

# GRAPEVINE

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL STUDENT SERVICES  
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## THE ASSIMILATION OF LATINS AT THE U OF R

College has been called a microcosm of the outside or "real" world. Students at the University of Rochester for many reasons cannot be said to be a representative sample of the general population. This is especially true of the black and latin students, who are generally of a higher economic and social position than that of the majority of their brothers and sisters outside of this and other universities.

I was recently asked to state what were the attitudes and views of the Latin community toward the Black community here at the U of R. This is a difficult question for me to answer since I really don't know a great number of the Latin people. I can not express the views of people I don't know or see. Therefore, I will limit my comments to observations I've made in the past year about the Latin community.

First it should be noted that there is no such thing as a Latin "community" here. The overwhelming majority of the Latins don't eat, socialize, or work together. Latins as a whole are not an identifiable group on campus. It is my understanding that there are approximately 60 Hispanic undergraduates but I'll be damned if I know 15 or could identify any more than that number. The Spanish and Latin Student Association (SALSA) is the closest "apparition" to a Latin community. Led by primarily a hard core of a few latins and blacks the organization has grown greatly in a few semesters. The problem is that its membership is only half latin. Can you imagine a BSU that is only half Black or a Hillel that is half Jewish?

Why don't most Latins support their "own" organization? Perhaps the answer lies in the "Latins" themselves. There are wide socio-economic differences among Latins. Puerto Ricans in New York are not the same as Chicanos in California or Cubans in Florida. A high percentage of Hispanics are of mixed European, African, and Indian blood. But there are also

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many who are primarily of European or of African ancestry. Not being an Anthropologist or sociologist, I can not accurately ascertain a person's social position or racial background. However, if left to other observations it would be fair to say that the majority of the latins here are (or would like to have believed, in any case) primarily of European descent. The majority are also second or third generation immigrants. What we basically have here are the finished products of people who have been assimilated into the mainstream American society. Jose's become Joes and Carlos's Carls.

Because this school is so expensive, and academically rigorous, it is very selective in its admissions. Therefore, the latins that do finally enroll here are a very small minority of a minority. They'll tend to be better educated and very different than the majority of the people they supposedly represent.

What makes this situation worse than it appears is the words minority and affirmative action. These same people, who for all intents and purposes might as well be white, are considered minorities, and are therefore eligible for special programs and benefits allotted for minorities. It is easy to deny one's ancestry when it's not convenient but when the time comes for graduate school applications and fellowships suddenly there are many more LATINOS in Rochester, New York.

It is difficult to assess the attitudes of Latins toward Blacks. Latins (if there are really that many here to write an article on) can not have attitudes toward Blacks until they have some acknowledged attitudes about themselves.

\*\* By Alberto Montero \*\*

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION MINORITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

This year the National Research Council will again advise the National Science Foundation in the selection of candidates for the Foundation's programs of Minority Graduate Fellowships. The application deadline is November 29, 1979. Awards are for study or work leading to master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological, engineering, and social sciences, and in the history and philosophy of science. Approximately 50 awards are given.

If you are interested or need more information, contact Judy Abelman at x2864.

## PARENTS WEEKEND 1979

Traditionally parents weekend has been a very special time for both students and their parents. It is a time to share accomplishments and for others to see "from whence you came". Even if your parents do not come, the activities are relaxing and enjoyable. Furthermore, you can always adopt someone else's parents. The Grapevine staff encourages all students to participate in Parents Weekend activities and make it another success for our parents and friends.

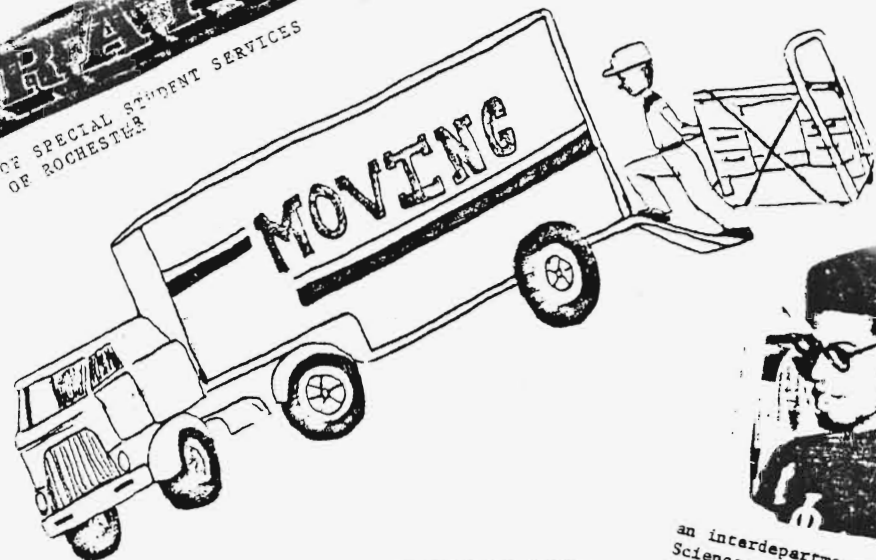
This year's events are being sponsored by ABDA (the Association of Black Drama and the Arts), BSU (the Black Student Union), the University of Rochester Gospel Choir, and The Department of Special Student Services' Office of Minority Student Affairs. The activities start on Saturday evening at 9:00 p.m. with a Jazz/Gospel Nightclub in the May Room (the 4th floor of Wilson Commons). Saturday evenings program will be a showcase of student talent intermixed with historical and contemporary music. The Guest artists for the evening are: Nate Rawls and the T&T Express and The McGriff Singers. The students performing are: The University of Rochester Gospel Choir, The Brothers of the Mu Sigma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kim Buster, Nedelka McLean, Valentino Parker, Derek Smith, Darryl Turner, Sue Velez, Kathy Waller, Laverne Woods and the Narrator is Paul S. Watford. Along with good entertainment there will be good food and a cash bar for your enjoyment.

Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Gannett Lounge of the Susan B. Anthony Dormitory, the University of Rochester Gospel Choir and ABDA are sponsoring a worship service. The speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. Dr. Randolph Bracey, a student at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Also, the Gospel Choir will be singing.

Of course there are other activities going on for the weekend that you can become involved in. This weekend can prove to be truly enjoyable if you participate. Some of the other activities are: BAKE SALE-Sponsored by the Alpha Angels on Saturday starting at noon in the Hill (Susan B. Anthony Dorm). RAFFLE-Sponsored by the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha; 1st prize-Trip to Toronto; 2nd prize - Dinner for two at the Budapest; 3rd prize- Basket of Cheer (Booze). PARTY- Sponsored by the Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha; To be held in the Alpha Den (Sage Basement) immediately following the Jazz/Gospel Nightclub.

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND !

Kathy N. Waller



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## ANDREW YOUNG'S DIPLOMACY

"It is very difficult to do the things that I think are in the interest of the country and also maintain the standards of protocol and diplomacy...I don't feel a bit sorry for anything that I have done. And I could not say to anybody that given the same situation, I wouldn't do it again almost the same way."—Andrew Young

## NATURE ON MY MIND

As I sit and wonder, my mind arrives at nowhere  
Like the beauty of a sunset - I have my times  
and I change as the times of day  
just as its magnitude is overlooked at times  
so my cries often go unheard

I can see how my spirits shine  
as they give a spice to the oncoming night  
and though my thoughts gleam throughout the day  
only at my descent am I really appreciated

As I sit and wonder, my mind arrives at nowhere  
Like the revolutions of the earth on its sphere  
time moves on and just so  
my life goes on - endless through time

\*\*Nedelka McLean\*\*

NEDELKA OLIVIA MCLEAN  
'82

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## THE SOUL AND RELEVANCE OF KENNETH B. CLARK

Kenneth B. Clark, a member of the New York Board of Regents, recently wrote an article entitled "The Continuing Struggle to Desegregate U.S. Education". Mr. Clark, an educator and psychologist was a pioneer in the civil rights movement and was instrumental in the Supreme Court case of 1954, Brown vs. Board of Education. The Supreme Court, citing a study written by Mr. Clark on the effects of racial discrimination, on May 17, 1954, declared segregation in public schools, unconstitutional.

Soul meaning empathy and social responsibility; relevance meaning a demonstration of concern. These are the missing ingredients of the present products of the prestigious "white" American colleges and universities.



STEPHEN ANDREW BRYANT

Steve explains that Cybernetics is an interdepartmental major - a combination of Computer Science and Neuro Science. The study deals with replacing or duplicating the human brain with machine parts, and is most simply explained as "the same idea as the 'six million dollar man'."

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## BLACK ENGLISH: LANGUAGE OR DIALECT ??

"MICHAEL DO YOU BE RESPECTED YO' MOTHAS?" US News and World Report contends that this is a classic example of "Black English". Their translation, "Michael, do you respect your mother" is, in our opinion a somewhat inaccurate translation. Actually, the first sentence seems somewhat unintelligible and grossly over exaggerated.

Joiner coined Black English as a dialect, "not just slovenly talk" and ordered the Ann Arbor school district to create a program for its Black English speakers. In this district, Black English will be used as a guide to standard English. This case could and should be a landmark decision and in the process, take the shame out of the dialect.

By Lynn Elijah  
&  
Angela Norris

If the political system of this campus is to represent our views, goals, and ambitions, then we should not leave the burden of responsibility to someone else. "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself". There is a world of things going on around you. Very few of them are non political. You must realize that there is no way to avoid it. politics is a way of life, and if you don't get involved, you will find yourself lying by the way side - "riding the bench".

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## IS BLACK LITERATURE DEAD AT THE U OF R ??

In previous years, the University of Rochester's English Department has offered at least two Afro-American English courses per year. Possibly setting a precedent, the 1979-80 academic year will be the first time in ten years, that no Black literature courses will be offered in the curriculum. Noting this fact, several minority students have taken this opportunity to appeal to the English Department for a wider variety and more consistent offering of Black literature courses.



PHYLLIS CHEREBIN  
'81

Phyllis Susan Cherebin lives by a philosophy of Maya Angelou. Paraphrased, it is that the difference between a coal and a diamond is the amount of pressure applied to each one. If one pushes him or herself, he/she will become a diamond. If not, one remains a coal. Phyllis has aspirations to be a diamond.

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## WILSON Awardee PROTESTS SOUTH AFRICAN PROTESTERS

Last year's Joseph C. Wilson award winner, Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., chancellor of the State University of New York believes that the current divestiture posture of most groups protesting South Africa's racial policies is ill conceived.

Grapevine Editors: Kathy N. Waller  
Angela Y. Norris







CARLOS HERSTON POWERS

'82

"I LIKE TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY"

Carlos Powers (class of '82) always tries to make people smile. Maybe it is his quick wit or perhaps his mere presence, but it usually works.

Born in Los Angeles in 1960, Carlos moved to New York at age 10, then to Rochester and ultimately to New Hampshire where he lives now. Of all of these places, Carlos liked Los Angeles the best and hopes to return there soon.

He loves biology, his major, and hopes to go to dental school upon graduation. Carlos isn't sure where he wants to go, but is considering Tufts in Medford, Mass.

Carlos became the Vice President of Salsa (Spanish and Latin Students' Association) this year. Carlos explains that "Salsa is a sort of Black Students' Union for Hispanics." Its purpose is to make the U of R more livable for its members. Salsa, formerly La Unidad Latina, was somewhat "reborn by the hardwork, effort, and leadership of 1978-79 President Alberto Montero". Fortunately, Montero was supported by a "new wave of Latin freshmen" and thus is becoming more recognized on campus. "We want to spread Latin culture and other influences on the University campus and to show minority unity and progress."

Powers enjoys all sports, but participated in track, wrestling, and football. For fun he likes dancing, and listening to a "broad spectrum of music from contemporary jazz to the outer realms of reggae." (He contends that he likes jazz "eight days a week.") He also likes playing the guitar, but hasn't for a while.

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## INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

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