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OPEN LETTER TO THE HOSTOS COMMUNITY

According to the latest media reports through newspapers, radio and the CUNY Senate, we believe that unless a mass movement is begun to endorse and support our College, it will be closed. Therefore, it is our obligation as students and members of the marginated class to defend that which was obtained and created through heartships, pain and sweat.

The time has come for us to unite forces, regardless of race, color or creed, and defend what is ours and "HOSTOS IS OURS". Consequently, it is the responsibility of all of us to see that all efforts are united to "SAVE HOSTOS", otherwise this institution will cease to exist. For that reason, the Dominican Students' Association will support and join the events that will take place on March 8th and 11th in front of the CUNY Graduate Center and City Hall.

We are pleased to know that the "Save Hostos Committee" and the "Coalition Committee" have joined forces to accomplish our main objective---to save Hostos. We believe that this was the most opportune time for the two committees to unite since both students and faculty members are in jeopardy.

The students have already seen what has happen to their B.E.O.G. (Basic Education Opportunity Grant) monies, and the staff and faculty will also be facing a loss of money through the proposed "furlough". They are not satisfied with that and they are trying to close the only bilingual college in the eastern coast of United States.

It is for all these reasons that we are determined to support the 8 objectives agreed by the Congress to Save Hostos.

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