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## I.U. TRUSTEES' STATEMENT MEANINGLESS

The "strongly worded" statement of the Indiana University Trustees on May 24, "...calling for steps to expel students engaging in violence or the threat of violence that disrupts the university activities," is meaningless.

If we, the Black students of Indiana University, feel that participants in university funded and sponsored activities are an affront to our human dignity as Black people, then we will take action to see that these participants are removed from such activities, and threats of expulsion from the university, incarceration, or even death are meaningless.

## 514 BLACK STUDENTS ENROLLED

The total number of Black students enrolled for the summer session is 514. Proportionately, this number is 2.2% over the proportion of Black students to the total student body enrollment during the past two semesters; however, this number is only 4% of the total student body enrollment for the summer session.

This count was taken at registration by a group of Black students organized through the Office of Afro-American Affairs. Of this 514, a total of 319 signed a list giving their name, campus address, phone number, and hometown.

The following is a numerical breakdown, by states, of the 319 Black students who signed: Ala. 32; Ark. 5; Conn. 2; Fla. 25; Ga. 22; Ill. 6; Ind. 107; Ky. 5; La. 13; Md. 4; Mass. 1; Mich. 2; Miss. 17; Mo. 4; Neb. 1; N.J. 6; N.Y. 6; N.C. 14; Ohio 6; Okla. 1; 1; S.C. 14; Tenn. 5; Tex. 3; Va. 10; Wash. D.C. 4; and Wis. 1.

## CHAIRMAN MAKES RACIST STATEMENT

Below is a statement written by W. R. Parker, Chairman of the English Department of Indiana University, on page 149 of the English Department's Newsletter, May 29, 1968. Chairman Parker's white racist attitudes only reinforce the very cry of Black students that Indiana University is a microcosm of our society which is, by definition, racist:

"Most, probably all, members of the Department would like to hire a Negro professor. I argued that this be done when I arrived here in the fall of 1956, and the then chairman, James Work, expressed his readiness to do so provided that the candidate was at least equal in quality to other top candidates. This condition has not been met, and probably cannot be met in the immediate future. Should we therefore lower our sights? I have been on the lookout for a likely candidate for twelve years. (The Negroes, not incidentally, have had their own, segregated MLA since 1937.) It

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## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CHALLENGED

Indiana University's Athletic Director J.W. "Bill" Orwig has been elected head of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics for the year 1969-70. With the election of Mr. Orwig, four members of the I.U. athletic staff head or are about to head national organizations.

This is an achievement of which any university should rightfully be proud.

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# EDITORIAL

SUNSHINE

The Administration of Indiana University has been feverishly working to find and hire Black administrators, and we commend its efforts. To this date, only one Black administrator has been hired; however we recognize the difficulties in finding and hiring such "qualified" Black men. It is our hope, however, that more Black administrators will be hired in the coming academic year.

If part of the role of these Black administrators, as defined by the Administration, is to communicate with and relate to Black students and Black student groups, then we would warn the Administration to be very selective in its choice of these "qualified" Black men. The Administration's relationship with the Black students could be improved by the right choice and aggravated by the wrong choice.

Who can qualify? Only a Black man with a Black heart, only a Black man who knows what it means to be Black in America in 1968, and only a Black man who can identify with Black consciousness will be able to communicate with and relate to Black students.

What is more, only a Black man who is willing to put his job on the line to defend the honor and dignity of Black students as human beings at Indiana University will ever be defined as a man, less more, as an administrator by Black students.

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## notes from home.....

The Black students of Indiana University take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the summer students from "HOME." This is a very significant period in history in terms of the black man's surge toward freedom. The blacks' level of consciousness has been stirred to the point where it begins to think in terms of unconditional acceptance into the system or a move toward absolute separation. The unconcerned, the uncommitted, no longer hang unaffected but are inadvertently involved due to the impetus of an unwavering few. No longer does the proverbial fence afford even a flimsy perch for those who would choose the way of apathy.

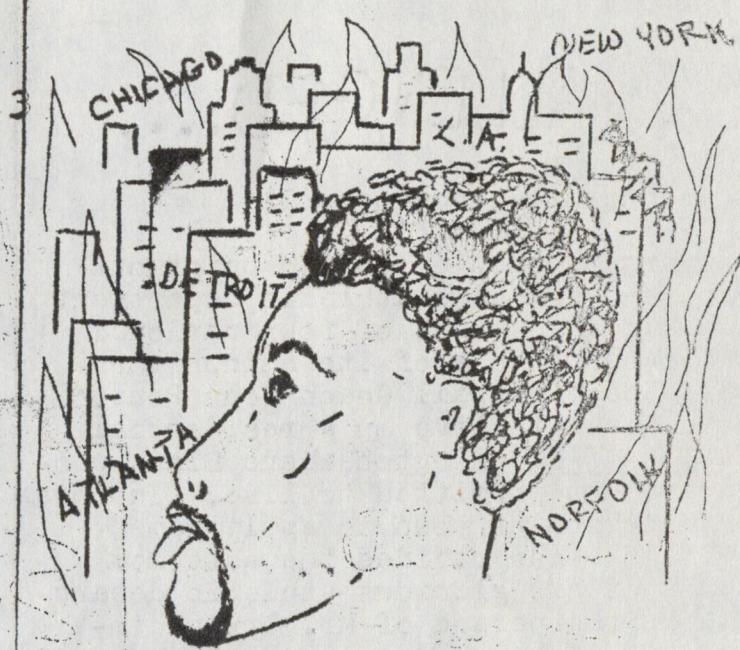
It is time now for the blacks of this university to take stock of themselves to seek their level of involvement in this Second American Revolution. It is time to become aware of the fact that there is indeed a revolution afoot, only the resolution of which remains in doubt--whether this particular revolution will be fought in the streets or in the clouded crevices of the minds of men. The time is now to react to our common peril. It is we who must determine our destiny. You, the molders of the minds of our young, must come to grips with your personal stand and your relation to our overall struggle.

Moreover, unless the I's are converted to We's to establish a sense of community and of pride in a common cultural heritage of the black man, the Negro will not pass as did the dinosaur. It is time to return from the Cadillac world of make-believe.

Brothers and Sister, you're Black and it's time to come Home.

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### RACIST STATEMENT

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is my judgment that the best Negro students of English literature (I have had a few such as students) are dedicated people, who understandably prefer to teach in Negro colleges. My friend John Hope Franklin, the distinguished Negro historian, is the exception that proves the rule; I have not met his equivalent in the field of English, and if that equivalent emerges tomorrow, Harvard, Yale, and Berkeley will undoubtedly compete for him. I now think that we at I.U. would do the Black cause a distinct disservice by settling for inferior quality, or by robbing a Negro college. As Milton reminds us, misguided zeal is not a virtue."

We, the Black students of Indiana University, consider this statement a blatant racist affront. If the Administration of Indiana University is sincere in its efforts to "remove all vestiges of discrimination and racism at Indiana University," we feel that Chairman William Riley Parker should be publicly reprimanded by the Administration.

# CHALLENGED....

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However, we should like to point out that the very same athletic department that produces heads of four national bodies has as one of its eminent members, Head Football Coach John Pont, who chooses to live in a residential section of Bloomington where Black people are not permitted to live. In this same section of town so aptly named Heritage Woods resides the esteemed leader of our glorious athletic department in the person of Mr. Orwig himself.

This same All-American team continues to relegate Black athletes to the defensive backfield and to consequential sporadic press coverage hidden beneath the bold type of the Gonzo-to-Butcher combination.

Does the Black athlete have to be a super super-athlete to be seen? Can not these men, who are obviously so capable, address themselves to the special problems faced by the Black athlete due only to skin color and move to alleviate the causes of the many associated frustrations the Black athlete at I.U. has always known?

What are the real circumstances surrounding Assistant Basketball Coach Don Luft's "new" job?

These are questions that will be answered. Black students will no longer tolerate tokenism. If the "brilliant" athletic department cannot or will not clean its house, we will clean it for them.

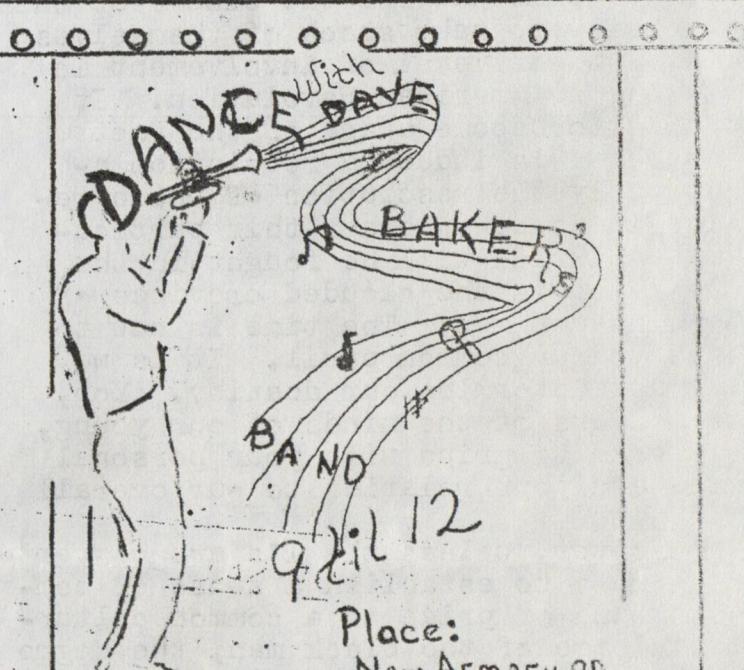
It would indeed be shameful if prospects for the upcoming football season, after such a fine campaign last year, were dimmed by a policy of do-nothingism concerning the renovation job at hand.

We sincerely hope that these men will look at the national scene to see what the possible costs of inaction could be. It is time I.U. had an Athletic Department of which "every" member of the university community could be proud.

In simple terms, gentlemen, it is time to play ball.

## About the Black Student Voice

The Black Student Voice will be a weekly publication of the Office of Afro-American Affairs. The Office of Afro-American Affairs is an ad hoc organization of Black students who are dedicated to securing a place of honor and dignity for Black people as human beings. We hope you will support this effort by reading this publication and by contributing whatever you feel to be relevant. We solicit your aid in making the project a success. You too can become actively dedicated to the proposition that all men are indeed created equal. The office mailing address is P.O. Box 1424 Bloomington, Indiana. Phone 339-7417.



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