

# Spotlight



By MICHELINA TRIGIANI

She describes herself as "tall and sexy", feels her greatest achievement was "falling in love" and doesn't really "deal with women". Lavender Juanita Parker is known as "Lav" but to male friends as "Lav, my love." She oohs and ahs in a remarkable Mae West accent as she constructs her dream man.

"Intelligent, ambitious, conservative. Someone with good intentions who doesn't play games." She adds "tidy" and concludes he must be "a perfect young man no more than five years my senior."

This man bears an uncanny resemblance to Ashie, an architectural engineering student miles away in Louisiana.

But let's not make snap judgments. Lavender admits she's really "engaged to her books" and cites her major goal as a good education leading to a good career. Upon graduation, she'll pursue a teaching profession in her native Nassau.

At York, Lav spends most of her time studying at Founders college residence in a "tidy" room accomodating a dying plant and pictures of Ashie. She is hooked on soap operas and impassioned by music. "Music is my world," she sighs, "without it, I would be so lonely. It's what takes the place of the man."

To alleviate the loneliness, take a break from her studies and escape the "creepy" food on campus, Lavender heads downtown to a friend's home every week'end. "There" she draws, "we do a variety of things."

One of them is undoubtedly enjoying a favorite meal of black-eyed peas and rice. But it doesn't stop there. "I also love my fried chicken, then my potato salad, then my macaroni and cheese, then my cole-slaw, then my nice cold drink, then my ice-cream and then a big piece of lemon pie."

At 5'7", 116 lbs. and with a waist like Scarlet O'Hara, Miss Parker is certainly "tall and sexy." We just wonder how she stays that way.

## Muslims ask York students for donations

By REX BUCALI

Representatives of the Nation of Islam peddled the U.S. publication Bilalian News, formerly Muhammad Speaks, at York last week, trying to solicit money for their religious sect.

The Nation of Islam, commonly known as the Black Muslims, is headed by W.D. Muhammad whose teachings are a regular feature in the paper. Most of the rest of the paper deals with U.S. and international news affecting blacks.

Fred Williams, one of the two representatives on campus, explained that the money they collected would go into a fund to build schools and clinics for the sect. He said they came to York because they usually "got a good response." The two were at York last year.

### WHITE LABEL

Williams explained that Black Muslim is an improper term for their group, and that it was whites who labelled them Black Muslims.

"We took the term because people tried to label us and we made it honourable so that when people looked at us they thought we looked disciplined and intelligent."

He objects to the name because the religion does not exclude whites, but, claims Williams, encourages whites to enter.

The Bilalian News sold for 35 cents, and at first seemed to merit the stipend. Except for one thing — the edition being sold was that of October 31.



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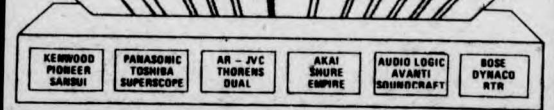
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