Out side of profit making, nothing seems to please this autocratic system more than when it successfully hinders the young, Black, progressive men and women who challenge its practices. To upset the acceptable status quo, to ceaselessly expose maladministration and ineptitude and to document the legislated bias within the university are exercises which cannot be tolerated.

Despite the fact that the university frequently applauds these young progressives, it also has tendency to impose severe penalties. Silas Ashley received both praise and condemnation.

During his career at KSU he vigorously sought the restoration of sanity in the bureaucracy of KSU. As president of BUS, Silas represented the apex of the conscientiously-aware brother whose Kujichagulia multiplied daily. He was effective in helping the university understand the needs of black students and he enhanced the working membership of BUS.

It has been said that his leadership in BUS bordered on the reckless and the charismatic, but which ever is true Silas committed a very costly error.

The university discovered that certain funds from BUS’ budget was missing, and payment vouchers and other receipts indicated Silas was responsible. He was charged, a suit was brought, and almost a year later, he was contained in Portage County Jail.

Meanwhile, on another part of campus, the All Campus Programming Board rides on a very unusual achievement -- it is the only student organization which never has a loss of operating funds at the end of the school year. Much of this distinction is due to the concerts committee of ACPB.

During the time Ashley was president, this success was so apparent that ACPB decided that it would help BUS sponsor their 1974 Homecoming concert. After much prodding, an accord was reached and BUS and ACPB would split all profits. The Isley Brothers was contracted to perform, but unfortunately there was no profit.

Time passed, personalities graduated, interest waned and in this wake of regression (or regression) someone discovered a very interesting fact about the Isley Brothers concert and indeed, all concerts that occurred on this campus in 1974. It was brought out (not documented unfortunately) that the leader of the concert committee had received a generous per-
This article was taken from Atlanta Voice

Four national leaders including activist-comedian Dick Gregory; famed constitutional lawyer Howard Moore; nationally known politician and lecturer Julian Bond; and myself have agreed to co-sponsor this national defense committee to save Representative Williams from this political-civil rights persecution.

We ask the support of every fairminded American to join us in our crusade to save Representative Hosea Williams if we are to make democracy equitable for all Americans.

By the indictment of Representative Hosea Williams, we are convinced, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that there is a definite, organized conspiracy to imprison and destroy this 18-year civil rights veteran who has been arrested 100 times for freedom -- not because of any crime he has committed, but in order to unseat him in the Georgia House of Representatives and thereby eliminating his opposition and silence him in his continuous efforts to make democracy a reality for Blacks and poor whites, as well as the rich.

Our only hope of preventing Representative Williams from being sent to prison is to wage an all-out, national legal war. In order to do this, we must raise money...lots of money. Our lawyers have set a minimum budget of $25,000. Persons wishing to contribute should mail checks to: "THE REVEREND HOSEA WILLIAMS DEFENSE FUND" -775 Hunter Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. 30314.

For the Fulton County District Attorney to try and convict Representative Williams of a felony on a traffic charge is ridiculous; yet, this whole matter is very serious. The Georgia law that Reverend Williams was indicted under requires that he is convicted he serve from one to five years in the penitentiary. The statute does not allow for a suspended sentence, probation, or a fine.

We would like to make it very clear...fund raising will only be the first effort to save Representative Hosea Williams. But if not successful legally, we are prepared to mobilize whatever political and civil rights powers are necessary to free Hosea Williams.

As national President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, I've called this press conference to begin officially soliciting help for a newly formed NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO SAVE STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOSEA L. WILLIAMS.

Pinkney Campaign

As we all should know Tuesday Nov. 4, 1975 is election day and we should all be registered and prepared to vote, especially those students who are Clevelanders. With this in mind, there should be a show of mass solidarity in support of Arnold Pinkney for Mayor or Cleveland.

The Pinkney Campaign Committee is calling for the aid of all college students in Cleveland and supporting areas. The students main function would be distributing pamphlets and fliers and urging people to go out and vote.

The event will climax Tuesday evening with a victory dance and rally at 8:00 p.m. Since bus schedules have frequently changed all students interested in campaigning for Pinkney should contact your Kent Campus co-ordinator Willie Robinson. His office is located in the CPAC.

Vikki Haywood

#BLACKS and BICENTENTIAL

Recently in some of the black magazines like Ebony, and The Negro History Bulletin, they have been asking the question: Should Black people contribute in the Bicentennial?

Many of the articles stated that we do have a lot to contribute the forth coming celebration.

We should be willing to celebrate the importance of our ancestors. Would it not be a great loss if we ignored this celebration.

Let us also state that this struggle is a journey for black people and it is not yet over.

We do not have to celebrate with the nation-wide celebration, but celebrate on our own. We can have our own program and activities to make blacks on campus aware of our achievements.

We are open for suggestions:

Contact Gladys Bozeman in the I.A.A.A. Office

by Denise Fuller

In order for the Black Watch to continue to print news worthy material, it becomes a necessity to establish a contingency fund to facilitate our needs in keeping our paper supply adequate. Whatever contributions you have, will be greatly appreciated.

The Black Watch Staff

SUPPORT B.U.S!!!!
Why have a B.U.S.?

Black United Students has been in existence for seven years. During those seven years we have come to find that there are problems that face all of us and we must be ready to accept them. Black United Students has had problems in its growing up years and will continue to have a few problems in the name of progress.

We have not been perfect; we have stole money in the name of individuals, we have stole money in the name of Black people and we have also formed clique groups that have shown prejudice toward others. Because we have been all these things must we now become the victim of apathy or misplaced energy. Can we not let the stigmas of our past die in peace or must we let individual mis-deeds plague our very existence and drive us to our present condition. Today we have no unity, no trust and no central organized political machinery. We are constantly being torn apart by factions that must die if Black Students are to be heard loudly at Kent State University.

We have in Black United Students the vehicle to create change. We have social, cultural, and educational outlets for every type of Black expression that you have.

So why have other pseudo-organizations? Why have conflictual arrangements and events become so numerous? At this time I feel it is unnecessary to entertain such idealism.

We as Black Students are all here under the same obstacles and therefore the only solid organization that has revamped many of their programs to give to Black students everything that we deserve. Support us not your ad hoc student council or dorm governments who are controlled by administrative restrictions.

All Greek organizations are a part of a large section of Black students, direct your energies to a central core. Upperclassmen and women see what changes we have made and not what similarities we have retained to the old B.U.S.

Black United Students should be the umbrella organization that all other factions are under. But, it's not, why not?

And if you have an answer make it known to us and others. No participation is worse than bad leadership. So hop on it and support B.U.S. today.

Unity & Peace
Terrance V. Atkinson X
Co-ordinator
Black United Students

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"Try Solidarity. You'll Like It"

Students have always played an important role as the advocacy for the minority and the oppressed. Many students were involved in the Civil rights movements of the sixties. anti-war demonstrations of the seventies, incidents like Kent State and Jackson State. I say this to remind myself, as well as others that we play a major role in determining what our society will be. The degree of changes are often times curtailed nevertheless we can raise the level of consciousness of our community, and sometimes the world.

The atmosphere of apathy is not a reflection of real attitudes that we have about the community. All the Revolutionaries aren't dead or in exile! Revolution is not just to be philosophical and theory! Kent State is only a temporary institution for us, consequently we will be among the mainstream of society. No matter what our majors are we should be able to relate it to the Black Solidarity. There is a lot of work to be done. Now is a good time to start. In your own neighborhood or right here in the black community. Only nine miles a predominately Black rural ghetto, Skeels and McGilrath is among the worst in the nation. They need brothers and sisters that they can relate to, they need tutors and most of all they need inspiration and motivation!
It is my opinion that for too many Afro-Americans "freedom" is found in material wealth. Therefore, the idea that Black capitalism can be used as a tool of liberation is not surprising. We are less aware of our material stability, yet we should not confuse this with true liberation. Our obsession with money creates a new mentality, that of a corporate slave.

Our new mentality often affects our relationships, which are established because of the potential to produce capital. Take, for example, some of today's marriages. For all practical purposes we don't think of getting married unless we are financially stable. After marrying a suitable partner, many of us aim for our own vision of the American dream but get trapped into trying to "keep up with the Jonases."

This desire to liberate ourselves by "working our fingers to the bone" has turned us into slaves to our employer/master, the corporation. Both breadwinners of the Black family may work anywhere from 80 to 100 hours per week in order to put up a good front.

There are 168 hours in a week, and about 56 of them are spent sleeping. After allotting time for work, there are few hours left to realize what's missing. The astronomical cost of living no longer allows for those extra indulgences, and today's paychecks rarely balance the budget as they did a few short years ago.

In addition to this, there's an increasing gap between parents and another gap between parents and children. Memories of their own childhood hardships and what they didn't have, have too many parents working to insure that their children are not deprived of material things. But at the same time they are neglecting each other and their children emotionally.

Slavery has certainly taken on a new, highly sophisticated character. History attests to the fact that under plantation slavery, conditions worsened for the slaves as productivity increased. That still seems to hold true, except that now we do have some control over the situation but for whatever reason choose not to exercise that control.

Let's wake up before it's too late and we have all become full-time slaves and part-time families—again.

by P.S. Bailey, New York City

Camille "You Give Your Life Meaning"

Aside from Camil Yarbrough's talent as a poetess and actress, her title as a Griot(oral historian) is worthy of special note. She has made several television appearances and has performed with the Cathrine Dunham Dance Troupe. On her recent visit to Kent, she addressed the need for Black people to communicate on all levels which could be a useful vehicle for achieving unity among the masses. She also stressed the fact that Black people lacked a symbolic means of expression which was prevalent throughout traditional Africa. She also placed emphasis on the need for Black people to make the artist responsible to the community. On many occasions Black artists are frequently used against the masses and become far removed from the daily strains and pressures that the majority of Black people endure. She felt that the artist should have a direct link with the community in providing the masses with direction and awareness. Camil's artistic manner of expression is indicative of her dedication to the community. When asked what her views were on Malcom's revolutionary approach to change, She stressed "the need for Black people to use every and any means necessary to get what you want but elaborated on the fact that we should be about the business of trying to stay alive because we have died enough."

The energy that was generated in the workshop produced positive vibes for everyone that was willing to receive her message. Her Art is definitely of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Nate Madison
In my article last week, I stated that "racism was a pervasive ideology in America" and Kent State was no exception to the rule. And the way the brothers and sisters have put on a All My Children variety show her and then pretend their on Room 222, when their at the Institute For Afro-American Affairs made me think I was a little pre-mature in including K.S.U. to the perverse class America. To think the University is immaculate in her White involvement with Black concerns is Suicide. Some of you need to read or re-read the last issue of the Black Watch (p.6) and check out Bro. Mwatabu's poem A Poem For My Brothers and then think about what did he mean? by "In between being Black and being a Man, We've been BLINDED by IT... "It is You, Brothers and sister, "You are what You THINK."

Anytime we can get together on a collective basis to buy some "columbo", M.D.20-20, skip classes, and even collectively entice the new sisters to a new dimension in public relations. We can collectively destroy this ideology here at Kent State. It's a shame how we can scheme, conive and then execute each other for our own personal motive when the white man is already doing it.

Let me introduce you to some things that have happened in the last few weeks. During Spring quarter our African brothers were refused allocations on the pretext that they were a graduate student organization. How is it after four years of allocations the Kent African Student Association can be decided by student government. Then the Student Body Caucasian had the audacity to tell K.A.S.A. they should join the B.U.S. and ask B.U.S. for an allocation. The white man is still trying to tell brothers and sisters what and how to do something. So together, B.U.S. and K.A.S.A. tried desperately to get the Student Government to allocate the justifiable funds requested by K.A.S.A. Last week, Wednesday, October 22nd, student government tried to pacify our African brothers with $405.00, 10% of their request and with pride and blackness our African brothers turned it down.

Finally brothers and sisters, from Alpha to Omega the Black Greek Council has had their run in with Student Government. I cannot truthfully say what the real situation was but I do know that the Black Greek Council requested monies from the contingency fund and was turned down and they also was directed towards the B.U.S. organization.

Now brothers and sisters here is the rap. Free your minds and listen.

For hundreds of years since the Europeans went to Africa and now here in America the Black man has been subjugated to the racial attitudes of the caucacoids and because of this dominance white America has made it "imperative to create a dogma to assuage the white conscience." And while they're being pacified we're being ostracized. Hey, there are some white students, with the same perverted minds as their parents whom our parents are attempting to overcome. What makes K.S.U. so different, are we so ignorant so satisfied and so mature that we feel we don't have to deal with our white counterparts? You can believe the caucasian is going to get his degree, and either be out of here the same time as us or before, and whether or not, he will definitely be in a better position than we and again we will have to deal politically. So why wait, we have (as the Africans say) a "Housté" matter to settle. We have been so indoctrinated with white racism that we have created a self-infliction amongst ourselves. As we try to overcome various political pressures from the caucasians we separate ourselves from the whole. There is no way that the Black Greek Council, K.A.S.A., and B.U.S. cannot be one organization and thrown in the faces of the allocation committee an allocation request in '75-76' for $30,000 and not get it!

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Anyone wishing to air their comments, views or suggestions may submit letters to the editor. All letters must be typed and they must be 200 words or less. Articles must be sent to the Black Watch or dropped off in the BUS office in the Old Student Union.
Society's Child

We must not let apathy or alienation overcome us as we strengthen our consciousness and values through relentless study, struggle and interpersonal communication. Never allow your mind to take a break or be subtly manipulated by the persuasive character of the modern media.

Thinking for ourselves so that our learning is self-fulfilling is very difficult in technocratic America. The national media has become a mouthpiece for the corporate state. They work for the profits of advertising firms designed to play with people's minds. Hence, the media is the single most factor governing public opinion.

Although t.v. has potential to be the most beneficial public communication tool, it has been abused by power hungry elites. Producers endorse their products, politics and a special kind of t.v. culture. This culture is taken in by viewers through the associations represented in t.v. settings, themes and personalities.

An example of this is the prime time showing of a poor black family on welfare. They are 'happy' the relief check comes even though, the house is crumbling and overrun with pacified government funded programs.

The stereotypes of the martiarch, the prodigal son and the unemployed--powerless father are all there finger-poppin' with human laugh tracks, and special black oriented commercials.

There are in fact no 'good times' for the unemployed, poverty stricken and alienated black masses in America! That world is make believe, yet it shapes our cultural institutions and social values.

It is dangerous when a handful of elite people representing powerful political and economic institutions, hold exclusive authority and control of the messages being sent over our air waves. When three networks' news programs all take an insignificant event and 'cover' it for a whole week, this is cheating the public and obviously deceiving them. Their competition takes time and diverts attention from events that have real value.

To a public searching for answers to problems of economics, political representation, education and American foreign policy is this fair? In deciding the stories to be blown up, the power elite has the option of ignoring the Third World's interests in news and other programs. (they usually do) But to Isreal, Moscow or news of fighting they will not ignore.

Cut out the elements of negative thinking and criticism by turning your t.v. off! We will not progress if we struggle against the opposing point and organize the most effective program of action. To watch a crippled, blind, overweight, undercover or illegal cop sponsored by advertisers who play on human emotions is self defeating.

On Sept. 20, 1975 when the country was literally on edge behind extensive media 'coverage' of violent, inciting and emotional school busing demonstrations, the TV struck one of its low blows to it's viewers. In the height of all the controversy, publicity and careful exposure of the emotional issues surrounding the race questions, a police movie was run.

While tracking down organized criminals one of the 'leads' was a Black Panther. There were enough slandering remarks concerning the Panthers in the space of five minutes, aimed at a humongous target audience, to greatly influence action by some other faction of organized white parent groups to scare the legs off of mis educated white folks who don't like 'niggers' anyway.

On nationwide t.v. the Panthers were resurrected and crucified, and an automobile commercial celebrating the American Revolutionary bicentennial (sell abating the American reactionary buy-cent-animals).

This must stop! If anything positive has come from this, it might have made some black people think. So my question is: What are we as black people going to be doing while they celebrate a fictional holiday?

My suggestions are:

1. Cut your t.v. off and find some place to study.
2. Keep your mind clear at all times. Don't consume the well advertised ever available opiates of this society.
3. Communicate with your brothers and sisters; learn from them and let them learn from you.
4. Get active in your community and mold its destiny.
5. Support those people who are struggling for oppressed people.
6. Keep records and a history of your personal struggle for the new of the future.
7. "Think deeply", meditate often, contemplate the purpose of your life and formulate a sensitive value system that is harmonious with that purpose of life.
   Meditate on these:
   Umoja
   Ujamaa
   Kuumba
   Kujichagulia
   Imani
   KNOW them
   LIVE them
   LOVE them!

Story by Brother Bill James

Point of View

Also congratulations to the birth of a new black group TU-IT. I congratulate you only in your creativeness and initiative to form such a group but I condole your purpose. Some of you felt a urge to separate from B.U.S. (for what)? to formulate a new organization when it could have just as easily stayed within and as your group grows, we could grow as one not separately.

What is our purpose as a black people here at K.S.U. what are our goals? Who is our common enemy?

Whatever the answers are, they cannot be so different that we have to organize differently.

I'd like to close with a poem from a brother from Cincinnati his name Garfield Dandridge.

Black brother think your life so sweet
That you would live at any price?
Does mere existence balance with
The weight of your great sacrifice?
Or can't be you fear the grave
Enough to live and die a slave?
O Brother! be it better said,
When you are gone and tears are shed
That your death was the stepping stone
Your children's children cross'd upon
Men have died that man may live:

Look every foreman in the eye:
If necessary your life give
For something, ere in nain you die.

Jeter

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Imagine yourself looking out a window at night. Feeling so relaxed as you sit there looking at darkness, pitch black darkness. Then all of a sudden you spot a street light a white glow shining in all that blackness. You close your eyes. You re-open them and look out the window so as to see the darkness again only to see the white glow before you can see the darkness.

That's the way I visualized "The Spirit of African Blackness" at the Kiva Monday night: One white boy among five or six brothers. By him being white he just doesn't fit into the image of "African Blackness." The fact that he's white causes the group's name to contradict its members. It also causes people to believe further that blacks can't accomplish anything without whites; therefore "What's the use in trying?" can be the expected attitude. Therefore a change in the group's name or finding a black person (most preferable) who plays the same instrument will be a step in the right direction.

by Francetta Hicks

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Black Watch

The Black Watch is a Bi-Weekly publication. All articles submitted for publication must be typed and be 200 words or less. Because of time and space all articles that were not published will be included in future editions of the Black Watch. We reserve the right to edit all articles submitted for publication.
AMIN VOWS SUPPORT FOR BLACKS

This article was taken from MUHAMMED SPEAKS by Joe Walker.

UNITED NATIONS- Black Americans were encouraged to forge group unity and the United States was assailed for its "perpetual subjugation" of Blacks by President Idi Amin of Uganda before a capacity audience of world diplomats at the 1975 regular session of the General Assembly.

The frank and forceful Central African leader speaking on behalf of 46 independent African nations declared: "In spite of the fact that he was forcibly brought in this country against his will, the Black American has done as much, if not more, than most of the other races in the construction, development and now the economic mightiness of this country. His contribution ... stands sharply in contrast with the treatment he has received from his fellow Americans."

HAVING BEEN in this country for some three centuries now and as at present numbering some 30 million or more, one would have expected that of the 50-odd governors of this country, at least one, if not several, would be Black."

He also noted that there were also no top executive policy makers of the U.S. federal government who were Black American.

However, the Ugandan leader remarked that "Black Americans themselves are to blame in a way because of the so many reported divisions in their own communities. These divisions should certainly become unnecessary in the face of continued and perpetual subjugation of their own lot by their fellow citizens."

CHAMPION CAUSE

"FOR OUR PART in Uganda, we have done our best to champion the cause of Black Americans. In the context of the Organizatin of African Unity, we have for the last several years now advocated for their identification with the continent of their origin in the same way as the other races in this continent take pride in their ancestral homelands," he said.

In other matters, also speaking on behalf of his African colleagues and the entire Third World, Pres. Amin said that the U.S. government must reconsider its position in a relationship with Panamanian independent member of the UN regarding the use of the Panama Canal. "All international traffic using the water course, should respect fully the sovereign rights of the Republic of Panama."

Although praising the American Revolution as an inspiration to mankind, the Uganda chief executive said, "We are baffled by the double standards displayed by imperialists who in the name of democracy plundered Viet Nam, Cambodia and many other lands while they support oppression in Rhodesia, South Africa and the Middle East; who veto the admission of gallant Viet Nam in the same way they veto the expulsion of South Africa and Israel from the United Nations Organization; who withhold financial support from peaceful nations and pour investments in South Africa, Rhodesia and Israel."

Forensics

Many Black students may not be aware of organizations on campus that are open for our participation. For those of us interested in communication there is one organization that may really help us. Forensics!

Forensic activities involve Debate, Argumentation, Poetry Readings, Prose Readings, Dramatic Readings Persuasive Speeches, Impromptu Speeches, and humorus or After Dinner Speeches. These activities are broken into two divisions-Individual Events and Debate. Tournaments are held at other universities, giving the involved students a chance to travel, meet other students from other schools for an exchange of ideas, thoughts, etc., and to compete and test our abilities in our particular form of communication.

Forensics give us a chance to make others aware of Black ideology by exposing them to literature written by Black authors. Through our interpretation of the literature, our ideas, thoughts, and feelings can be generated to those listening to us. If only one thought is heard and understood, then, we have accomplished...

Micki Johnson
The following letter suggests alleged injustices on the part of the Hiram Judicial System against Anthony Lane and Jeff Clemons. In hopes of keeping Black Students aware of their plight and the plight of other Black Students, the following open letter is published in full.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT JAGOW 10/17/75

Dear President Jagow,

It is the tradition of Hiram College to treat the undergraduate student as a whole person. The recent case of Anthony Lane and Jeff Clemons has demonstrated that the Hiram College Judicial System violates its own precepts by consistently treating Black students in an unjust manner.

We feel that justice was denied, due process ignored, and that the two students rights as guaranteed in the Student Bill of Rights were violated. We base our statement on the following evidence.

Article 6 section A pt.2 of the Student Bill of Rights

"in no case shall the hearing body consider evidence against him unless he has been advised of their content, and of the names of those who made them, and unless he has been given an opportunity to rebut unfavorable inferences which might otherwise be drawn."

The introduction of a signed statement by Ms. Judith Ismail is a blatant violation of the aforementioned section. Mr. Lane and Mr. Clemons were not advised of the statements content, of the name of the person who made it and where not allowed a period of rebuttal.

Point 9 "Of the right to a speedy and impartial hearing and decision."

The hearing was not impartial. The chief judicial officer, Mr. Dressner made the statement, "these are the sections of the handbook that were violated" before evidence had been presented.

This clearly shows a prejudicial at-
titude and a general hostility which was pointed out by the defence council, Mr. Gulyas.

Point 5 "The right not to be convicted unless his guilt is proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

The prosecution case rests entirely on the testimony of Mr. James Wert, who claims he was intimidated. Mr. Lane, Mr. Clemons and Mr. Kimard all testified the intimidation did not take place. Does the testimony of one white witness establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt in the face of three black witnesses? Does the testimony of a witness who was drinking alcoholic beverage negate the testimony of three sober witnesses? If this is so then it is obvious that the judicial system of Hiram College does not take the testimony of black witnesses seriously. If this is so how can black students be expected to treat the judicial system with respect?

The judicial appeals board made its decision before all the evidence was presented. Witnesses who were crucial to the case were not called. The complainant Mr. Doug Conroe was not there, witnesses on matters of procedure were not subpoenaed, and witnesses to the actual incident were not called.

It seems that the Hiram College Judicial System in dealing with Black students has delegated the pursuit of justice to a secondary position, and had adopted a colonialist position in dealing with "arrogant niggers".

In the interest of justice Mr. Lane and Mr. Clemons must be granted a full and unconditional pardon, and a statement of good standing from the Dean Of Students Office.

In the name of Justice

The Political Committee of The Alliance for Black Consciousness