New Black Political Party...

...The Convention was just the beginning
New Party Aims for Change

By Badia Adro
Ron Daniels, who is a member of the staff on the Black Studies Department at Kent State University, traces his involvement in the movement for the establishment of an Independent National Black Party to his participation in the Activities of Freedom of Youngstown, Ohio.

In 1972 at the Midwest Region Coalition for African Support, he was asked to be the co-convenor of the Ohio Delegation to the Gary Convention, where the National Black Assembly was born. Eventually Mr. Daniels was asked to head the Ohio Black Assembly. In 1974, he was elected president of the National Black Assembly. The need for a political party has been in the minds of black activists for over a decade. In New Orleans in August 1980, the convention there called for the establishment of a Black Party. The Party's emergence is directly related to the continuing crisis in the black community in this country: racism, economic exploitation, and the fact that these contradictions have not been resolved. The Party, would not be a carbon copy of the Democratic or Republican Party. It is a change an entire nation. This Black Party is not a third party, it is more comparable to the UNIA or PACG. It is more a liberation party because all people in the United States need liberation. The Black Party will give people more options to sup- port a party, candidates, and changes that will effect them positively.

When Daniels was asked whether the convention was a success or not, he replied, "The founding convention was a tremendous success because people came from all over the United States." A charter which was ratified has to be refined, which is the beginning of a constitution for the party.

In February 1971, Mike's grocery in Wilmington, North Carolina, burned during a night of racial violence. Nine black men and one white woman were convicted of arson and conspiracy in the case. From this point on, they have been known as the "Wilmington Ten." Reverend Ben Chavis, the central figure of the "Wilmington Ten," is one of America's most widely known political prisoners. After a five week trial, a jury consisting of ten whites and two blacks returned a verdict of guilty. Chavis having their lives taken away. This is a life and death situation; a most serious moment in the history of our ex- istence."

In New Orleans in a conven- tion held on August 23, 1980, Chavis had introduced a resolution at the Fourth Na- tional Black Convention call- ing for an Independent Na- tional Black Party. Then Chavis stated that the func- tion of the Party is to advance the politics of social transforma- tion and self-determination for a black na- tion.

At that convention, the entire black nation was invited to the political convention in Philadelphia. Chavis refers to the "black nation" as all African-Americans here in the United States. "The interest of our Par- ty," exclaimed Chavis, "must not be to improve the political life of a small group of radical intellectuals, but the interest must be to im- prove the living conditions of all our people as we pro-gressively struggle to erad-icate the demonic system of Capitalism."

Chavis pointed out that white racism in the U.S. is the white man's sickness. "We must understand that it is own liberation then one should start digging their own grave."

Speaker Sounds Off

because white people appear not to be able to heal themselves of this problem that our party challenges the resulted attempt of sick white people to commit genocide on their brothers and sisters. Chavis has been through a lot yet remains strong. He declares that he has dedicated his life to the struggle for black liberation and if that is what the Independent National Black Party is then he dedicates his life to it. He stated that if individuals are not prepared to dedicate their lives to the interest of their community building organization set up nationally to seek political transforma- tion which points to an entire-ly new society. To this simply about voting as a means to achieve solu- tions to problems is only one aspect of a greater need to
Crosby Discusses New Admission Policy

By Yolanda Broadie

In the year of 1990, there may be problems ahead for the incoming freshman when the new admission policy goes into effect.

According to the proposal of the new plan, students who have earned less than a 2.25 GPA in high school, and who have scored a 12 or less on the ACT, will be placed into remedial classes until he is capable of performing academically at a college level.

Dr. Edward Crosby, Director of the Department of Pan-African Studies, gave his views on this plan. "It goes without saying," said Dr. Crosby, "that Kent State needs to have some type of a learning development program for the students, but there are three things that are disturbing. First of all, it is said that Kent State is for the 'deserving' students. But what criteria are used to say who is deserving? Secondly, it is said that Kent State cannot be responsible for teaching what the public high schools have failed to teach. What Kent State fails to understand is that they are in the business of teaching the teachers who have taught the students. So it is, without a doubt, their responsibility. Thirdly, there is a misunderstanding about the problems deriving from the concept of ill-conceived egalitarianism."

Dr. Crosby went on to say, "To me, egalitarianism is non-qualifiable. Having been born by nature I believe that everyone is equal. You can't have a university that deals with the situation on a good or bad level, because you either deal with it or you don't." The ideas of having this remedial program may seem simple, but there are many problems that are going to need solutions.

Since the program will affect about 50% of the student body, there is going to be the question of money. Where is it going to come from?

The university has two options: The administration will have to find the money, or they will have to have larger classes. The idea of having larger classes will probably fail because the students will need close attention.

There is also a question of who will be in the remedial program and who will be exempted. "Chances are that the whites will be exempted and the black students will go into this program. The reason is that we are always classified as the so called dummy," said Crosby.

The last problem is this: once the black students are put into this program, will they ever get out?

According to Dr. Crosby, "Once you're classified a Z, you will always be a Z and never an X or a Y or even an A in their eyes. So who is going to certify this and what are the criteria?"

Crosby said the idea of judging students on their performance on such tests as the ACT is unfair. It fails to test the innate intelligence of the student. It only tests the student's ability to read and remember.

"This policy, without a doubt, will cause a money problem. When the problem is seen, the administration will have to use the faculty within the university, and possibly the students to teach these classes," Crosby said. "They will be using the same method as they are now in the new orientation classes."

This program will be very difficult because the students will not be able to take any college credit classes for at least one year.

When they are allowed, they will be given at least 16 hours or more, and they won't be advised to take classes within the Black Studies Department. "Most advisors don't advise students to take classes that pertain to them," said Crosby. "When they do this, the students aren't able to find out just how the university's system works," he continued.

Crosby feels if Kent State puts this new policy into effect, before all the solutions to the problems are found, they just may lose a large percentage of the black student body.

Naming of Children Important in African Culture

By Dr. M. L. N. Temu

In the last issue of The Spectrum, I pointed out that there are many Kiswahili words and expressions which are now part of African-American culture. I would like to stress here that names are among the most borrowed expressions from Kiswahili culture.

In today's article, I am going to describe in brief the importance of naming children or adults in an African culture - especially Kiswahili-related names.

In many African cultures, the birth of a baby in a family is regarded as one of the most important events in African life. It is perceived as a link between the living and the dead. In many African groups it also serves as a connection between the supernatural powers and all the members of the extended family in which a child is born.

It is interesting to know that nearly all the 55 nations of Africa would not consider a marriage to be complete if such a marriage did not eventually lead to a birth of a baby or babies.

In most African cultures the naming of a baby, a child, or even an adult is part and parcel in many extended families. Although the naming ceremony may vary in style and form from one tradition to another, still one finds that there is always a naming ceremony after a birth of every baby in an African family.

The naming ceremony is usually organized by the family and relatives, as well as members of the child's community. Many Africans believe that a child belongs to the whole community, and not the family alone.

One of the most interesting things about naming of children in Africa is the way in which African names are selected. All traditional names must identify with the child's culture. A name may refer to the baby's appearance at the time of birth. Sometimes it may also refer to an event which occurred at the time the child was born. For example, such names may be used:

- MATUNGU "rainy period" - a boy born during the rainy season
- MUWAKA "year" - a boy born during the opening of the farming year
- ARUSI "wedding" - a girl born during a wedding
- TABU "difficulty" - a boy born during a difficult period
- HARUSI "marriage" - a girl born in the early years of marriage
- HAJI "pilgrimage" - a boy born during the month of pilgrimage to Mecca

SALIM "peace" - A boy born during peace time

Sometimes children may be given Kiswahili names which show how parents perceived them when they were born. Hence, such traditional names may include:

- ADABU "respect, manner" - a boy who is well behaved and full of respect
- AKILI "intelligence" - a bright and an intelligent boy
- MALI "wealth" - a boy who brings wealth to the community
- AFA "health" - A healthy, nice-looking girl
- LULU "pearl" - a girl who is beautiful and precious like pearls.

NUBU "daylight" - a boy or girl born in the daylight or who brings the brighter side of light to his/her family and community
- MAFU "light" - a boy who brightens up a situation in the family

In other occasions children may be named according to their birth order in the family, or according to the day of the week they were born.

In analyzing the philosophy of naming African children in East Africa, especially among Kiswahili speakers, one can see that:

1. The motion of life, respect, beauty, ancestral influence (or power) and community always implied in African names throughout the culture.
2. There is a sense of order and sequence in people's culture.
3. Africans always identify with something which they believe to be worth relating to.
4. The distinction between males and females' names is not as exaggerated as in other non-African cultures.

Life and death are somewhat related; that is, when one dies, he or she is never forgotten but acquires a different form of power.
By Andre Morrow and Robin Gray

For a long time now, the black man has emphasized the problems that the world has dished out. We, as the Spectrum staff, would like to take time now to honor the "men of color".

Throughout history, the black man has had an active position in the development of our nation. However, he is often left out of the picture for our development and operations in the real world of business. Of course, it's true that the black woman was there at his side every inch of the way, but women have always, and will continue to be honored for her contributions. Now it's time for the men to stand up and be noticed. This week, we announce its "TOP TEN MALES."

MR. ROBERT L. ARMSTRONG

Robert is a 24-year-old senior, majoring in the field of telecommunications. His college career included such activities as: Family Tree, The Esquire Club, Black Sabbath, Media Communicators and the TV2 News crew. Robert is a former member of the basketball team, and is a former member of the Black Holds. His major interest is communications. He is currently pursuing his degree in Business Management and Marketing. Robert enjoys football, basketball and basketball, and is a former member of the basketball team. The Canton native hopes to someday help influence greater black representation in the field of telecommunications.

MR. ERIC T. WILLIAMS

Eric is a 21-year-old Clevelander. He is a Junior majoring in telecommunications. He is the current president of Black United Students and a member of the Black Caucus. Other KSU activities include Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Ebony Waves, Family Tree, Media Communicators association, and the Student Government. Eric believes that we should plant a seed of knowledge within the children—that nothing in life is guaranteed.

MR. KIETH ELM

Kieth is a 22-year-old Computer Science major from Cleveland, Ohio. He enjoys reading and sports, and hopes to someday have a position that would make equality and democracy a reality for everybody, not just a few. Kieth is a member of the Wolfpack/Foxes, the International Executive Club and former writer for the Akron Reporter.

MR. DARWIN MARSHALL

Darwin is a 22-year-old student in sociology and Black Studies. He lives in Mingo Junction, where he has a lot of time with children and sports. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma and director of the Progressive Education Community School. Darwin hopes that people will someday develop realistic values instead of material ones.

MR. JORDAN FITZPATRICK

Jordan is a 23-year-old senior majoring in business management and Computer Science. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Fraternity and the Black Greek Council. He is currently an officer in the U.S. Army. He believes that we are not here to play, but to achieve in everything we do. "If you are not achieving to your capacity, then you should check out what you are doing," he is a native of Lorain, Ohio.

MR. GREG COLLINS

Greg is a 21-year-old senior at KSU, majoring in business and marketing. Analogous of Greg's personality is the word involved, with which he says, "It is the key to success." Greg is presently Director of Artist's Lectures Series for the Arts Council. President of Gentleman's Quarterly, a member of Delta Sigma Pi Pi Beta Pi, and is currently a member of the KSU Blue Key Honor Society; a volunteer for the Student Services program; working with the New Student Orientation program; and last but not least, an active member of Black United Students.

Greg's active participation in campus organizations is nothing new. Last year Greg was vice-president of Black United Students, a member of the Executive Board and president of Gentleman's Quarterly. In the years preceding that time, Greg has been president of the Towers house council, and Director of Community Affairs for BUS during which time he helped start the first BUS newsletter.

Born and raised in San Antonio, under the sign of Cancer, Greg states as one of his priorities his willingness to always be involved and "for the struggle of the blacks here on campus."

MR. MONTGOUSSAINT E. JONS

Montgoussaint E. Jons is a graduate student currently in the process of applying for the Ph. D. program in Organizational Development.

Jons received his MED in Educational Administration, with an area of concentration in Student Personnel, here at Kent State. He has a degree in sociology, with a minor in psychology, came from North Carolina A & T University.

A native of Williamsburg, Virginia, Jons serves as the Graduate Advisor for Black United Students, and as a member of the Black Grad section, chapter holding a 3.5 GPA. He believes in a quote by David Spinoza which states, "In order not to decay, we must strive to approach the model of human nature, that is, we must be optimally free, rational, and active."

Active is definitely the word. He enjoys music, poetry, and jogging. Jons is an avid tennis player. His main interest is in the darker aspects of his interests, "I generally involve myself in things that revolve around self destruction, but I must better myself in order to help others."

MR. ADELLINGHAM

From Warren, Ohio, Adell Ingram is a Grad Assistant for the Communication Skills Department here at KU. He has a BS in Art Education, and a minor in Art Education for teaching handicapped children, both of which he received from Ashland College. He is currently trying for an MA in Art Education.

Ingram has worked with the Upward Bound program, been a student manager at the Student Center game room, volunteers at Hayden Elementary Recreational Center, painted a mural in Oscar Ritchie Hall, was awarded a grad assistantship in the Department of Pan-African Studies, and does graphics for The Spectrum.

When asked what one piece of advice he had for the students here at Kent, he replied, "It's time for thinking and doing...there's no more need for idle criticizing because that is all we do."

MR. VICTOR BROWN

Victor Brown is a junior Physical Education major from Springfield, Ohio. He is familiar to many for his role in "The Gong Show," but also deserves recognition for his work as a Resident Staff Advisor in Dunbar Hall, and with the Handicapped Student Services. "I feel that everyone should identify with all aspects of being handicapped, because you never know what setbacks you might encounter yourself," Brown said.

Brown's interests include being an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; various clubs, sports; and reading.

KHIM LATIMORE

Khim is a senior majoring in Business Management and Marketing. He is 23 years old, and a native of Middleburg Heights. He was born and raised in Middletown, Ohio. He is presently a member of the Kenton's Quarter Club, the Minority Business Association, and president of the All Campus Programming Board. Khim hopes to someday do a lot of traveling, and enjoys sports. He wants to become a professional concert promoter.

Show seen on television. The show had its own Gene-Gene Carolino on the Dance Machine, Turnam Comic, and even commercial breaks.

The talent competition consisted of singers, dancers, actors, and not to mention the winners, who were rallies. Because there were so many good acts, bad acts were made the Gong Show a success.

Khim takes cooperation and participation to put on a successful function and Wolfpack/Foxes Division received that from everyone who came out, whether they were part of the show or the audience.

By Lanaria Cunningham

Students interested in bringing about changes that can favorably effect the social, economical and political well-being of black students at KU must become more involved.

Organizations such as Student Caucus, The All Campus Programming Board and the NAACP can adhere to these needs and therefore require our immediate involvement.

For example, the primary function of Student Caucus is to allocate student activity fees and to act as a liaison between the students and the administration. The criteria necessary for one of the nine Caucus positions are: 1) must be a part-time student, 2) a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

The All Campus Programming Board, another influential social organization, is concerned with programming events for the student body. The criteria for the thirteen positions are: 1) you must have

By Betty Newell

Wolfpack/Foxes Division, a black social organization on campus, held its first Gong Show on Monday, November 24, in the Kinnick Student Union. The Gong Show was put on very similar to the Gong Show

thrown in so that the show would not turn into a talent show. The group tried to entertain and amuse and at the same time turned them into a very successful crowd. This, with the exception of a few disturbances, is what
The Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) was formed this year at Kent in an attempt to create a broad-based action force on campus. Such an organization has not been visible at Kent since the late sixties and comes in response to the relative impotence of single-issue and single-party groups that were once as strong as the former losing its momentum when the issue died, the latter never really being able to mobilize a great number of students. The PSA hopes to alleviate these problems by dealing with as many issues as possible and by not restricting membership along ideological lines. Any student who sees the need for progressive change within the university, as well as within society as a whole, is welcomed to join, whether he or she is a liberal, feminist, socialist, Marxist, or anarchist. What is important is an acceptance of the issues as students, and educating them about the nature of society and the problems that affect them and their lives.
Reader Stresses Motivation

It’s about time we really took a look at ourselves as a group. The reason I make this request is simple, but most important.

We must ask ourselves if we are still striving for the same goals as our leaders of the past, or if it seems to me that we are not. Now the really big question is “why aren’t we?” The answer is either one of two.

We have reached the point where we are perfectly content with the black situation in this country, or we have lost contact with the struggle.

We have to overcome this temporary delirium and get back on the right track. This first has to be done with our black organizations (local and national), but we must not stop there. The organizational goals and objectives should be reviewed and/or redefined. After this has taken place, organizational members should evaluate themselves to determine if these goals are being strived for. If a gap exists between the objectives outlined in the constitutions and those that are actually being achieved, then corrective measures should be taken to close the gap. Once our organizations get themselves headed in the right direction, then the people who are affected by these organizations will naturally fall into place.

The key point that I’m trying to bring out is that the struggle is far from over. We have only been sidetracked for awhile, but we must get things going for us again. Don’t be fooled by what we think is heaven. Let’s not stop because we think we’ve got enough.

Let’s keep going until we have it all. Remember that the more we reach for the more we get, so why not reach for the more.

-Andre T. Morrow

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First of all, let me make it perfectly clear. This article has been written with the consideration and concept of letting black students know of the black student body. It is now time for the oblivious stage to be exposed. This is a phase of awareness. Most of the students don’t realize what’s going on while others are waiting on someone else to make the first move. The first move is to motivate all students into a cohesive unit, but of course no one wants to take the stand. I think “Greeks” play an important role and should be the main stream for total black interest and involvement in the university and affiliated programs.

From various information I’ve gathered, I understand that the Greeks were originally formed as a means by which it was their primary reason for establishment.

In the 1890’s, Negroes first originated fraternities and sororities to fit their own culture and at the same time meet their own needs and necessities. From the beginning there was always interfraternal conflict so to speak, but never the point of physical abuse and disorderly conduct towards each other (for not belonging to a particular one).

During my journey into the Greek world, I have met people along with other various fraternity/sorority pledges made into an informal promise to devastate the animosity that our older brothers/sisters had created. But since we’ve all become Greeks, it seems we’ve added to the problem instead of solving it. While we’re out there arguing and fighting, others are interpreting and stereotyping all fraternities and sororities as street gangs.

We must now begin to set a trend to help one another instead of fighting among ourselves. Administrators are viewing us as we carry on our social events and make our own decision. All of this makes it easier for them to have complete control on such controversial issues as pledging, and its affect on student life.

Let us all emerge back into the community for unity, service projects, and to help the others. Let us not stop. From the 1981 N.A.A.C.P. chapter drive here at Kent State. Or, the massive canned food collection for the Skees-McElrath area sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. We must stop wasting time planning on destroying each other, and combine our man- power. We must get to utilizing our talent by getting involved in various organizations. We must do something. We need cohesive programming instead of competing programs. We must prepare ourselves against the Ku Klux Klan or any con-glomerations of people against the survival of our kind. We have to start utilizing the opportunities we’ve been given to the fullest such as a college education, which a black person once was not allowed.

As influential as we may seem to be, we’re not making enough positive moves as we should to guide ourselves away from poverty and towards prosperity. I’m not saying we’ve got to control our own lives, and I’m not blaming anyone else, but it’s just time to regroup and find the force so it can be used. We’ve got to start working on ourselves. We’ve got to stop living off the experience of others. We’ve got to start living our own lives. It’s time to take the responsibility to make things better for the black generation as a whole to follow. In closing, let me say it’s time for the ego trip to end because the struggle has begun. We must do something today because the Bible states: “usmorrow is not promised.”

-Frederick B. Parker III

Political Convention Beneficial

I attended the Independent National Black Party in order to hear Ben Chavis, Haki Madhubuti and other speakers, and learn what I could about the prospects of a political party for black people. I only did it to hear good things, but I was motivated by the personalities of the speakers, by the people I met, and especially by the people I met in my own age, who are much more concerned about the struggle here in America.

The convention made me check myself to see if I am giving all that I can for the black struggle. Listening to the stories of the Queen Mother Moore speak of sisters and brothers in the past that I knew nothing of. Not only did I hear good things, but I was motivated by the personalities of the speakers, by the people I met, and especially by the people I met in my own age, who are much more concerned about the struggle here in America.

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The National Independent Political Party was founded, and its charter ratified on November 23rd. A national committee to organize the state chapters of the party and to draft the charter for final approval, was formed. This committee will make a report to the National Convention.

The number of students in attendance were far above the number who attended the previous meeting in August. In fact, there were in a total of 150. We have been involved in the National Black Convention in a number of times since the beginning. The student role is important. Students have always been at the forefront of the liberation movements. This will be no exception. In the case of the National Black Independent Political Party.

Students must develop a strong voice in the Party. If the Party is to grow and develop, it must be represented. It must be developed, concerned with community development of our people, and that we as skilled black men and women must inject ourselves into the Party. The people are calling us to form student chapters across the country. We have a nationwide network of communication between black students and black organizations.

As brother Ben Chavis has said, “build the Party now,” let’s build our Party now. Get involved in the struggle, struggle and organize into food co-ops. African Free Schools for African students, and develop into political groups lobbying for full employment. This will be our protection from the Klan and our investment in the future of our people.

For more information, contact Mike Crosby or Ron Daniels at 678-5844.

-Michael Crosby

Another Push for New Party

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By E. Timothy Moore

It is evident to a number of us living in the world today that there is a great need for better understanding in all relations, among all people in the Earth garden, before we bring greater harm to ourselves and everyone. To sum up the problem in a sentence, we all desire peace, but we still feel a need to fight for its establishment, one way or another, and have done so in increasing proportions since the beginning of mankind.

Because of the material state that human beings have degenerated to, mankind has been left to its own devices, devoid of spiritual direction and moral and ethical integrity. This fact, in my estimation, is the root cause of all of mankind’s present woes, which might be summed up as spiritual, mental, physical, cultural, social, political, economic and ecological ignorance.

Through the thousands of generations that proceeded our present one, man learned the hard way how to work with nature to provide for his needs in this world. Men and women worked with the Earth to the point that they knew of the times required for the planting of seeds, the cultivation of soil, the caring and nurturing of plants, and the harvesting and storage of their crops at the end of the growing season. These were referred to as the fruits of their labor. At the end of this planting and harvesting season, it became a general tradition throughout all the cultures and races of the world to come together as designated times for the sharing of mother nature’s bounty.

This period of harvests and festive celebrations usually corresponds to the months of August, September, October, November, and December. In our present times the latter three months have particular importance, because these contain dates that are designated as holidays, or holy days, beginning in late October with Halloween, or the eve of a sacred (hallow) or holy day which is November 1, or All Saints Day. This day was associated with the seasonal cycles and was connected to so-called pagan harvest rituals. The real significance has been lost through time with the coming and going of legends and superstitions.

The second holiday is Thanksgiving, which always occurred during the last Thursday of November, and is the first period of giving thanks for the coming together of families and loved ones.

Then we enter into a period in December where attitudes and efforts are directed toward the combination of the energies of the entire year on a particular day recognized by most cultures, races, and faiths, as Christmas. In some circles this holiday is a mass in recognition of the “Christ Event”. This period of December is also referred to as the “season of giving” where “peace and goodwill” are the most frequent terms. But just what is, or was, the “Christ Event”? Who was the man Jesus? Many people do not understand the significance of this being to the growth and well-being of the Earth, or indeed this universe.

In Africa, a period is celebrated that is known as “Kwanzaa”, which is also called “The Festival of the First Fruits.” It begins on December 26 and continues through January 1, and has been a reality in Africa for thousands of years before the appearance of the “Christ” on Earth. It is now a recognized period in the experience of many African-Americans, and has given a new dimension of meaning to many that could not relate to the significance of Christmas, especially in view of the commercial superficiality of recent years in America.

Then God spoke, and the first Word of God was uttered into the world as a hollowed reed? In every aspect of the day Jesus was aware of the Father. He beheld Him in the clouds and in the shadows of the clouds that pass over the earth. He saw the Father’s face reflected in the quiet pools, and the faint print of His feet upon the sand; and He often closed His eyes to sleep. The mind weighs and measures but it is the spirit that reaches the heart of life...”

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You would have me speak of Jesus, but how can I lure the passion-song of the world into a hollowed reed? For every aspect of the day Jesus was aware of the Father. He beheld Him in the clouds and in the shadows of the clouds that pass over the earth. He saw the Father’s face reflected in the quiet pools, and the faint print of His feet upon the sand; and He often closed His eyes to sleep. The mind weighs and measures but it is the spirit that reaches the heart of life...”

The wind may blow and then cease, and the sea shall swell and then weary, but the heart of life is a sphere quiet and serene, and the star that shines therein is fixed for evermore...
This Baker is no "Pillsbury Dough Boy"

By Natalie Wester

What does a 27-year-old former member of Black United Students, who's become a success with food, and cheery atmosphere have in common? They are all found in downtown Kent, at a place called The Peaceable Kingdom Bakery. Maurice Drake, the only black entrepreneur located in an all-white business district, owns the bakery along with Donald McEgiff and Tom Dubis. The bakery started originally under private ownership, then, in 1976, was sold to the Kent Community Project, joining the natural food store and the record store. The Community Project no longer exists, and the bakery has been operating under the ownership of Drake, McEgiff, and Dubis for one-and-a-half years.

"I didn't get into the bakery because I wanted to be a baker; I wanted to survive and be my own boss," said Drake. "Maurice, The Peaceable Kingdom is not the only business venture under Drake's belt (apron?).

From 1973 to 1975 he worked his own moving business, called Mo's Movers. He also started a vegetarian catering service called Nature's Way, which has serviced such notable personalities as Angela Davis and Dick Gregory. Drake even sold Christmas wreaths between his moving jobs. "After working at Republic Steel, I decided I was never going to work for anyone again. I like the gypsy life," Drake said.

When asked what got him interested in the food business, Drake replied, "my health." "I became a vegetarian, and got into cooking out of my need for good food," he said, "so for years I've been the cook at the Red Radish, a vegetarian restaurant here in Kent, and as a delivery man for The Peaceable Kingdom before becoming part-owner of the establishment. "I guess you could say Dick Gregory has also an inspiration. He got me hooked on vegetarian foods," Drake added.

Besides being a baker, Drake also gives demonstrations and talks on natural foods and cooking techniques, free of charge, to organizations on KSU's campus, to other natural food stores, senior citizen clubs, vocational schools, and to the National Heart Association. He is currently pursuing a degree in Camp Administration here at Kent State, and is also interested in carpentry. "I'd like to build a log cabin," said Drake.

Drake's motto is "if you offer quality products it's easy to succeed." Well, quality is definitely what you will find at The Peaceable Kingdom, in all their products ranging from peanut butter to bread. They are all natural and are sold at unbelievable bargain prices. As to whether or not the business is a success, the bakery not only sells to natural food enthusiasts, but also to retail stores in Cleveland. Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, Canton, and Dover. "Even doctors send their patients here," Drake added, however, that he still would "like to expand more, but retain our quality."

Drake enjoys the bakery, and said that being located in a "college town" is good for business. However, he has encountered some disadvantages. "We get our windows broken a lot by drunks down here on the weekends," said Drake. He has also run into some negative attitudes due to the fact that he is black. "When we were fixing up the bakery, I was supposed to meet an electrician here one night. When I got here and started to unlock the door, the guy said, 'who are you, the janitor?'", said Drake.

Well, the next time you are down there, and feel a pang of hunger, or smell a delicious aroma, or just want some lively conversation, stop in at The Peaceable Kingdom Bakery, on the corner of Main and Depot Street, for a "natural" break.

Maurice Drake

Credentialing

By Natalie Wester

"Be open to new experiences through volunteering," says obstetrician Dr. Theodore O. Mason. Working out of his office in Shaker Heights, Ohio, Dr. Mason also dedicates time twice a week in the emergency room at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, and works once a week at the Charles V. Carr Health Center in Cleveland. Dr. Mason received his BS at Adelbert College at Western Reserve University, with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry. His MD came from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He recommends concentrating in biology, chemistry, and mathematics courses while in school. English and philosophy classes are good for diversity. "You must dedicate yourself to studying," Dr. Mason stressed. "Care about others, and be willing to give service," says Dr. Mason. One way to give service is through part- and full-time jobs obtained during school. He served as Student Senate representative and Senate representative treasurer while enrolled in Adelbert, and worked as a lab assistant at Cleveland City Hall, and at Metro General Hospital. He is a barbershop quartet member for nine months between graduation from Adelbert and enrollment at Meharry.

When asked about his field, Dr. Mason said it is "open to good, well-rounded scholars," but the spaces available in medical schools are limited. "The field is very competitive for everyone, especially minorities," said Dr. Mason. "You must work hard to develop perserverence and determination." Placement Center a Must for Career Planning

By Mark Cunningham

Have you wondered what type of job you might get after you finally receive your diploma from this institution? Or do you try not to think about it because you fear that most college graduates are having trouble finding employment in their particular fields? Ever feel like you're living a painful thinking and your curiosity of what type of job you could actually get, there is the Career Planning and Placement Center right in your "back yard" on the 6th floor of Wright Hall.

A division of the Academic and Student Affairs for KSU, the mission of the Career Planning and Placement Center is to assist Kent State University students and alumni in the area of career planning and placement. The Center offers a list of various resources that can benefit any student with an interest in getting ahead. Here are just a few:

Individual career counseling/placement/advising appointments with trained professional career counselors. (They also assist disabled students)

Vacancy listings of current openings within business, industry, government, education and human services.

Resume writing workshops for all students and alumni.

Interview technique workshops designed to familiarize students with different interviewing styles and the philosophy of successful interviewing.

On-campus recruiting and employer visitation programs to interview candidates. Approximately 750 employers from business, industry, government, education, and human services visit the Placement Center each year. Job hunting techniques workshops to assist students with job hunting and organizing a job campaign.

A computerized job/applicant retrieval system which enables the Center to match interested candidates with job vacancies in their area.

Also, the Career Planning and Placement Center library is an excellent source of information which students may use in their career planning activities. Included among the materials are career, job classifieds, professional journals, and career information books.

With services such as these, you owe it to yourself as a student to take advantage of this service. In addition to the free copy of the current issue of the College magazine, So, check it out for yourself and pass the word.
Student Life Offers Many Opportunities for Involvement

By Torrence Baker

"No man is an Island entire of itself, every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main...therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee" - John Donne, 17th century metaphysical poet and minister.

The Student Life Office, a "part of the main" with regards to the Student Affairs Division, is in the profession of helping the university community become involved.

This area is centered around student organizations, Greek life, and social policy administration. Some of the major organizations that are advised by the S.A.G.A. (Student Affairs Greek Affairs) staff are a) Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council & Black Greek Council b) Intramurals and Off Campus Student Organization (C.O.S.O.) c) All Campus Programming Board. These organizations have sponsored activities such as: 1. Langlord - Tenan Awareness Workshop (C.O.S.O.) 2. Greek Officer Training Workshop(s) (IFC and Panhellenic)

By Callie Kirkman

Upward Bound is a college prep, federally funded program here at KSU developed for high school students in 1971. Students are recruited from grades 9-11 from Akron, Kent, and Ravenna. The program provides the necessary academic and cultural programs of English, math, science, and study skills. College orientation, field trips to other colleges, and activities such as swimming, tennis, baseball, and basketball are included in the structured program.

To qualify for the program, students must have the potential for academic achievement, and their families must meet low-income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education. The program is divided into two parts. During the summer, the students are housed on campus for six weeks to allow them a chance to study and experience college life. As a follow up, the students return to the campus from September through May and attend Saturday classes. Upon graduation from high school, Upward Bound seniors will participate in the Bridge Program during the summer. Some earn college credit at KSU by taking summer courses in freshman English and a college orientation course. They also receive group and individual counseling. The Bridge Program helps them in making the transition from high school to college.

Upward Bound helps students improve their high school academics, and develop a positive attitude toward themselves and education.

Motto Contest Winner

By Natalie Weston

The winner of The Spectrum's motto contest is Toki M. Clark. The winning motto is "A prism of relevant truths".

Clark is a 19-year-old sophomore majoring in telecommunications and political science. Boasting a 3.8 GPA, she would like to write for The Spectrum and The Kent Stater. Upon graduation, she hopes to work for a newspaper or in television broadcasting. A native of Columbus, Ohio, and a resident of Tallmadge, she is a widow with a two-year-old daughter.

By Callie Kirkman

The goal of the Student Life Office is to make student life on campus more enjoyable and to show the students that "It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that decides your altitude.”

No Place but Up

By Torrence Baker

"I am a Program Advisor for Student Life."

Clay works at Prentice Hall's front desk. He is a member of Prentice Am- bilious Ladies (PAL), and the Public Service Club. Her hobbies include reading and writing. She is also trying to get into the Guinness World Book of Records by collecting gum wrappers.

When asked how she came up with the winning motto, she replied, "It (Spectrum) is a newspaper, and news is relevant truth."
Think About It...

There were three bulls who used to always graze in one another’s company. A lion sought to prey upon them, but found that he could not master them so long as they stayed together. He therefore raised enmity between them by spreading slanderous reports; and, being thus divided, each bull came as easy meat to his jaws.

MORAL: The quarrels of friends are the opportunity of foes.
(Taken from Aesop’s Fables “The Lion and the Bulls”)

Teach me
for I want to learn
Guide me
for I don’t know the way
Believe me
for I speak the truth
Love me
for I love you

On my way to class recently I noticed a man clad in flowing white robes, towering above the scurrying students, with a face of golden brown and a smile that illuminated the whole dreary afternoon.

As I drew nearer to him a mystical glow seemed to surround his body, and it appeared as though he was not walking, but gliding on air, yet his feet were touching the ground.

Continuing on my way while not trying to stare, he approached me and said, “Don’t be afraid to gaze upon me my child for I have come to bring blessings and tidings of goodwill towards humankind.”

Words escaped me as he looked down on my face and begin to tell me wondrous tales of long ago and far away. It seemed as though they were no people around but me and him.

I began to wonder why he chose me to talk to, who he was and what was his purpose when he said, “The world is in grave need of redemption, my child and I was sent to spread the word.”

Turning away in fright or confusion perhaps, I swirled around and said, “The word, what word and who are you.”

Looking at him directly for the first time I saw features that had not been touched with worry, a face of pure perfection, and I knew he was not of this earth. For the first time I began to realize how much I had missed talking to him.

“There is no need for an explanation of who I am, only a need for you to know that at this time of the year when it is so much talk of peace and love among your fellow brothers and sisters... that they understand what love truly is. People all over the world are in need of so many things, money, clothes, food, and these they place at the top of their lists while forgetting the most important thing of all. What is truly needed today my child is kindness and a forgiving heart. Yet, I know the life a college student leads and the turmoil one is faced with everyday but if you were only to take a minute of your time to stop, give someone a smile, your day and their’s would be so much better,” he said.

Raising one slim hand towards the sky, the sun suddenly appeared, the snow melted away and he was gone.

Time had escaped me and I knew hours had past but my own narrow-mindedness and fear of reality would not let me believe what was truly before my very eyes. For days I thought about the mysterious man in white and raked my brain as to who he was. Searching within myself for an answer I suddenly realized the truth.

A slim light of love shines within us all if we only tap what is there, when we really need it... touch our souls reaching out from within, we all can have a talk with God.

Merry Christmas my beautiful black brothers and sisters and have a safe and Happy New Year.

—Gayle Smith

To my man:

Chocolate Chip

firm, rigid and bold
those massive, rich dark shoulders
do so much to entice, always in my grasp
and yet so far away.

Tasting, touching,
knowing of the bittersweet aftertaste,
and realizing it wasn’t truly meant to be.

Cynthia Chic 1980

Always

What of my future?
Will I become strong
as time passes and enriches
my mind with endless thoughts.

Will I continue to write?
Will I hear the fruit of my forefathers
strong proud and black.

Will they survive the criticisms of my womb?
Will I make a name for myself, or for my children?

Will I become commercialized
with the selling of my thoughts
for the white man long ago commercialized
my body, my looks.

My thoughts will always be my own
for my people

treasures to be held,
For I will always be.

Cynthia Chic 1980

Blow by Blow

Wind is a living thing—
It breathes and
Forms its fists
To fight the sunlight

Wanting to engulf
and swallow the earth
In its power—
To dust—
blowing
scattered
bones from
one end of the
universe
to the other...

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Knowledge

To Touch, seek and Find.
Black child, reach out and take some
For it shall be yours.

Cynthia Chic 1978

Poetry

What is Poetry?

Does it have to rhyme?
No, that takes too much time.

It has to express your inner feelings.
It has to touch upon those inner feelings no one else has dared to touch.

It can free you from the limitations set upon yourself.
And make you realize the potential of your wealth.
(in mind, body and soul).

Most of all it has to satisfy no one but yourself.
I hope my life is one long poem of being just plain satisfied.

Cynthia Chic 1980

A Teardrop

It starts at the heart.
It brings sadness to many.
It makes you realize: it wasn’t worth it.
It takes time to forget...
Yes...
it ends as a cry,
that falls from the eye...

Angie Williams

To the other...

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