By Roger Freeman & Ron Reeves

Ten years ago, BUS president Larry Simpson said: "All of us many years ago were pulled from our mothers' wombs and spanked. When we dared to utter our first cry we accepted the challenge of: Being Black."

Ten years later, four Black Kent State football players adhered to the challenge of boycotting a game while joining a Black student protest march against racism in KSU athletics.

Senior halfback Mike McQueen, the squads leading ground gainer, Senior quarterback Keith Elam, senior defensive end Warren Love and junior defensive back Kevin Hockett stood up for what they believed in and were punished for challenging the rule of white supremacy. They were suspended from the team for the remainder of the year.

On Wednesday, October 24, 31 Black football players met with BUS president Jeff Johnson and discussed what they felt was racism on the squad.

Johnson then called for a meeting of the Black Leaders Council to discuss their problem along with other campus problems dealing with racism.

The council decided to stage a protest march to Dix Stadium when Kent hosted Central Michigan and it was also "Parents Day." Johnson called for all Black players to join the march. However, only four adhered his plea.

"This demonstration will be a protest against racism in academics, residence services and the athletic department," Johnson explained.

The stage was set, on October 29 about 200 Black students along with the four Black gridders marched the mile and a half trek to the stadium. Along the way they chanted: "We're fired up, we can't take it no more," while displaying colorful signs which addressed different problems of campus racism.

At the stadium, the protesters sat in the south end zone seats and stood silently with clenched fists during the playing of the national anthem. However, after the anthem was over the protesters stood and sang the Black national anthem.

At halftime, university president Brage Golding and several other administrators joined the protesters for reasons unknown. Golding said that this wasn't the place to discuss the situation. However, according to Johnson, a meeting has been scheduled with the president at a later date.

"I am a Black man before I am a football player," McQueen stated. "Prejudice in the school is a cause which relates to all Black people and I am not sorry that I participated."

Keith Elam said: "I would really like to be playing. I'm not a quitter but I had to take a stand. I have been here four years with a scholarship every year, but I have never played a full quarter."

Coach Ron Blackledge said of the suspensions, "I have taken this disciplinary action because they missed a game. It's a matter of discipline and nothing more, and was made in the best interests of the team."

Blackledge also said that he knows of no situation that indicates racism exits on the squad.

BUS president Jeff Johnson met with Blackledge after the suspensions, making two requests. He asked for the four players to be reinstated and for the resignation of assistant coach John Romeo who admittedly kicked former KSU defensive back Lee Harris.

Standing firm on his decision, Blackledge stated, "There is no way that the suspensions will be lifted."

Blackledge also said that scholarship aid for the suspended athletes will remain intact.

Athletic Director Don Dufek gave his full support to the decisions of Blackledge.

A lot of the questions have not been answered, many of the allegations have not yet been addressed, but Keith Elam, Warren Love, Kevin Hockett, and Mike McQueen, the principles upon which you stood and the punishment that you received will long be remembered. Let us hope that the courage you displayed will keep you in the hearts of the other Black players who chose not to walk with you.
BUS Proposes New BUS-Line Program

By Natalie Wester
Black United Students has proposed a revised format for a new BUS-Line program that it hopes will become active in 1980.

The original BUS-Line, a crisis intervention line created to deal with racial problems in the dormitories, was established in Spring Quarter of 1975. The program was recently dissolved by Residence Services because it was felt that the services it rendered were no longer needed. "While the staff of the Residence Services department in 1975 may not have adequately represented the make-up of the student population on campus, this is not the case at present. Black students are represented at all levels of staff within the Department of Residence Services and of course among the staff members in the residence halls," said Roger Sorochty, director of Residence Services, in an August letter to "Concerned Parties.

Jeff Johnson, president of B.U.S., disputes this statement. According to Johnson, out of 41 security personnel on duty 8 are Black, and out of 134 Resident Staff Advisors, only 38 are Black. "Is this equal representation?" Johnson asked. "The new proposed BUS-Line program will insure this.

The proposed program would retain the major points of the original BUS-Line, along with the proposals drawn up by Residence Services. Dorm patrol, health services, educational programs, escort service, and mediation are the main purposes of the program, said Johnson. In the past Residence Services took full responsibility in the administration of BUS-Line, whereas in the proposed program they would be assisted by the Student Affairs Department. The Residence Services Sub-Committee would consist of one Resident Director; one Kent Interhall Council representative; and two dorm students—one Black and one non-black. The Student Affairs Sub-Committee would consist of one member of the Student Life Department; one Student Government representative; one member of B.U.S.; one member of the Department of Pan-African Studies; and one administrator. It is also proposed that at least 28 students, Black and non-black, make up the BUS-Line staff.

Johnson stated that students would be trained in counseling, mediation, security, and first-aid, and that he hoped the program would give an example the Black and non-black students can work together.

Although the evolution of this new program would involve several changes, B.U.S. wants to adhere to the original name, Johnson said. He feels that since B.U.S. created the concept of the original program, the revised program should keep the same name. According to Johnson, Residence Services would decide earlier to change the name because they felt the program had no affiliation with B.U.S.

No definite action has been taken on the proposal, but Johnson has met with Sorochty, Milton Wilson, dean for Student Affairs; and Brage Golding, president of K.S.U. About the issue, Sorochty sent a memo to Johnson outlining his feelings toward the new proposal, but he refused to give the Spectrum permission to print any quotes from it.

NEXT ISSUE: BUS-Line Continued. Also, Why Residence Services side of the BUS-Line story was not told.

Aid Services Increased

By Mark B. Cunningham
Changes have been made in every department at K.S.U. since the semester conversion. The department of financial aids was no exception.

There are some things that didn't change. According to William E. Johnson Jr., KSU's director of financial aids, students still must fill out a financial analysis statement that is used to determine a student's dependency or independence.

One student coming with or being supported by his parents is considered a dependent, and therefore the income and assets of the parents must be considered when filling out a financial analysis statement.

In order for one to qualify as an independent to gain federally funded aid, (1) one must not and will not be claimed as a dependent for federal income tax purposes by any person, except your spouse for the calendar year(s) in which aid is received and the calendar year prior to the academic year for which aid is requested. (2) One must not and will not receive financial assistance of more than $750.00 from one's parents in the year that aid is received and the year before the academic year for which aid is requested. (3) One must not have lived for more than six consecutive weeks in the parents home during the year prior to the academic year.

Because this academic year started much earlier, financial aid applications also had to be in early. The process of applications generally takes eight weeks to go through. Applications must also be filled out accurately and completely. These are two reasons why some eligible students may not be receiving aid. Johnson said that following these directions wastes precious time.

Admittedly there have been mix-ups and slowdowns in the department in the past. The reason for this might have been that there were only four professional staff members in the office. Dr. Golding and his staff increased the financial aid department staff by one professional and two more additional clerks this year.

The department also obtained a computer system this spring to help cut down the process time of applications. Johnson says that they might not have been ready for this school year if it were not for these additions.

Other changes have also affected the department. The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program has raised the level of income of acceptability. More families should be able to apply because of this. The government has given an increase of 1 million dollars to the BEOG and all income restrictions from bank loans have been dropped for guaranteed student loans at participating banks.

The Ohio Instructional Grant was given a one third increase of funds for grants. The OIG also has raised their income range of acceptability for students, in need of a grant. Johnson says that, "there will be more students on aid this year because of these changes."

Students who do receive financial aid are required to achieve satisfactory grades in order to continue receiving financial aid. However, in order to get aid, it would be wise to apply early.

MINORITY COMMUNICATORS

By Callie Kirkman
The basic reason for the formation of the Minority Communications Association two years ago, was to coordinate a trip, to Howard University, in Washington, D.C.

Today, the organization has changed. The major purpose is to enhance the career development of it's members through educational career research, employment prospects, and the communication workshop.

Dues are $2.00 a year for each member. The membership is approximately twenty members and the enrollment increases monthly.

The organization is not only for communication majors. The association includes telecommunication, journalism, and graphic design majors. It is also a blanket organization for THE FAMILY TREE, THE SPECTRUM, and BLACK SABBATH.

The organization officers are Vincent Robinson, President; Angelique Walker; Vice-President, Pat Cullens; Secretary, Vivien Covington; Treasurer, and the advisor is Dr. Milton E. Wilson.

The goals of the organization, according to Robinson, are to make sure that the members be employed in the field where their endeavors have been.
Ball Combines Right Touch of Old & New

Penny Tally
Senior Queen

Janice Thomas
Junior Queen

Toni Spragner
Sophomore Queen

Aretha Miles
Sophomore Queen

Joi Owens
Miss Congeniality

Ball and BUS president, Jeff Johnson was pleased with the turnout at the event as well as the event itself. "It was the best turnout I've seen at the Ball in my four years here," he said. "I was pleased that the queens were the focal point instead of the major acts, like in the past."

The Spectrums congratulates Penelope Tally, Janice Thomas, Toni Spragner, Aretha Miles, and Joi Owens, as well as the 21 other beautiful Black candidates and the many people and organizations who made the event possible.

Drama Review
'Stagee' more than a folk tale

By Joseph Reid

This being my premier attempt to introduce you to the cultural perspectives on the Kent State University Campus, I sought to assess the contribution of the Pan-African Theater Workshop. For those of you who are unfamiliar with access to the workshop, it is located in Oscar Ritchie Hall. On October 9th, I was graciously permitted to view a workshop rehearsal of the play, "Stagee," which performed to public audiences Oct. 17-25.

I was prepared for an experience reflecting optimism with a creative blend, but I stumbled onto a good deal more. The principle atmosphere swelled with professionalism among technicians and actors who were patiently directed by Francis Dorsey, an energetic (nearly exhausted at the time) poligent, vivid personality, indeed a surge of creative desire and exactness.

Upon my initial approach to Mr. Dorsey I had intentions to grasp the policies, management and future perspectives of his current endeavors, however, I had invaded his schedule at a busy time, so I settled for observing the Pan-African Theater Workshop in action.

To say it was inspiring would be to say the least. My insight of cultural dramatics became focused upon its interpreters. It was thrilling to sense the unity among all the members of the production as they struggled in perfecting their lines, cues, and above all their motivation.

It was more than entertaining that I witnessed, more so, a cohesive participation to express culture. Their efforts linked a culture that expresses the imagination and allows a necessary outlet for human emotion, thus revealing a total identity.

Unfortunately, there seems to be a lack of community support from those who could benefit the most, the Kent State students.

Granted, it takes more than an appreciation of talent before somebody can be moved to participate. It takes a sincere desire to know yourself in a current American culture that emphasizes nostalgic style over self-awareness through creativity.

Nevertheless, if you have read this far, then perhaps you are aware and do seek that creative outlet that is located for your convenience in the Pan-African Studies Department.

There was something I read before conceiving these words, in fact, before viewing the rehearsal of "Stagee". The words were painted on the bottom of the back wall in the classroom where I was asked to place my coat and bible before rehearsal began that night: 'A man without knowledge of himself is like a tree without roots.'

Ego signals end for 'Emperor Jones'

By Cassandra Caveness

The West Indies, a land full of voodoo and black magic tortured Emperor Brutus Jones until his mind was battling with reality and the unreal. A freshman, Richard F. Mason, played the lead role in the play "Emperor Jones" shown in Franklin Theater. It was directed by graduate student Ms. Roe Green.

"Emperor Jones," one of Eugene O'Neill's first plays published, displayed a man with a huge ego. Ultimately this and a lot of deception led his slaves to revolt against him. A cast of 17, mostly non-theater majors, Black and white performed this show.

A problem for the director was getting Black men to come out for auditions. "There is no real feeling of community and there should be", Green said.

Green thinks she has improved black and white relationships. In Green's cast there is no color. "My cast is my CAST", she replies. "You have to be a responsible individual and he must be like a professional when it comes to theater."

Green feels Kent State has a lot of talent and she wishes more Black students would try out for plays. There is no qualifications to get involved in Kent-State Theater.

After rehearsal, when someone had to get off his chest, that's where undergraduate Tamara Sibley, the assistant director came in.

Green wanted a strictly business relationship. This was one reason for hiring a woman. "You attain a very strong attachment to each other," Green said.

Ms. Sibley also has a fine reputation here in the theater department. The two main characters, Emperor Jones and Henry Smithers played by Kerry Foley had a love and hate relationship throughout the play. Smithers, as Emperor Jones advisor, called his attention to the fact that none of the slaves were around. The slaves were in the fields conjuring up the will to go against Brutus.

Jonas ran into the forest to escape and head for a better place. While in the forest he began a series of hallucinations (all acted out in front of the audience).

Emperor Jones huge ego and a myth he told the slaves about no one could destroy him without a silver bullet followed him all the way to his grave with the silver bullet killing Emperor Jones in the end.
The Evils of Racism

By Vince Robinson

Racism is an evil, cancerous, ugly sore. It infects the minds and souls of all who succumb to its pervasiveness. Unfortunately, its pervasiveness at Kent State University is extremely apparent. Or is it? It is very ironic that though racism is so wide-reaching, few are aware of it. People react un- told surprise and raised eyebrows when they read of it in the Daily Kent Stater and hear it lightly discussed in friendly discussions and heated debates. The truth of the matter is that racism here and elsewhere is implemented and manifested in such subtle forms that many times it is ignored and goes unnoticed. Those who are affected by it, at any moment when they perceive it, feel powerless to militate against it. For many times it is the racists themselves who are the victims of racism. So much for the generalities, now for the specifics.

The character of racism is such that no one can rise up to expose it they are dealt with by area media using sub- tile tactics which detract from the cause or movement for they stand. These tactics are the very essence of Racism. So much for the generalities, now for the specifics.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, approximately 250 students marched against racism. The majority of Kent State University Marching Band. That is Racism.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the Daily Kent Stater printed four articles related to this issue but failed to mention the previous account and did not print a single picture related to the March. Instead, a picture of a river is Kent and a caption related to "nice weather", an ultimate distraction, was printed. Both the Akron Beacon Journal and the Kent Record Courier printed pictures of the March. On Sunday, Oct. 29, four players of the KSU football team were suspended for the remainder of the season for missing a game, not protesting or boycotting; missing a game. The penalty for missing a game has never been so severe. That is Racism.

The specifics can continue endless but the point is that specific instances of racism do occur and though they are ignored or misunderstood, they continue to exist.

We as individuals do not have the power to eradicate racism at KSU. We can only do it within the parameters of our personal existence. This is our duty. As a people, for racism to be dealt with, it is necessary to come together as one. Otherwise the change will come about.

I well-warn saying remains true to this very day: United we stand, Divided we fall. A new one speaks to what lies ahead: Communication of Unity makes for a Strong Community.

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EDITORS NOTE: Racism: The notion that one's own ethnic stock is superior. It is a pervasiveness that inhibits impartial judgement.

"INVESTIGATE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT," was the headline above an editorial entitled 'Black Perspective,' written by Robert Pickett, February 4, 1970 at the winter quarter in 1970 in the Daily Kent Stater.

Pickett points that Black United Students is simply addressing many of the same issues that Pickett addressed nearly 10 years ago. Below is Pickett's February 4, 1970 editorial.

After reading this column, you will realize that it doesn't take a highly trained eye to notice that only the numbers (year) have changed.

"Since the dawn of recorded time, man has been a most intriguing being. At times a glimmer of brilliance makes its appearance, but this event is rare. Man is constantly a victim of jealousy, hatred of those he calls his 'best friends.' A strange creature-man; but so, too, are the events that affect his existence. Strange. Strange."

"When a glimmer of light filters through, man seeks to destroy that glimmer of hope, for it represents that which he cannot obtain. It is directly contradictory to what man, himself, is. It is the truth that telling a lies-says a man when you attack all that he has ever done."

"For the past week, I received many threats against my person for publishing the series on the Black athlete. Such childish pranks and anti-intellectual attitudes don't faze me, for I expected such from the being called man. Such reaction is indicative of the kind of mentality that Kent State and other large universities are cultivating. This vitally important issue will not be ignored.

If the athletic department is allowed to continue its present policies and practices, it will, in turn, become another 'defence department' accountable only to itself and to hell with everyone else. Something has to be done about this."

The athletic department has been recruited of many young men, Black and White, but especially Black, who had holes in their game. To mend them better by using their athletic talents to achieve that awesome mental barrier that scholars call the B.A. On the other side of the coin, the athletic program at Kent State has failed to attract Black athletes in sufficient numbers. Look at the wrestling team, and the swimming team. Why? Why? Why? Something is wrong. Something is wrong.

Many important questions have been raised concerning the Black athlete and the black athletic program in general. The question of recruitment of Black athletes; the question of their achieving an education once they have been recruited; the question of athletic priorities; the question of who controls what the universities command the athletic department or does the athletic department control the university?"

"The above are only a few of the questions that must be answered in the future. I hereby challenge the university to commit itself to investigate the whole decrpet athletic program and the lack of interest within the university control. Something is wrong. President White, Dr. Harris, I appeal to your intellect, begin investigations into the athletic department and the inequalities that are implicit in its program. The Black students are waiting."

In his editorial, Pickett touched on many important points. But the real issue, in particular that was overlooked then, as again it is being overlooked now, is the fact that the only people that are interested in improving the Black athletes' lot are the Black students."

"THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HAS DESTROYED BLACK YOUNG MEN, BLACK AND WHITE."

The president of BUS, members of the Black Leaders Council, and Black students collectively are focusing on the issue of racism. I feel that the allegations should be taken one step further. Reciprocal racism and white supremacy programs in general, which includes the athletic department, is prevalent, but BIG rules aside. There have been athletes, both Black and White, who, in this writers opinion, have not received a 'fair shake' in the narrow world of KSU athletics.

As a former KSU grader, I have witnessed the above.

In Athletics . . .

Only the Numbers Have Changed

By R.R. Reeves

Spectrum Editor

Where, at times, the best athlete, regardless of the color of his skin, did not always play. But, you don't have to take my word for it, just ask John Moor, Luther Foster, Jeff Kidder, Darrell Midd- diet, or Cory Burks, just to name a few.

Still, again, it may not be a case of bias, racism, prejudice, or lack of objectivity on the part of some coaches. Inexperience and lack of "football knowledge" could be another answer. Three of coach Blackledge's assistants can only call upon minimal high school coaching experience before becoming the head coach. Coaches Buschi, Romeo, and Wood were all plucked from the Ozzie, Canton, and Massillon school systems respectively. A fourth coach, appointed after an exceptional career as a KSU tight end, co-captain for the Golden Flashes, is assistant to the Golden Flashes' staff.

Coach Bob Fello and Greg Long have been at Kent for the longest period of time. They are in fact the only two hold overs from the 1976 campaign. That great turnover in the coaching staff tells you that this is not one of the most desirable locations for player or coach. Still these two gentlemen repeatedly pointed out that they were in the midst of evaluating talent during my two years on the squad.

"A SPECTRUM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EDIT MATERIAL SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION. Lette rs should be sent to 244 Student Center or box 10 in the Student Life Office."
Are We Proud People or Sniveling Cowards?

By Roger Freeman

Are we proud Black people who will stand up and fight all injustices that are destroying our existence as a people or are we servile, sniveling cowards who remain under the shadow of white supremacy, thus being led like a bunch of sheep enroute to the slaughter house?

Search yourself and your conscience for the answer.

During these turbulent times that we are facing, here at Kent State University, fear is one emotion that we do not need.

Fear is an anxiety which is caused by real or possible dangers. Nothistanding, when you are fighting for a cause that understands the rights of your people and yourself, you need not fear any man.

By Edgar V. Wright

The year is 1979 and I anxiously await the decision of the slave to free himself. Four hundred and 25 years on the bended. When will the time come in which I may assume my rightful point in life, I will be a slave into infinity, or will I realize that the true meaning of slavery is in the mind. These questions are for you to answer on an individual basis. The point that I am trying to get across is plain and simple. Education is the key that unlocks the doors to all of the problems that we experience as a people.

The average black student that comes to KSU rarely takes advantage of the total learning experience offered here no matter how minute the level. We should have an unending hunger to know our past, understand our present situation in life and compile some answers to solve some of the major problems that exist, but most of all we must prepare a clear path for our minds to absorb the teachings that the future will bring.

To free the mind is to open our eyes and test some of the truths that we hold as gospel. To free the mind we must take information given to us, tear it apart, analyze it with a circumstantial view, and finally synthesize it into some answer that will be satisfactory agreeable to ones personal intellect.

The time for doing just enough work to get over has past. The token Black is no longer in demand. If we are to truly remove the chains of slavery and prosper as a people we must get our act together, right now! I am sure you have heard the old adage "TALENTS ARE LIKE PRIVILEGES, USE THEM OR LOSE THEM."

I hope that after reading this article you will make yourself one committed to end the slavery of the mind and create a new beginning for the brothers and sisters yet to come. To overcome we must accept the challenge of life and step out.

The B.U.S. STOP

Are You A Slave Of The Mind?

By Callie Kirkman

Does your soul need some spiritual inspiration? If so, then you might be interested in a group called the A.B.C.'s of Salvation.

The group was organized by individuals interested in having church service meetings for students of the KSU campus. The purpose and goal of the group is to provide fellowship services to see souls saved, and increase the faith of others.

The group hopes that the students will participate and come to the various services, take part in organizing, and offer suggestions so that the services will be meaningful to all.

Services will be every other Sunday starting November 18 in the Kiva or The United Methodist Church Chapel in Kent on East Main Street at 3:00 p.m.

The officers of the group are Charles Haynes; President, Herbert McCullen; Vice-President, Lisa Williams; Secretary, Callie Kirkman; Treasurer.

The group spokesman is Darrell Alexander, and Zimmy Weems serves as Public Relations Manager. Hodge Morton and Bill Thomas serve as assistants. Dr. Charles Green and Rev. Bill Jacobs serve as the group advisors.

ABC's of Salvation Needs Your Soul

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Racial Tension Increases Stater Editor's Awareness
'Family Tree' Heightens Cultural Awareness

By Kelli McLain

Freshman Vickie Swafford, a Nursing major, liked the articles in The SPECTRUM. She would like to see more articles oriented towards freshmen, so they can become more aware of campus activities.

"I like the paper, it's very interesting," said Edwards. The SPECTRUM will also stress the importance of the student-professor relationship. Encouraging students to ask questions and communicate more than to be dumb when there is a text in front of you.

When the SPECTRUM gets into full stride, professors will refer those students with a need for assistance. Dorm representatives are also a possibility.

The SPECTRUM will have staff meetings once a week and can be contacted through the SPECTRUM office (244 Student Center).

"I'm glad to see a Black newspaper on campus. It meets the needs of Blacks on campus," stated Beverly Mitchell, President of the therapeutic Recreation major.

Studio Art major Donald Nail was very impressed with the SPECTRUM. Denise Watkins, a senior, feels the SPECTRUM is more in depth and overall a much better newspaper than the BLACK WATCH and would like to see it continue.

NEXT MONTH: Our question of the month will be: WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?
Brown's Mother Is His Biggest Fan

By Roger Freeman

Mrs. Veola Brown represents a success story of a proud Black woman who single-handedly raised three sons, including Kent State's star griddler Darren Brown.

The trek of a Black athlete maturing as a college griddler is a hard and rough route to travel, in many instances, it entails a struggle against racial, religious and social prejudices, hours of practice, along with hours of academic study.

After preparing all week for the big game, the next thing that is very important is support. Whether in the form of coaches or fans, knowing that someone cares is a very important asset in a Black griddler's career.

Flash wide receiver Darren Brown, 20, attributes his success on the gridiron and academically to the support of his beloved mother. "Every time I walk on the playing field I look for my mother in the stands," Brown said.

Brown's football career was sparked at age nine in the Pee Wee Little League in Youngstown. He was also an East High School basketball standout before coming to the Flash camp.

"I am a football nut," "If I ever missed a game I think I would cry," Mrs. Brown said.

Mrs. Brown saw all games that her sons played, whether at home or on the road, she was there. Subsequently, she was awarded for her loyal, telephone call, support of the football team.

"I would receive two plagues from the school for attending more games than anyone else in the history of the school," she said.

Mrs. Brown said that her sons wanted to become sportsmen that went beyond the games and became important in the life of her boys.

"I have never missed a sports event that any of my sons have played in," she said.

Brown's football career was sparked at age nine in the Pee Wee Little League in Youngstown. He was also an East High School basketball standout before coming to the Flash camp.

Mrs. Brown attributes much of her son's success to her support. "I am very proud of my sons. Darren caught 80 passes in three years while at East, and that is more catches than anyone has ever caught in the school's history. Michael was an all-league backer for two years," Mrs. Brown said.

"I also stay after Darren about his grades. Even though he likes football his academic achievements are also important. Since he's been playing here at Kent I have never missed a game at Dix Stadium or away. If I ever missed a game, I think I would cry," Mrs. Brown said.

Mrs. Brown, who works for General Motors, was further praised by her son.

"She is my only parent and works eight hours a day along with really sacrificing for me. After a hard week of work she can still find time to follow me around," Brown said.

Ms. Russell's Main Goal is Growth

By Natalie Wester

Vancenia Russell is a Pro

Vancenia Russell is a Program Coordinator in the Student Life Department here at Kent State, and has been with the University for three and one-half years.

She received her B.S. in Education at Central State University; her M.A. in Educational Administration from Kent State, and is currently working for her Ph.D.

Ms. Russell in Curriculum and Instruction.

She graduated from Central State Cum Laude, and is a member of the Alpha Lambda, Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Alpha Kappa Mu honorary.

Before coming to Kent where she taught five years at Warren Western Reserve High School, Ms. Russell was a counselor at Kent State University Trumbull campus. She was also a life-planning facilitator for disruptive high school students, and a Career Education Specialist for Warren City Schools.

Ms. Russell was initially the coordinator for fraternity affairs exclusively. She advised the Pan-Helene Council, the Inter-Fraternity Council, and the Black Greek Council, as well as individual presidents of chapters and involved members.

After serving in this capacity for a year, she then became active with other student organizations, such as Black United Students, and the Commuter and Off-Campus Student Organization.

For the past seven months Ms. Russell has been involved with the New Student Orientation Program. She said she enjoys the rapport in the planning of Freshman Week and more recently has been involved in the development of curriculum for the orientation course. "I have found quite satisfying since it is something that I have done for several years before coming to Kent, and it complements my academic preparation in curriculum and instruction," she said.

Ms. Russell, who had been teaching for several years before coming to Kent, decided to continue her education at Kent State University.

She feels that students at Kent could also use some motivation. "I envy their [students'] youth and energy, but it is not often channeled in a productive way," she said.

Ms. Russell feels that students should set up goals and commitments and stick to them. She also believes that students must become involved in activities outside of their personal interests and promise their philosophies, and adhere to what the majority feels is "right" in order to move ahead. "We are not our only judges; the power culture also makes rather rigid demands of us," she said.

RUSSELL'S MAIN GOAL IS GROWTH

Vancenia Russell, who is a Program Coordinator in the Student Life Department, said she plans to work on her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.

Mrs. Brown saw to it that all three of her sons received an education. Michael graduated from Ohio University and is now residing in Kansas City, Mo., where he works for the police department. Her oldest son, James, 27, is studying at Cornell for a doctorate in physics. Darren is a sophomore here at Kent and receiving most of his aid from her.

Mrs. Veola Brown is a wonderful Black woman that shows us all how important and how strong a mother really is.
EAGER CAGERS AWAIT START OF '79-80 SEASON

Despite the public consensus 2nd year head basketball coach Ed Douma, is not ready to claim the NCAA championship just yet. Douma is especially happy about the abundance of talent he has to work with this year. "We will be an eager team," he said. "We will be a better defensive team and a better rebounding team."

This year's cagers will be led by 6'7" Trent Grooms. Douma feels Grooms will be a lot stronger on the inside. Grooms led the MAC in rebounding last year, a title he claimed in the last game of the year with an outstanding performance against the Ball State Cardinals and Randy Borden. "Each day, Trent makes less foolish plays, Douma said. "He makes less turnovers and has developed a lot better shot selection. He realizes he has to be the team leader."

Grooms averaged 10.8 rebounds a game, scored 13.1 points a game, and landed a second team all MAC berth. Also on the boards for the Flashes will be returnees Harvey Daniels and Kevin Smith. Daniels, a 6’6” center-forward turned in sparkling performances at times, but often stayed in foul trouble. Six foot six inch Smith is hoping to return from knee damage he sustained from in a game against Illinois. Newcomers include freshmen forwards 6’7” Rob Koch, 6’6” Greg Cudworth, 6’6” Ed Kaminiski, and junior college transfer, 6’7” Mike Fowler.

Douma is concerned with the lack of experience at the guard spot. Five foot eleven inch guard Kenny Howell has the most experience with Doug Lane also returning. Lane however saw more action at the forward spot playing what Douma terms a “garbage forward.” As a freshmen, Howell led the team in assists with 104 and in steals with 46. Also in the backcourt vying for a starting job are freshmen Robert Kitchen and Geoff Warren and transfer Jeff Hans.

"With the guards we have, we’ll get more points from the perimeter," Douma said. He is sure this will make up for the absence of KSU’s all time leading scorer, Burrell McGhee, who graduated last year.

Many people have this club picked to be the best in Kent’s history. Douma is glad to hear this optimism, but he maintains that “we haven’t proved anything yet.”

"We could possible have the best team in recent years," he said. "Early game experience will be important." Kent fans are hungry for a winner. Kent basketball teams have not won more games then they have lost since 1968.

Toledo has been picked to win the MAC again. "They have four starters back from a team that went to the NCAA Tournament," Douma said. "After Toledo, we could be picked to compete for the title, but I won’t make any promises," he said.

One thing that Kent has in their favor is the addition of a playoff system to determine the NCAA representative at the end of the year. In recent seasons, it has really put it together in games near the end of the year. "If we peak just right, then we will have a real good chance to win it all," Douma said.

Kent opens the season with an exhibition game Nov. 28 against the University of Waterloo, Canada. The regular season begins Dec. 4 with Niagara at home. The Flashes travel to Illinois and then begin MAC play on the 8th with Eastern Michigan.

Douma feels the EMU game will be a very important game. "It will be nice to win a league game in the early part of the season," he said. Even though his coaching staff has changed, Douma doesn’t see this as any kind of a handicap. "I am the head coach, just like last year, and my philosophy hasn’t changed," he said. "I have three very good assistants in Bill Brown, Don Sicko, and Denny Hovanece."

Douma and his staff promises that “we will play as hard as we can. We will be very representative. "We plan on running and pressing," he said. "We will play the kind of ball that people will want to see."