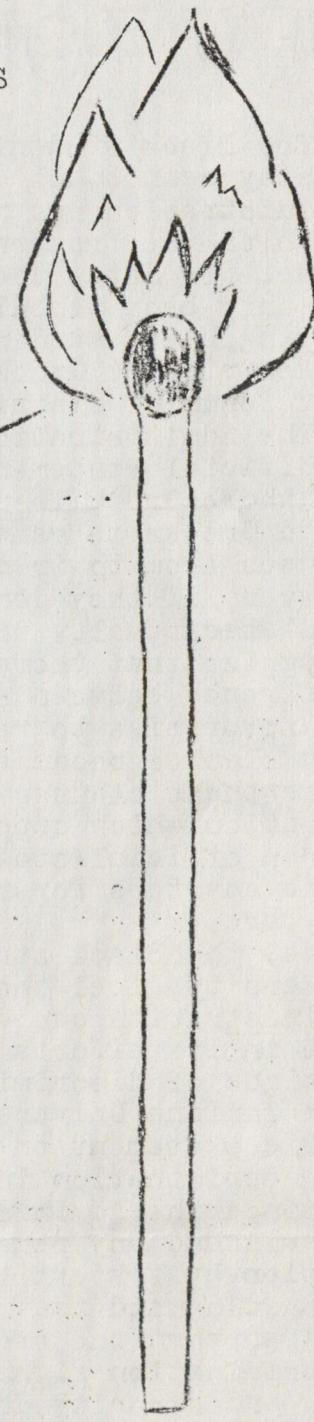


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The BLACK STUDENT



.....the best authorities are unanimous in saying that a war with hydrogen bombs is quite likely to put an end to the human race.... there will be universal death--- sudden only for a fortunate minority, but for the majority a slow torture of disease and disintegration.

Bertrand Russell

Greater than the tread of mighty armics is the idea whose time has arrived.

Victor Hugo

And God gave Noah the rainbow sign.
No more water, the fire next time.

The Fire Next Time



EDITORIAL...

The Black students of Indiana University cannot help but feel that the Administration has not acted in good faith on the fraternity and sorority issue. To date, the Administration has only been verbally sincere in helping black students and concerned whites rid the Greek system of all overt forms of discrimination.

The Administration has never made an official statement of position on the whole Greek issue. It has only asked Greeks to remove discriminatory clauses from their charters by 1970; However, if they don't comply by then, no stated penalty will be imposed. We recognize that there is a qualitative difference between asking fraternities and sororities to remove discriminatory clauses because of the obvious image these clauses give to an administration which supports them and making an official statement condemning these charters for the racist doctrine they are.

We, the Black students of Indiana University, feel that the least the Administration can do, if it is sincere in its efforts to "remove all vestiges of discrimination and racism from Indiana University," is make a public statement on the whole question of discrimination in the Greek system.

Since the Administration has not established any penalties for discrimination by fraternities and sororities, we must demand that the Administration support the statements of non-discrimination signed by each fraternity and sorority during the Little 500 Weekend. If any fraternity or sorority is found in violation of these agreements, we strongly suggest to the Administration that the fraternity or sorority in violation be (1) removed from the approved housing list; (2) placed on a year's social probation; and (3) withdrawn from any university financial aid.

With such poor effort on the part of the administration of this University, how can the Black students here believe the Administration wants us to achieve a place of honor and dignity as human beings.

POSTERS for SALE

Malcolm X 75
Stokely Carmichael 75
H. Rap Brown 75
Muhammad Ali 50

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Profs Rebuffed —

The day after Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, a letter to the Editor, written by Mary J. Rouse and Larry Kantner, appeared in the Indiana Daily Student. We would not be so disturbed about this letter if it were not from two faculty members in the Art Education Department in the School of Education.

These two professors took a black student leader to task for threatening to take action against white racism in the sororities and fraternities of I.U. These two professors openly said that they were not taking a stand one way or another with reference to white racism in the Greek letter organizations. Then, they go on to quote from the 1964 Civil Rights Act to "prove" that this black student's threat to invoke the Act to break the ugly back of racism was groundless. With typical School of Education white know-it-allism, Professors Rouse and Kantner proceed to lecture this black student leader on "the need to obtain correct factual information prior to any public statement." They even "suggest that any future discussion on this subject be carried out in an objective and scholarly manner." Of course these professors might have taken a generous dose of their own prescription with considerable profit.

Our suggestion to Professors Rouse and Kantner is that they read the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title VI, Section 601. This title deals with "Non-Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs" and reads as follows:

"No person in the United States
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notes from home....

The bullshit is over. Too long the prevading question of "who do I follow and how can I follow that person" has prostituted our race of black people to the petty bickerings of self hate. No longer does this attitude cut the mustard. The truth must be faced. No longer is it sufficient to plead ignorant as to the conditions and the demands of the times. Negro, Black, or otherwise, we know the Nature of the problem, whether we choose to recognize it or not-and we must!

We must now choose not to follow the guilded path of tradition doing nothingism according to what any level of consciousness would dictate. As Thomas Paine wrote, "Such is the irresistible Nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing." Truth is justice and freedom for all. Truth is the worth of a man realizing all men are created equal. Black Ph.D's, B.S.'s, doctors, lawyers, street-sweepers, pimps, and prostitutes will have to share the same coach on the express train to the depot of truth and freedom.

The critical time ahead will prove if the creature, man, can ride on a train of peace or whether he will cannonball off the tracks into a torturous Hell. More specifically, black people from all walks of life must see that their unity is their salvation not tomorrow but today.

Fear is no longer a tolerable excuse. Phony sophistication must die peacefully or fall beneath the sword of truth. The alien concepts that raped our minds with Reader's Digest, Nadinola blaching cream, Tarzan, suburbia, promiscs, and Napalm must be rejected from our minds.

To pose the question asked by Sophies: "Who is the slayer, who the victim?" Speak! Speak loudly and clearly brothers and sister, 'cause you're black; and it's time to come home.

WHAT IS LEFT of... THE LEFT?

What became of all that drive over there on the Left, meaning, the New Student Left, the Student Left, of the left students?

Why do they, with all of their fine ability to articulate (there appear to be bright and articulate leaders among them) prefer to degrade the appearance of their commitment by engaging in only the "safe causes?"

But what of commitment?

Where do they expend their money, time, and their convenient in-roads to resources; why do they not use some of their political awareness and ability to act from INSIDE the accepted ranks and communities of the system?

Why have they not become aware that the Black Student cause is so inextricably attuned and attached to the significance of their cause? That their support of us (regardless of their feelings about racism) is expedient to the point that they have "missed their boat" in not supporting us?

Can they not see that if they are going to change the system at Indiana University they are going to have to align themselves with others who are committed to eliminating oppression?

The War in Vietnam is a tragedy far beyond the most harrowing adjectives, the most painful impressions; but, it is still a very safe thing to protest, SHORT OF actual life-committing confrontation of those who wage this war.

It is very safe to "cult-off", to parade up and down the streets with End-the-War buttons and signs, to receive relief checks from the gold-plated toilets of Homo.

Why don't you stand out and be counted?

Why don't you dare to do something?

What is left?

ATHLETIC DEPT. MUST PRODUCE

The athletic department must produce concrete results as to the problems faced by the black student athlete. Verbal sincerity must of necessity be matched by a program of positive action. Problems identified in Sports Illustrated articles by Jack Olsen are very real to the black athlete even here at "Take-it-Easy-U." What must be impressed upon the gentlemen in power is the fact that tokenism or gradualism are not enough.

We sincerely trust that the problems can be faced and conquered in an atmosphere of mutual respect for human dignity.

Moreover, we trust these gentlemen in question will not choose to take us lightly.

The invisible black man is now visible. He will be heard and dealt with on judicial terms or there will be grave consequences. The gravity of the situation is such that many black men throughout this country would rather die than be deprived institutionally, systematically, or otherwise of his dignity as a man. It will not be any less so here on the placid plain of Indiana University.

COACH UNAWARE?

A renowned sports writer has distinguished himself by daring to bring to light the true story of the exploitation of the black athlete in the white university's sports setting. In plain talk he describes in painful detail, how even unconscious racial bigotry has worked to destroy the psyche.

For those who would be so naive as to believe Indiana's sports program does not perpetuate the causes and effects he describes, we offer a quote from Head Basketball Coach Lou Watson.

Responding to this paper's question of why he refused to sign an open housing petition being circulated in

his neighborhood, he commented, "I won't sign petitions of any kind. Everybody knows how I treat these boys."

We judge from this comment that Coach Watson may represent the avant-guard of his profession, but in terms of awareness, he lives in the Stone Age. We urge you to read Sports Illustrated's enlightening articles on the black athlete by Jack Olsen; especially you, Coach Lou Watson!

Impressions from an Indiana Jail

The following is a group of impressions taken while watching a musical production by the black inmates of Pendleton Reformatory. The production traced the history of the cultural-expressionistic forms of black musical contributions from slavery through contemporary times. It should be noted that Pendleton confines 700 black inmates.

Are we less free? Are not the bars across our minds just as real as the ones that incarcerate my brothers? Their visible bars and our invisible ones deny us all the freedom to walk naked in the sun.

The sad refrain of spirituals echo always in our souls. We stir to move on the Afro-Cuban beat. We always return to the primitive form --- dancing, singing dervishes, primitive because the will to live fully is primitive. When enough of us have returned from the fox-trot back to the dance of life our flame will move through this confining jungle-prison of oppression. The will to survive is strong. Oh, Mary, don't you weep.

To see this world within a world is insanity. To be insane is to fight for life. A man who will not fight for his freedom is already dead.

We gonna blow the walls of oppression down with the blast of our sweet horns. We gonna sock it to Mr. Charley. Then we gonna dance through the streets of a conquered city, Play on jazzman.

You can work to help these brothers whose biggest crime was being born black and poor in a rich white country!



UNCLE TOM

I live on a clean street with new homes,
green lawns and lots of shade trees.

We have a pool, a patio, private driveway
surrounded by shrubbery.

It doesn't matter that we had to move here
in the middle of the night.

I'm sure when the good white folks get use
to us everything will be alright.

It was the same way on my all-white job
until they got use to me being around,
and they found out that I wasn't like those
other niggers that cut up and tear down.

I wonder why those white kids hasn't begun
to play with my children.

I have always taught them to say, "yes mam
and no mam" and alway show a neighborly grin.

Oh well, once they find out we don't go for
that Black power stuff, that we just want to love
and be loved -

I won't be surprised at all when they ask us
to join the country club.

Major Welch Leaves I.U.

The Black students of Indiana University wish to extend their best wishes and sincere thanks to Major Harvey Welch, Jr., Assistant Professor of Aero Space Studies and Commandant of Cadets-AFROTC, who is leaving next week for a new assignment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

Major Welch has been a source of help, inspiration, and guidance for many black students at I.U. He has spent many hours assisting black students in resolving many of the academic and social problems which we incur here at Indiana University.

Major Welch was born on June 5, 1932, in Centralia, Illinois. He was graduated from Centralia Township High School and later attended Cen-

tralia Township Junior College.

He received his B.S. degree in Physical Education from Southern Illinois University in 1955 and his M.S. degree in the same area in 1958. At S.I.U., Major Welch was invited to join Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Education Society. A member of S.I.U.'s basketball team from 1951-54, he was named to the Little All-America Basketball Team in 1954 and named to the All-Conference Team twice.

He met his lovely wife, Patsy, while an undergraduate. They were married on December 16, 1953 and are now the proud parents of four healthy children: Harvey III 12, Gordon 10, Karen 8, and Brian 4.

Major Harvey Welch, Jr. will truly be missed by all black students. Goodbye and good luck, Sir!

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shall, on grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Since student and faculty reports have stated that the fraternities and sororities do benefit from University funds (part of which come from the Federal Government), these Greek letter organizations do definitely come under the anti-discrimination clause of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts. Immunity from Title VI, Section 601, is lost when a private or public agency receives Federal funds in any form. This opinion was given to us upon consultation with several lawyers. If Professors Rouse and Kantner had both tried to find out (oops! be "objective" and "scholarly"), they would have consulted a lawyer and not relied on their Art Education training for a legal opinion. Furthermore, there are innumerable cases in which the courts have decided that any institution or organization which receives Federal funds shall not practice racial discrimination.

We're sure that black students in Professors Kantner's and Rouse's classes would shudder (or withdraw) on learning that they have no "intention of taking sides" in a discussion involving equality of treatment for them. It would seem that these professors would throw their weight on the side of ending racial discrimination in ALL phases of University life including the School of Education.

It would be helpful to the image of the School of Education if these professors (Rouse and Kantner) would be just as concerned about getting its faculty out of lethargy in reference to matters of racial discrimination. Our friends in the School of Education say that there are no full-time nor part-time black faculty mem-

bers in the School of Education. We also understand upon good authority that there are obvious practices of racial and religious discrimination in the School. Are there any black professors in Art Education?

Frankly, we would not like to take any classes with either Professor Rouse or Kantner. We'd be afraid that our black skin would not evoke anything but this neutral position of which they speak. At the same time we feel that white skin would produce a different (positive) response.

Frankly, as black students, we appreciate Professors Kantner and Rouse because we really know where they stand. We know that we probably could not depend upon either of them to assist us in matters of racial discrimination. Thank you, professors!

Tone Poem: On the King Funeral

"...more bigots per mile
and crocodile
tears
than niggers had seen
in a hundred
years..."

Question of the week

Why is it that all of the deans of the regional campuses who happen to be white have been promoted to the position of chancellor and the dean of the Indianapolis regional campus who happens to be black has not as yet been appointed to a like position?

HELP

We need contributions to continue this publication.

Won't You help?

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