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EVENTS

Please join us February 2004 in Providence for two noteworthy occasions. The 2004 Inman Page Black Alumni Council Annual Meeting will coincide with a blockbuster event featuring the HBO documentary *Unchained Memories: Readings from The Slave Narratives*. Many people had the good fortune to hear our own Spencer Crew '71, speak about "Unchained Memories: Readings from The Slave Narratives" as Executive Director of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center of Cincinnati at the May 2003 Commencement Forum.

During Black History Month 2004, we can re-engage this critical discussion and mark a special place in the historical continuum from the times of former slave Inman Page to the present. Keep an eye out for additional information. Brown University Black Alumni this gathering should not be missed!

In addition, the newly elected officers of IPC will be installed at the IPC Annual Meeting. (See "Election" article, page 1.)

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO AND PLAN TO JOIN US IN FEBRUARY!

IPC NEW OFFICERS ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR WINTER 2003

The Nominating Committee of the Inman Page Black Alumni Council (IPC) is pleased to announce an election for new officers will be launched during December-January. More information about the nominees will be mailed along with a ballot to all Black alumni, and votes can be cast **until January 15, 2004**. Winners will be announced in the January issue of the *IPC Exchange* and installed at the special election-year Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for early-to-mid February.

The process for election of new executive leadership took longer than originally anticipated. However, the current officers are satisfied that the IPC's By-Laws have been met and that the organization's ongoing growth and development will not be adversely affected by the delay.

The current President-Elect, Dorsey James, and the rest of the IPC Board of Governors (see inside story, page 3), will



IPC President-Elect Dorsey James and MAC co-chair Marcos Gonzales continue discussion of affinity groups and MAC's plans for coming year.

be joined by new officers selected from the following diverse nominees:

President-Elect

Preston Tisdale, 1973
Markita Shontay Morris, 1998
Atiba Mbiwan, 1982

Treasurer

Brett Atkins, 1995
Rod Echols, 2003
Lianne Merchant, 1982

Secretary

Cameo Christian Brown, 2000
Marsha L. Jones, 1976

President-Elect Dorsey James said, "I look forward to building upon the foundations the previous officers and I began, and to extending IPC's reach and influence into new regions

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GET IN TOUCH AND STAY IN THE KNOW WITH IPC

The Inman Page Black Alumni Council is eager to hear from you. There are many ways to keep in contact with classmates and cross paths with other Black alumni, and to get involved in IPC's and Brown's many activities. Make sure you sign up and check out:

► Inman Page Black Alumni Council Web site:
<http://alumni.brown.edu/orgs/IPC/default.asp>

► Brown Black Alumni Listserv:
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► Brown Alumni of Color Listserv:
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► Brown Alumni Monthly Class Notes: <http://www.brownalumnimagazine.com/sendClassNote.cfm>

Please share your accomplishments, news, pictures, and stories with IPC.



LETTER FROM THE IPC PRESIDENT

Sisters and Brothers,

As the outgoing President of IPC, I have to resist the temptation to look back and linger nostalgically over the last two and a half years. A vision of IPC's future, if even a snap shot, would certainly be more useful at this moment.

As our organization matures, we will decide what kind of Black Ivy Leaguers we plan to be. By training we are upwardly mobile individuals, and our own daily strivings and career and family responsibilities can be pretty compelling. In this regard, it would be con-

venient to have IPC simply serve as a series of networking reunions and events where members go to meet their own immediate self-interests as well as social needs.

I believe there is a greater role for IPC. I encourage all of us to look at IPC as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to exert the kind of ground-shaking power that comes from joining up with a thousand-plus other dynamic social change agents. Think of it: Your fellow Black alum, along with President Ruth Simmons, as potential allies in pursuit of a focused leadership agenda, for instance,

in the realm of educational opportunity, which can impact this planet for the better. Wouldn't that be one hell of a way to spend your post-Brown "free" time?

Say yes. In the meantime, I look forward to building and laughing with you.

Peace,

Mark Winston Griffith

(Note from the editors: Mark and his wife, Reina, welcomed their first child—and future Brown alum—a son, born on December 6th. Congratulations and best wishes!)

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Black Alumni Council

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Vivian McCoy '74

Secretary

Denise Bledsoe Slaughter '75

IPC's mission is to broaden opportunities for the Black community of Brown University and maximize Black alumni participation in the life of the University, by directly addressing the needs and concerns of its Black alumni and establishing a productive interaction among Black alumni, students, faculty and staff.

IPC Exchange

is a newsletter published four times per year by IPC, through its "Communications and Community Building" committee, and with the assistance and support of Brown Alumni Relations. Readers' comments and suggestions are welcomed. Please contact:

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and indicate in the subject line
"IPC Exchange"

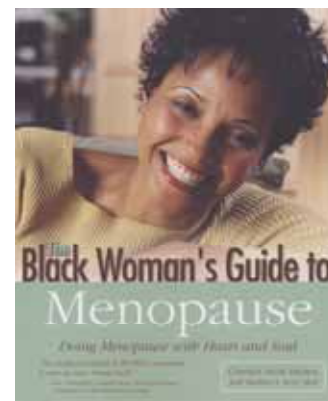
IPC'S "YOU IN THE SPOTLIGHT"

Class '74 alum, *Carolyn Scott Brown*, has released a new book, **The Black Woman's Guide to Menopause: *Doing Menopause with Heart and Soul*** (with Barbara S. Levy, M.D.). It's filled with specific advice from the viewpoint of a black woman for women of color, who have different responses and feelings about this change in their lives because of cultural and physical reasons. Carolyn is President of L.L. Brown, Interna-

tional, a public educational and consulting corporation that helps corporate executives and staff work together to establish a positive working environment, and she is a leading authority on stress management, cognitive therapy, behavior modification, and self-efficacy.

To contact Carolyn to find out how to get a copy of the book and to say hello:

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FUTURE COLUMNS....

ASK IPC TO "CHECK IT OUT"

This is your chance to have IPC find and deliver the answer to your questions about Brown's policies, programs, resources, and people. Forward your questions in an e-mail to [INSERT E-MAIL] with "Ask IPC" in the subject line.

INSIDE BROWN

This column will feature items contributed by or solicited from Brown's Black undergrads/graduate students, faculty, as well as administration, on issues, events, etc. Please direct your items or suggestions for this column in an e-mail with "Inside Brown" in the subject line.

Have any achievements or new products YOU want to share with your fellow alumni? Please send them to the editor at [NEED AN E-MAIL ADDRESS SET UP FOR THIS NEWSLETTER] with "Spotlight" in the subject line.

See the "Get In Touch" article on Page 1 for a list of ways to contact IPC and to stay informed.

IPC: Two Years At A Glance 2001-2003

When IPC was formally inaugurated in October 2001, it was actually the culmination of several years' research and planning, and the labor of many. What began as a question and then a research project initiated by Russell Marlborough and Artis Arnold (both of whom were appointed to the IPC Board of Governors last year), is now slowly beginning to take root.

Their brainchild — nurtured in large part by the Brown Alumni Association — still has some ways to go before we can say it is firmly entrenched and self-sustaining. Our ambition has been to establish the foundations and networks into which Black alumni can plug for continuing connections and support from/to each other and Brown—no matter how much or how little they want to be involved.

We intend that the history of Black folk at Brown will never again be “misplaced” and that our collective involvement in Brown will insure our presence and our voice in Brown's future plans and endeavors.

Just to highlight some of the activities of IPC over the past two years:

Past:

- Vivian McCoy logged thousands of miles commuting between her home in Hercules, CA and Brown to represent IPC on the Brown Alumni Association (BAA) Board of Governors.

- Denise Slaughter has represented IPC in Dr. Ruth Simmons' “Educational Excellence and Diversity at Brown” retreat and subsequent meetings, held in April and November 2002.

- Mark, Dorsey, and Denise hosted IPC receptions for both the 2002 & 2003 Reunion/Alumni Weekends — each attended by approximately 100 alumni. These

receptions have given us a chance to engage new alumni and enlist volunteers for various IPC committee assignments. It has become a traditional gathering opportunity for future class reunions.

- Starting with Classes 2002 and 2003, IPC presented a kinte stole as a gift to each graduating Black student, representing their induction into IPC and the link we share with each other and our ancestors—again establishing a tradition that will continue in 2004.

- A Board of Governors (BOG) and standing committee chairpersons were nominated and appointed, per the IPC By-Laws, and held their first meeting in late September 2002. We have held four full BOG teleconferences since then, and will continue to meet at least twice a year in person. (The full list of the committees, chairs, and other BOG follows.) We have developed a strategic plan for all of the IPC committees.

- Phase I of a planned communications and data collection campaign was launched and completed in late Winter 2002/2003 that helped to reconnect 800 alumni through the Brown Web site. This is the quickest and most cost efficient way to contact and connect with our membership. **Are you registered on the Brown Web site, or has your contact info changed recently?** Please go to <http://alumni.brown.edu/> and register or update your contact info.

- Established IPC's pages on the Brown University Web site, where information about the organization, its members, events, and other IPC-related material can be found — **please visit: <http://alumni.brown.edu/orgs/IPC/default.asp>**.

Upcoming and Long-range:

- Nominations and election plans are underway for new officers selection—for President, Treasurer, and Secretary—for formal installation at the next IPC Annual Meeting, which has been moved to February 2004, during Black History Month.

Please plan to attend! (The President-Elect does not change until 2005.)

- Begin sponsoring/co-sponsoring IPC-related events in various regions around the country.

- Initiate IPC funding drive to identify 100 alumni to donate \$250/year to guarantee continued support and growth of the organization.

- Begin producing a quarterly newsletter to help IPC's membership stay in touch.

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Have any questions about or suggestions for IPC and its BOG? Would you like to explore ways of volunteering your time and talents to your fellow IPC members? Then, feel free to contact any or all of us!

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2002 graduate Brandon Lacey receives first annual IPC induction gift of a kinte stole. Pictured here with sister Maurya, and parents, Brian and Bessie, both Brown grads, '75 and '77, respectively.



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and activities. I especially look forward to cultivating new and more membership participation — starting with this election. I encourage all to vote and to make sure your fellow alums vote, too.”

Contact Mary-Kim Arnold in Alumni Relations — by e-mail to Mary-Kim_Arnold@Brown.edu or by phone to 401-863-9493 — if you do not receive a ballot packet.



IPC Officers and Board of Governors present at end of their first meeting in Sept 2002.

BROWN'S LEADERSHIP WEEKEND INCLUDES HONORS TO BLACK ALUMNI

Brown University's 20th Annual Alumni Recognition Ceremony included awards to three Black alumni. The yearly ceremony, which began in 1984, is intended to celebrate Brown's exemplary alumni — men and women, through whose volunteer or professional work, all alumni are inspired. Their contributions not only benefit the common good but also bring credit to Brown.

Cited this year were the team of Khary Lazarre-White '95 and Jason Warwin '95, childhood friends from NYC who went on to Brown, where they first co-founded The Brotherhood at the John Hope Settlement House on the South Side of Providence, supporting 13 Black and Latino youth. After graduating, they returned to NYC, bringing with them The Brotherhood and “Sister Sol” (for young women), which today provides support to 200 Black and Latino youths in NY's South Bronx, Harlem,



Khary Lazarre-White '95 and Jason Warwin '95, Brown's 2003 Young Alumni Public Service Award recipients

and Lower East Side neighborhoods.

Also acknowledged, with the 2003 John Hope Award, was Dr. Edward E. Cornwell III '78, chief of trauma at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD. He was cited for his valiant efforts both in the care of critically ill and injured patients and for his community efforts to stem violence and gang activity. He has said, “All responsible adults, without resorting to political demagoguery, should find the best...of our talents to create a safe haven for our children.”



Edward E. Cornwell III '78, the 2003 John Hope Award recipient.



Dr. Augustus White ('57) was an alumni award winner last year. He remains a very active alumni.