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STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
RODNELL CLABOINE

by Nila Bragg

Rodnell E. Claboine is not only the first sophomore to run for Student Association President, but he is also the first black ever to be elected to this top position in the Student Association. I approached Rodnell and asked if he would consider being interviewed for the GRAPEVINE and he agreed. Here are the answers to my brilliant questions:

Ms. Bragg: What made you run for president?

Mr. Claboine: I always had it in the back of my mind as a freshman, I wanted to do something big. As a first semester freshman I ran for the Student Senate and lost. I had never lost anything before. I decided not to give up. I was influenced by Adam Segall, the Students' Association President, and Allen Nitschelm, the Extra-curricular Committee Chairman. Two years ago I got involved with the Extra-Curricular Committee and received a good overview of the clubs and organizations. I then moved on to the Appropriations Committee, where I received a financial overview of all the SA Clubs and organizations. I became a Minority Peer Counselor, a service desk worker, a nautilus instructor and a disc jockey to 'keep a balance'. I then attended two leadership conferences: ACUI (Association of College Union International) at Keuka College, and the Black Student Leadership Conference at the Divinity School. I set high goals for myself and I wanted to prepare myself for those goals. I felt that I best represented the campus. In addition, I wanted to show other students that they could get involved. I felt the position (SA President) would 'prepare me for the future'. The Students' Association offers numerous opportunities and leadership positions that will better equip students for their jobs in later life. College only comes once, I wanted to take advantage of everything it had to offer me.

Ms. Bragg: What difficulties did you encounter/are you encountering as president and/or as a minority.

Mr. Claboine: The most trying difficulty was attempting to define a position that was undefined. Past Presidents with the exception of John Finch did not leave any records behind to assist my preparation. I wanted to bridge the communication gap between the administrations, faculty, students and the community. I figured no one was coming to me so I went after them. I had to get people to know me (not just know of me). I made two interviews a day with administrators. I had to understand the University's structure, so that I would be well verse in answering specific university concerns. We were getting a new president (Dennis O'Brien) and I wanted to know how to respond to any of his new changes. I was not sure how the administrators felt when I asked them questions, but I believe I was well received, because they answered my questions. Now I have to distinguish the positions of SA President and SA Speaker, because people get their duties confused. As a minority, I did not have too many difficulties because I got around to all the cultural groups and special interest groups. I am still Rodnell, I haven't changed. I still enjoyed meeting people. That is who they (students) voted for, Rodnell the person.

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT (cont.)

Ms. Bragg: Before concluding this interview, what is your advice for future minorities running for offices?

Mr. Claiborne: Learn the system that you are dealing with. Believe in yourself. People will laugh, sneer at you and not take you seriously. If you strongly believe in a goal, strive for it. Learn about people, take risks, speak your mind to change racism, do not let people define you - they (people) already have a historic view of minorities. They have to respect who you are; define yourself before people define you. You have got to have God on your side. I pray every night and read the Bible. Listen to criticism and take it in as good advise. Be a good follower to be a good leader. Listen to your elders. I got advice from Deborah McKnight, and Dr. Jefferson. Re-evaluate yourself after the advice. But most of all, have a sincere smile. Sincerity and trust go hand in hand - People watch for deviation from the spoken word.

ACADEMIC HONOR SYSTEM by Anne Stein and Danielle Waldman

(Just in case our readers missed this article which was printed in the Special Edition of the Students' Association Chronicle - Spring '85 - we (the Grapevine) thought it should be reprinted.)

Academic honesty is an important issue at the University of Rochester. Presently, the Board on Academic Honesty reviews all cases of plagiarism and literary theft. The Academic Affairs Committee of the SA Senate is researching Honor Systems implemented at other universities. The purpose of this is to prevent what was found to be the most common elements that comprise an Academic Honor System and see if one is appropriate for the University of Rochester.

We chose the University of Virginia's philosophy as most representative.

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MUSIC OF THOUGHT

"By poetry we mean the art of employing words in such a manner as to produce an illusion on the imagination; the art of doing by means of words, what the painter does by means of colors. -- Macaulay

The Grapevine wishes to introduce a new feature. Periodically, "Music of Thought" will be featured in our issues. "Music of Thought" will consist of poetry written by minority students of the University of Rochester. As editor of the GRAPEVINE I hope that this added feature will keep you, our readers, interested.

Rose M. Bell, Editor

GOOD-BYE

Standing and watching them put you away,
Remembering pieces of a better day,
When life was full as well as long
And the bond we shared was welded strong.

Why did you go? What about me?
I'm standing alone with dignity.
Thoughts aflame in my mind,
Of peace, love and then death's crime.

There you lay looking cold as snow.
The scene is still, yet there's no letting go.
Moments lost in time
like teardrops in rain.
The talons of death don't grieve the victim,
but causes the mourner's pain.

Life's ending breaks the encompassing still
So that the soul may fly free.
My tears forge rivers
Which fill death's widening sea.

It is all recalled as if a dream.
Our love was pure, simple,...clean.

Then one day you left--not through the door.
I felt your flight and knew it was more.
Good-bye my loved one--my dearest friend,
the light that giveth life takes it away again.

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ACADEMIC HONOR SYSTEM (cont.)

It states:

The central purpose of the Honor System is to sustain and protect a community of trust in which students can enjoy the freedom to develop their potential, both intellectual and personal, without restraint or limitation. The concept of an Honor System implies that students devote themselves to the pursuit of truth and knowledge. We feel that dishonest means are incompatible with these pursuits.

The system is not intended simply to punish students who commit honor offenses nor to place restriction on a student that conflict with his own values. Rather, its purpose is to prevent the atmosphere of trust enjoyed by the community from being weakened by the dishonorable actions of a few.

At most universities, the student is expected to adhere to the responsibilities of the system when he/she registers at the institution. These responsibilities are stated well by Wellesley College in Massachusetts. They go as follows:

The fundamental academic principle is that students learn through independent and original work.

A) Examinations are to be taken without giving or receiving assistance.

B) All sources of material used in writing reports or papers are to be acknowledged in the appropriate ways; in the body of the paper, in notes, or in the bibliography.

C) Separate reports or papers are to be written for each course unless the instructors give permission in advance for one paper to be handed in for two courses.

D) Use of another student's work or ideas is to be acknowledged. This includes laboratory work and reports.

Furthermore, according to the Honor System at Stanford University in California:

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GOOD-BYE (cont.)

This realization is clear...our paths
lay alone.
You under nature's spiritual heir
And I confined to an earthly zone.
Good-bye for now though our time is
not finished.
As far as our love...always cherished.

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DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND

Voices unheard, layered in peacefulness.
Sounds, finely tuned, no treble, bass or
volume --- just quietness.
I cannot hear you...Deafness.

Only touch, only feel, so much frustration.
Wanting to speak, but having limitations.
I cannot talk to you...Dumbness.

Images fades, clustered in Darkness.
No light, I'm frightened and living in
Blackness.
I cannot see you...Blindness.

Deaf, dumb and blind, but no one cares.
I'm hurting...and crying, but can't see
my tears.
What do you do when filled with fear?

The silence pierces my heart to the core
And in my depression there are thoughts
of afar.
Threading a narrow temptuous edge,
I'm drowning in this sharp current called
death.
Yet the pain continues---flowing like the
salmon upstream,
Deaf, dumb and blind...a bleak dream.

What do you do when your senses aren't
there?
When affliction reigns triumphant engulfing
all thoughts.
I'm shrouded daily and facing fear.
Deaf, dumb and blind...a living scare.

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AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION SUMMER
MINORITY PROGRAM

From June 16-August 10, 1985, the University of Wisconsin-Madison will be holding an American Economic Association Summer Minority Program.

The Program offers eight weeks of intensive instruction in three areas essential for graduate study in economics; intermediate microeconomics and statistics. Individual instruction is provided because of the small class sizes.

The program is open to Black, Hispanic and Native American undergraduates who have completed at least one year of principles of economics and one year of calculus.

Graduating seniors who have already been accepted into a Ph.D. program in economics will be given special consideration.

Students will be housed together in an undergraduated dormitory. Students can enjoy a variety of recreational opportunities since the campus is located directly on Lake Mendota.

A \$440 cash stipend will be given to participating students.

For application forms and further information please write:

Ellen Jacobsen, Program Administrator
AEA Summer Minority Program
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Department of Economics
1180 Observatory Drive
Madison, W.I. 53706

ACADEMIC HONOR SYSTEM (cont.)

Students "will do their share and take an active part in seeing to it that others as well as themselves uphold the spirit and letter of the Honor Code."

The extent of responsibility of the faculty to take action to protect the regulations governing student conduct, and the procedures for their enforcement, must be determined by each school in accordance with its needs and philosophy. Faculty, for example, can elect to give examinations with or without proctors. An honor board, composed of students, faculty, administration, or some combination therein, must be created. The board will hear all cases of academic dishonesty and decide appropriate disciplinary action. Punishment appropriate for the breach of the Academic Honor System might include the following: suspension, expulsion, grade of "E" on the paper of exam, grade of "E" in the course, service hours, written apology, or any combination of these. A decision remains as to where a student may appeal the board's decision; the likely candidates are the Provost or the Deans of the Colleges.

Students interested in learning more about Honor Systems, the present system at the University of Rochester, or future possibilities for an Academic Honor System should contact the Academic Affairs Committee.

FUSION AND DEFENSE SYMPOSIUM

Some of the nation's experts in lasers, particle beams, and defense will discuss the prospects for fusion energy and a space-based strategic defense system at a technical symposium to be held at the University of Rochester April 18 and 19.

The symposium will include a dedication of the University's 12-trillion watt, 24-beam OMEGA laser system.

Speakers at the symposium will include:

--George A. Keyworth II, President Reagan's science advisor and director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.
--Gerold Yonas, deputy director and chief scientist of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

WE VALUE OUR IDENTITIES

by Robert Colón

My mother grew as a little girl in the hills of San German, Puerto Rico. She left her isolated little world when she was ten and spent a year or so in Virginia before relocating to New York City. Throughout the span of almost forty-four years (and she'd kill me if she knew I dared to publicize her age) my mother has been the center, as well as the source, of numerous discriminatory actions.

"Cana cual con su pareja," she would say. An old Spanish proverb which means that people should stay with those that are similar to them-- with their couple. It is only by doing this, she would stipulate, that differences are kept to a minimum and in turn, so would disagreements. Therefore it was not surprising that my mother had a lot to say when I told her that I was in the process of dating a young girl named Jennifer Baskerville. Jennifer and I had been good friends for over two years and as a freshman in high school, my attraction towards her had begun to change visibly.

It was not because Jennifer was a drug addict or a kleptomaniac. On the contrary, Jennifer was a straight "A" student and a beautiful young woman. The problem, whose unsurmountable lengths led to the termination of the relationship, was that Jennifer was not Puerto Rican. She was Black.

Looking back on that most impressionable period of my life, I realize what a mistake I had made in heeding the advice of my mother. She was wrong and yet I do not fault her for acting in a narrow and selfish way. After all, she was teaching me what she had been taught upon her arrival to New York. It's not good to be different, so therefore you stay with those who are as different as you are, you date other Hispanics or Blacks or Jews, and in some twisted way you would have done a good deed because there will be more of you.

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FUSION AND DEFENSE SYMPOSIUM (cont.)

--Louis Marquet, Director Organization's Defense Initiative National Directed Energy Office.

--John L. Emmett, Associate Director for Lasers, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

--Stephen D. Rockwood, Associate Director for Defense Research Programs, Los Alamos National Laboratory.

--J. Pace VanDevender, Director of Pulsed Power Sciences, Sandia National Laboratory.

In additions, leaders of the scientific community will discuss the present state of laser and particle beam technologies, and future prospects for such technologies.

This Symposium is sponsored by the University of Rochester, Fusion Power Associates and the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

Rose M. Bell

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is seeking lifeguards for summer positions through the State. Candidates must pass water and CPR practical tests which will be held from now until June.

For further information, check the Summer Job listings binder in the Career Services and Placement Center, Lattimore 224, or contact Judith Ellison at x2366.

Applications are available for those persons interested in working in Wilson Commons next September. They are available in the Student Employment Office.

Don't forget to vote for the Student Association President!!!!

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Congratulations to the Newly Elected
1985-1986 Officers of the Black Students'
Union.

President - Richard Mitchell
Vice Pres. - Claudia Salmon
Secretary - Rose M. Bell
Business Managers - Bernice Sanders
 Rosemarie Chen
Educational/Political Chairperson
 Patrice Mitchell
Community Affairs Chairperson
 Shelly Clemens
Social Chairperson - Sharon Lightfoot

Congratulations to the Newly Elected
1985-1986 Officers of the Gospel Choir

President - Esther J. Dash
Vice Pres. - Rose M. Bell
Business Manager - Mark Webster
Secretary - Carla Jackson

University of Rochester's Gospel Choir
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Donation: \$5.00

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WE VALUE OUR IDENTITIES (cont.)

Unfortunately, this doesn't work. Strength is not in numbers but in resiliency. People are not Black, Jewish, Irish, or Hungarian but good, bad, and decent. Therefore, why is it that interracial marriages or "inter-religious" marriages are hardly ever seen? Is it because one is afraid to be with people that are different? Is it because people believe that those who do not hold the same faith or have the same skin color will not be able to understand the tribulations of that individual?

It is hard enough to try and find a good mate one that will be faithful, loving, and by your side until the very end, without limiting your field. People should be judged on the basis of their character, moral conduct, and preference. If two people have the same things in common then why not stay together? And if your preferred mate happens to be black and you're white then why not get married?

The sad truth is that we are not ready to be united with people who are not as we are because we value our identities. It is important that our mates and children are also. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Let us hope that the racial barriers that exist in our everyday lives, barriers that influence the way we act, talk, and choose a mate, are not a result of excessive pride. If this is so we are dealing with a problem that unfortunately will not change, until the time that human nature does.



You are cordially invited to the Twelfth Annual Black Students' Union Senior Dinner on May 11, 1985 at 6:15 p.m. in the May Room of Wilson Commons.

Cocktail Hour

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Bridge Lounge
(Wilson Commons)

MENU

CORNISH HEN
BROWN RICE
SWEET POTATOES
COLLARD GREENS
CORN BREAD
SALAD BAR
CHEESE CAKE w/ CHERRY TOPPING
COFFEE, TEA, FRUIT PUNCH

Cost Per Person

\$11.25
(price includes tax)

After Dinner Program
Coordinated By

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----- (PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN) -----

Note: Payment for dinner must be made by May 2, 1985. No tickets will be sold at the door.

____ I will attend I would like ____ tickets Amount Enclosed \$ _____
(\$11.25 x # of people)

Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: DSSS/Univ. of Rochester
217 Psychology Building
Rochester, New York 14627

For further information contact Debbie McKnight (716) 275-2864.

NAME _____

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FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

JUDY ABELMAN

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