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DISSAPOINTED STUDENTS SPEAK ON THE MEAL PLAN

Use it or Lose it?

By: Coleigne Stone

Anytime a person pays for something they always want to make sure that they get their money's worth. Say you brought a nice sweater in a store. Then you go to visit your friend to show him or her your new sweater. He or she notices a hole in the sweater. You would march right back to the store and exchange or return it, right?! This is exactly what's happening to some students with the meal plan. A good number of students aren't getting their money's worth. The students that feel this way should work together to get those who are in charge to change it.

Last year, many students using the meal plan felt that they had too much money. Within the tuition a certain amount is allotted for a campus resident's meal plan. This money is divided between fall and spring semester. There were two kinds of meal plans. The way the meal plan worked was that a student was given a certain amount of meals to use or your money was divided between campus points and resident points. If a student had money left over on their meal plan card from the fall semester it would carry over to the spring semester. But if you had money left over from the spring semester on your meal plan card you lose it.

This year the meal plan is divided between campus points and resident points. The amount of campus points and resident points you have depends on which meal plan you choose. In many dining halls there is a chart that specifies how much money you should have on your card. Because of certain adjustments in the meal plan a number of students are seeing that they are below this specified amount.

"Use it or lose it." You have all seen this sign in one of the resident's halls if you live on campus. Let's break down exactly what that means. Saying, "resident points is equivalent to saying 'resident money'". Campus residents know that they are required to spend (or use) 30 "resident points" from Monday morning to

Sunday night. If there is any money left over it is automatically deducted from their account, hence the term "lose it". As students we have paid money for our meal plan card and if we don't use it within that week they take our money away. That is just asinine. Another important question is: "Where does the money go that they collect from students who don't spend it in time?"

On campus not being allowed to eat at certain areas during certain times and the raise in prices of food has also caused some difficulty for some campus residents. In the Student Activity Center (SAC) dining area meal plan cards are not accepted between 11am - 2pm, Mondays through Fridays. Most students that live on campus are not willing to pay cash on campus food when they have already paid for a meal plan card. Campus residents should be allowed to eat anywhere at anytime. Another problem is the prices of food. If a student really looks at their receipt for their meal plan, they will most likely agree the prices of food and a beverage is ridiculous. The raise in prices of meals is also part of the problem why many students are below the specified amount on their meal plan card. In October, I have personally witnessed a student actually being denied food because they ran out of money on their meal plan card. Luckily, another fellow student who had points to spare lent a helping hand and covered the other student. But what happens to the rest of us who are slowly going down that same path. Do we budget our money? Do we keep adding sufficient funds to our meal plan account?

This student happens to think we pay enough money for school and have enough dilemmas in our lives to be concerned with without the added stress of the meal plan problem. Those students who feel the meal plan has not done them justice should join forces to change it. They should petition for it to be changed. We as students have a right to be a part of regulating what we are paying for. Don't keep the sweater with the hole in it. Exchange it for a new one so that you - the student - get your money's worth.

WHAT WILL IT BE TODAY?

By: Johnia Redhead

So what will I have today, let me see, Burger King, Taco Bell, pizza or the "home cooked" food at one of the dining locations? Is that it, that's all I have to choose from, where's the variety? What happened to all of the "good" food that we're supposed to be offered? I mean, don't get me wrong, it may seem like we have a lot of choices, but how quickly do you get tired of it?

After all of the things I have just named, what else is there to choose from? A sandwich, pasta, hamburgers and fries (sometimes they're not even well done). These things are all good, but what would be better is if most of them tasted good. How can we enjoy the campus life if most of the food tastes the same, looks bad or just tastes bad, in each dining location? I asked some students what they thought about the food that we're offered to eat everyday. One student had this to say: "There should be larger portions of food served. The amount that they give us sometimes is not even enough to feed a mouse." This is a well-known fact, what we are given sometimes is only enough for a little child. I believe that if we are paying for the food, we should receive a reasonable serving. Don't you agree?

I have a question for everyone, how would you feel if you went to get something to eat and you're unsure of what it is so you ask, "what's that?" and the answer you get is, "I don't know, I think it's supposed to be chicken or fish." Would you still want to eat it? These are the kinds of replies that you sometimes hear at certain dining locations. Would you want to eat something that not even the people who are serving know what it is? No, I didn't think so.

BLACK EXPO

By: Jonnel Doris

In celebration of Black History Month, the Black Expo Planning Committee will be holding its 3rd Annual Career Expo. This organization was founded by Stony Brook Alum Monessah Lawson. This event was organized to help businesses reach our large population of minority students preparing to enter the job market. These businesses, will come with the intention of hiring providing insight and internship for our students. Some companies that attended the Expo in past years were IBM, Pitney Bowes, Coca Cola, Newsday, 100 Black Men, Allstate Insurance and many more.

This year the Expo committee has expanded its resources to incorporate a variety of new

services and programs. For instance on November 18th, the Expo had its first Entrepreneur workshop. We had various companies attend to speak about what it takes to run your own business. They also gave insight on Start-ups, Minorities Business Owners, Women Owned Businesses and much more. The committee will also host a Gospel night at the Colours Cafe in the Union on December 2nd featuring up coming artist, One Accord. Finally, in the week of February 7th, we will have a series of events. Some include a resume writing and interviewing skills workshop. There will be a pre-celebration for the Expo and the long awaited 3rd Annual Career Expo with special guest Key Note Speaker, Dr. Rev Clavin Butts, President of SUNY Westbury.

This year the Black Expo Planning Committee would like to invite you to join us at one of our general body meetings. They are held Sundays at 10:30pm in the UCC. We have a variety of tasks that you all can participate in. Come out and begin to build your self for the job market in the next millennium. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at 216-1989 or e-mail me at jdoris@icsunvsnb.edu.com.

Jonnel Doris, President

What is the purpose of the Minority Planning Board?

By: Dafina Roberts, MPB Executive Chair

Since the beginning of the fall semester, I've been bombarded with questions concerning the purpose of MPB. Some students have asked me: So what is the point of MPB? Isn't there enough programming by minorities for minorities on this campus? When MPB began back in the 80s, there were very few racial minorities on this campus. The Board was created in response to a predominantly white Student Activities Board. Student leaders of minority organizations coalesced to form a programming board that would sponsor activities for minority students. As the racial demographics on this campus have changed, the role of the MPB has come under question. According to the statistics provided by Institutional Research, in Fall '98 ethnic minorities made up 37% of the undergraduate population. One white student mentioned to me that "minority students run this campus." I don't completely agree with this statement. Though many organizations sponsor activities that celebrate their own culture, the diversity of cultural events on this campus does not automatically challenge institutionalized racism. Racism not only maintains itself by keeping minorities ignorant of themselves and their history, but also through keeping other ethnic minorities ignorant of each other. In addition, there are other types of minorities beyond racial ones, and I completely disagree that these minorities "run the campus."

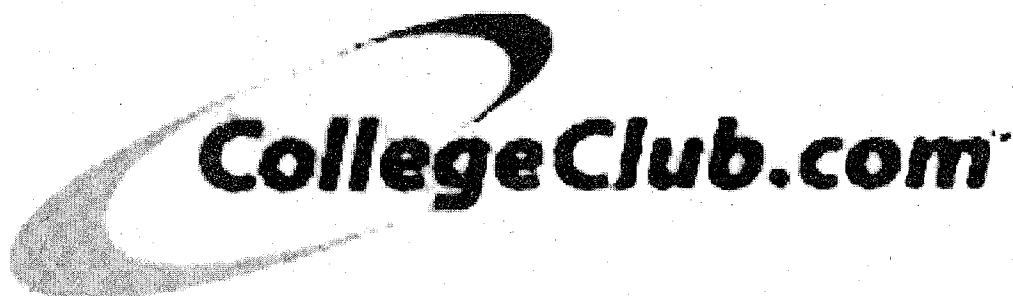
Let me ask you the following questions to exemplify how race works on this campus and

how other forms of oppression are prevalent within our "community." How many events have been cosponsored by African American and Asian Pacific American organizations that address how racism effects both groups? How often do you see Latino, Southeast Asian American and white students attending the same cultural event? How many cultural organizations have taken a stance against homophobia? How many womyn's organizations have explored how sexism manifests itself in terms of race, class and sexuality? How many events are sponsored on this campus that address abilism and how many abled students have attended such a program? I, in no way, shape or form, am implying that such events, coalitions and consciousness-raising have not taken place on this campus. (It surely has and I commend all student organizations for their efforts). I am only saying that it hasn't taken place on a mass level. This is why two men cannot hold hands and kiss each other in the middle of the SAC lobby. This is why there continues to be date rape on this campus. This is why you can walk into any dining area, look at groups of students at each table and see racial self-segregation at work. And seriously, one DEC K course (American Pluralism) is not going to open the eyes of students. We, the students, need to teach each other about our different experiences and live diversity in our everyday lives. Our events should reflect our stories, but we first need to push beyond our comfort zones.

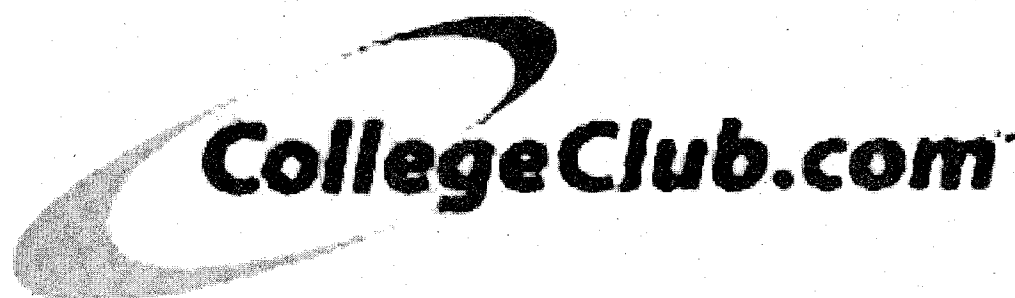
This academic year MPB decided to make

our theme "Broaden Your Horizons"—which is something that our organization, many student leaders and the general student body need to do. The Board is working on rewriting our constitution so that it explicitly states our stance against not only racism but against sexism, homophobia, abilism and other forms of institutionalized oppression. Our goal for this fall semester was "Building Community" which involved getting different minority organizations to learn about each other. We hope that next semester we can implement our second initiative, "Exploring Diversity." By setting up the initial contact between organizations, we hope that these organizations will work together so that the campus can learn about and appreciate the lives and struggles of traditionally marginalized people.

I wrote this article because the Board would like to know how you feel about the campus "community," student activities and MPB's role on this campus. We are having a town hall meeting December 1st at 9:30pm in SAC 304. I encourage all to come and voice their opinion. Please come out and support. MPB wants to help fight alienation and apathy on this campus but we need student leaders and the general student body to commit to this cause. We, students, cannot create a campus "community" until they start not only tolerating diversity but investing in it.



The Worlds Largest College Community



I LIKE HIM, BUT HE'S WHITE...

There seems to be a shortage of black men for the intelligent black woman. Either they're in jail, gay, or disease-infected, so what are we left to do. In high school, there were so many men I could not keep one boyfriend. My demands for what I wanted in a man had not been established, so I dealt with a lot of "soon to be losers." As a young carefree teenager, I was unaware of the trials and tribulations I would encounter in the years to come.

Then I entered college, a haven of "intelligent men". However I have come to realize that their intelligence, unlike their sex drive, does not reach its peak until after graduation. Most men in college are not looking for a potential wife candidate in this haven of eligible intelligent black women. They want to experience as much women as possible not thinking of the future ahead. You see, men do not feel the repercussions of their actions until they realize the women in the real world are a whole different cup of tea.

So then I wondered what should a woman of my intellectual caliber do in this situation? A friend of mine answered "go white". **GO WHAT?**

Now in my judgement there are some cute and attractive white boys, but to go through with the whole act was too much for me. However after speaking to about her experience, my mind has become curious. She also admits when she was first introduced to the idea she was hesitant, but the rush and the excitement she felt whenever they are alone is awesome. She explained to me that it's

because of the sexual taboo, which has been created by the two races. It is like you are defying nature.

She claims it is the sexual tension between her and her partner that keeps them coming back for more. At first she called me crying "I like him, but he's white." She could not grasp the reason for the attraction because she is a full-fledge black woman who loves black men, soul food, hip-hop, Harlem, and a graduate of an all black university. She did not grow up in a mix or all white community. She does not have a lot of white friends. She had lived an all black experience up to this point. Now a white man filled her thoughts, not a wanna-be-black white boy, but a Long Island breed regular white boy.

Although he was smart, well off, charming, and sexy, she knew it could not last. They were too different. She was conscious of his thin lips when they kissed because she was use to kissing full lips all her life. They both had tendencies to rely on the racial stereotypes, like the myth of white men's penises and black women's eroticism, when dealing with each other. He could never tell his parents and she could never be seen with him in her world. These were things she never could overcome, even though what she felt for him was so intense. However an affair with a white guy is highly recommended by her if you are looking for that "oomph" and "pizzazz" that these black men, in her opinion, are not providing. So black women if you are in the dumps over these black men and you want to feel wanted, desired, and have a little fun, by all means turn the page.

CHICOSLIMM

POETRY FOR THE NEW MILLINEUM

AN UNFINISHED LOVE STORY

I saw her across the street.
She looked at me from head to feet.
I knew she was the one.
She told me to call her at one.
I told her I had a girl.
She told me she had someone too. And his name was Earl.

I CALLED HER THAT NIGHT,
DAMN, SHE MADE BY HEART SO BRIGHT.
SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS LEAVING HIM,
I TOLD HER SHE WAS REALLY DECEIVING HIM.
SHE ASKED ME OUT,
THAT MADE MY HEART SHOUT.

WE WENT OUT THAT NIGHT.
SHE WAS A GREAT SIGHT.
I TOLD HER I HAD A GIRL,
AND WHAT THE HELL AM I GOING TO DO.
SHE TOLD ME I SHOULD DO THE VOODOO THAT SHE KNOWS I CAN DO.

SHE KISSED MY LIPS,
I GRABBED HER HIPS.
SHE SOON STARTED TO CRY,
DAMN, SHE MADE MY ***** FRY

TO BE CONTINUED.

K-NASTY

How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
I love thee with everything that is in my heart and soul.
I love thee more than every breath that I take.
For breath is only the mere sustenance of life.
Without your love there might as well be none.
I love thee more than the ocean has waves.
The crashing is like the sound of a pin drop compared to the beat of my heart.
You are everything I'm looking for, Everything I've found.
I love thee through thick and through thin.
I love thee through homeliness and beauty.
The former means nothing because the pure sparkle in your eyes Is enough too make the gods above cry.
Your skin ranges from the creamiest milk to the most velvety ebony.
Your lips administer sweet caramel kisses
To my neck, my forehead, and they fulfill my wishes.
You are my dream guy, yet you are found in more than my dreams
You are the black male.
I am your black queen.
Once we're together let no force tear us apart
To be my everything, forget the body: start with my heart.
Like the saying goes good things come to those who wait...
So don't think that you're getting any on a first date.
There's a time and place for everything
Don't think it will come right now
We're looking for a man to treat us right,
But will he be a man and admit that he knows how?

Shaniqua "Peaches" Williams

Lyrics from the "Head"

By:BrothaBrotha

Keeping it real with the ladies is what I strive for. That is what the ladies like nowadays. I'm going to tell you ladies a secret on how to keep your man. Actually, I don't want to tell you too much because then my fellow brothas' are going to be highly upset with me. I can't have that because I represent manhood. I can't tell you ladies a secret that will ensure his stay, but I will say that it will help him stay longer.

There's going to be a time when you feel as though this male has proven himself well enough that you agree to have sex with him. I know that it might sound like something that you might want to hear, but this is what that man has been waiting for. The longer you wait to please that man, the higher the rate that he's out there trying to get pleased quicker. This is a proven fact. Due to morals or things of that nature, some females just won't please their man to all extents. For all those people, you will have to live with fact.

O.k., now that you're having sex and your man seems to be very pleased with you, you are out of the water yet. Sex doesn't stop at intercourse. There is a whole list of things that comes with it, some more essential than others. This list stems from various positions, all the way to oral sex. Two very important keys to this whole sex issue.

Men seem to believe that oral sex is the

greatest thing that ever happened to man. If there is a brotha that doesn't stress oral sex at all, there will be that peer pressure that will ignite his mental to shift. The bottom line ladies, is that if you don't give your man oral sex to the fullest potential or even freak him with those various positions, somebody else is going to do it for you, point blank. The same thing applies for men but this is from the male's perspective, so sorry ladies)

What is the problem with oral sex anyway? If anything, it's worse for us than it is for you. I don't want to get graphic but the amount of liquid that is involved is ridiculous when we're performing the act. Females, when you're performing the act, it's really not that serious.

The last thing that I have before the semester ends is, over the break take care of your man if he lives on campus but now he's going home. Do you know the amount of things that can happen when he gets that freedom? Especially if you leave him with that question mark about certain things that he hasn't experience sexually. This should be in the back of your head during the whole intercession.

Thank you for your reply Sista Sista, and to everyone else who reads my column. Don't feel hesitant to write me if you want to express your opinions personally or publicly. On that note, good luck on your finals and have a Merry Christmas, I'm out!

Lance "Un" Rivera stabbed at NY Nightclub & Jay-Z arrested

Jay-Z was arrested Thursday night after police questioned the rapper in connection with a stabbing at a New York nightclub the night before.

At press time, Jay-Z remained at Manhattan's Midtown South Precinct and had not yet been arraigned or formally charged. It is expected that he will be taken from Midtown South to Manhattan's Central Booking for processing late Thursday evening. During a party celebrating the release of Q-Tip's new album at Manhattan's Kit Kat Club, music industry executive Lance Rivera (better known as "Un") was stabbed once in the abdomen and once in the shoulder just before midnight and was taken to New York's St. Vincent Hospital. He was released in stable condition under a doctor's supervision early Thursday afternoon. In addition to the stabbing, another 29-year-old victim was punched in the face. Police said they are treating the case as a second-degree assault and that they are looking for two suspects, both described as black men in their 20s. Suspects have not yet been named.

Rivera is the head of Entertainment Music, the label he started with the late Notorious B.I.G. Spokespeople for Rivera and Entertainment had no comment on the stabbing. The incident took place onstage in the V.I.P. area of the club, and authorities say no weapon has been recovered.

Earlier Wednesday evening, prior to the Q-Tip party, Jay-Z himself held a music industry listening party at New York's Irving Plaza for his upcoming album "Vol. 3... The Life And Times Of S. Carter" which doesn't come out until December 28. Jay-Z was joined by Roc-A-Fella cohorts such as Beanie Seigel, Amil, and Memphis Bleek at the party and performed several tracks from the record.

"Life And Times" has made its way to bootleggers and street vendors, and it has been alleged that the dispute at the Kit Kat Club was over the rampant bootlegging of the album. Just before Jay-Z hit the stage at Irving Plaza, manager Damon Dash even went as far as to declare to the crowd over a microphone, "F*** the bootleggers!"

-Sosa

A Reply to last issues column

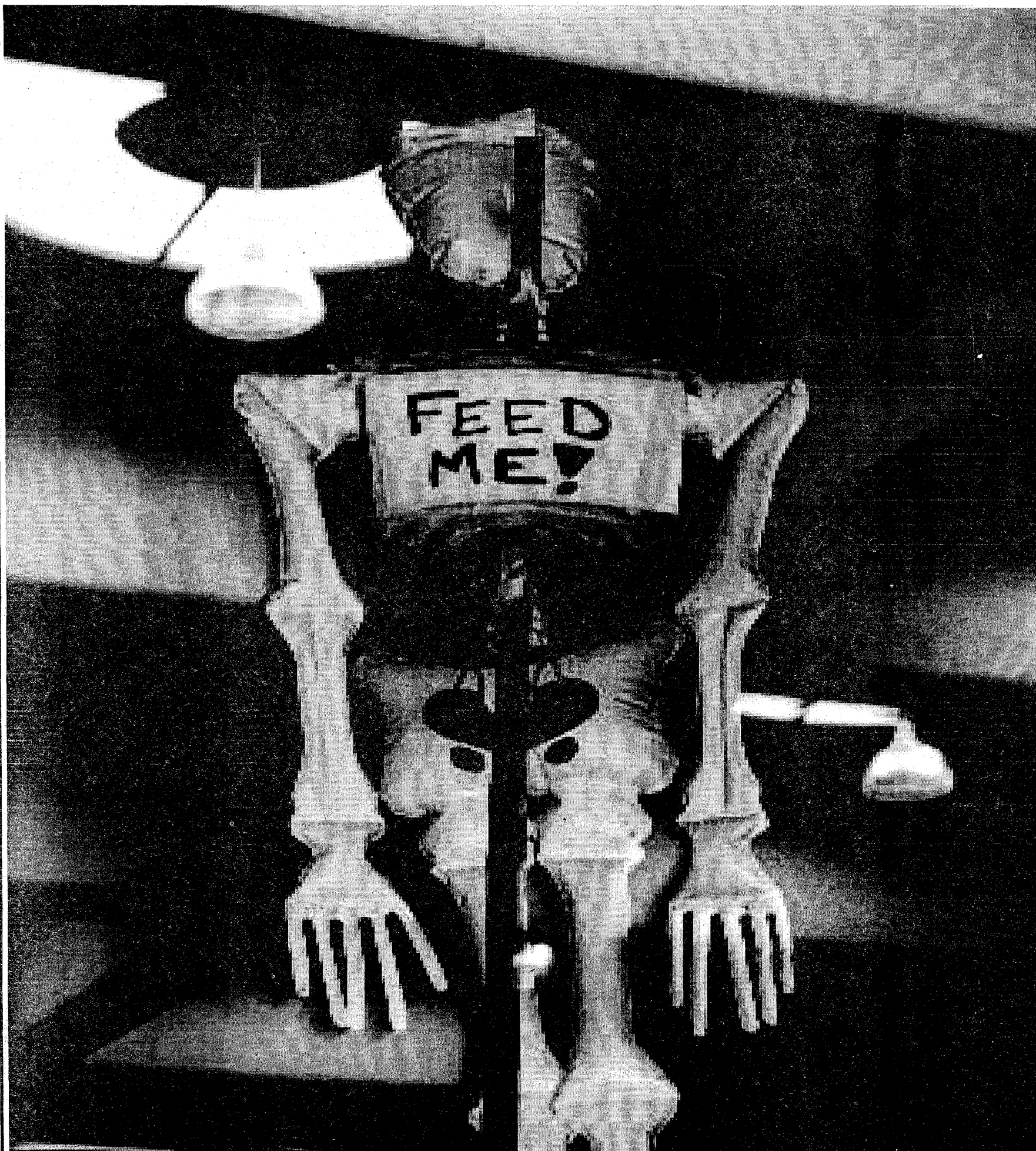
By:SistaSista

To the brother who wrote the article "Lyrics from the Head," if you don't know what you are talking about, then don't submit your opinion in a paper that is widely read in Stony Brook. First of all, nobody needs sex. Sex shouldn't be so easily given away. "We have all met that female that told you that she doesn't have sex because of morals and so on. A week of quality time and all those morals are out the door." In that week of quality time, you men put on an act that makes the female believe she can open up to you. You manipulate us to believe you are a sweet guy and different from the others, but you are just the same, and you are after the same thing. The female begins to feel comfortable with you; that doesn't mean she threw her morals out the door. It means she fell in your manipulating trap, and doesn't quite see the real dog you are. Second, the college atmosphere is not all about sex. It is you men who come to college with that mentality, and expect to get laid very easily, but when you meet a female, she gives you a reality check! Life isn't so easy. Sex shouldn't be performed so freely. In my opinion, your mentality is so sad and pathetic. You are not the least bit a man, but a boy who thinks like a teenager! You need to take your child's play elsewhere. You are a womanizer and don't understand the concept of womanhood. Last, but not least, you brothers need to "Keep It Real!" You need to learn how to talk to and treat a lady. Learn your manners before you play your game and step up. Learn to RESPECT a woman and her body.

TO: SISTA SISTA

Ok Miss Sista Sista, I'm glad that you took the time out to share your opinion. I was on the verge of thinking that the females on campus don't have a voice. I know that there are things that we do wrong or things that you ladies are not appreciative of but I am speaking from the male perspective. It is the job of you ladies to talk about the things that you hate or dislike about us. First of all, in response to you (Sista Sista), everyone doesn't need sex but I can tell you this, the majority of us want it. It sounds like your mad at the world. I think it's something personal. No matter what you rebutted, all my points are very valid because this is exactly what goes on. Coming from a male that interacts with many other males during that "round table conversation". This stuff comes up all the time, so I know what I'm talking about. I don't understand why you are telling me to "keep it real" and know how to talk to lady because everything that I said was "keeping it real." I also know how to talk to a lady. Everything that was said last issue was not demeaning to females. I even stated that I respect womanhood to the best of my ability. If I did offend anyone, I apologize. The only thing that I will agree with is that men don't know the concept of womanhood. If they do know it, they choose not to identify with it. Men, let's face it, although the woman may tell you that she doesn't want more than you say that you are going to give her, she doesn't mean it. They don't work like that. Their feelings are uncontrollable. Men, from now on, **this is the rule:** if they tell you that they don't want anything more, **DON'T BELIEVE THEM!!!**

BLACKWORLD



**WE WILL NO LONGER BE SILENCED. TAKE A
STAND!!!!**