

The Rationale for the BLACK STUDENT UNION

According to the Kerner Commission Report on Civil Disorders, March, 1968, the single most important problem confronting America is that of white racism. Recognizing that we the Black Students of the University of Idaho are among the victims of this racism, we have sought to organize the Black Student Union for the purpose of combating and alleviating whatever vestiges of racism that might be incurred. As we also recognize that many of the problems resulting from racism arise out of a generalized and devastating ignorance on the part of the white community, we are developing a center for cultural interaction.

It is for these reasons that the B. S. U. will function, on the one hand, as a coordinating center for black life on this campus, while, on the other, as a Black Cultural Center for the use and education of the dominant culture in this area. The functions of the Black Student Union building will be specifically:

1. As a coordinating center for Black Life the building will be used:
 - A. To house organizational meetings, offices for B. S. U. officers and its advisor.
 - B. For the coordination of organizational activities in the areas of recruitment, academic assistance, financial aid and social interaction.
2. As Black Cultural Center it will be used as the disseminating point of information pertaining to the black experience by means of: formal and informal discussions and dialogues, media presentation, the making available of relevant reading material, etc.