Lately, have you felt that there is a lack of communication among Black students on the campus of Kent State University? Have you been feeling that no one knows what anyone else is doing?

Well, you are correct in your assumptions. There is a definite breakdown in communications, and since the traditional "Black Watch" is not being printed because of lack of funds and commitment on the part of Black Folks, the purpose of this newsletter is to take up the slack.

It is our sincere hope that until the "Black Watch" can be put back into circulation on a regular basis, this newsletter will come out bi-monthly. If there is anything going on (social, cultural, educational, etc.) that you feel everyone should know about, please contact Yvonne Brown at 672-3474. If you have anything to contribute to this publication, please send it to Miss Brown. She lives at 315 Van Campen Hall.

If you thought as I, you would be me.

WHY WE ARE ASKING FOR $40,000

"No education is complete without some exposure to the black experience. Increased activities relating specifically to black students and planned by blacks would provide the opportunity to gain knowledge of that experience."

BUS requested $1,005.55 for 1970-71.
BUS was granted $810.55. This barely amounts to $1 per student.
BUS has demanded $40,000 in student fees. BUS is now faced with the legality of this demand. BUS can be granted a minimal fee and no questions of legality are raised. But is the legality determined by the amount of money asked for?

Another question which is often raised is, "Does BUS represent Black students? Does the Student Senate represent Black students, and if so, are you satisfied with your $1.00?"

Does the Student Senate represent the majority of white folks on campus? HOW ABOUT THAT!!!!!!!!

TUTORS

Black children of Skeels-McElrath need tutors. They come to the Kuumba House every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. There are about 40 kids, who range from grade school to junior high school age. They need tutoring in all areas. Presently, there are only 20 brothers and sisters who meet with the children. There are not enough tutors to go around and thus, some kids get ignored!

From 7:00 to 8:00 there is tutoring, if the student has no work then the time is used for rapping. The kids really enjoy talking to their big brothers and sisters.

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for example, a movie about the life of Harriet Tubman was shown last quarter. At eight the kids are fed then bussed home.

The program is innovative and a benefit to the black community, for it to be meaningful, though, we need active, concerned Black students. So come and get involved.

WE DIG READING TOO!!

Up, down, up, down, back to the card catalogue, man what a hassle! It's really a monster trying to find a hip book on blackness at the library. One would think that a library that houses a million books would have a section dedicated to Black folk, but they don't. Ain't that somethin'.

The next time you're at lunch why not bring it up for discussion. Like this is about you and it's really important.

It would be a beautiful thang to be able to browse through stacks of books and not have to be frustrated by having to run from floor to floor and find only books about Black folk written by whites, copy-written before 1950. DON'T BLACK FOLKS HAVE RELEVANT BOOKS ON TODAY'S MARKET?

Of course we do! A unified effort from concerned students will make Kent State do something about this situation.

In the meantime, if you are looking from some hip reading material, run over to the Institute of African American Affairs located on the second floor of Lowry Hall. They have a pretty together bookshelf and books are loaned out.

Have you noticed at sports events the number of Black athletes participating? Have you also stopped to notice that there are no Black cheerleaders? When our athletes are away playing, they may feel we are with them spiritually, but don't you think it would be hip to have some representation with them when they travel? How would you feel going out to represent "your" school and "your" people and you have no sisters from "your" school? Sisters, why haven't you made more attempts to get in and help your brothers. Why don't you make a special effort to take it upon yourself and find out when tryouts are held and tryout.

FACTS

So, you heard about the B.U.S. meetings? Who did you hear about it from? The girl down the hall or one of the brothers at a S.H.I.T. dance? What did your friend say, that the meetings were a total waste of time with a bunch of "bull-shit nigga's" talkin' nonsense? Or did your friend say it was a worthwhile and informative experience? What was his opinion? He has one, because he took time to find out the facts himself and didn't depend on a friend to tell him about it. Get yourself together and find out for yourself and when you do, don't stand around flappin' your jaws, but get busy and get others to come, dig it!

BLACK DANCE

Come out every Wednesday night from 7 until 9 P.M. and learn the latest African dances. The is held in Beall-McDowell.

BEFORE WE, AS BLACK PEOPLE, CAN ATTAIN OUR GOALS, WE MUST DECIDE WHAT WE WANT--DO WE WANT TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM OR DO WE WANT TO TEAR IT DOWN? UNTIL WE MAKE THIS FUNDAMENTAL DECISION, WE WILL ALWAYS BE STRUGGLING IN A VACUUM.
Get Involved

What we have to do is "get involved" together. You see, what usually happens is a group of people who might "get involved" together, gathers, and for some reason, they don't. They won't because most of them need approval before they can let it all hang down, you dig.

What we want to do is work together, now! A lot of people might not get involved because often involvement means inconvenience. Dig, there are 500 niggers here, and a whole lot of them might not "get involved" because they can somehow get around it. They feel that there are enough sisters and brothers to make up for them—and on, and on, etc, etc, and Wow!

Sly Stone

Music Is Alive

THAT IS IF YOU DON'T DIG W.H.L.O., AND YOU CAN'T CUT C.K.L.W. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE THREE BROTHERS ON THE KENT STATE RADIO STATIONS. LOUIE DAVIS AND LAVALLE ASHLEY GETS DOWN ON F.M. 7-8 P.M., AND BILL STEVENS IS ON A.M. FROM 3 TO 5 P.M. AS FOR THE DAYS THEY'RE ON... WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO CALL 672-2468 TO FIND OUT.

DON'T FORGET

Saturday, the 13th, Basketball
K.S.U. vs. Toledo U. 7:30
Memorial Gym. Saturday, the 20,
K.S.U. vs. W. Michigan U.
Memorial Gym.

African Dance Class, Wednesdays,
from 7-9 p.m. at Beal-McDowell.

Party at the R.A.P. Thursday, 9:00.

Tutorial Program Wednesdays from
7-9 p.m. at the Kuumba House.

Black United Students meeting
every Sunday at 2:30 in the
Union Dining Room.

To submit your financial state-
ments before March 15. Make sure
your parents fill out their P.C.S.
forms and send them in.

To speak to one another.

This is black history month.

"A Time For Us"

Why not see some new faces? Come
to the R.A.P. Thursday night at

9:00. Special surprise guest.
The world's bid whist champion
will be there to take on other
players. Come dance, play cards,
and rap. Food and drinks served.
The R.A.P. is located in the stu-
dent union next door to the HUB,

Black Is . . .

*Helping tutor underprivileged
children. Wednesday nights-7 p.m.
Kuumba House.

*Creating a unified front.

*Speaking to brothers and sisters
you don't know. (What does it
cost to say hello)

*Creating change.

*Involvement.

*Wearing levis, but also wearing
shirts and ties.

*A state of mind.

Brothers Blount and Perry will be on
Reverb, WKSU-TV, Channel 2 on Wednesday,
February 10, 1971 at 6:00 p.m.