Editorial: Racism and The Tiger Paper

In a racist Society like America, Guilt is the privilege of the oppressor. We are the oppressors. Guilt born in the consciousness of the indigenous people of this land: the so-called "Indians." Guilt about the criminal Commerce that forcefully transplanted Africa's children to this inhuman society. Guilt about the rape of the poor of the land. The most hurtful type of guilt occurs when the oppressors guilt is an expression of pity, contempt and fear of the oppressed. At BMCC, this type of guilty feeling gave birth to a cabal of self-proclaimed revolutionaries, bleeding heart liberals who try to pacify their consciences by engaging in all sorts of mock battles on behalf of the Third World. What these "editors/revolutionaries" fail to understand is that the oppressed of this land, who hurt daily from the cancerous wounds inflicted by this racist society, resent the oppressors show of guilt because it is often dishonest and patronizing. It reminds the oppressed of the master-slave relationship that underlies this guilt.

Racism

We deeply resent the blatant racism the Tiger Paper has displayed. Its editors have constantly attacked, for the most trivial reasons, black faculty and students in this College. Their victims the right of a reply. It is quite significant that no issue of the Tiger has addressed itself to the crucial question of employment of minority Faculty and Staff in this College. The Editors of The Tiger have also encouraged to the dismay of the Black Community a group of Black students — so-called T.W.C. "revolutionaries" — to remain in a two year college for almost seven years in pursuit of the "Revolution." This is a disservice to the Black Community.

The Staff of the Tiger helped initiate the plan to wreck the Black Studies Program. This year as the Program was in serious lobbying and negotiations the Tiger published an article claiming, again without supporting evidence, that Black and Puerto Rican Studies were dying. Both the timing and the substance of the article were designed to undermine the autonomy drive.

Dishonesty

The Tiger Paper is also dishonest. It looked the other way when the former Student Government engaged in shameful corrupt practices, living high on money collected from poor students. Tiger Editors who served on the Faculty's Student Government Committee buy the accusations of outsiders. Who were these outsiders who ran the Student Government for three years?

Dissent For Our Students Future

We charge the Editors of the Tiger with blatant disregard for the future of the students in this College. Any group that encourages strikes, walkouts, thuggery and closing down this College for every trivial reason must be, perhaps unwittingly, on the side of the Nixons, Wallaces, Madisons and the other accused racists in this country who see danger in an educated Black and Puerto Rican constituency.

Undoubtedly this College has failed in many important areas but our responsibility in the Center for African and African-American Studies is to suggest and implement positive changes. This is precisely what the Scorpion intends to do. It will criticize; it will sting many of the reactionaries, racists and phonies revolutionaries in this College. Bit by bit all will make positive suggestions to insure that this politicized College lives up to its primary responsibilities as an educational institution. We count on your support. Send your articles, poems, book reviews and criticism. All Correspondence should be sent to the Scorpion Hole, Student Government Association Office. A 319.

Center for African and African-American Studies
Borough of Manhattan Community College
The City University of New York
Summer (1974) Seminar & Field Work in West Africa

The Center for African and African-American Studies, Borough of Manhattan Community College, will conduct a Summer Institute July 29-August 29, 1974, at the University of Ghana. The Program will combine both residential and class instruction with carefully planned field trips. Participants who complete the program satisfactorily will receive three B.M.C.C. Social Science or elective credits.

Summer Institute is open to all students registered in the College. However, interested students are encouraged to compete for B.M.C.C. Association Travel Grants which will have to meet requirements to be established by a B.M.C.C. Association Committee.

Application forms are available in the Center for African and African-American Studies (Black Studies Program) Room D, 311, Ext. 2224 and the Student Government Office, Room A, 319, Ext. 3121/3124.

SBG ACCOUNT: YOUR STEWARDSHIP

"Power should be used effectively but quietly" Malcolm X

Since last May 1973, when we were elected into office we have observed that wise advice. We have studied investigatively into the causes of things that have created problems in this College since 1970. We have, as a result, taken action to remove some of these problems. Our activities have been in these areas:

1) We had to set up a real Student Government since none existed earlier except in name. We did this without help. Moreover, the former Government carried away everything: Typewriters, cameras, tape recorders, files, etc. They also left us a debt of over $31,000. The City of New York Audit Department and the Faculty Council are investigating this shameless act.

2) Finances:
We have established a fool proof financial procedure for the College and regulated the administration of the students funds without being caught.

3) Clubs:
There are fifty one chartered Clubs at the College. All have active members. The Club Budget which is in the same amount that T.W.C. received in 1973, was fairly distributed to ALL the Clubs. Not just to some as was done in the past.

4) Lounges:
We expanded the lounges, bought new chairs and equipment. We also rented the gymnasium of Brandeis High School for Intramural Activities. We equipped a new games room. In addition recreational space will be acquired when the library moves to the Urs Building.

5) Library:
A new open floor will be given to the Library in the Urs Building. Meantime, more books have come in and of course more space was added this year.

6) Buses:
We now have two mini-buses providing free transportation between the up and downtown campus. More buses will be added soon. Those notorious cars purchased by T.W.C. for their private use have been sold. Of course they set one on fire rather than surrender it to the B.M.C.C. Association.

7) All Classes Downtown:
Next year all classes will be held downtown.

8) Day Care Center:
We moved to the "M" Building because of the dangerous and unhealthy state of the former "C" Building. We invested over $2,000 in physical repairs at the "M" Building. The children are safer over there and they have a park to play in. We now have teachers and not babysitters. Incidentally the annual budget for the Center is $25,000.

9) Autonomy for Black and Puerto Rican Studies: Both programs have now been given full autonomy. No one runs them any longer.

Mr. Lloyd Land, President Student Government Association (SBG) proposed to restore cuts in financial aid. Students for Better Government (SBG) has also made available the sum of $50,000 for emergency loans and financial assistance to BMCC Students.

Registration: This exercise ran smoothly last January. We will continue to work with the Registrars office for improvements.

Study Abroad: There will be Summer Institutes in West Africa, Haiti, Israel and Latin America. A special Student Faculty Committee of the Faculty will conduct the screening to insure fair selection procedure. It will be open to all the Students.

We organized a fund raising dance for trips abroad but failed in this exercise. We learned from our mistake and will do better next time.

Financial Aid: As you know financial aid was reduced by the corrupt Nixon Administration. We have been making representations for restoration of these cuts. Meantime, we have voted funds out of the B.M.C.C. Association Budget to reduce the hardship created by the Nixon cuts.

Our assignments for the Semester include:

(a) Improving Remediation
(b) Consolidating classes around the Downtown area
(c) A Job Placement Center
(d) Recruitment of more Minority Faculty plus other related problems.

With your usual support and suggestions we can accomplish all these goals.

L. Land
S.G.A. (SBG) President

SUPPORT STUDENTS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT

SBG
A Tale of "Revolutionaries" and Dividers

What do you know about B.M.C.C.? Were you here when it was a bastion of fly-white-minded business middle class America? Well it once was. NowBlooded Black middle class America, B.H.B when it established a Liberal Arts community college and more important, when Black students broke down the gates through insuring on Occupying the campus and workers at the University is to be maintained today, and tomorrow on the planned new campus downtown? The B.H.B is a bastion of lily-white-minded business middle class America? Well it once was. It still is. The new labels he used yesterday, to keep Blacks. House Blacks were called uppity folks. Now they are called Yard Blacks were called negroes. Now they are called lower middle-class people's ignorance of our neurotic tenants.

We moved the child center from the rat trap to the "M" Building. The child care center is now one of the best in the city and does not violate any codes set by either the city or state of N.Y. The center is run by the representatives of the Board of Health. Most of the people who called us crazy, today agree that they didn't understand the urgency for moving the center, nor did they know the difficulty SBG had in doing so.

SBG sponsored a play, Madam Odum, for B.M.C.C. Students at the start of the Fall Semester which to some extent was a success. Many students attended and enjoyed the play. We tried to raise money for educational trips abroad by sponsoring, Maceo & The Macks at Manhattan Center. We had plenty of help, however, this venture was a failure. We learned our lesson.
A photograph of the new campus of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York which will be ready for use at the end of 1976.

This new campus will be located near the Wall Street area—the Headquarters of Western Capital. What impact will the new buildings have on the student body? Will there be open admission? Will the College deliver quality education to the students?

The Bleeding Heart Liberals and the Tiger Paper

The Tiger Paper which operates on the theory of the Big Lie—has done it again. In a recent issue, March 1974, it alleged that the last Student Government Election was rigged. This allegation is quite mischievous and insulting to both the Students who voted and the Honest Bulletin Association which conducted the election. To begin with, T.W.C. established the ground rules for the election and its representatives were present at the counting. The results were accepted without protest.

If any group had the Support of the Administration it was T.W.C. They controlled the funds of the B.M.C.C. Association, the services of the SGA Newspapers and did intimidate some members of the administration, who gave SBG no chance, into supporting their ticket. T.W.C. Election Campaign was conducted by the Editorial Staff of the Tiger Paper and a group of so-called radical faculty—bleeding heart liberals.

Why T.W.C. Collapsed

If T.W.C. collapsed the reasons should be found in a number of developments that were visible as early as 1970.

In May 1971, less than 10% of the Students voted for T.W.C. These were the elections held in 1972 when only 250 students voted for that group. However, a deal was made with the Administration, the bylaws were waived and T.W.C. formed an unrepresentative government, incidentally, no other group or party opposed T.W.C. during the elections. So that by the Fall Semester of 1970, T.W.C. as a party was dying on its feet. However, it remained a paper—Tiger in intimidating both students and faculty and of course enjoying our money. This corruption reached a crisis point last year when they bought private cars instead of buses for their use and overspent the budget by $32,000. The Faculty Council and the City of New York—Audit Department are still investigating this shameless rip off of students funds.

Do Not Be Deceived Brothers and Sisters

Let nobody be deceived by the Tiger Paper which complains about roaches, bad buildings but does nothing about them. SBG Uptown Task Force worked diligently not only to close down the "B" Building but to make sure that the College will not rent buildings elsewhere except around the "A" and "B" Buildings. SBG worked to buy new furniture for the lounges, to paint the buildings every semester. SBG fought to establish free bus services between "I", "M" and "A" and "B" Buildings. More buses will be added to the fleet. The most important fact is that we will not need buses next year because all the classes will meet downtown.

Did T.W.C. care about the suffering students who paid about $7 a week commuting? If so why did they buy private cars instead of buses with our money? Let us all 'struggle to advance.

Minority Employment

There are over 52 clubs now chartered at B.M.C.C. Funds were distributed equitably to all. The current Club budget matches penny, not what T.W.C. spent for clubs last year. The difference today is that all the clubs are chartered, they have registered members. There are no need for a "ban" as was the case during T.W.C.'s rule with one member enjoying a budget of $35,000 used for private apartments and high-living.

Beware Socialist Brothers and Sisters

Every other minority group has used the educational services of City University to advance. It is now the turn of African-Americans, Puerto Ricans and other oppressed working class groups. We should not allow the bleeding heart liberals "who hang the nigger from a low tree," $25,000 a year "liberal" professors—we refer to the editors of the Tiger—to deny us this opportunity. We will not destroy this College e—this is what the Nixon and Rockefeller want. The Tiger might well be the agent of monopoly capital in this College. The mass works in mysterious ways. SBG will continue to fight to improve this College and this we will do without the control of those Liberals who want to lead Blacks and Puerto Ricans.

By SBG Publicity Task Force

Famine & Death In West Africa

After five disastrous years of declining rainfall that culminated in drought, desolation and death, the tragedy of the sun-scorched region has come to public attention. It is a tragedy that could have been avoided.

The region is losing its struggle against the environment to maintain self-sufficiency. Its invasion by foreign capital is devastating the balance is being devastated by the voracious Sahara Desert at a rate of thirty miles per year; the livestock, on which the economy is based, are dead or dying, and unknown thousands of people have died of starvation or diseases resulting from malnutrition.

About 25 million people live in the drought area, which covers six of the world's poorest and perhaps least-known countries— Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta. Together they cover an area in a semiarid zone south of the Sahara the size of the continental United States.

Large-scale death was averted in 1973. But the crisis demonstrated that there was no international mechanism for effectively responding to natural disasters when simple

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humanitarian considerations were more immediate than those of political advantage. Indeed, the international response to the region's needs offers a disquieting example of the manner in which priorities are placed on life in black Africa, the stinginess when there is no mediate political gain in giving the international community will leverage the attention.

The "BITCH" test (Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity), a 100-item multiple choice vocabulary test on which the testee is asked to discriminate between the various color terms used in the black American culture. Williams comments about the test, "If used to help those persons who have been determined to be mentally retarded or low IQ. Thus, high score on the BITCH test is not a low score on the WISC and the Benet... High scores on the BITCH test are indicative of that the individual has the ability to learn in his native environment, he can learn in another. Another use of the BITCH is as a measure of sensitivity of whites to the black experience. Low-scoring whites show very little awareness and sensitivity by the blacks. Thus these scores suggest that this group of whites should not work with black clients unless they are better exposed and more sensitive. High scores for whites indicate that they have had some in-culture contact with blacks, most likely but always in a nonexplosive manner.

The BITCH presents a word or phrase followed by four possible definitions. Students are asked which one most like the first word listed. Five examples follow:

1. a) a banana, b) a piece of fruit, c) dog, d) horse
2. a) a helicopter, b) a black soldier, c) dark beer
3. a) a vampire, b) a dependant, c) an injured person, d) a brother of color
4. a) tired, b) worthless, c) old, d) well put together
5. a) cotton farmer, b) black, c) Vietnam,
d) Boogie jujiege

The BITCH is offered with two other tests: "Themes Concerning Black Identity: A Semi-projective Test" of 15 pictures similar to the Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) and "The Williams Awareness Sentence Completion" test, a 40-test item test.

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give them a certain amount of relaxation. I know I can't afford to pay an hour at pool room around in pan alley. Can you? Speaking of money, Williams also explained the avenues of getting more money for B.M.C.C. Students. We are primarily trying to get our foot on the floor of the New York State Senate. I is our hope that certain congress persons whose names we cannot disclose at this time will schedule some members of SGA to testify. The new persons appointed to demonstrate, introduction legislation that will get more financial aid for our students. Hopeful the Congress will pass the legislation.

We now have free transportation beginning tomorrow morning. More buses will soon be added. The "M" Building will close at the end of the semesters. All classes will be held downtown.

With your suggestions and support, we can do more.

Thank you.