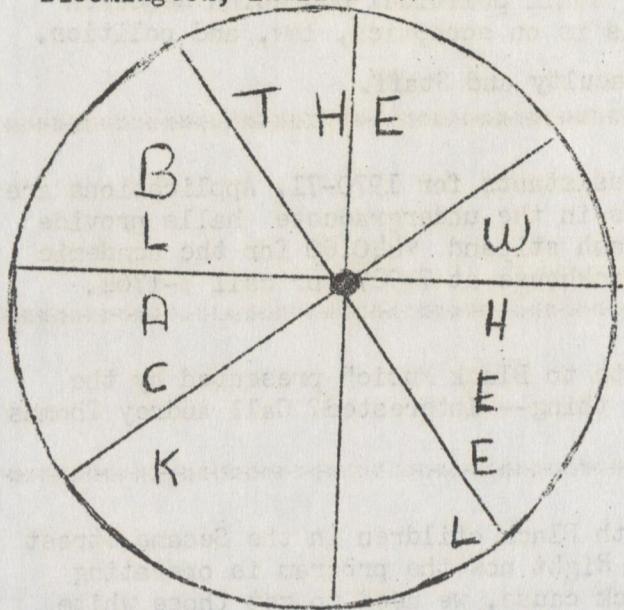


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Locked for forward movement
Only baby, the wheel, the Black
Wheel is now loose, oiled, and
Not ready to, but rolling.

Greased lightning it is
and knows no nuances.
Be whatever you be
Take it fast people
Cause the wheel, the Black Wheel
The BBBLLLAAACCCKKK Wheel
Will smash you, roll you under
Cause its got definite
Business to tend to, Yah!

A Trip to Chicago

WOW! What a trip!! This past Saturday a group of Black Students visited Operation Breadbasket and the Topographical Research in Chicago. The experience was significant and one not to be forgotten!

Operation Breadbasket was the first stop on the tour. Jesse Jackson has taken black people's traditional adherence to Christianity and rechanneled it into a stand for positive action by black people. He's rejecting the "Christian" notion of waiting for God, Jesus, etc. to liberate black people. The Christian hymns have been "jazzed up" and modernized. No longer were black people singing those hymns to some distant white God, but to themselves and each other.

After the scheduled program, Jackson spoke to our group. He talked about the black student on a university campus and pointed out to us of the money pitfalls we should be aware of. He also told us about the need for clear organization, and the necessity for not getting bogged down in "power struggle" when in reality there is no power. The man had and has some very relevant things to say. One must not be so quick to label blacks who are "outfront" because one never knows--does he?

Afterwards, we went to the Topographical Research Center where we spent the major part of the day. The information, facts, and analysis of the structure of the country and the relationships of black people to the structure was not surprising, but shocking! The cold fact of the matter is that black people do not have any type of viable relationship to the political, economic, and social organization. The conclusion of the people at the Top Center was that black people cannot "make it" in this situation despite B.A., M.A. Ph.D. degrees, money, etc. The revelations were things that black people had always known but which has never been compiled and put forward so clearly that it could not be refuted. The group definitely benefited from the tour because now there is no reason for black people to disillusion themselves into believing they can "make it" in this system individually or collectively.

Lastly we made a final short stop at the Afro-Arts Theater where the Pharoahs entertained with some shore 'nuff heavy black music. Brothers and sisters our time was well spent; we only regret that more of our people did not join. For we did not go to Chicago and popcorn and yoke, but we went to and did learn about ourselves. And dig it, nigga, this is what's happening!

THE ACTION IS HERE! (announcements)

Rev. Austin of the Bethel A.M.E. Church informs the "Black Wheel" that he needs female singers and an organist or a pianist. Contact the Bethel A.M.E. Church or Rev. Austin at 308 N. Rogers Street.

Rap--jam session at the Black House anytime after 3:00 p.m. every Friday!

The Action is Here (announcements con't)

Every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. 920 Atwater, our small political Education Research discussion group will continue. The emphasis is on economics, law, and politics.

The group is open to all Black students, Faculty and Staff.

Openings are available for Residence Hall Assistants for 1970-71. Applications are now being accepted. Resident Assistantships in the undergraduate halls provide a single room, board, fee remission and a cash stipend \$440.00 for the academic year. For further information contact the Blackhouse at 7-9271 or call 7-1764.

We need Black talent for the upcoming "Salute to Black Music" presented by the Black Arts Center. A real chance to do your thing---Interested? Call Audrey Thomas 9-20007, or 77559.

All Black students interested in working with Black children in the Sesame Street Program please contact Liz Feemster 7-1719. Right now the program is operating with white students, and to further the Black cause, we need to get those white people out!

On wednesdays at 3:30 P.M. every week for 12 weeks there will be in Business 109 a program "An Experience in Black Studies" presented by Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System. Four state universities are participating in the production. I.U. will be featured twice, April 8, topic: Contemporary Black Music; and May 7, topic: to be decided.

To all those still interested, the castings for the play "The Black Mask" meets at 7:30 P.M. on Mondays at the Black House, 920 Atwater.

TO A BLACK MAN

Come into my arms, o black brother
Here taste the delights of paradise
Cast aside that white witch
Together let us seek a new world

A world in which our minds are free
A world in which you stand, strong, tall
and a man
A world in which you rule as king
A world in which I reign as your queen

Be quick! there is much we have to do
Work that must be done together by me
and you
There are those among us who we must set
free
So they can make plans with you and me

There is no price to great to pay
All I put aside for that one day
When All BLACK PEOPLE can rejoice
Speak with pride, courage, determination
and compassion in our voices.

You wish, my brother, is my command
It is by your side I fight to stand
I hold love, support, guns or
whatever you find necessary on hand

To that white, girl, let her be
See the woman you have in me
Let us build our worlds with black pride
Hear me my brother and I'll never, ever
leave you side!

-----Linda Randle

Home to Blackness

Below are a few more facts
that let us know that we have a lot
in which to be proud.

Blacks were brought to America
as explorers, soldiers and seamen as
early as 1501

Britain abolished slavery in 1807

The man who wrote the Declaration of
Independence owned slaves and was a
descendent of slaves--Thomas Jefferson.

American has had six Presidents with
Black blood.

Dig on it brothers and sisters, we've
made history, now let's make the future!!

BLACK STUDENTS

Thank you for your time and
cooperation with helping us communicate
with a good number of students
in each dorm.

At the time this article is being
written, it appears as if Keith Parker
will be student body president next
year. If he isn't when you read this
article ask yourself if you did every-
thing you could for him... Everyone
is saying the student government isn't
worth anything, it can't do anything.
THEY ARE ONLY PARTLY RIGHT.

Editorials

On Women (cont. from last issue)

It has been rumored that a few black women have turned to white men. They have the power (white men--"green power"). So why not take advantage? Aspirations for such as encounter is quite low for most black women. Why? You may ask. Ask a sister. Her reply will probably be that it never crossed her mind, for such an affair wouldn't excite her! (Right on Sister!!) That sister knows that her brothers have the power to overcome if only they will utilize that Black power.

Other sisters have taken a passive attitude, and realize that our brothers are getting their minds in order for the revolution, or whatever might be black people destiny. But what can sisters do while waiting on that percentage of brothers that remain in "slavery of the mind?" Constructively wait?

True, there is much sisters have to do for themselves but the time is now. Black women must realize that this problem will not wait for them to get their wardrobe in order nor wait for them to get their personal comforts together. Black women must realize that "The Problem" lies within the unity of Black women and Black men together in the struggle that is before us!

--"P.D."

Well we've put the paper out for a couple of months now for you niggers on and off campus, and across the nation, and we hope, but didn't actually look, for some sign of the lethargic attitude that you perpetually wear to be worn off. It hasn't happened, but then we weren't holding our breath either. We hoped to elicit some kind of response from you, but the only thing you want to know is who is doing the writing. We could really use YOU OUT THERE TO WRITE ON THE PAPER!! Why do you sit back there and constantly argue and fuss when someone get some recognition? Mainly because you didn't get any. How do you get recognition? By getting up off your rear ends and writing something--your views on any subject and sending it to the "Black Wheel."

But no, you will sit back and woof bitch and play cards and suffer rather than do something concrete. So what if it ain't the "New York Times," it's all you have. So don't criticize if you don't participate because it'll never change from the outside.

ATTENTION! A name (pen-name, nickname) of some sort must be supplied in order for your article, editorial or whatever to be printed. There will be no anonymous printings! Deadline for announcements and articles for next issue is Tuesday, April 7. Please retain copies of articles for yourself, those sent to the "Black Wheel" will be destroyed after printing.

--ED.

Commentary:

The recent weekend saw the renewal of the Fraternity-Sorority hassle that was forestalled last year by the creation of a Black Greek Council. This semester that council has hardly functioned at all because certain Greek organizations are embued with their own self importance, and refuse to work with the majority unless they get in a bind and feel that may get screwed on some function and lose money and so-called status on campus. These two Black Greek organizations had better wake up, take a better and more realistic look at themselves and their relations on campus. They are far from loved even by certain of their own members, so you know what the mass of campus thinks of them. In this age and time of questioning of all Black organizations and the validity to the struggle, these organizations should at least put up a front of togetherness while within these groups massive re-dedication of organization of its members should take place. WAKE UP BLACK GREEKS, YOU HAVE TOO MUCH TO OFFER TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN LIKE THIS!!!!!!!

--"I.P."

Kill the
Wasichu!!

Outback you'll know what it is!

SPOTLIGHT: Dr. James Holland

Dr. Holland, a well known and liked Professor on campus, was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was graduated from Kentucky State College in 1956 with a major in Biology and received his Master and Doctorate from Indiana University in 1958 and 1961 respectively. He has also had post doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University. Before assuming his teaching duties here at I.U. Dr. Holland was an Assistant Professor of Zoology at Howard University from 1962 to 1967.

His non teaching duties on campus include the Faculty Council, being a Freshman Advisor, working with the Junior Division recruiting Black students, serving in the Big Brother Program, working with the Tutorial Program, and being advisor to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

On the social issues of today, Dr. Holland says that his concerns are the same as other Blacks. He says that people lose sight of their priorities and go on to other problems without solving the one they first started on. He also feels that the country is growing more conservative and that there is suppression of dissent. As far as Indiana University is concerned, he said that he can see some changes from his Grad school days of 1956 - 1961 but more change is needed. Dr. Holland applauds Group 69 and 70 programs as being one of the solutions to the problem of disproportional representing of Blacks on this campus. Right on, Dr. Holland! I.U. blacks can dig it!

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Student Government really hasn't done anything of particular importance for Black students, but with a Senate that is responsive to us and a Black Brother to give us direction! And they got \$30,000 in good cash spending money to work with. That's a whole lot of Black Students. In addition there are ways you can get more scholarship money. If you live in a dorm, there are a large number of jive committees, particularly the cultural committees that have fairly substantial budgets for activities within the dorms. So in line with what we spoke about in each dorm about raising money, get these committees contest them, and then have budgets turned over to scholarships, or have any activities proceeds diverted in that direction. The best way we can help Black people of the state is to give them the opportunities to get what we've got.

The office is trying to get information about the effects of the fee increase. On the last page of this issue there is a form and a Campus Mail envelope. If you live off campus, fill it out and either mail it from any campus mailbox or bring it by. But in either case, fill it out and get it to us. It is extremely important because the results will be used in an all out attempt to get more Black students here. Just give us the names of students you know that were enrolled and left school, possibly because of financial reasons.

We are trying to get in touch with several well known performers to come here and give a benefit performance and have the proceeds give to scholarships for Black students, in addition we are going to negotiate with Union Board to also give the amount of money that would have been paid to the performer to scholarships. That would give us a substantial capital for increasing enrollment.

Elections for the office will be held Wednesday, April 29th. Time and place will be announced later. The office is now open every weeknite until 9:30 if you would like a nice quiet place to study, come over and talk Tuesday or Friday, but study Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Black Students; Please name here the Black Students you know that is not currently enrolled possibly because of financial causes.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Dorm student
lived in _____

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