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## SGA President Steps Down

By: Kathy Thurston  
Editor-in-Chief

In a memo dated March 11, Student Government President, Tom Nowetner informed the body of the SGA Executive Board and Student Senators that as of 5 p.m. March 18 he was resigning his office. He stated the reason for his departure as due to serious illness. Nowetner has been SGA president since May 21, 1993, succeeding Michael Platta.

"One of Nowetner's most significant contributions while in office was the implementation of an improved budget control. He said the money from the previous spring semester had all been spent by the time he took office. Now though, after checking with the office of the Faculty-Student Association, he says, "We are still in the

black." He listed over \$14, thousand people enrolled in 000 in various accounts, various organizations. This such as Travel and Trans-

explained what they were and the benefits of joining.

Also, SGA's most recent blood drive in February was the most successful ever, receiving 116 units compared to 40 in their previous drive. SGA also initiated "Financial Aid Week," a program that helped students fill in their financial aid forms for the next school year, which will help to reduce the lines at the Financial Aid Office in the fall.

An Evening Student's Appreciation Night was also a new event this semester. Nowetner said he wanted to do something because these students pay an activity fee, yet are unable to attend many of the events offered on campus. Two worthy community projects were also

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L-R., Tom Nowetner, Alan Truesdale, Sen. Libous, Dave Maslar, Dr. Dellow; Presenting check to Child Care Center

portation and a Reserve Account, and a Contingency Account.

While Nowetner was in office, club membership over all the campus rose from 400 to over a

Nowetner and David Maslar, Director of Student Activities, during orientation. Nowetner said he highlighted all the clubs,

## Community Cooperation - Dialogue Essential to Rout Fear

By: Ray Kuhr  
Staff Writer

"When we call for the community to sit down and dialogue there must not be fear and trepidation." These were the words of Reverend Derrick Span, CEO of Broome County Urban League, when he delivered an inspirational message at the Unity Dinner on February 25. Dr. Dellow, President of Broome Community College welcomed everyone to the dinner, jointly sponsored by BCC, the People of Culture student organization, and WSKG.

According to Dellow this campus has over 400 American students of color and over 125 international students from 34 different countries. Dellow also acknowledged the multifarious community. "In this community — Southern Tier and Broome

— we have a diverse population. Now we have to learn how to truly utilize the potential of diversity," said Dellow.

Dellow said the college is planning on hiring additional individuals to diversify faculty and staff. He closed by introducing two students who read poetry by African American authors. Michael Elijah read "Black Man" by Jacqueline Halo O'neal and Denise Pollock read "Bury Me In a Free Land" by Frances Harper.

Span opened his keynote address by giving tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Dellow; Kathleen McKenna, Affirmative Action Officer; Claudia Clarke, director of EOP and advisor to POC; and Mr. Garrett Walker, a local illustrator who displayed his work at the dinner.

Span launched his message to the audience by emphasizing the meaning of community. "Community de-

mands a tender wearing of families and cultures. Community is where there is the absence of tensions and presence of justice," he said.

Span said that communities don't just come into existence on their own, but are created by the actuality of contact and that communities are formed through the interaction of different races and personalities. "Communities are the by-products of the created blending of lives," he said.

"Tonight we must face the sad but real fact there are still those who do not accept diversity," Span said. He added that racial tensions are currently going on in Broome County and all across America.

Span said that the first step to creating a community in a diverse society depends on the willingness of the people. He said community takes the willingness of

individuals to erase the stereotypes and that we must challenge our traditional methods of viewing one another and start interacting more.

"One must conclude with their cause that truth comes by routing all the lies and wrong images one has come to believe," he said.

Also in his speech he said one of the most important elements needed to successfully create community begins with each individual.

"Communities, cities, and nations change only when individuals change," he said. He noted that we need to stop talking about problems with diversity and start doing something about it by matching words with action. "Let our speech in public and out of public reflect our commitment to diversity," he declared.

Span went on to say that we must get beyond our fears of one another so that

we can work towards a common purpose and common goals. He then directed everyone's attention to the tragedy of violence happening in America. "Violence has engulfed America. You can hardly go anywhere here and not hear someone talking about it. We have a common problem." He went on to say the leading cause of death among Black males 18 to 33 is murder. "80 percent of these numbers coming at the hands of another African American," said Span.

Span said that not all violent acts are caused by guns. He said, "Some are committed by insensitive writers, Master charge, money, and political power." Span was referring to the dire damage people can inflict on others when they arm themselves with stereotypes. "The bullet of racism rips into the victims

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# MU ETA: Tops Once Again

By: E. A. Medina

For the second year in a row Broome Community College's Mu Eta chapter came home from the Phi Theta Kappa State Convention in Nanuet, March 4-6, as the most decorated chapter in New York state. Mu Eta was one of only three chapters in New York state to receive the Five-star distinction, but the only Five-Star chapter to win four other awards for excellence.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honors society for two-year colleges with over 1,000 chapters in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The Five-Star Chapter Development Program provides guidelines for the implementation of specific activities guaranteeing excellence in the PTK Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Fellowship, and Service.

In addition to Five-Star status, Mu Eta has earned awards for their contributions to the campus and community in the Hallmarks of Leadership and Scholarship, an essential part of the Five-Star program. The Leadership Hallmark Award is given in recognition of a chapter's commitment to the development of leadership skills of its members, as well as members of the campus

community. Several lectures and workshops have been scheduled at BCC, and have been attended by PTK members, and non-members alike.

The Scholarship Hallmark Award is given in recognition of a chapter's comprehensive program related to the PTK national honors study topic for 93-94-"Our Complex Society: Balancing Unity and Diversity." Our chapter was instrumental in bringing the theme "Balancing Unity and Diversity" to this campus who adopted it as the theme for this college year. A series of activities related to theme have been established here at the college, as well as an Honors Seminar course devoted to the honors topic.

An individual award went to PTK member John O'keefe, for his musical composition "Autumn Fantasy" It began as a Music Theory III assignment in four parts in which John later arranged into a full concert band score.

Ann Sova, one of the co-advisors of the chapter, was recognized as a Giles Distinguished Advisor. Being named a Distinguished Advisor came as a surprise for her because she said she had no knowledge of her nomination. As Rosilee Higgins, PTKs Regional advisor, announced Sova's name during Sunday's

luncheon-awards meeting, her jaw hit the floor, and shortly thereafter, tears were flowing. She was then greeted by a standing ovation from the students sitting at the Mu Eta table.

Among those who represented BCC at the convention were members Brian Blair, Paul Campbell, Jim

Kavarnos, Ed Medina, Suzanne Murray, Melanie Reigel, Kathy Thurston, and co-advisors Bruce Oldfield and Ann Sova. Although it may have taken them longer to get to Nanuet than it should have (due to engine problems with their rented "Rent-a-Wreck," and "they ain't kidding" van), all were in agree-

ment that the weekend was well worth the effort put forth to achieve what they had.

As if the hard work Mu Eta has put in this year was not enough, next year's PTK State Convention will be held in Binghamton. Given that, they may show up on time.

## Tutors aren't just for rich kids and flunkies

by Kathi Barnett  
staff writer

Although the Peer Tutoring Program at BCC has been growing significantly over the years, there are still people who are struggling on their own to get good grades because they are under the impression that tutors are only for students who are failing.

A tutor can provide extra support that any student can use to get the most out of a class, and make it a bit less stressful, as well. "I asked for a tutor because I wanted an 'A' in Algebra," says Ken George, who is also a tutor. "I would probably not have been able to get that 'A' without my tutor's help."

Loretta Paniccia,

Coordinator of the Peer Tutoring Program, says that people should not feel that they aren't capable students because they would like extra help, and that they shouldn't wait until they have a problem. "If you didn't get the grade that you wanted on your first exam, even if you didn't fail, you should be in here," she says.

Most people who come in here asking for a tutor find that it helps them so much

that they come in again right at the beginning of the following semester. Paniccia actively looks for people to tutor in the courses with the highest demand. If someone requests help in a subject that she doesn't already have a tutor for, she can usually find one without too much delay by asking the instructor to recommend

qualifies students.

For the last two semesters, the Learning Assistance Center has also provided peer tutoring on a drop-in basis in the courses with the highest demand, in addition to one-on-one tutoring. There is also drop-in tutoring in Math Lab, and the Writing Assistance Center, to provide students an opportunity to receive help from instructors outside their scheduled class time.

Another fact every BCC student should know about the Peer Tutoring Program

is that the services are provided at no charge. It seems that people have a hard time believing that there is anything in life that is still free. Paniccia says, "I'm surprised at the number of people that still ask me how much it is going to cost them for a tutor."



Rosilee Higgins and Ann Sova

## Nowetner Resigns

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successful. The CHOW drive of last semester netted 2 tons of food and \$600 in cash donations. In addition, SGA supported a family at Christmas time through the "Adopt-A-Family" program.

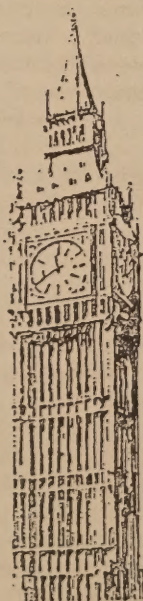
However, of all the events, Nowetner said the one that was closest to his heart was the support given to the B. C. Child Care Center. SGA presented them with a check in the amount of \$120,000 last semester.

In his memo Nowetner stated, "It is with great regret I make this

announcement. I have cherished the time I have spent as Student Government President." He passed along his disappointment at not being able to finish his term and hoped the SGA staff would understand.

According to the normal order of succession, Suzette Russo, Vice President for Academic Concerns, will step into the vacant position created by Nowetner's resignation.

Nowetner has been accepted for the fall semester at the University of Tennessee. He said, "I was happy to serve the students at BC and feel that SGA did a great job for them."



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# "The Second Star To The Right And Straight On To Morning,"

(Peter Pan)

By: Kimberle A. Kutch  
Roberson Science

The sky is full of stars that light our way at night. The fourth brightest star in our sky is the orange Arcturus, which is 36 light years away and 24 times the size of our sun! Arcturus, or "Bear Guard," was very important in many ancient civilizations. In Arabia it was known as the "Keeper of Heaven" and the Greeks based their calendars on it.

Brazil see Bootes sideways in the sky, and to them it looks like a piranha!

There are several tales surrounding the formation of Bootes. One is that

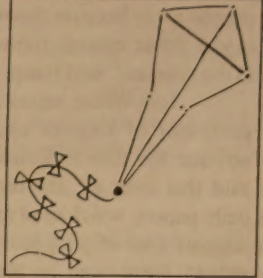


Bacchus, the god of wine, taught Icarus how to make wine and that when Icarus offered it to the Shepherds, they killed him for fear it was poison. His daughter, Erigone was devastated and killed her-

self. The dogs, Asterion and Chara did the same. Icarus became the stars of Bootes, Erigone became Virgo, and the dogs are now the constellation Canes Venatici. The stars and seasons follow this story very well. When Bootes is overhead, the constellation Taurus is leaving the sky, symbolizing Bacchus leaving his recipe.

Another story is that Arcus, son of Callisto and

Zeus, is in the sky as Bootes.



Arcus tried to kill his own mother because she had been turned into a bear by Hera and

he did not recognize her. Yet one more tale is that Ceres, goddess of agriculture, was so happy that Bootes, the farmer, invented the plow that she made him into a constellation.

If you would like to know more about Bootes or Arcturus, visit the Kopernik Space education Center on Underwood Road in Vestal, or call 772-0660.

## Dialogue Essential To Rout Fear

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psyche, explodes into the personality causing name-esteem, crippling depression, paralysis of hope and death of a spirit. So we have common problems Black and White must face and tackle," said Span.

The Reverend said that we don't need more jails but more job opportunities, job training, educational opportunities, daycare, drug rehabilitation and drug prevention programs. "We must pool our resources — stop emerging of economic loss. We must find a solution to

crime and violence," said Span.

The Reverend touched briefly on the spirit of a loving God and to those who choose to follow. "Everybody now is talking about God. Well, the fact of the matter is that even God works towards community. Whenever we think of God, we think of a being working to bring disconnected aspects of reality into a harmonious whole," said Span.

Span closed by asking everyone to band together in helping to create a better community in Broome County and to make a stand

for our children's future in America. "Let us commit to the belief that at long as any culture or any race is denied opportunity, abused and neglected, then no race can truly be free. If we will do that, the city of Binghamton will be a community not merely a city," Span ended.

Those attending said they enjoyed themselves. Carroll Clarke, Event Coordinator said she hoped this was only the first of such dinners. One student remarked, "I didn't expect such a big turn out. I'm really glad to see that so many people from different cultures showed up."

### SUNY Day With Bob Warner

Representatives from Broome Community College met in Albany on March 1 for SUNY Day with Assemblyman Bob Warner (R-C, Vestal), to discuss their concerns about the impact of governor Cuomo's budget proposal on community colleges in New York.

From left, David Maslar, Director of Student Activities, Paul Skojak, Student Government Association Senator, Assemblyman Warner, Peg Relyea, Student Trustee, Nickolas Serafini, member BCC Board of Trustees, and Charles Quaqlata, BCC vice-president of Institutional Advancement.

# Timid Demon: Symphony or Rock Band?

by: Robert Fortner  
News Editor

If you're tired of the same old bands, playing the same old songs there's good news for you. The Binghamton Music Scene has finally produced something different, unique and tasty. The band, Timid Demon has taken Binghamton by storm, and what a raging storm they are! With a blend of Grunge, Death Rock, and Hippy Music, often incorporated into one song, and the unlikely rock sounds of a cello (that's right a cello) this band is one of the best products the Binghamton Music Scene has ever had the privilege of calling its own.

Binghamton, I had the privilege of seeing this act for the first time. When I heard they had a cello player and played hard music I was skeptical. Just their appearance on stage, before the hurricane began, reminded me of a band of ragtag gypsies. When they fired, head first, into their first song I was struck with an awe that left me gasping through the entire set.

Timid Demon is J. Vertigo on a grungy bass that is half of a precision rhythm section which also includes Kiko Blue on drums. Guitar player Johnny Death is one of the best guitarists in the area and his talent shows through as his melodies(?) are accented by the cello stylings of the female band member who calls her-

self Jezebel. The combination works, and works well. Big Jim, of popular local act Abalienation, said

to somewhere like New York

of Timid Demon, "These guys really have a future, if they can

get out of Binghamton and get to somewhere like New York

City." The band is presently recording a five to seven song tape that will be ready for release soon. The tape, as yet untitled, is being recorded at Dungeon Studios, in Johnson City. Songs already recorded for the release are Known, E.F., The Hippy Jam, Tommy's Coming Over, Demons, and Cryptic Euphoria.

Timid Demon can be seen at the Taz, on Sunday March 27, with Cortland's Creeper. If you haven't seen these guys yet you owe it to yourself to see this unusual and tasty act before some big record company sweeps them away from us.



# The Future Of Print Journalism At BCC

By: Ray Kuhr  
staff writer

What is the fate of print journalism at BCC?

The demands for print journalism emphasis courses at BCC over the past several years has been sporadic. ENG 163, Reporting, has been offered only during the semesters when there was a demand for it.

"Probably the best that we could do is rethink journalism emphasis, in light of the fact that journalism is changing a great deal, now that so much of it is electronic," said Russell Littlefield, Chairperson of the English department.

Just a few miles away, Binghamton University reports an entirely different situation. For the past seven years that Mary Haupt has been a lecturer in journalism there, the demand for print journalism has stayed the same. "We're always having to turn

people away because there is just never enough room in the courses," said Haupt. Tom Wilber, adjunct professor of English and advisor for *The Fulcrum*

said that over all, the big daily papers, which used to support a lot of print journalism, have been on the decline. However, weeklies and magazines with a specific focus are doing well because they have a target

market. Wilber and Littlefield agree that broadcast journalism has affected the demand for print journalism. "The daily papers have been on the decline because news shows, such as CNN, can deliver information quicker," said

Wilber. Littlefield said, "Young people seem to be interested in television and video, the media that's kind of flashy right now. I don't think they read that much." If, in fact, broadcast journalism has become

more popular than print journalism, this could have an affect on how American society takes its information.

"The danger is that people are allowing the broadcast shows to come up with images they want viewers to believe, rather than the viewer interpreting what the images are about," said Wilber.

Haupt said print journalism gives much more coverage on issues and

events, compared to broadcast journalism. "An hour-and-a-half news show is only equivalent to one full page of a daily newspaper," she said.

Wilber said he believes some young people are turned off to any aspect of journalism because of shows like *Geraldo*. Wilber's advice to these people is, "If you really want to change the process, you have to become part of it."

Haupt also said the young people," she said.

two aspects of reporting are information gathering and presenting the information. He said that even if students are not interested in becoming professional journalists, it is very important in many professions to be able to perform these skills.

Haupt said students in her class often admit to never reading the newspaper. "The fate of how we receive information is going to be decided by today's young people," she said.

## Community Corner

### Violence and Teens

The Center for Adolescent Services, Inc. and United Services Hospitals will sponsor a conference on "Teen Violence" on March 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the IBM Country Club, Watson Boulevard, Endwell. The conference will focus on local issues about violence and its affect on teens. Keynote speaker is Darryl Burnett, a Health educator from the University of Maryland. A panel of teens moderated by Kay Telfer from Cornell Cooperative Extension, will speak out about violence. Workshops on relationship violence, refugee violence issues, \$20. To register or for information call 778-8807 or 778-8804.

### A Sure Sign of Spring

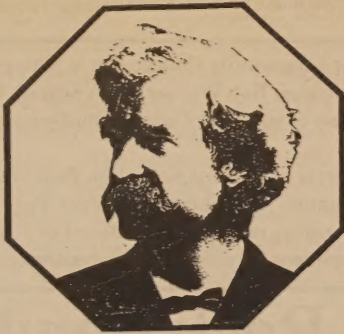
It's Daffodil time again as the American Cancer Society launches its 22nd Annual Daffodil Festival. From March 22 - 27, five-hundred volunteers will help distribute the flowers that symbolize hope for a cure for cancer. A bouquet of 10 daffodils costs \$5 and are available from all local GIANT Markets, grand Union, K-Mart, Oakdale Mall, Boscov's, Metrocenter, Schneider's Market in Kirkwood, and the local American Cancer Society Office. Pre-orders of 5 or more bouquets can be delivered to home or office. Proceeds support cancer research, education and patient services. For information or to order call 722-6471.

### Attention Poets...

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is March 31 and is open to everyone. Entry is free. Every poem entered has a chance to be published in a deluxe, Harbound Anthology. To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject, any style, whether previously published or not, to The National Library of Poetry, 111419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-YF, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

### Acting For Education

The Mental Health Association is seeking improvisational actors to perform in interactive theater presentations designed to educate and sensitize the community to a wide range of social and psychological issues. All ages and types are encouraged to audition, in particular teenagers and minorities of all ages. The MHA Players cast without regard to race, religion, sexual preference, or challenge. Interview/auditions will be held at the MHA, 82 Oak St., Binghamton on March 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 771-8888 to schedule an interview/audition time.



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# Inside The Government

by: Peg Relyea Guest Columnist

Inside The Government is written by Student Trustee Peg Relyea. Relyea is a member of SGA and is not a member of The Fulcrum staff. The Fulcrum welcomes guest writers from every organization, or individual on campus.

By: Peg Relyea  
Student Trustee

## The Role of Trustees in State Level Lobbying— Albany

Why should community college trustees participate in state level lobbying? First and foremost is the fact that state legislators are generally uninformed- or worse yet, misinformed- about higher education. There are exceptions, of course. But, in general, one should never assume that state politicians understand and embrace the traditions and values of higher education.

Should trustees play a role in informing and lobbying legislators? Isn't that the responsibility of presidents and senior staff? The answer is yes, presidents and staff must of course be active in the state level political arena.

But there is nothing quite as effective as trustee participation in lobbying.

Presidents, to some extent, will always be seen as "hired guns". They are paid to advocate in behalf of their colleges. When lay trustees, on the other hand, give freely of their time and energy to lobby for their colleges, the impact can be much more powerful. In addition, whether elected or appointed, trustees represent a constituency- they are political- and

legislators can relate to them. Trustees will do well to note that there is a new federalism emerging throughout the United States in response to the Reagan and Bush Administrations' distaste for federal regulations. As a result, states are now playing a more active role than the federal government in setting public policy. In short, state government is where the action will be in the 1990's on a wide range go public policy issues. Former Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neil once said, "all politics is local." What he meant by that statement is that all politicians, no matter what office they hold, are first and foremost local politicians. They are elected by a geographically defined

population, and thus they will give their very highest priority to the needs of their district and their voters.

Applied to higher education, this means that legislators will primarily be concerned about their college. This is a tremendous advantage for community colleges, since we have more colleges in more legislative districts than anyone else.

In politics, the bottom line is always measured in numbers and, more specifically, voting numbers. Again, this plays to the community college advantage. Simply put, community colleges have more students, more voters than other higher education sectors. We simply have to get smarter at putting this political potential to work.

The good news is that community colleges have great political potential. Furthermore, they are an "easy sell." They are on the right side of so many important state policy issues- educational opportunity, affordability, job training and economic development.

The not so good

I went to Albany last Tuesday. I laid our case before Senator Libous and Assemblyman Miller, and I hope I did well. Only time will tell. Until next issue.... Peace

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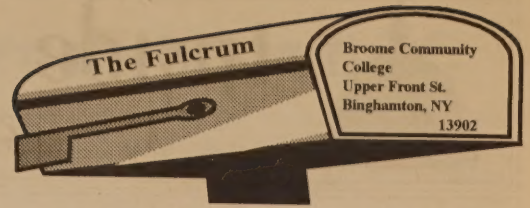
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# Letters to the Editor



11 March 1994

To the editor:

In the issue of the *Fulcrum* dated March 1, 1994, there was an editorial entitled "When Government Closes its Doors." As a member of the government referred to, I take exception to a number of the positions taken.

The editorial points out that the Student Government Association has recently found itself in the midst of "inner turmoil and infighting." It is the nature of any formal organization to experience such disagreements, and may in fact be taken as an indication of good health. Even better, perhaps, was the way that these disagreements were handled: in an open,

public forum, with all of the people involved contributing to the discourse.

This is not the government that has "closed its doors."

Even during this period of disagreement, SGA has continued to be one of the most viable and effective student groups on campus.

We held a very successful blood drive, raised money for the Easter Seals campaign in conjunction with Friendly Restaurants, and co-sponsored a successful Financial Aid Week that helped many students with their financial aid forms.

The editorial claims that SGA is "talking about reducing accessibility," when we recently voted to *increase* accessibility, by making office keys available

to senators in addition to executive board members.

The editorial says that "secrecy and suspicion" have begun to control Student Government. In fact, our meetings are governed by Robert's Rules of Order, which ensure that everyone has a voice.

I agree with the final comment of the editorial: "The student body of this school deserves to know what goes on concerning the activities which affect them on this campus." This requires accurate reporting of such activities, and responsible editorial.

The two week investigation conducted by *the Fulcrum* was, in fact, poorly conducted. A representative of the paper was present at the meeting, yet un-

approved meeting minutes were still requested. Standard practice dictates that the organization approves such documents before they are released. Our adherence to this policy was viewed as "uncooperative." Many members of the SGA viewed the manner in which the investigation was carried out to be personally intrusive and invasion of their privacy.

If *the Fulcrum* truly wishes for more people to become involved with student activities, as we do, then they need to be responsible in the way that these activities are covered. None of SGA's activities I referred to above were highlighted in *the Fulcrum*. Instead, your student newspaper decided to allude to something much less concrete.

I personally invite all of you who are interested in student activities to come to the next SGA meeting. We meet Fridays at 1 PM, in the vicinity of the SGA office. You are welcome to stop by the office (SA-103) anytime we're open. If you are interested in helping to create responsible journalism, I understand that *the Fulcrum* is looking for people. They are located upstairs in the Business Building.

Cordially,  
Jason R. Barrows  
Student Senator

March 4, 1994

Dear Fulcrum Folks -

I spoke to one of my students and she was thrilled to be included in the last issue on diversity. The essays you chose were good and I'm pleased that they have a broader audience, thanks to you.

Thanks - keep up the good work!

Joyce Stoffers  
Department of English

Dear Editor

"In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful". This is the first verse in the Holy Qur'an (koran) and the most widely invoked words among Muslims. Islam is a religion practiced by Muslims (believers) universally. The English translation for Islam is peace, submission to God. Islam is also the belief in one God, in the day of Judgement, in a universal message revealed to prophets from Adam, Abraham and Jesus son of Mary (peace be upon them) to Muhammad (peace be upon him) who is the last messenger and the "Seal of the Prophets". Holy Qur'an 33:40 The question is generally raised "what is Islam?" Islam is a natural way of life, a way of life that leads mankind to learn inner-peace,

acceptance, love, respect and discipline among other things. Muslims believe that there are rewards as well as punishments for one's individual actions. Muslims believe that there is a Hereafter, that this world is a test for man and man is held accountable for their deeds, whether good deeds or bad. Man establishes a life of belief, sacrifice and commitment essential to man's own welfare on earth. Faith alone does not fulfill one's belief.

Belief in one God requires looking at humankind as one universal family. Belief is also based on performing the five pillars of Islam 1) Testifying or declaration of faith in the belief of one God + h ) 0 \* 0 \* 0 \* \_ \_ + i Ö page 2 and his servant and messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him) initiates

a Muslims spiritual life. 2) Praying five times a day, a duty prescribed by God (Allah), strengthens and controls temptation 3) Fasting during the Holy month of Ramadan from dawn to sunset teaches a Muslim sincerity, love and patience. Controlling will-power and thinking of those who have none. 4 )Zakah (giving to the needy) is established to help the community and purifies one from becoming stingy. 5) Haj (pilgrimage to Holy city of Mecca) to Ka'aba. If one possesses this ability he should perform, this is a form of sacrifice and purity. In Islam things such as racism can be alleviated. Islam is a universal religion practiced by many different nations and skin tones. It teaches brotherhood and sisterhood. A unique example is the pilgrimage, bringing together

many races forming the human race. Also Islam does not teach ritualism. It has a concept of worship emphasizing actions and intentions. The Holy Qur'an says: "It is not righteousness that you turn your faces to east and west, but righteousness is he who believes in Allah and the last day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Prophets. And gives to kinfolk and to orphans and the needy and the wayfarers and to those who ask, and sets slaves free; and observes proper worship and pays the Zakah. And those who keep their treaty when they make one, and the patient in tribulation and adversity and time of stress; such are those who are sincere. Such are the God fearing." Holy Quran 2:177 Islam opposes exploitation, injustice and oppression of

a people. Throughout, particularly in the West, there is a misconception about Islam and it's believers. It has been

displayed as a terrorist religion. What one fails to realize is that Islam forbids acts of inhumanity. As stated before individuals are judged accordingly. Promoting the sword of Islam, TRUTH, is my sincere goal. To help others understand clearly its true focus. Feel free at any time to confront a curiosity, I would be glad to help.

Majeedah Burks

# Convocation Day Schedule

9 a.m. "A Global Civilization or Global Anarchy"

**Doug Garnar, History/ Soc. Sci., Chair**

This lecture/discussion will examine the prospects for an emerging global civilization versus continued global anarchy that may be worse than the cold war.

B-205

"Facing Hate"

**Ben Kasper, History/ Soc. Sci., Professor**

A video/reaction discussion focusing on a TV interview of Eli Weisel, conducted by Bill Moyers.

B-209

"The Culture of Race"

**Dr. Harold Koster, History/Soc. Sci., Professor**  
This lecture will focus on the "cultural" dimensions of the concept of race as compared to its "biological" dimensions.

B-213

"Nationalism and Economic Integration — Enemies or Allies?"

**Dr. Patrick O'Neil, History/Soc. Sci., Professor**  
This lecture will look at efforts to promote economic integration, such as the ECC and how such efforts impact on nationalist sentiments.

B-219

"Cross Cultural Dialogue With CASS Students"

CASS students/Ms.

**Barbara Foster, ESL Professor**

Students from Central America and the Caribbean will talk about their respective culture and some of the problems they have in adjusting to a new culture.

B-220

"The Disuniting of America"

**Dr. Brian Blanchard, Vice President for Academic Affairs**

A video lecture by Dr. Arthur Schlessinger, Jr. focusing on the dangers of overemphasizing culture diversity at the expense of national unity. Dr. Blanchard will host a reaction discussion.

B-231

"International Students Dialogue With BCC Faculty"

**International students and BCC faculty**  
A discussion of how each can better understand the other in order to facilitate the learning process.

B-232

"Native Americans" **Rebecca Bennett**  
Explore in an informal, multimedia presentation/discussion some of the universal themes and images illustrated in the myths, songs and stories of various Native American cultures.

M-201

"Making It In A Man's World"

**Betty Jones, founder and president of D & BJ Services**

Ms. Jones founded this heavy and highway construction company specializing in the installation of guide and bridge rails, and has worked hard to be "darned good" at what she does. An African-American woman, Ms. Jones has refused to allow the barriers of race and gender stop her from succeeding. She will share workshop participants the strategies that have worked for her. Ms. Jones story is particularly inspirational because she has succeeded despite the fact that she was at one time a battered spouse. She has come from supporting herself on public assistance to owning a company that employs 25 workers.

M-202

"BCC Storytelling Club"

BCC Students relating tales from around the world.

M-203

"In Our Time"

**Michael Tanzer, Humanities Professor**  
A video interview with Israeli and Palestinian moderates on the prospects for the Israeli/Palestinian Peace Process, followed by discussion.

M-207

Poetry Reading **Martha Fenty, Humanities Professor**

A reading of poetry by African American poets, accompanied by Jazz.

M-208

"Comparative Child Rearing Customs and Practices"

**International Students/Barbara Nilsen, Early Childhood Professor**

M-209

"He Said, She Said" **Claire Ligekis-Clayton, Nursing Chairperson; John Scaturro,**

Assistant to the VP of Student and Community Affairs

**Angelo Zuccolo,**

Theater Director  
A vignette on sex role stereotypes with audience participation.

Faculty Dining Room

10:30 "Beyond the Browning of America"

**Maria Hinojosa, an award winning journalist and a news correspondent for National Public Radio**

Ms. Hinojosa specializes in urban, multicultural and Latino affairs, race relations, youth issues, labor and politics. She is also the host of "Visiones," a public affairs show on NBC-TV. As the former host of public television's *New York Hotline*, she was the first Latino to host a prime time news show in New York. She gives views of Latinos and women, by the

American press, over the last 30 years.

Baldwin Gym

Noon Performance by the BCC Jazz Ensemble

Cafeteria

1 p.m. "Sex, Lies and Stereotypes: Images in Media"

**Elena Featherston, a writer, filmmaker and longtime activist.**

Among her works are the award-winning documentary, "Alice Walker: Visions of the Spirit" and the anthology, *Skin deep: Race and Color in America*. She lectures and conducts seminars on a variety of cross-cultural social and

political issues, including art and politics, "colorism," education, gender violence, racism, reproductive rights, and women's issues, in the U.S. and abroad. A self-described "visionary hell-raiser," her goal is to help build equitable coalitions and alliances for world change. She will address images of *Women/Communities of Color, Oppression as a Commodity, and Art as Resistance: Creating Our Own Images.*

Baldwin Gym

2:30 Film: "Alice Walker: Visions of the Spirit"  
Little Theatre

## The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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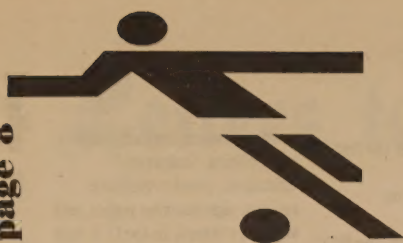
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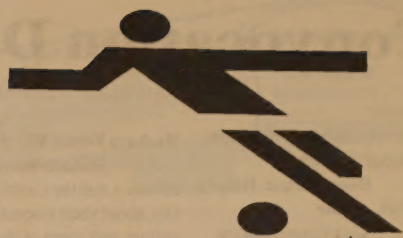
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# SPORTS



## Baseball Season Begins Soon

By: Kathie Barnett  
staff writer

Although you can't tell by looking outside, spring is almost here, and that means it's time for baseball. The Hornets have

been practicing for a little more than a month now, and Coach Luis Nunez said they are ready, even though their field isn't. They are going to have to cancel their home exhibition game, scheduled for March 19, but they still

hope to be able to clear the snow away in time to start their regular division play on April 1.

Despite the snow troubles, Nunez is looking forward to his first season as head coach, after serving as

an assistant coach for four years. Retired head coach, David Mahalik has returned as assistant coach along with Steve and Joe Paoletti, to help the team this season. The newest addition to the staff is Mark Marris, who was drafted from BCC by the Yankees and played six years in the minor leagues before returning home to serve as associate coach.

It's not common for players to get drafted from a two-year college, said Nunez. The coaches encourage their players to go on and play at four-year schools, and some receive scholarships to help them do this. One example is the Hornets' top pitcher, Jason Cronin. Not only is he an excellent player, with a 333 batting average and an ERA of 2.16, but he also has excelled academically,

earning a 3.9 grade point average.

Another top player is team captain Chris Hovancik who pitches and plays third base. Last season he batted 373, leading the team in hitting RBIs, as well as stolen bases. Also working hard is pitcher Chuck Harding who had taken a couple of years off because of an ankle injury. With a 1991 record of 4-0, and a 1.35 ERA, Nunez said he feels Chuck will be a plus to the 1994 team.

Other players returning from last season are Andrew Clapp, Brian VanNorman, Mike Dollington, Eric Coleman and Chris Stillato. They, along with eight new players, are all working hard and looking forward to the upcoming baseball season.

### FULCRUM FOOTNOTES

#### Respectfully yours...

A series of campus-wide workshops entitled *Getting the Respect You Deserve* will be presented in conjunction with the Affirmative Action Committee and Student Activities. The facilitator will be Susan Hesse, M.S. — Educational Psychology, a trainer in the field of Conflict Resolution.

Hesse will conduct interactive exercises in an informal, supportive environment to familiarize people with basic building blocks of conflict resolution and show them how to apply a "win-win" model to increase their ability to gain desired respect.

The workshops will take place as follows:

April 12, **WORKSHOP ONE:** What Is Conflict? How Does It Affect Your Everyday Life? How Does Conflict Get in the Way of Your Getting the Respect You Deserve?

April 19, **WORKSHOP TWO:** How Does Conflict Impede Effectiveness in the Workplace and Classroom?

April 26, **WORKSHOP THREE:** Conflict Resolution Skills to Help You Achieve Satisfying Interpersonal Relationships.

The series is open to all BCC students, faculty and staff. The workshops will last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Space is limited. To reserve a place for each workshop call Kathleen McKenna at 778-5243.

#### Lights! Camera! Action!

The *Alamo Rent A Car* company is sponsoring **The Alamo American Film Competition** for college students. The corporation will distribute \$20,000 in awards across the country. First place winners will receive \$1,000 cash plus a \$1,000 Eastman Product Grant from *The Kodak Worldwide student Program*.

Entries must be submitted on NTSC VHS half-inch video cassette along with a completed entry form. Forms may be obtained by writing to The Alamo American Film Competition For Students, 1700 N. Dixie Hwy., Suite 100, Boca Rotan, FL 33432; or call (407) 392-4988; fax (407) 750-8175. The entry fee is \$25 or \$35 if students wish to receive an official competition T-shirt. Deadline for entries is June 3, 1994.

Submissions must be complete and have been produced by students as classroom projects with no assistance from professional filmmakers. Entrants must also be currently enrolled in a U.S. college or university. The five categories are narrative, documentary, and experimental film, music video and public service announcement.

#### CCASS To Hit The Airwaves

Some of the CASS students, from Central America and the Caribbean, will be hosting a radio show on **WHRW 90.5 FM**, Binghamton University's station. They will be presenting music from their countries on Tuesday March 29, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please listen.

#### PUZZLE SOLUTION

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## Classified Ads

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