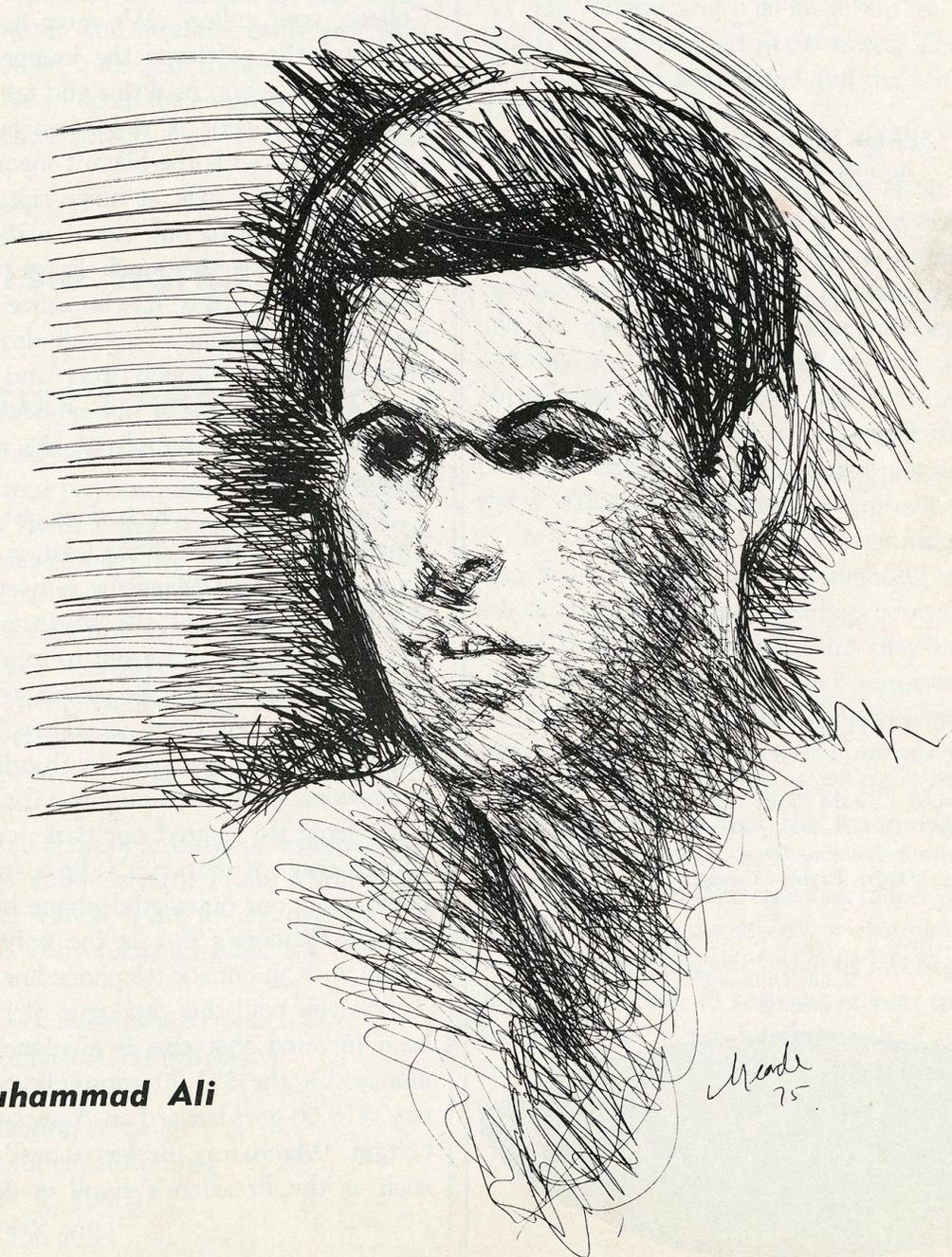
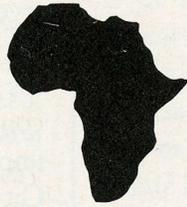


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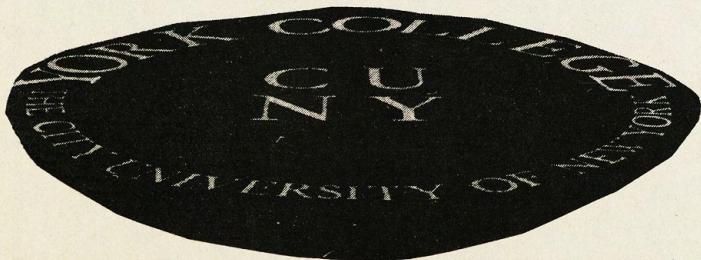
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## EDITORIAL

*By Frank Tucker*

Brothers and sisters, how long are you going to sit back and allow us to be robbed? To be robbed of our money and rights, not just on the National level, or State level, or City level, but right here in front of our noses—on the College level. Very often when we are aware that we are being short-changed by the “system” (i.e., the conditions in the ghetto as compared with conditions in more affluent communities) we feel impotent. There is the feeling “You can’t fight City Hall.” This is not the case however, at York College, your college. We must fight the power.

Leave the cafeteria, the lounge, or wherever you may be as you read this and take a short walk to the fourth floor of the Main building. What you will observe is the blatant inequality at York College. Take a look at office size. Spirit Magazine is expected to put out a quality publication in an office not too much larger than a closet, while Pandora’s Box has an office that is larger than most classrooms. You will also see they have more telephones, typewriters and most of all, more money!! More of our money. The 1975-76 budget is a clear example of the racism and inequality at York.

Pandora’s Box, which does not represent the Third World interest in the least, is given \$26,000 a year while Spirit Magazine is given only \$5,000. While over 43% of the students at York are Third World. To add insult to injury every week there is an attempt by the power structure to take even more away from us. They have tried to force us to share our office with other student organizations; have attempted to take our few desks away from us; limited our dark room use to the convenience of Pandora’s Box staff, and have taken away our outside telephone lines (as of this writing Pandora’s Box is the only school publication with an outside telephone line).

As you read this catalogue of racist injustice, keep in mind that this is all done with YOUR money. Of the \$73.00 consolidation fee that we pay, \$18.00 goes toward an Association fee. After certain “Mandatory Budget items” are deducted, such as the President’s Fund of \$4,150 (which

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## DEATH SYMBOL

by Sharee Brown

Well here I am leaving my country, Ughana, to go to the states. I was tired of my people calling me a 'death symbol'. I was always separated from them and not allowed to leave my hut without a chain, with the symbol of 'life', on my neck. This was, of course, to protect my people (not me) from my curse of death.

It was a clear summer night when I had awakened and decided it was time for me to go. I got up and picked up a large square cloth. I had placed all of my belongings in the cloth (including my chain for I wanted to curse these people for their wrong doings to me.) I thought about my past and anger ran through my blood. I was more determined to go now than ever.

I put my cloth in a boat tied to shore with rope. I gathered some fruit. Seeing that I needed more food, I went quietly into our supply hut and began to take some day old, baked bread, goats milk and other foods. I made about three (3) or four (4) rounds until I knew I had enough to survive or until I reached the states. I went back to my hut and gathered all of the spears I could find. I only got three (3).

I was ready to go. I cut the rope on the boat and it began to drift away from the shore. By now the first red of dawn was appearing and I was sailing away. I hoped that I would never return to this miserable land. As I moved slowly towards the open sea I spoke quietly to myself. "I death am leaving my people . . . but my curse will be with you forever". With that I picked up my oars and paddled along. I reached into the cloth I had tired and took out the symbol of life chain. I tossed it into the blue-greenish grey sea. I paddled away from the land I had cursed. I did not look back.



## SOCIAL WORK CLUB NEWS

by Yvonne Browne

Everyone is invited to attend the weekly social work meetings. We need and urge active member participation. Active members means a more active organization. If you can donate any time at all, let us know, what your interests are. Upcoming events will include the Freshman Fair, Oct. 29th, Volunteer Career Day Nov. 12th, and Arts and Crafts workshop, late November. Contact the Social Work Office Room 306G, and leave your name. Meetings are held in Room 104S — science bldg., Wednesday 11 - 1 p.m.

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may also be considered the President's fun), the Association money is then allocated to student organizations. This is YOUR money, even if you are on SEEK, that is being channelled to areas against the Third World interest.

There have also been attempts by Student Government and on Pandora's Box staff to receive stipends for their services. They actually want to receive cash payments which would be a further bite into our budget. Will we allow these power hungry thieves to up us all off?

The editors and staff of Spirit Magazine say HELL NO! We urge all students to come alive and demand our right to freedom of the press. Do not sit back and allow these inequalities and injustices to continue. There must be an alternative to one form of publication on campus. Put pressure on your student government; let it be known to the College Administration that you are dissatisfied with the game that is being run on us, and most of all SEIZE THE TIME, FOR THE TIME IS NOW!!