By Kevin Snaith
John Kaufman save the world

John Kaufman was born in 1943 in New York City. John Kaufman was born around racism. When he was in high school he started to get more politically involved trying to get our society more fair and equal for all citizens.

In John's first years of College he joined the NYU chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality known as CORE. As a member of the projects committee he helped organize a plan to help poor tenants in s****y rat and roach infested, cold water, no heat and peeling paint apartments. His group worked on getting tenants to legally withhold rent (A rent strike) until the landlords made repairs. His actions included loud protests at New York's city hall trying to influence public opinion and the city government to support better housing conditions. He even helped bring caged rats and broken plaster to make CORE's point.

John also participated in sit-ins at restaurants in iBaltimore, Maryland. In 1963 restaurants there were segregated and in coordination with local civil rights groups he sat-in at a group of

diners known as "Snow White." Though not arrested at the time he picketed outside these restaurants to angry, violent crowds and police with snarling dogs .

When he thinks about his experiences he believes that the civil rights movement of the 1960s made a big leap towards correcting the injustices in our society. Of course, things still need to change for the betterment of all citizens.