When choosing 1980 candidates, Blacks must make “informed” decisions

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Entering into a new decade, Black voters will again make a difference when it comes to selecting America’s first president in the 1980’s. Most Blacks know only what PR men and the news media want them to know about the candidates. To help voters make an informed and intelligent decision, the congressional Black Caucus has issued a set of guidelines to serve as a framework for generating pertinent questions. What sort of questions should Black voters ask this year’s presidential candidates?

1. FULL EMPLOYMENT

A candidate must cut out and support an economic policy which will reduce the still massively high unemployment — particularly for Blacks and other minorities — while at the same time fighting inflation. Currently, all of the candidates seem to be trying to lower inflation by slowing down the economy, thus bringing on a recession and increasing unemployment. Instead, candidates must use high inflation as an excuse for cutting back on job spending and other policies to reduce unemployment.

The Caucus guidelines spell out several specific domestic programs which at once will improve economic conditions in housing, health, energy costs, education, and urban and rural development and minority business while creating additional jobs through spending for these purposes. The specifics include:

- CETA Jobs — full funding for Comprehensive Employ-ment and Training Act jobs, particularly for youth.
- Housing — a commitment for 500,000 new subsidized units per year. Last year’s budget funded only 250,000 subsidized housing units, a cut from more than 400,000 units in recent years.
- Energy — an energy policy which does not use price as a means of furthering conservation. Too many proposals to solve the energy crisis have suggested that prices should be increased to cut gasoline and heating fuel use, even though poor people already cannot afford the fuel energy they need.
- Health — a national health plan which provides quality health care equally to all persons, regardless of their income. Proposals for National Health Insurance or National Health Services have long since been before Congress without being acted upon.
- Urban and Rural Development and Minority Business — commitments to develop cities and rural areas and increase assistance to minority businesses.
- Federal Budget Priorities — a five percent increase above the cost of inflation in federal programs aimed at helping poor people and minorities and a decrease in the defense budget which also takes inflation into account. Programs to help poor people were cut last year while the defense budget underwent a major increase. Caucus Guidelines spell out six other major concerns of Black Americans which candidates must address.

2. BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT AN THE POLITICAL PARTIES

Candidates must pledge to increase the number of Black government officials at all levels of government both in the civil service and in important jobs for which the President makes appointments such as the Council of Economic Advisors, the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Security Council.

3. CIVIL RIGHTS AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Candidates must pledge to support affirmative action and set-aside programs, and while campaigning and holding office, make civil rights and equal opportunities issues of the highest priority. During their campaigns, candidates must also speak to the continuing large gaps in the social and economic advantages of Blacks and other minorities as compared with Whites. Candidates must support a constitutional amendment to give Washington, D.C. two offices through redistricting, using the Federal Government’s power to go to court to increase Black political power.

4. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Candidates must oppose bills supporting reforms in the entire collection of federal criminal laws which have any serious negative implications for Blacks and other minorities, including an increase in the already excessive use of incarceration. Candidates must support efforts that genuinely reform the criminal justice system, so as to reduce substantially the use of incarceration and discriminatory treatment of Blacks and other minorities.

5. EQUITY IN HOUSING

Candidates must support affirmative action plans which will increase Black home ownership and reduce the discriminatory housing practices of realtors and others. Candidates must also support affirmative action for Black construction workers.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Candidates must not support environmental policies which directly or indirectly cause disproportionate environmental degradation to racial and ethnic minority communities. Examples of such policies are the Fossil Fuel Tax, the Nuclear Power Plant Tax, and the Environmental Protection Agency’s policies which discriminate against minority communities.

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8. FOREIGN POLICY

Candidates must continue policies toward the African countries articulated by the Congressional Black Caucus and former Ambassador to the UN Andrew Young stressing the expansion of economic assistance to that region and majority rule in southern Africa.

Candidates must reexamine U.S. policy which emphasizes the negative impact of the Cuban presence in Africa and which maintains cold war concepts to the detriment of our relations with certain African countries.

Candidates must encourage the withdrawal of Moroccan involvement in the Spanish Sahara conflict so that the movement there for independence can take its natural course.

Candidates must apply increasing economic and political pressure against South Africa to force it to change its racist policies which threaten the peace and security of the whole continent, and is a degradation of human rights, with grave implications for other global areas.

Candidates must advocate increasing refugee relief assistance for Africa, which has the greatest number of refugees in the world, and correcting the inequity in the amount of funds for African refugees by comparison with those from Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe.

Candidates must urge a change in the U.S. immigration system which has discriminated against the Haitian boat people, while favoring those from Southeast Asia.

Candidates must seek to bolster economic and political relations with the other countries of the Caribbean which are suffering from disruptive conditions that create major problems on the doorstep of the United States.
Read and Travel, says Poetess

By Vince Robinson
Compassionate. Intelligent. These are two words Nikki Giovanni would use to describe herself to one who would ask her to do so. Although critics and observers might classify her under other terms, Giovanni sees herself basically as a human being.

Giovanni, who copped the Think Week activities sponsored by Black United Students with a speech and poetry reading held in the Ballroom on Friday, March 15. Following Dick Gregory, she answered questions left untouched as she addressed several current issues.

One issue to which she devoted significant attention was education. She theorized that Black people do not read enough and that this condition is detrimental. According to Giovanni, "If you’re not reading it, it can not inform you." She says all knowledge comes from books, and to become educated, one must read books.

Photo by Vince Robinson

As with facts and figures rarely known or available to the general public.

Such as: 165 million dollars flowed through the Black community last year. But, as interpreted by Gregory, "economic power in a white racist society is no power at all. Due to the lack of sophistication of the size of this power, the sum was of no benefit." to the community from which it came.

An outspoken, highly visible political activist since the early 60's, Giovanni told of the advantages his celebrity status has brought him, as well as, his accessibility to information. She encourages those who have the opportunity to research and explore the manner in which they are related to the heritage of Black people.

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Giovanni quintely educated. In relation to books, she stated that the Gutenberg press was one of the greatest inventions the world has ever known.

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In relation to travel, Giovanni stated that she would like to see more students become involved with fact-finding expeditions on the continent of Africa. In addition, she advises interested persons to travel to other parts of the world, including Europe. During an informal gathering in Oscar Ritchie Hall she alluded to the African influence on European art forms, music and architecture. Giovanni also paid notice to the manner in which westerners have come to appreciate African art, and in many cases, have made so that Black people themselves.

On the issue of the crisis of the Black male in America, Giovanni stated it was a result of men not supporting men. According to Giovanni, men look to women for self-definition whereas women look to other women.

On a historic level, women, black women have been the backbone of the race. Black men were not in the position to defend the Black woman because they (Black men) were in captivity as well. In current terms, Black leaders spend much time criticizing and belittling another, as opposed to supporting and building each other up. She was somewhat vocal in her opposition to men striking women stating that a man who beats a woman is a very sick man.

Giovanni appeared to be pessimistic concerning the generation of the seventies saying, "...the younger generation, to a large degree, has bought the American dream." She says they have in general, have caused their society to be apathetic and generally uninformed.

HONORS DAY AT KSU

By Michael Whitfield
The University observed its 47th annual Honors Day program Sunday, April 15th. Among the hundreds of students recognized for outstanding academic excellence and university service, were several distinguished Black students.

KSU President Brage Goulding welcomed parents and families of students being honored. Emeritus Professor Dr, Roger M. Shaw addressed the audience.

Black United Students President Jeffrey Johnson was the Black student who received the senior award. Johnson received a Senior Service Award and was inducted into the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity and the national honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa.

Johnson was also listed among Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, and was cited by the Telecommunications Department for his outstanding academic achievement and leadership and academic service.

Clingman, a freshman, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa and his name was among those included in Who's Who.

Wilson Anderson was cited for Superior Scholarship. Anderson possesses a better than 3.5 grade point average and as a member of Who's Who, he has a lot to offer.

Burton, a senior, is a member of the President's Award, Army Reserve Officers Training Corp, was awarded to Hollis Christian Clemons for outstanding military leadership and academic achievement.

Reeves, a senior, was one of several students honored with the Piece Sowande Award for Creativity. "Spectrum" editor Ronald K. Reeves and Regina J. Edwards awarded the Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Scholarship.

Woodrow Wilson is a freshman who feels the PAS should be in a larger building. He is a member of the Pan-African class. "I think they help the Black people get themselves together. They are really there to help you," Cathi Jones stated.

By Virlyn Covington
Black students at Kent State are finally getting a chance to reach a little higher in education and experience. With great hope, they are taking this opportunity to better their lives and future.

Unfortunately, many college newcomers have a hard time adjusting to the sudden change from high school to college. This is one reason why the drop-out rates are so high in universities and colleges. The problem of adjusting can involve many facets; Can the student handle the classroom load? Can the student mingle with the other students? Can the students get involved?

Now that Kent State University's freshmen have almost completed a full academic year, their views, opinions and directions are beginning to show. Now is the time to ask, "What were your expectations of Kent State before you entered?"

"I expected to find a whole new atmosphere, to increase my knowledge of things, and to learn in an education," said Louis Cobbler, a freshman from Cleveland, Ohio.

But what of Kent State? Does Kent have a lot to offer a Black student? Many freshmen feel Kent State does have a lot to offer, but they feel you must take it upon yourself to succeed, such as displaying self-discipline.

A freshman said, "In order for me to succeed here at Kent State, I have to stay away from fraternities." This is similar to what Sophia, another freshman says, "You have to become a loner.

But adjusting is a key factor in being a successful college student. Did freshmen feel they had to adjust considerably?

"School wise, yes there was a big adjustment from high school to college. Your workload is much more heavy and you have to put more time into your studies, a lot more than you did in high school," said Cathi Jones, a recent high school graduate from Cleveland.

When asking freshmen how they feel about Kent State, in broader terms they all said it was "Alright!". Not one freshman interviewed said it was nice more did anyone say "Great!". Kent State University was their first choice in planning for college. This should make one wonder what type of atmosphere exists at Kent State amongst the Black students. How do we feel we interact with each other? Do we socialize as a collected group, or are we in segregated groups?

"I think Blacks on the KSU campus are not really united together, but pulled apart in their own little units as far as sororities and fraternities go. They shouldn't promote that they're better than each other, but promote togetherness. And maybe some of the stiffness between them will smooth out," said Denise Howell, a freshman from Youngstown, comments.

What do we have as a collected group? The basement of Oscar Ritchie Hall where they house the Department of Pan-African Studies belongs to the Black population and many freshmen feel somewhat satisfied with it. One freshman feels they should offer more classes.

"College has been very important to me, it has given me new ways to understand people, as well as complement today's society," says Louis Cobbler.

"College, I think you make harder for yourself. You have more responsibility, everything relies on you. So if you mess up then it's all on you. If you take it as it comes, just relax, you'll get through it," Darrell Sills believes.

Cathi Jones says, "I can say that my first year at Kent has been a real experience. It helped me to grow in many ways. First, it has helped me to become more independent, with the chance of being on my own. Second, it helped me to grow socially. Being around people of every kind. Also, it has helped me to take a more serious outlook on my future. Where I will be going (direction wise) and exactly what do I want out of life. But it has been fun and something I'll always remember.

This semester is coming to an end and the year seemed to roll by fast for the 1978-80 freshmen. What of their future years to come?
NOW THAT I'M A MEMBER?

By Curtis T. Clingman

Watch out, Clingman. You're asking me to step on someone's toes. But that's cool because some toes need to be stepped on.

Last month, I noticed a rash of people seeking membership in various Greek organizations, pledging is the term used, I believe. Not that pledging is so unusual, it's just that so many people were pledging last month and are still pledging.

Not only is there a resurgence in the Greek Organizations, there seems to be a greater number of people wanting to join all Black organizations here at KSU.

Now this is cool, real cool, because the world is made up of organizations, all doing their own thing for the benefit of mankind.

However, once membership is achieved (and this brings the meat of this column) what are these individuals doing for their respective organizations?

Now that I'm a member? This is the question that everyone should be asking themselves once they attain membership of any organization.

What can I do to better my organization? I think we should deal with this aspect instead of "What can this organization do for me?"

In talking with various people, all involved in some type of organization, I have found that this campus is plagued with do-nothing members of different groups. Now this syndrome is as popular as Dr. Funkenstein's placebo Syndrome, but neither any worth a dime down the line.

I have been able to observe many people on both sides of the coin. I mean, before and after they have joined different groups, Greek or other wise.

They have just been content to adorn themselves with the laurels of their organization. Content to fill up their wardrobe with their shirts and jackets and hats and other paraphernalia describing their organization. Content to sail on to the sea of success as a stay-away of the organization instead of taking an active role.

Organizations are made up of people, not places or things. The success of the organization depends on the quality of the members, not the quantity.

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It is not required of me to point fingers or call names for two reasons. One, who died and named me God, and two, you know who you are. As individuals, we are all obligated to ask ourselves what we are doing. You can only state for so long. Sooner or later, it will catch up with you.

The choice is yours. You can sit back, shuck and jive, call each other names and set no fight. Oh you can deal with the reality that life is not always a party!

For your sake Black people, I hope that you chose the latter. Once you choose, channel your energies towards strengthening your organizations. It is when we reach the point of total solidarity we can begin to party again. Check it out!

Mass Voter Turnout

By Jeff Johnson

Beginning tomorrow students will be asked to vote in the Student Caucus and Black United Students election. The turn out for the BUS election in the way of candidates for the eight offices has been very good. Many people have picked up petitions and seem eager to become an executive board member.

The present administration is very optimistic on the outcome of the three-day voting and believe the voters will choose the best eight individuals to run the very influential organization of Black United Students.

It is this writer's hope to see a great voter turnout to support the great candidate turn-out. While the graduating executive board members have decided to withdraw from the election, we all are looking forward to the transition and wish that will be conducted when the 1980-81 administration is decided.

On May 28, we will provide our final speaker in the person of Benjamin Hooks. We hope that everyone would come out next Monday evening and listen to the Executive Director of NAACP and even ask questions if you wish.

Also the spring concert featuring GQ will be on tap May 1st, and will signal a small step forward in this area of entertainment.

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By D. Keith Thomas

A few weeks ago I was asked if I thought former Kent State basketball star Burrell McGhee should have his jersey retired. Being an knowledgeable of the game of basketball as I am my initial reaction was against the idea.

I mean after all, Burrell McGhee was held in such high esteem by the National Basketball Association scouts that not even one team drafted him. In fact, he was not even granted a try-out as a free agent by any team. I was not surprised because when watching McGhee play for the Golden Flashed I noticed glaring deficiencies. First of all, he was not quick enough to notice glaring deficiencies. Furthermore, the game averaged 21.6 points per game (he played in 79) and he had a reasonably good shooting percentage of .481. Another positive aspect of his game was that McGhee was a clutch performer. Who could forget his two free throws that beat Miami at the buzzer in the 1977-78 season. Another game that came to mind was the dramatic shot that beat Cleveland State with a couple of ticks left on the clock during the 1978-79 season. One of the highest tributes that could be paid to an athlete is consider him a clutch performer. Everyone in the gym knew McGhee would take the last shot and the Cleveland State defender was draped all over him, but he canned the 22-footer anyway.

Kent State basketball has a dismal history. Just six seasons ago the leading scorer on the team averaged only 11.8 points per game. In my four years I have watched several "stills" such as Burt Franklin, Joe McKeown, John Meadows and others. KSU might have the distinction of having had the only seven-foot center (Jim Zoet) who had trouble dunking. Compared to All-Americans such as McGhee is a combination of John Erving and George Gervin wrapped into one.

Another thing that changed my mind about the situation was when a good friend of mine, who has been an observer of KSU basketball since the early seventies, asked me an interesting question. If McGhee had been a little more brokendown scorer, would his jersey have been retired?

Burrell McGhee has achieved what no other KSU player has and should be recognized accordingly. The only way this can be done is for the Black students to pressure the Varsity K Alumni Association, Ed Douma, the athletic director, to do it.

Without this McGhee won't get the proper acclaim he deserves from this university.

The Seventh Annual Pan-African Festival

The purpose of the Pan-African Festival is to provide an eleven-day experience that can be planned and shared by all people of African descent on the Kent State University campus and the surrounding area. Unity in the Black community has now become a necessity. Black people all over the world have looked for the main link between America and the Mother Land (Africa). This Pan-African Festival is attempting to serve as a link. People of African descent need a festivity where we all can affirm our common bond and can continue to educate ourselves. The Pan-African Festival was first organized in May, 1974 and interested people prompted the rescheduling of the event in May of each successive year. We, the students and faculty of the Department of Pan-African Studies and a host of others, are sponsoring this Festival and welcome your participation. We hope you will become actively involved in this effort and become familiar with the meaning of Pan-Africanism.

My point is football and basketball players are the most glamorous, headline athletes in the Black community? Why? It's important to look at the development of a young Black athlete and the sociological variables that come to play on this development.

Generally baseball is a sport more conducive to a rural environment. Wide open fields and sandlots are more easily found there than in the urban environment. The majority of America's Black population has chosen to live in the urban environment. Official baseball regulations require nine players to a team. Can you imagine such a small group playing against any given time 18 kids from your neighborhood for a baseball game? Can you possibly get by with just the five players in the infield, that's still too much ground to cover.

The other hand you actually only need one opposing player to shoot baskets at the neighborhood schoolyard, and oftentimes to a team makes for a competitive football game.

Let's discuss economics. Baseball playing requires a ball, a bat and a glove. One ball and bat is sufficient but finding gloves for everyone might be a problem. Problem solved, go play football or basketball where all you really need is a ball, a schoolyard bucket or a big backyard.

As a result of the aforementioned sociological variables, the National Football League (NFL) and the National Basketball Association (NBA) have a disproportionate number of Black players. The number of Black players in the college and professional ranks will probably continue to decline. But if the old tabu is one sociologically based and not a white conspiracy, who should take the blame. Blacks themselves or whites who are partly responsible for the status of Blacks in America?
HEBREWS ISRAELITES

"Original Hebrews" Five People in Israel

By Roland Forte

Our roots are in Israel. We are the original Hebrews. We are in the process of acquiring land to grow our vegetables," said Prince Ahmeheshadieh Ben Israel, minister of defense for the Original Hebrew Israelite Nation of Jerusalem.

During a recent appearance on TV2's Family Tree, Prince Ahmeheshadieh explained, "We are not Jewish. We are the original Hebrews from the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

The Holy Bible served as a valuable resource book to document their roots near the Mediterranean Sea.

"We left this country (USA) so we could come into our family where the air, water, and land was not polluted. We live peacefully and if we leave our door open a night or two, we would not worry about being robbed.

Prince Ahmeheshadieh has a solid build, almost like the Rock of Gibraltar. The minister of defense for the Original Hebrew Israelite Nation of Jerusalem was born in East St. Louis and raised in Chicago. In the prime of his life, Prince Ahmeheshadieh is a classic combination of a lion and lamb.

He roars when speaking about the icy reception he faced at the park.

By Callie Kirkman

If you are interested in learning about Africa or understanding its culture, the Kent African Student Association wants to help you.

"The association was established at KSU in 1970 to create a closer relationship between African students and non-African students; to engage in African affairs; to provide alternative understanding of Africa and African matters; to assist each member of the organization in adjusting to life at KSU; and to provide other forms of assistance within its ability when the need arises.

Membership is not for African students only, but for anyone who wants to join."

Since the association has been in existence, it has cumulated 20 non-African members with a total of 110 members.

The officers of KASA are: President — Lola Ayeni; vice-president — Uche Ukje; organizing secretary — Jude Gundu; secretary — Tijani Musa; treasurer — James Agaja.

Some of the group programs always include a cultural night, a fashion show, and assistance to help students write papers concerning African and African issues.

Ayeni said that "since I have been in office the association extended their program into other issues, such as tutoring services at the King-Kennedy Center, and campus invitations from churches, social gatherings to speak about Africa."

KASA's African Day event will be held on May 2nd during the Pan-African Festival. The guest speaker will be Bishop Bangura from Sierra Leone, Africa, and he will speak on "The Role of Africa in The Modern World."

The association extends an invitation to everyone to come and visit the office located in the International Student Office on the second floor of Wright Hall. Ayeni wants to encourage non-African students to join the organization so that they may exchange ideas about cultures.

By Mark B. Cunningham

In view of the upcoming B.U.S. elections, we feel this month's question is very appropriate. "If you were elected as B.U.S. president, what one thing would you do?"

"I would do something to have the Blacks on campus participate in activities together."

"I would try to get more Black students involved because they don't seem to care."

"I would try to bring closer relations between Black Greeks and B.U.S. since there seems to be a divided line between the two."

"I would organize some seminars," said Robert Blackstone, a sophomore. "For the students, to prepare them for once they leave this institution."

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The featured speaker for the event will be Bishop T.S. Bangura from Sierra Leone, West Africa. Bishop Bangura is the first African education secretary of schools in the United States. He has received his education at Alcorn and Columbia University. His topic will be "Africa In The Modern World."

After the lecture, traditional African foods will be served in rooms 204 and 206 of the Student Center.

A soccer game planned around the African Students of Akron University on the commons as part of their "Africa Day" celebration.


time for unity and racial equality

"It Resolved, That the Negro people of the world, through their chosen representatives in convention assembled in Liberty Hall, in the city of New York and the United States of America, From August 10, to August 31, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, Protest against the wrongs and injustices they are suffering at the hands of their white brethren, and state what they deem their fair and just rights, as well as the treatment they propose to demand of all men in the future."

The are the words to the preamble of the constitution drawn up by representatives to the Pan-African Congress in 1920. The first Pan-African Congress was held in 1900. The meeting was called by Henry Sylvester Williams, a West Indian barrister who was practicing in London. The aims of the conference were: to act as a forum for protest against the aggressiveness of white colonists; and to start a movement which would secure to all African races living in "civilized" countries their full rights and would promote their business interest. After Williams' death, the movement started going downhill.

However, with the influx of people like Marcus Garvey, Kwame Nkrumah, and W.E.B. DuBois, the Pan-African movement gained its momentum. These people were determined to transcend all national barriers to achieve unity. They realized that the strength of African races lay in unity. At the Pan-African Congress held in New York in 1970. Those present adopted some resolutions which demonstrated how they felt at that time. At this conference, the delegates complained that people of African descent were not accorded the same treatment as their white counterparts in most areas of the world. These people were denied their fundamental human right; the Europeans took possession of most of the African continent and that the indigenous people were forced to give their lands to aliens and treated in most instances as slaves; and finally, that Black people in the United States are denied voice in the administration of their country.

Many of these people were determined to achieve genuine unity for the African race. They also wanted to secure equality of rights for African peoples and to abolish all forms of racial discrimination against blacks.

The experience of the African man under foreign domination has not been a pleasant one. Of all the racial scars that history has left on him, none is more readily evident than that the black man has been stripped of his cultural heritage.

In Africa, America, Brazil, Jamaica, Europe etc. the cultural heritage of African people has been seriously altered. In some cases, they have successfully prevented the African into a "Black Euroamerican", and in others they have converted him into a "Black Greek". In some areas, the deculturization of the African has been total.

Thus, it is our responsibility to revive our rich cultural heritage. We must realize that nobody is going to do it for us except ourselves.

In recent years, the question of ancient as to what should be the exact relation that existed between Africans on the continent and those of the "dispossers"-America, Brazil, the Islands. Should Africans in the continent forsake their distant cousins? Or should we try to work together to accomplish common goals at this time of great cooperation among free nations of the world?

As the Pan-African festival approaches (May 1, to May 10) these are some of the questions we should give some thought to. This will be a time for us to focus attention on problems facing people of the African race. It is a time for us to let the world know that, we have problems. We have to make the world aware that Africa is the only continent in the world where a minority government based on race exist. It is a time for us to tell our brethren that we want a world in which we will not be judged by the color of our skins but by the content of our character. It will also be a time for us to promote our African cultural values and learning our rich heritage.

We must remember that we are one, our cause is one, and that we should work as one if we are to succeed. Let me quote the words of Casely-Hayford who said: "it must be recognized that cooperation is the greatest of the things between the century with cooperation will command peace, goodwill, and concord. Without: chaos, confusion and ruin." We must not undervalue the importance of the Pan-African festival. It will provide the platform to unite and defend peace.

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The Female
Be on guard. The Aries female is sometimes hard to figure out. She seems remote, cool, slightly antipathetic, and you may get the impression she doesn't like men. But that doesn't mean she isn't interested in you.

What's the answer? It's all in the performance. She beguiles you into thinking about her in one way while she knows all the time that she is quite different.

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By Virlyn Covington and Robin C. Gray

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Your problem will be keeping up with him. But you will want to.

PREDICTION
You are scarily aware of the opportunities life holds for you and, of the capabilities you possess to contribute for the betterment of the world, though you lack the necessary humor and like women to accelerate. The new age of life, into which you are coming, should serve as a newly erected platform upon which you will have the inherent talents will be debuted. Let your fantasies and day dreams serve as a program of events, allowing no room for inhibitions.

Allow your curiosity ample lenience. Close friends may act as diverters but let your own conscience be your atlas to the world of adventures which await you. For satisfaction is only available through experience.

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Seeking an understanding of today

By Randy Frye

The Golden Flash men's track team will have an excellent outdoor season this year if this past winter is any indication.

During the winter indoor season the tracksters had a good competitive team and qualified two men to the NCAA championships in Detroit.

Those two men co-captain Gene Divney (shot put) and Tim Griffith (100yd) will run this spring with a well balanced squad of freshmen and seniors.

The freshmen will have plenty of experience in the running events. Head coach Ed Buckner and junior Bill Dobberton head a group of speedy freshmen.

Buckner will run the 400mt hurdles (53.2) and the 400mt dash (48.5). Dobberton holds the school record for the 400mt hurdles (53.2) will run the 120yd hurdles (14.2) and the mile relay.

Seniors Hairston Thrift, Norman Warren, and co-captain Mike McQueen will handle the short sprints. Thrift who runs the 100yd dash (9.3) is also exceptional in the long jump (25ft. 9in.). McQueen and Warren combine to run 100yd (9.9) and (9.5) respectively, will also handle the relay duties well.

The middle distances will be handled by freshmen Jerry Thorpe and Willie Toller. Both men have run the 400mt dash (54) and teamed with Buckner and Dobberton should form a promising mile relay team.

Griffith will handle the distances mile (4:10 sec) and the 1500mt mile (4:35) and teamed with Warren he runs the 880yd dash and the 400mts.

The field events, which are annually strong, will probably be the strong point of the track squad this spring.

Divney, Thrift and Judd Logan will be expecting good outdoor seasons after very good indoor performances.

Divney has qualified for the National in the shot put (59ft) for the past two seasons and also participates in the high jump.

Logan, who placed sixth last year at the MAC meet in the triple jump, will also toss the discus and put the shot. Besides the long jump Thrift will also compete in the triple jump.

The track opened it's season April 5, at the Ohio University Relay finals by the opening meet April 12, against Akron University.

The track team has a competitive schedule and will compete against such track powers as the University of Kentucky and Ohio State University.

CAPTIVE SIGNS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS

March
22 Carolyn R. Lawson
27 Antoinette "Buddy" Wilder

April
1 Angela McKeily
1 Lisa Stevens
4 Darrell "Snake 'n Bake" Sullivan
4 Robert Morton
4 Linda Winston
6 Leila Johnson
6 Janet Manero
10 Jeff Johnson
13 Candace Pinkney
14 Keith Thomas
17 Woodward "Woody" Wilson
23 Reginald Lampkins
Whitfield

My story probably begins no different than one that could be told by any of you reading this. It was something a lot of the others talked about so, my mother would offer "it" to me as an incentive for cleaning my plate at meal time.

However, later in kindergarten when the classes were easily satisfied with milk and/or orange juice with their cookies, my teacher was always shocked and concerned because I required sugar.

After a little league football game it was common for our coach to take the team out for ice cream and sodas. That was never enough to put me in "seven heaven" with my team-mates. I couldn't wait to get home to sneak in a glass before dinner.

It was the same way in high school. I would skip school, go home to a empty house, pour myself a glass and drink myself into a stupor of happiness as I watched "The Price is Right."

Whenever I attended house parties my 'macho' buddies would always go in for the spiked punch. I always felt I was more of a man. I preferred mine straight.

"It" was never really a problem whenever I was out on a date. I would always have a glass or two before leaving the house and then while out, I would pretend I was a college drinker. How I lied. Thanks to Mr. Wrigley, "it" was never detectable on my breath.

I've always justified my addiction by comparing it to the cigarette and mari-juana smoking, etc. of my peers. They have their habit, I have mine. Besides mine is enjoyed by millions of more people, and remains off the epidemic disease list and harmful drug lists.

When I left my parent's home for college I was offered my own drink as much as I wanted, when I wanted. I've never appeared old for my age, (some say old enough to have a son of my own) so even at 18 I could buy as much as I wanted without questions being asked.

Fridays after class, I would rush home for a glass of "it". I would breakfast at the weekend off. After class for all week, I would always be eager to fill my mug to the rim.

I was never ever a big breakfast eater even before I started drinking so much. But about a year ago, I discovered the joy of starting the day with a glass in the morning. I can't begin to count the number of classrooms I've sat in snickering macho-fashion for myself because my professors never realized that I was "under the influence."

But those days may be behind me now. I'm begin-ning to come to grips with my problem thanks to my concentrated efforts. I knew I indulged before we were married but neither of us were aware of the seriousness of my problem.

Shortly after we were married I began drinking enough for two people in a single day. I had convinced myself that she was drinking "it" too but, she wasn't. I realized I could never set any boundaries.

My wife has been my in-spiration and now the road to recovery can begin. I've cut my weekly con-sumption in half and now look forward to the day when I can enjoy water at meal time as much as does she.

But of course there is still that one obstacle to handle: self-confession. That is the purpose of this column.

Before I take that awful burden from my shoulders, I appeal to those of you who recognize yourself in my story; GET HELP. America in trouble and I realize that a nationwide epidemic exists and it's af-fecting more and more young people daily. It's true that even some mothers are filling their babies bottles with "it," or some like substance, to tranquilize their children without knowledge of the long term affect.

But what appears above is one individual's horrible story. I'd like to think that I have enough courage to confront my problem head-on. Do you?

By Benita Lewis

Kent State University has its own version of the Ambulance Service, which is open to all Kent State students and the community. The Ambulance service consists of students ranging in age from seventeen to twenty six.

Most of the students carry a full schedule while volunteer their time to serve the Kent State Community. Following a full training pro-gram, all of the students are certified as Ohio Emergency Medical Technicians.

Kent students run the emergency medical service providing basic life support to all the students on campus, visitors, faculty and staff.

The Ambulance service operates two vehicles; an emergency rescue squad and an emergency transport.

Students requiring medical attention are transported to the Kent Student Health Center, Robinson Memorial Hospital or to Akron area hospitals, at the request of the Kent Health Service Staff.

The Ambulance service can serve students 24 hours a day. Just call 672-2212 and ask for the squad or non-emergency vehicle. The non-emergency vehicle is certified as a benefit for students who have minor medical problems. The am-bulance service is free to all Kent students and is funded jointly by the campus health center and various student organizations.

If you are interested in the Kent Student Health Center and want to become a member of the Volunteer Ambulance Service, you may apply for admis-sion to a master's degree pro-gram by presenting a cur-ricular plan encompassing the course work needed to achieve completion of the baccalaureate and master's degrees (with baccalaureate and master's department on recommendation from in-structors who are familiar with the student's achievements and intended academic goals) addressing the assessment of the coursework completed; the curricular plan for achieving both a liberal undergraduate and professional graduate education; and any needed test scores from standardized examinations.

An applicant will be enrolled as an undergraduate and graduate student upon recommendation of the department, the undergraduate collegiate dean, and approval of the Dean of the Graduate Col-lege.

A student who will be enrolled in a 20 semester hours comple- tion of the baccalaureate at the end of the current semester, and has achieved a GPA of 3.0, may apply to the Kent College of Education and Social Sciences. The student may apply for admis-sion to the master's degree program by presenting a current plan encompassing the course work needed to achieve completion of the course work needed to achieve completion of the baccalaureate and master's degrees (with baccalaureate and master's department on recommendation from instructors who are familiar with the student's achievements and intended academic goals) addressing the assessment of the coursework completed; the curricular plan for achieving a baccalaureate degree must be completed prior to receiving the master's degree (or achieving its equivalent).
Freshmen Aided By Committee

By Natalie West

The Freshman Orientation Advisory Committee serves as a helping hand for the New Student Orientation Program here at Kent State University.

The committee, which was formed Fall Semester of 1979, is headed by Vancenia Russell, a Program Coordinator for the Student Life Department. Members of the committee consist of student peer-instructors and faculty members familiar with the New Student Orientation class.

The class was made mandatory last semester for students attending Kent State with less than 32 credit hours. Prior to this, the class has been offered as an elective.

When the class was deemed a requirement it was felt that more clarification was needed concerning its curriculum. Many peer-instructors and faculty members involved in teaching the class believed that it would be more organized and effective if a definite syllabus was provided. Thus, the formation of the Advisory Committee.

Members of the committee pool their ideas with those of freshman students enrolled in the class to come up with common and optional learning activities to guide instructors in carrying out their duties. Some of the areas encompassed by the committee include academic advising and registration procedures, and suggestions for helping new students get acquainted with each other.

Last semester there was confusion regarding the orientation class, and it is hoped that the Freshman Orientation Advisory Committee will help to remedy this for future New Student Orientation classes.

Emergency Loans Available

By Andre T. Morrow

Students in need of emergency funds may borrow from a fund coordinated by the Department of Pan African Studies. As explained by Dept. Chairman, Dr. Edward Crosby, the fund is supported by various events such as plays and dances.

Terms of the loan are set by Wiley Smith, Director of the Department, and are usually short in length. A student must show just cause for the need of the money and must pay the money back.

One of the major criteria for obtaining a loan is having paid back previous loans. “It is important that the money be paid back because it may be needed by other students,” said Crosby.

The Esquire Club of Kent State University will be distributing applications for membership April 30, May 1, & 2nd.

For more info call 672-3164 or 672-4520

Organization’s Tribute A Big Success!

By Richard Davis and Eileen Morrow

The Brothers of Dunbar Hall hosted a tribute to Black organizations on April 16, in the Kent Student Center Ballroom. B.O.D. recognized and honored all Black organizations on K.S.U. Campus.

The theme of the program was unity and togetherness amongst all organizations. A brief history of each organization was delivered by a member of B.O.D. to show their past and present accomplishments.

The Brothers of Dunbar presented a small skit which included a poem written especially for all Black organizations by Regie Edwards. Thirty organizations were recognized through out the evening. Superiority, along with Tee-Jay the DJ provided the entertainment for the evening, and received a good response from the audience. All in all, there was an atmosphere of togetherness felt amongst organizations that were present. This indeed proved that Black organizations, both Greek and non-Greek can come together at some point. Hopefully this is just the beginning.

Don’t Forget To Vote!

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Moore & Ingram Present: Visual Arts Workshop

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Africa: Speaker and Dinner
Muzi Mzimela Player Present: "Generous Caller" and "Death List"
Zeta Phi Beta Fete

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Librarian Student Organization: Panel Discussion and slide presentation ($30 Donation
Ed Parker: Art Lecture and Demonstration
Dorothy Speaks on: International Exec. Club Presents: A Tribute to Black Women
Librarian Students Organization Fund Raising Dance ($1.00 Admission)

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Kwame Toure (Stokely Carmichael) Speaks
May 5
African Languages Workshop
Bob Pickett: Discusses Black Student Activism in the 1970's and 1980's
Olatunji: Lecture and Demonstration

Tuesday May 6
Olatunji: Workshop on African Music
Filit Black Arts

Communication Skills Workshop: Non-Fictional Writers
Canton Cultural Center Presents: "Ceremonies in Dark Old Times"

Original Hebrew Israelites Workshop

Wednesday May 7
African Writers Workshop
Minority Business Association 1980 Spring Banquet

Thursday May 8
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Communication Skills Presents: Scenes from: "For Colored Girls Only"

Friday May 9
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Kegg's Edge Litter

Independent Champion Pick of the Litter holds up a deserving finger after a 61-35 victory over the Wolf Pack. Rick Owens was named the games MVP.

By Jeff Johnson

On Monday, April 7, in KSU’s Memorial Gym, the 1980 intramural basketball season finally came to an end. As the dorm champion, Tapp Kegga edged independent champion Pick of the Litter, 73-71, for the All-University title.

Now as the dust slowly clears, there are four teams standing tall and saying with strong credence that they are the number one team of 1980. Though Tappa Kegga, 14-2, will get the nod for number one in the final top ten intramural poll put out by the intramural department, because of their big win, and rightfully so, there is still strong opposition coming from three directions.

Pick of the Litter, the two point loser to Kegga, and victor over the season’s number one rated team, ended its season with an outstanding record of 14-2. BUS is another team who can say proudly that they should be number one. BUS is the only team this season to beat both teams participating in the All-University championship game, beating Kegga 98-58, and Litter 47-46, while finishing with a very fine record of 13-3.

Finally, another group is pointing out the fact that they have played the most games than any other team, and sports the best record of the season, as well as being the number one team throughout the regular season. The Wolfpack Division, who won the independent and All-University titles last season, came back to get “the one that got away.”

In a game that ranks with the other championship games in both excitement and outstanding play, the Wolfpack won the KSU championship by outlasting BUS in overtime, 73-69. But the KSU champs then fell two days later to the hot-shooting Litter 61-35, in the independent title clash, to end their season with only one blemish, 17 wins and one loss.

Keith Herring Player Aims to “Steal” his Education

By Michael G. Whitfield

Keith Herring is a self-proclaimed athlete.

No, not THAT kind of a thief. Herring is a baserunner and a pitcher on the only Black player on the KSU baseball team. Herring is out to prove he is the number one Black player on the team.

You see, baseball has more than anything else made Herring realize the value of an education.

Being his senior year in high school, Herring successfully stole 23 of 23 bases. In the summer preceding high school graduation, while on his way to being named American Legion Player of the Year, Herring stole 50 bases.

But the All-Ohio selection from Washington High School in Massillon didn’t have the grades to accept any of the several college scholarships offered to him.

But fortunately he says one small school, Malone College in Canton, took a chance on him. He started for three years on Malone baseball teams. Well enough to play in the regionals at the state tournament. But in the fall of 1978, Herring enrolled here at KSU not to play baseball, but to pursue a minor offered in recreation.

Herring has come to a new understanding about athletics saying, “baseball is just the icing on the “cake.”” The team is an adjustment Herring is accustomed to making. He recalls being the only Black player on all his Little League teams, and can remember only once when he had more than one Black team mate.

He attributes the absence of Black team mates to finance and sacrifice. In his early baseball years, Herring says he was one of few fortunate enough to have parents who could afford to buy him the necessary equipment.

As he grew older, unlike his friends who headed out to the basketball courts, Herring says he was willing to sacrifice time away from friends and family for summer league baseball road trips.

Herring is one of a few Black athletes here in the past decade. He is one of only a handful of Blacks playing in the Mid-American Conference.

Strangely enough, a former White team mate playing on the KSU team told Baseball Coach Art Welch about Herring. After a talk with Welch, Herring sat out the year needed to become eligible to play and made this years team.

Herring says Coach Welch has told him and the rest of the players that the doors to the league and his home are always opened to them. But Herring says he sometimes considers himself a “special person,” and admits to being “lonely” at times for the company of another Black player.

He says his team mates sympathize with him but “a lot of the guys really don’t know where I’m coming from.”

Herring says encouragement from fellow Black students has been plentiful and most tell him “to hang in there” or let him know they are behind him.

Realizing his chances for a pro career after college are slim, Herring plans to teach and possibly coach football or baseball on the high school level.

Until that time he plans to stay in sports continuing in the role of a state basketball official. He has officiated high school games for the past five years.

Keith Herring is a good example of an athlete who has allowed his athletic experience to enhance his personal growth. He is a rare athlete in that he has replaced athletes with academics on his list of priorities.

When, as often happens, Keith Herring is called on to speak before junior and senior high school athletes about sports add academics Herring says his message is always the same, “the athletics are fine, but the academics is where it’s at.”

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