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The Newsletter of the Cornell Black Alumni Association

Fall 2005

Message From The President

Dear Cornell Black Alumni Association Members and Friends,

Thanks to you, our program years ending June 30, 2004 and 2005 saw expansions in membership, event programming, and communication among alumni, students, faculty, and University staff. Our theme has been to strengthen the ties that bind us together, enriching our shared Cornell experience and heritage by:

- Increasing communication channels (e.g., Yahoo Groups and monthly CBAALog Listserv (e-mail) distribution);
- Doubling the number of CBAALog sponsored or co-sponsored events (targeting NYC, Philly, DC, Ithaca, and Atlanta);
- Supporting the Africana Studies and Research Center Rebuilding Project, including founding the Friends of Africana, and participating in the Africana Center Groundbreaking and Dedication ceremonies in 2004 and 2005;
- Strengthening relationships and interactions with Black students; and
- Increasing CBAALog's membership from 192 in July 2003 to 439 by June 30, 2004 (including 45 graduating seniors), and currently over 200 lifetime members!

CBAALog definitely has been on a roll. We are poised to move to the next level, establishing CBAALog as the largest minority Ivy League alumni association in the country. Our 2005-2006 goals include:

- Revising CBAALog's governance structure to reflect a National Organization, as originally envisioned by the articles of incorporation;
- Re-invigorating Black alumni participation and event programming in cities that have significant numbers of Black alumni: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, LA and the Bay area. To date, over 25 events have been planned for five cities;
- Expanding joint membership dues and co-sponsorship of events with local Cornell clubs, Cornell alumni associations, minority alumni associations, and the League (the association of Black Ivy League graduates: www.theleagueonline.org);
- Formulating and implementing a long-range strategy to increase the recruitment and acceptance of African American students attending Cornell, specifically focusing on high-school students residing in urban areas;
- Increasing the number of CBAALog lifetime and annual dues payers in order to fund CBAALog's exciting activities and programs.

How will we accomplish these lofty goals? With your membership, participation and support! This newsletter identifies ways you can help CBAALog make a difference. I look forward to seeing you at CBAALog's strategic planning and general body meeting that will be held in Washington, DC on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

*Regina Little-Durham '78
CBAALog President 2003-2006*

CBAALog ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Washington, DC _ Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 10:00 - 2:00 pm

CBAALog will hold its annual meeting for members to develop a mission statement and long-range strategies. We will vote on proposed changes to CBAALog's bylaws, discuss proposed initiatives, and form working committees. We are especially interested in attracting members who would like to serve in leadership positions at Cornell and in CBAALog. Only dues paying (or otherwise exempt from dues) members may vote. Your attendance and input are crucial!

Cornell University Governmental Relations, 444 North Capitol St. N.W. Washington, DC
(The location is conveniently located a few blocks from Amtrak & Metro at Union Station)

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CBAALog's 30th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Mark your calendars and get ready CBAALog's reunion chaired by Jamela Franklin '76 and Tonya (White) Hallet '96, that will celebrate our 30th anniversary. The reunion provides a chance for us to reflect on CBAALog's history and founding, and our mission and vision for the future. We will engage in important dialogue in seminars, and workshops in addition to our customary celebrations of great food, fun and partying. We are gathering copies of all documents relating to CBAALog and its history, dating back to the first CBAALog reunion in 1977. Petrina Jackson, a Cornell Archivist, and Francis Dawson '72 are working with the E-Board to develop a historical retrospective video. We need copies of old programs, souvenirs and photos from each reunion. Please forward such items to Petrina Jackson, Archivist, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Africana Studies & Research Center Expands

Cornell's Reunion 2004 weekend marked the start of the Africana Rebuilding Project, an effort to renovate and expand the AS&RC. During the April 2005 Mosaic Conference and AS&RC's *Brown v. Board of Education* colloquium, African American Alumni and other distinguished guests (including past president, Dale Corson) attended the dedication ceremony, celebrating a recommitment to the oldest cultural programming institution at Cornell. Speakers included Cornell University President Jeffrey Lehman, Profs James Turner and Robert Harris (both former AS&RC Directors), and CBAA President, Regina Little-Durham '78. Prior to the ceremony, Kimberlé Crenshaw '81 paid homage to Prof. James Turner as inspiring legions of Black Alumni to raise their consciousness and transform their communities. For more information, go to

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/May05/africana.fac.html>

Les Femmes de Substance Retreat

During Valentine's Day Weekend 2004, over 100 Black female undergraduates attended the Les Femmes de Substance Retreat at the Wyndham Resort Hotel in Syracuse, NY. The event, sponsored by a generous donation from Sheila Johnson, the co-founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), was conceived by 16 Black Cornell coeds to enable attendees to share the bonds of sisterhood, and foster reflection, personal development and community spirit. Activities included a rousing and exhausting aerobic dance session led by CBAA President, Regina Little-Durham '78, and Saturday workshops led Professor Margaret Washington, relationship coach Elaine Westbrook, Yvonne Chase, and CBAA alumni Regina Little-Durham '78, Mitzi Young '77, and Deniqua Crichlow '99. Black History and themes of Black female empowerment at school, at work, and at play, were explored. The weekend ended with an elaborate dinner at Trillium dining hall and an inspiring speech by Dr. Debyii Sababu Thomas, a dynamic speaker, educator, and minister. Prof. Robert Harris and his wife were among those present who witnessed the joyous tears as the ladies celebrated new found friendships, resolved to reach out to one another, and closed the evening by singing and dancing to Chaka Khan's, "I'm Every Woman."

Join CBAA Yahoo! Groups

CBAA has added Yahoo! Groups as a non-university sponsored channel for members to discuss issues, current events, social happenings, and more. This private group, managed by the CBAA Executive Board, allows alumni to engage in free and open discussions of sensitive topics in a confidential setting. The CBAA Yahoo! Group is ONLY accessible to dues paying CBAA members. If you would like to join, please visit

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CBAA_1976/

CBAA Student Leadership Award Given at May 2005 Dinner Honoring Graduating Seniors

The Cornell Black Alumni Association Student Leadership Award recognizes a graduating undergraduate student of African descent for his/her outstanding leadership and efforts to enhance the lives of students and the community-at-large while attending Cornell University. This year's award was presented to Shari Moseley, a sociology major from the College of Arts and Sciences. Theodore Nyame, Aveisha Palmer received honorable mentions. The Office of Minority Education Affairs (OMEA) Senior Celebration also featured academic and service awards for seniors from their respective colleges and schools. We are proud to have Shari, Theodore, Aveisha and their classmates join CBAA and welcome their energy and ideas.

Be a Member: CBAA Wants and Needs You!

Since its inception in 1976, CBAA has enabled Black alumni far and wide to stay connected and kindle new friendships through a variety of local and national activities. CBAA Membership brings you:

- Members-only discounts to CBAA social and educational events
- CBAA newsletter and other information on CBAA events nationwide
- Alumni networking, volunteer and social activities
- Student recruitment and mentoring opportunities
- Fundraising for the Africana Studies and Research Center Rebuilding Project
- Up-to-date information on campus events and student activities
- Scholarship and other programs to foster excellence in Black students
- Lifetime friendships

We are also expanding co-sponsorship of events with other Cornell clubs to maximize opportunities for you to participate and contribute and now offer a new membership category, the Cornell Parent/Friend, to keep parents of current students and others apprised of events and activities of import to Black Cornellians.

Join us in making a difference in our community. While membership increased this past year, less than 10% of self-identified, Black Cornellians have paid either lifetime or annual dues to CBAA.

CBAA's ability to offer meaningful programs and activities depends on your financial support. Please join by completing the enclosed form or by downloading the online membership application. For more information on membership and volunteer opportunities, contact Mitzi Young, Vice President Membership, at may7@cornell.edu.

2005-2006 EVENT CALENDAR

7/30/05	CBAA 2006 BBQ /Reunion Weekend and Membership Drive (Philly/ DE/ Southern NJ)
8/4/05	CBAA Happy Hour Programming Kickoff: Wealth, Health and Charity Membership Drive (NYC)
8/20/05	CBAA 2006 BBQ /Reunion Weekend Potluck BBQ (Atlanta)
8/27/05	CBAA 2006 BBQ /Reunion Weekend BBQ Pool Party (DC)
8/28/05	Salsa with CBAA!! (Philly/ DE/ Southern NJ)
9/23/05	CBAA Happy Hour (DC)
9/27/05	Building Wealth after Cornell Debt Part 1 (NYC)
10/05	CAAAN Training- TBD (all major cities)
10/20/05	Zincks Night Happy Hour (all major cities)
10/26/05	Building Wealth after Cornell Debt Part 2 (NYC) Financial Advisor William Morris will conduct Part 2 of his Wealth Building series. Office of William Morris, 530 5 th Ave, 14 th Floor, NY, NY 6:30-8:00 PM \$5/CBAA; \$7 non-CBAA members. RSVP Jonelle Bradshaw 96' jdb12@cornell.edu
11/5/05	CBAA Annual Fall General Body Meeting (DC) 444 N. Capital Street, NW, Washington, DC. 10:00 am- 2:00 pm
11/05	Holistic Health Seminar (NYC) Event Organizers: Jonelle Bradshaw '96
11/12/05	The 20th Annual Philadelphia International Art Expo and Brunch (Philly/ DE/ Southern NJ) Come out with CBAA to enjoy our Nation's Largest African American Expo. Admission to EXPO is Free!! Brunch to follow. The Liacouras Center, 1776 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121, 11:30am-4:00pm RSVP: Nicole Whittington at nw11@cornell.edu by Nov. 4 th
12/05	Charity for the Holidays Intimate Gathering (NYC) Event Organizers: Jonelle Bradshaw and Sonya Maxwell '78
12/3/05	Holiday Cultural Bazaar (Atlanta) Event Organizer: Jamela Franklin oyinde@peoplepc.com
12/3/05	Holiday Event (DC) Event Organizer: Deborah Arrindell at darrinde@prdus.jnj.com
12/05	Holiday Party (Philly/ DE/ Southern NJ) Event Organizer: Nicole Whittington '97
12/05	CBAA Members Only Holiday Party (Atlanta) RSVP: Kim Hawkins by 11/29. This will be a CBAA member-only event so if you have not joined please do so as soon as possible. We ask that alums bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to a local charity.
12/06	"Starting the New Year Right- Workshop on Wealth and Health" (DC). Event Organizer: Deborah Arrindell.
1/06	Cornell vs. Columbia Basketball game (NYC) CBAA and Columbia Black Alumni would like to invite you to watch the "Battle of the NY Ivys" on the basketball court for fun and charity. Pre-reception will be held for alumni and current students. Columbia University, \$15 for alumni, \$7 for students, \$5 for children RSVP: Jonelle Bradshaw '96 at bradshaj@stjohns.edu
2/06	Black History Month Celebration at Reginald Lewis Museum (MD) Event Organizer: Deborah Arrindell.
2/06	CBAA Jazz and Art Night (Atlanta) RSVP: Kim Hawkins at kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com by February 1 st . Come and join fellow Cornellians for a celebration of Black history and culture. The High Museum will feature jazz from local artist and display artwork from Romare Bearden.
02/05/06	Cornell Mosaic Regional Event (NYC). Cornell Club-New York. Contact: Jonelle Bradshaw '96
02/18/06	Cornell Mosaic Regional Event (Philly). Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.
3/11/06	CBAA NBA Fundraiser (NYC) Help CBAA raise money for the scholarships and the Africana Building Fund!!!
3/25/06	CBAA Wine Tasting Event (DC) Event Organizer: Deborah Arrindell.
3/06	Cornell Women Invest Wisely (NYC) Cornell Women Unite! This seminar will address your unique needs as women who may be investing either as part of a household, or head of one! Event Organizer: Jonelle Bradshaw
4/06	CBAA Health Challenge (NYC) Come take the CBAA Summer Challenge. Learn about how we are challenging our community to bring in the summer with a sizzle and get fit for Reunion Weekend. Exercise, Action Plans and Motivational tools will be at your disposal. Event Organizer: Jonelle Bradshaw '96 and Sonya Maxwell '78.
4/06	Accepted Student's Program and Reception (Philly/ DE/ Southern NJ) Event Organizer: Nicole Whittington '97 Congratulate Cornell's accepted students from our area and hear a respected Cornell professor speak.
5/06	Spring Fling Happy Hour –Prequel to CBAA Reunion Weekend (Phila/NYC/DC/Atlanta) CBAA would like to invite you to its kickoff reception leading up to the 2006 CBAA Reunion Weekend.
6/8-11/06	CBAA Reunion (Ithaca, NY) Help celebrate CBAA's 30th Anniversary. This event is CBAA's flagship event of the year!!! Don't miss it!!!

CBAA LEADERSHIP**2003-2006 Executive Board**

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<http://cbaa.alumni.cornell.edu>



You're invited to celebrate...

CBAA'S 30th ANNIVERSARY

Did you know that the legendary Carson Carr, the recruiter who is responsible for most of the 70s alumni's matriculation, retention, and graduation, will be attending?

Come join us in celebrating CBAA'S 30th anniversary; the 100th anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha, and the anniversaries for the graduates of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001!

When: June 8th - June 11, 2006
Where: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
What to bring: LAUGHTER, PHOTOS, and STORIES

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