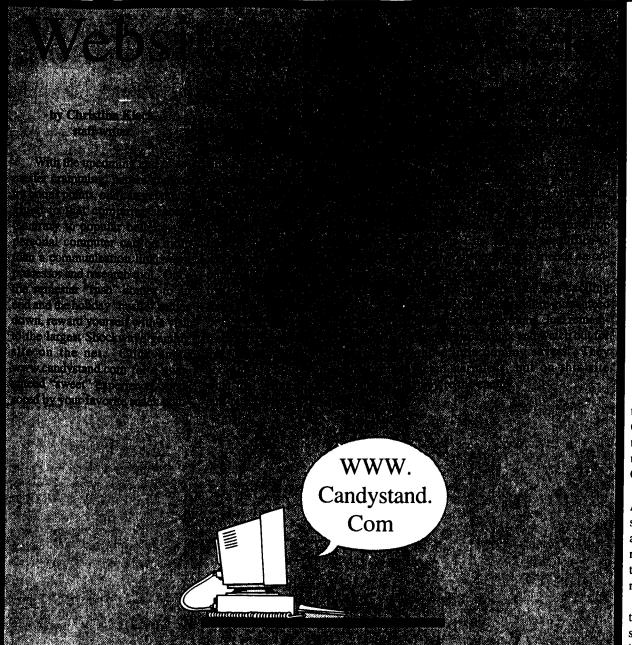
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STUDENT CLUB OF THE WEEK

Association of Black Collegians

by Liz Hayes associate editor

The featured student organization this week is the Association of Black Collegians, or ABC, which is one of the diversity-focused clubs that falls under the "umbrella" of the Multi-Cultural Council.

In the words of club president Ayodele Jones, ABC " . . . emphasizes the African-American culture and acts as a support group for minority students on campus. We strive to ensure self-pride and self-aware-

Although ABC is related to MCC, the two clubs do not directly cosponsor any events. ABC does work in tandem with MCC, however; the club sends representatives to MCC's meetings every other Wednesday and it participates in general event planning. Also, ABC does consult with MCC to insure that none of the events being planned overlap timewise, or in subject matter, with any of the other diversity-focused orga-

ABC does sponsor several events on its own during the course of the

year. So far this semester, it has held two major events: "Expressions of Blackness" and the Kwanzaa celebration. "Expressions of Blackness" was held on the evening of November 12, during which people were given the opportunity to express themselves culturally in a variety of formats. The Kwanzaa dinner, which celebrates the seven principles of Kwanzaa that were created by Dr. Karenga, was held on Sunday, December 5.

Events to look forward to next semester include the Game Show Night, the End of the Year Gala, and the Unity Picnic. The Game Show Night features various game shows, during which contestants will be asked to answer questions pertaining to black history. This event will be held on February 11, 2000.

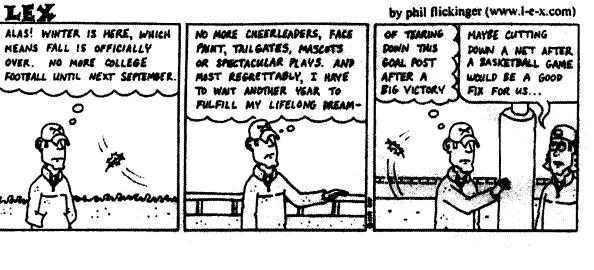
The End of the Year Gala and the Unity Picnic are both traditionally held toward the end of the spring semester. The Gala, which will be held on April 15, 2000, recognizes the superior achievements of ABC's members and celebrates the past year. The Unity Picnic is traditionally held the week before finals, and offer a "last minute chance to reminisce over the

year gone by in the natural outdoors," said Jones, 07 POLSCI.

Currently, ABC has about 20 official, dues-paying members (the club requires a yearly due of \$8). Other than Jones, the officers of the club include vice president Danielle Marshall, treasurer Kim Moses, and secretary Cheon Graham. Biddy Brooks, the Assistant Head of the Division of Undergraduate Studies, serves as the club's advisor.

Anyone is welcome to join the club; the only requirements are to express an interest in ABC events, to attend the meetings, and to pay the yearly dues. ABC held meetings every other Tuesday at 12 p.m. in the MCC suite this past semester; they have not established a new meeting time for next semester. All meetings are open to

The club shares an office, as well as a phone line, with the Organization of Latin American Students in the MCC suite. The number is x6318. Also, interested students can contact Jones at x6958 or via email at asj108@psu.edu.





by Erin Henninger

Twas the night before Finals When all through Penn State, Not a student was sleeping

The Coffee was flowing It pulsed in their veins, While caffeine-induced hallucinations Clouded their brains.

And I in my pajamas, My roommate at her desk, Had just settled in To study for our test.

They were studying too late.

When out in the hall there arose booming bass, My roommate Missy got A pale look on her face.

Away to the doorway We flew like a flash, Peered through the peep hole And unlocked the latch.

The black light was shining Out into the hall, While colored lights reflected Off the disco ball.

When what to my wondering eyes Should appear, But a miniature keg, And eight cases of beer.

More rapid than Dobbin's food Running through your system, We pounded on the door of The party-throwing vixen.

We shouted and pleaded; "We're trying to think!" The party host's reply, "Honey, you need a drink!"

We would have liked to participate In their party jamming But we needed some quiet To conduct all our cramming.

Then suddenly a light Appeared down the hall. A man walked toward us Who was old and tall.

"Pizza! Pizza!" were the only Words that he said. Then he gave us the box, And a pat on the head.

We went into our room Feeling astonished and weird. Who was this Magic pizza man with a beard?

The pizza did help to improve our mood, But when we opened the lid, There was a box

The contents of the box Made my eyes fill with tears, It contained a set of earplugs For my roommate's and my ears.

On top of our food.

Then again I heard the voice Of the Pizza Man "Happy Finals To All, And To All A Good Exam!!"



Aries (March 21-April 19). Hang in there, finals aren't over yet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Hide some mail from the fam over break.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Contact some old friends when you're through with the semester.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Get away this weekend and it'll do wonders for your GPA.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Double check something you think you've finished--you didn't.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Buy something expensive (other than next semester's books).

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Start things early, you'll thank yourself later.

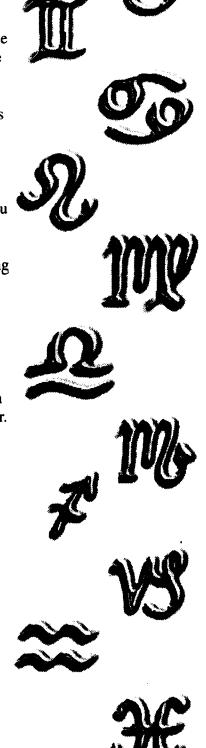
Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pay attention to finals--one could be the deciding factor.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Try something new over break.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Decide on millennium plans now!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Just do it!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember what is important to you.



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Bongo the three legged monkey