Afro-American Society To Expand in 2nd Year

The Afro-American Society has entered the new fall semesstudents to go to college. The every Black student involved Afro-American Society, due to with the Society will attack dithis large entrance of Black and rectly or indirectly the political Puerto Rican students, has ex- aspects that affect Black people. panded somewhat more than it did last year.

ciety meeting took place during the first week of classes. The incoming freshmen have shown a great enthusiasm in involving with those issues. If the student themselves with the club. At the does not want to express his first meeting the observation was made that the organization was large enough to pursue the various problems that affected the Black and Puerto Rican students in and outside the college. subjected to the Afro-American The goals and motives of the Society's every dictate, but to Afro-American Society are many needs of the entire Black Combut the central goal of all Black munity. The Black Awakening students is to improve whatever is the tool of the community for conditions exist today that af- communication purposes. The feet not only the Black Students paper is also a learning process but the people of the Black com- just as much as it is a means of munity as well. The Afro-Amer- communication, And to all Black ican Society hopes that it limits people in or out of school, the itself not only to the needs of Black Awakening, as many the Black students but to every other Black papers do, should re-Black community and every ceive a great amount of res-Black family. The expectations ponse.

person who is honestly sincere would help in any way to change and make the community as powerful and aware as is possi-

The Afro-American Society is not a social gathering or a place

The expression of change or disagreement will be expected and encouraged. If the club is leaning to a detrimental stand, it should be confronted by the Black students who are concerned and who are in disagreement feelings in the Society's meetings, then he or she could possibly do it through the usage of the Black Awakening.

The Black Awakening is not

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our Black men. As a Black woman involved in the community and interested in the future of and you won't have any race stressing modern dance. our Black race, I would like to left-so watch out! I'm threatenknow what my Black people ing your whole race; it is going women of the Afro-American date, or live with, or marry a only mixed, Black children in a smash-hit performance in the white person. Are they practic- few years to come; maybe my SICC theater. This year they ing genocide on the Black race? next woman will be your wife, hope to present another dance. In Is it lack of respect for their or maybe she'll be your daughter; order to do this, they are looking Black Brothers and Sisters? Are you have held us down for so for new and old students to join they trying to prove something many years that this is our way the group. Both male and female, to the white people? Is this of getting back at you." The dancers are needed, and no exwhat we are to believe is the justification for this approach perience is required to join. hope, identity, and power of our to the "race question" was that If there are any males who Black race?

person to pick a white mate to me wrong.

If you don't watch out, and get I have a few questions to ask on the ball, and stop messing with me, I'll gather all my Black Brothers and Sisters together nk they are doing when they down the drain; there will be Dance Group presented a one cannot help whom one falls play bongo drums or any I've asked many questions of in love with. Love, idealistically musical instrument they are those I thought might be more has no color or race—love falls welcome to join. The group hopes informed than I, and I haven't wherever it may. I contend that to make this year's performance gotten a reasonable answer yet. all of these reasons are fraudu- better than last year's. The

Black Theater

By Fred Rohan

Today many young Black peop'e are expressing their B'ackness through the entertainment field. Not only have these young Black entertainers have a sense of awareness of each other, but they have also a way of expressing themselves other than through the political spectrum. This is why so many Black theaters in the country today have been so successful. In music, dance, and drama, a strong message can be conveyed to the people; and more of a spirit can be felt in the hearts and souls of our Black Brothers and Sisters.

A Black theater is trying to be established in SICC. Last year there was a small establishment of Black students in the entertainment spectrum. A few members of the Afro-American Society gave an African dance during club hours. The dancing became sensational, but it only lasted for a short period of time. This year we hope to get more Black people with their talents and efforts, to make this show a more sensational show than it was last

Next week the people in the Black Theater Group will give auditions to people who are interested in leading roles. People who are interested in participating in other parts of the performance, other than leading roles, are just as welcome. The Black Awakening office will have a pad on the desk for those who are interested in joining. We ask that applicants please write on the pad their names, addresses and free periods during school time. If there are any questions, they can contact Jav Johnson, Miriam Hernandez or Fred Rohan, who may be found in the Black Awakening office.

Black Dance Troune **Presents Performance**

By Phyllis Harris The Afro-American Dance

Group is in need of both male and female students who would like to formance at the college. This group is part of a large moderndance club called "Orchesis." In "Orchesis," many different groups put on performances

Last year, Black men and

proud; join our group."

good; I have one of your kind. (Continued on Page 3) Carolyn Watson in D101.

Black Awakening Backs Slate of SG Candidates

the candidacy of the following individuals for Student Govern-

> For President SAM WOHL

For Chief Justice ARLANN HARPER

JAMETTE SPENCER JAMES SAMUELS LAWRENCE GRANT JOHN HARRIS JAMES DAVID MARCELLUS JONES HARVEY NOBLES FRANK ROSENBERG BOB CLORFELD BARBARA PERECCA MARY ELLEN BYRNES GREG CARLSON MARY ELLEN McDONOUGH LORETTA ARGUE JEAN ICANNETTE IVAN KRONENFELD

The students mentioned above are running on a platform which

(1) Student should run the college bookstore and the bookstore should be run for the students. The bookstore is presently charging considerably more for its books than outside commercial bookstores such as Barnes and Noble in New York City. Also, the bookstore does not sell used books, a practice which would be of enormous financial help to those students who presently must spend at least \$50 on books and mate-

(2) There is an urgent need for more and better parking facilities for students who drive automobiles to school.

(3) Nursing students should

The Black Awakening endorses be given the opportunity to either work a whole day in the hospital or work a whole day at school. A mursing student should not be split in half on a daily hasis. We believe that the present requirement to attend school and work at the hospital on the same day is not practical and constitutes a hardship on students which is not necessary.

(4) Community college students and all students in all of the universities throughout the nation are talking about the relevancy of the educational process to their daily lives. One way in which the university will become relevant to the students' lives is to institute some program through which the students' desire to work in his community and to become involved in activities like newspapers and drama workshops is stimulated by the offering of official college credit for such involvement. Credit should also be given for narticipation in some community program sponsored by student organizations or by the community itself, or for actual involvement in SICC activities which help to enrich the college's curriculum and the life experiences of the students themselves.

The Black Awakening firmly believes that the platform stated above directly reflects the needs and the desires of the entire student population at SICC and does not relate solely to any particular student-interest group here on campus. We see the platform specified above as a means of joining the different groups on campus together for the purpose of meaningful communication and reformation.

/300000000000000000 Racist Mentality participate in a dance per-

During the Hugh Maskela concert of last Saturday, the BLACK AWAKENING office was visited by a sick mind. A mind diseased by racism. A fatal sickness which affects an unbelievable number of minds throughout this country. It is a mental sickness that results from the inability of a capable individual to relate to his own shortcomings and to the rights of other people who do not elong to his own social group.

We of BLACK AWAKENING realize that racism is a terrible sickness and should be cured, but we can not allow sick individuals to make attacks on our office.

With this thought in mind we Let no man stand expose and condemn the racist pig, who felt justified in his back stabbing night attack on our office. In his delirium, he removed a poster of Huey Newton from the door and left an paper airplane with 'Niggers suck' inscribed on its wing. We inform our I've been told that years ago it lent and weak and ineffective, members ask other talented stuwas the fashion, especially dur- and I will believe this until dents to "Say it loud: I'm Black will not stand for racist acts of The time ing the war years, for a Black someone or something proves and I'm proud. Be Black and sick minds. We feel that this is For change the germ of a dangerous and marry or a "shack-mate." It Perhaps it would be unfortu- For more information, Phyllis fatal disease; kill it before its Or else was a psychological attitude that mate for those who feel that they Harris, Brenda Grant, Naomi too late. We can only hope that we believed they were taking have fallen in love with a mem- Hill, or Jay Johnson may be con- this disease has not spread any toward the white people: "See, ber of the white race, but in tacted at the Black Awakening further, for it will have a grave I'm better than you, or just as these days of revolution, when office, C132, or through Prof. affect on our education, and

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The Flood

Before the flood No need for blood

No promised land Just jobs and food No need for blood

Is now

The flood

Of blood -Beresford Jones

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changes within the college and

within the Black communities.

idea that college partying is the

thing, these Black students'

minds are oriented and geared

toward the ideas, challenges, ac-

tivities, and changes that will

benefit their communities as well

as themselves. With these pur-

poses in mind, we can see that

the Afro-American Society is

headed for bigger and better ac-

complishments this year. So

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To Black Women

Reflection of my Blackness

Basis of my strength

Black Strenath

Seed of my Blackness

POWER SHALL

BLOOM BLACK

White Man's

Stuff

That old white man ain't so

bad; I mean look at all that stuff

He give me a must beautiful

I mean all these brothers walk

Why, they ain't got no stuff

They want to work and make

things better; hell, better how? I

I got my vines, and all this

They talking about getting our

heads together and being black,

And I know I'm black man, all

And then they say we gotta get

the cats in the neighborhood call

Man this stuff is what cleans

Damn man, my head is together,

beautiful stuff Whitey give me;

around talkin' 'bout black power

way of life. I sees the world so

much more clearer now.

don't have to work now.

and the such.

like Whitey.

what's better?

me "Big Black."

deep into his world.

it is BAD.

Mirror of my Black soul

-Jay Johnson

Our Blackness

-Alexander Willis

watch out, SICC.

My woman

My love

MY Black woman

Bearer of my seed

My Black Beauty

My Darkness

Although there seems to be the

The Afro-American Society of their minds are set on important SICC is looking forward to another year of accomplishments. But this year the accomplishments are prophesied to be even greater and better than the previous year's. This will be due to the faithful members from the past year and the added strength of the Black students who entered this semester. The entering Black students who joined or will join the club will be like vitamins to the club because of the boost they will be giving it. These Black freshmen are really "together" - in the sense that

Faculty Profile: Joseph Harris'

SICC has a new face among its faculty, that of Joseph Harris, Associate Dean of Students.

Mr. Harris is a graduate of LaSalle College in Philadelphia. While at LaSalle he majored in government which he eventually plans to teach. He also attended Fordham University in New York, where his studies were concentrated mainly on political science and race relations. Before coming to SICC, Mr. Harris was the director of the Center for Community Affairs at York College of the City University of New York. Formerly, Mr. Harris was an adviser with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in Philadelphia. Since his student days. Mr. Harris has been actively involved in community affairs and the student's involve-

ment in the community. Part of his job at SICC will be to help set up a Center for Community Affairs on Staten Island. The Center will encourage students, faculty, and the people in the community to share their ideas and to work together on different programs. As Associate Dean, he will also be working the area of student personnel, fnancial aid, and student activities. He will also be looking into ways students can be engaged in community programs "hopefully for credits."

His interest in student activities does not only apply to the college student, but also extends to the education of young children. He feels that the education of children should not be restricted just to the basic essentials-reading, writing, and out brothers off that stuff, to arithmetic - but rather that they clean their minds. should also be introduced to the world of the arts. Both he and his your mind; it takes you in the wife have been active in trying to world of your mind. establish such programs for A nod ain't nothing but a cat voung children

This is Joseph Harris, an intel- You know how it is: Shovel it ligent and sensitive man, aware up your nose, you're set for of the problems of society and awhile, Shoot it in your veins and eager to find the solutions for ... :hem-a welcome figure at SICC.

Open Letter To Freshmen

> By ROBERT YOUNG

BLACK AWAKENING

As you graduate from high school and prepare to further your formal education, you may have many different concepts of college and college life. Many believe that college is the place to obtain knowledge, a well rounded education, and to come out an individual ready for adult life. Some think that college will take a high school kid and turn him into a mature individual. There are those who think college is a place to learn some professional

skill to make more money. The

latter of the three comes nearest

The great American legend of

college, the institution of knowledge, doesn't exist as such. There can be no institution to teach or give a student knowledge. Knowledge is an interaction of given information with personal experience and practical use. To know a fact is merely to know as much as the page on which it is written. People say to young men, "Join the Army, boy.. It'll make a man out of you." But what type of man does it make out of you? It makes an Army man out of you. The Army needs a man that it can rely on to operate as a military machine - not to think, but to act. College will basically do the same thing to you, if you let it. College manufactures minds to service the present social machine. If you sit back waiting to be given knowledge you expected, you will get a course in basic training for a place in the present social machine.

The Black man should not seek a place in this machine because it. does not service him. College is an opportunity for knowledge which the Black man needs to get out from under this social machine. I urge all Blacks to get off their asses and use the opportunity to obtain this knowledge. The present system has made the mistake of giving you the opportunity to obtain the tools necessary to destroy this oppressive system: Don't you make the mistake of passing them by. You should explore fully every course you take in order to achieve its full value to you as a Black person. If you were to do a deep study on any course, you should find that there is no course offered to you in which you cannot learn something of vast sums of money, American personal value. If you learn nothing else, you learn about people. You shouldn't start any grams funded year by year, subcourse with the attitude that it is _ject to legislative mood and the required of you, but that you re- repression of organizations and quire it to obtain your goal. Every course given to you can be bringing these problems to the considered an expression of man's consciousness of the people. ideas, actions, and their results.

The instructor has the re- along with their poor-white, sponsibility to educate and Mexican-American, Puerto Rican, stimulate your minds, to awaken you to knowledge. If he fails, in your opinion, then you must accept this responsibility or consider the course a waste. But a waste to whom? The instructor -Robert Young still gets paid.



The Priorities Game

By Ted Malino

On June 4, 1969 two American citizens stepped onto the moon's surface and for one hour and sixteen minutes picked up rocks, walked around, and generally wasted time in their scientific fact-finding mission. This event was a culmination of a series of rocket flights called Apollo, which cost the American people 24 billions of dollars excluding the exploratory Mercury and Gemini flights which led the way for the Apollo series.

At the same time, State Legislatures throughout the nation were cutting funds on education, health care, welfare expenditures, and other socially riented, already underfunded programs. Spokesmen for the White House have made it clear that any savings realized by the end of the Vietnam debacle would not be channeled automatically the military supplies used up in racist system. It thrives on bline Vietnam.

The United States system of priorities exposes a basic moral dilemma. Faced with the need for vast sums of money. America forms, which themselves require equivocates between the halfmeasure of anti-poverty proindividuals who insist upon

The masses of black students. and American Indian counterparts, take the brunt of this callous use of priorities.

The success of the open admissions program within the City University complex and throughout the nation hinges upon the colleges' receipt of the funds necessary to support this desperately needed program with tutorial and other supportive services. Without the open admissions program, community service organizations and "equalopportunity" advertisements in the newspapers are nothing more than balms on an open sore.

To deprive education for any

reason is to deprive people of the opportunity to improve their condition of life. All in the Black community, and most people in the white community, recognize that living conditions for Black people, as well as for many others, must be improved. The system of priorities which places a greater stress on satisfying military demands for frustrating the "communist menace" and which downgrades the needs of the hungry, the ignorant, and the into domestic programs but would sick here at home is an immoral probably go toward restocking system, a destructive system, a racism in all communities and depends on racism to cloud the minds of different communities in order to obscure the true criminal's image of the politicians and industrialists who need to keep us at each other's throats to perpetuate the system which keeps them rich and us

> As Black students, we are faced with a challenge. We can achieve a personal goal here at SICC and go on to advance ourselves into the American system while turning our backs on our community. On the other hand, we can serve as an arm of our community, we can initiate programs to go out into our community and serve it, in whatever capacity we are able, and assist it in filling its needs.

The challenge is real, the need for decision is great and urgent, and the time is now.

Third-World Conference One Man's

Having spent countless hour on the college campuses across this country, I felt that the students are often responsible for the lack of support, and the loss of certain goals. This is particularly true of the Black student organizations. Many of these organizations have completely isolated themselves from the other students and other organizations. As soon as this isolationist attitude takes over the students have lost several "administrative" battles. These battles are lost because of lack of support from the white students, who would otherwise offer support in the form of propaganda, manpower, representation, etc.

The college officials are aware of the growing concern and the growing demands of Black students for better educational facilities and Black culture classe, and Black pride. These officials are using this concern to perpetuate racism and hatred. They realize that by meeting some of the Black students' demands they are actually supporting the isolationist attitude for the Black students, pushing barrier between the ethnic composition of the campus.

The Black students should, by now be aware that Black-history courses and Black representation in student government is being hindered and even made meaningless by taking the cultural nationalist approach. The isolationist approach overlaps into the Panther ten-point program is the cafeteria, the library, the dormitory, and back into the neighborhoods. And the college administration uses this same isolationist approach to deny the demands of the Black students, to create mistrust among the Black, white, yellow and red students including the Young Lords, and on the campus. Competition be-

tween the ethnic groups is used as a tool to perpetuate racism on the campus.

Colleges all over the country

have experienced turmoil caused by Black students in search of courses relative to Black pride, so the administrations already are aware of what is needed and what is wanted by Black students. Why then must the brothers and sisters isolate themselves behind a hate barrier? Why don't the students unite with other groups that are willing and capable of offering full support of Black students' demands, of all the students' demands? Why do the brothers and sisters insist on falling into the trap laid so well by the pig system, and the pig-supporting college administrations? The confrontations and the unrest on the campus is a class struggle also. For the students to forget this and to relate to race and religion is to fall into the trap; it is to fall into the control of the administration. But to form allies, to form a rainbow coalition composed of people relating to the class struggle is to avoid that trap. Students can create an atmosphere conducive to higher the white students further away education because they will be from the Blacks and building a able to devote precious time to eliminating the contradictions of

All of the Black student organizations hould adopt the Black Panther ten-point program into their constitutions. In so doing they will never fail to realize what they are striving to achieve through education. The most complete and to-the-point explanation of what Black people are demanding. This documenta tion is so complete that it has been adopted, with little or no changes, by several other revolutionary orientated organizations,

Two White Boys

They call me dreamer Yesterday I had a dream I dreamed of many beautiful things I dreamed of the Garden Paradise interwoven with a new Adam and Eve

What a beautiful dream I had A dream fill with excitement A dream where every man and woman every boy and girl regradless of creed or color live a life of fulfillment

Today two white boys stood on a corner And one said to the other Behold the dreamer is a coming our way Let us shatter his dream and see what becometh of him

They shattered my dreams with verbal and physical abuse Now that my dreams are shattered My heart is sad and aching I dream no more

Such beautiful dreams I had all shattered by two white boys

Tomorrow there shall be no more dreamers like me For I shall let the Black Panther loose You two white boys will you enjoy tomorrow?

Oh what beautiful dreams I had All shattered by two white boys.

-Yolando O. Philpotts

Answer By M. N. Little

Live your life anyway you see fit. For what is life but a prelude to death? And what is death but the end with no end. When you die, your world ceases to exist. If you are involved all your life, or never get involved, death is always there It is inevitable and infinite. Death is certainly incomprehensible, but is it all-comrehensive?

Relate to life; put yourself into it. When it ends, you can relate to nothing. No one can stop you, and you can stop no one. Life is too short, no matter how long you live, to be burdened down with restrictions. Are you burdened with restrictions? Do you sometimes feel helpless to control your own life? There is no predestination — so who is controlling you? Could it be the system that is supposedly working for you?

Granted, we should all work together for the betterment of our ives but is this what is actually happening? Look around you. Who is reaping the seeds of your

Some people feel that in order to enjoy their own lives, they should be allowed to step on others and push them down. Those who are pushed down must reach up and grab somesone else in order to get back up. Not everyone makes it. Those who don't are pushed further down by these who keep pushing and pulling, thus forming a pyramid-type structure. This is known as the

Now is the time to break down this pyramid and work together to build a plane-type structure. Don't try to move up the pyramid. There is no place for you, but don't be content to stay at the bottom. You have as much right as any man to live a decent life. There is no difference between you and the people at the top. You will all die one day, perhaps the same day, and then where will you be? So why is he up there and you down there?

Break the system; tear down the pyramid. It is only for your own good to do so. But if you feel that you can make it in the system, then go right on, for you will step on someone and convince him to begin.

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AFRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY will expand its scope to the **EVENING STUDENTS** AT S.I.C.C. There will be a MEETING NEXT TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 1969 Further information will be posted.

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The Winter of the Latin Lily

The warm Summer THEN Oh Allah it's cold! WHY?Why did You Let me grow THEN Only to let me die of the cold WHY?Why did you let me spread my pollen

THENNot let me stay to see ours grow? WHY?

THENi could rest in peace.

WHY

Why? Because then i'd know i've truly lived. THEN

Why don't You give me one day with ours?

Time is on our side?

WHY!Because spring will come again.

THEN

The end will begin again WHY?

I love You. AMEN (so be it).

-Brother Thompson

Voluntary Genocide . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

the Black people are the central figure in a drama of vast proportions, when around us rages a social revolution unprecedented in American history, our identity and power in economics and politics are the prime concern. feel that large and small sacrifices are necessary. Within the context of the world wide struggle for human rights, this revolution involves a massive recasting of roles and relationships across ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic lines. At its heart lies the destruction of inequalities of practice and theory that have long alienated our Black population from the mainstream of American life, both in economics

and politics. The Black people have for years been attacking their Brothers and Sisters, saving we had lack of respect and didn't stand behind our cause and didn't make each other strong. Now, the times are crucial: there isn't any more time to dibble and dabble. We intend for the white people to get the message. If fully ours. There isn't any more time for playing games. This isn't the time for the Black men and women to turn away from

their own. each other find our identity by flesh finding our own and respecting ourselves. We want to help our meaning of freedom. I have people to build their lives, fight found the true price of freedom if necessary, take care of our and I am preparing myself every homes, make our children strong day so that should the opportunin body and mind. We want to ity arise I will not be wanting. show our children the shining You do not have to stand alone example of our adult men and any longer. You do not have to women who will lead us, be hide your beauty from the rapstrong, stand up for their rights ing pig beast any longer. You do

and make their mark in society. not have to hide your fear and This cannot be done when pain because I will share it and Black people show that they are we will conquer it together. I rejecting their own, that they will not apologize for the pain, can only take their places in so- the disappointment, and the reciety with one of the white man's jection of yesterday. Our relachildren by their side. Black tionship has already been twist-Brothers and Sisters are de- ed by too many "I'm sorrys." I nounced and dishonored.

Perhaps a Black person could will continue to do great things, point you.

I would have to see our own people practice genocide on our race. I would like to know in these days of turmoil and revolution, and of seeking identity in a white world-how on earth can a white person help a Black person find identity? Or does it just happen with those who are not seeking it in the first place, and don't care if the Black race rises or not, or if they ultimately become extinct?

A Reply To Black Woman From Black Man

Sister, wife, lover, daughter, mother, bearer of my children: vessel of strength from which I sprang, I salute you. You bore me up under the press of fear and self-hatred that I have lived with; you kept the tiniest flame alive in my soul in the bright, white light of hatred and injustice and searing pain and fear. For your reward, I have become accustomed to kick you and to curse you and to run away from you when I was able. Forgive me. Understand me. Help me to overthrow the chains of ignorthey don't give us equality, we ance and fear that have represswill have to take what is right- ed my manlines's for so long. Love me. It is true that in the past I didn't understand the true price of freedom. I did not even know what freedom was. I didn't love myself and that made it We are trying to respect our impossible to love you because Brothers and Sisters and help you are me, and I am of your

> Suddenly, I have found the was another person then.

I will not reject you any more; write an answer in this paper. neither will I cause you pain. I As a Black woman who loves am determined not to disappoint

her Black man and believes that myself in my new-found pride, he has done great things and and certainly I will not disap-

What We Must Do

By Alexander Willis

We the Black people (and all people) must awaken. We must a victory. But when the American rise and realize what is actually happening to us. We must pick ourselves up from the valley of tion, it is called a massacre, or an death into which we were thrown atrocity. So, the white man's by the white capitalists and become what we are supposed to be. mean anything to me,, since it We must take ourselves off the auction block of capitalism, the he is not the recipient of the chopping block of capitalism, and place our persecutors, our oppressors, our enemy where we helps and furthers the liberation were. Let them know exactly of the Black people," said what they did to us. Let us put them in the position where they cludes silent protest, sit-ins, have to face their own atrocities and injustices and either have to accept a punishment handed down by a jury of the people or have to succumb to their own former practices. If they refuse to realize their wrongdoings or if they refuse to pay for their crimes on so many people, they must be put in a position where they will not be able to inflict their criminal actions on anyone again.

Violence, by the white man's definition is not pleasant and is not appealing as a method of that there are not many avenues righting people's wrongs. But I, of struggle left untrodden. as a Black man do not respect the white man's definitions, for his definition of Black does not particularly appeal to me either. He uses words to suit his needs, and his desires. When white men level a city and kill hundreds. power" - Ndugu.

thousands, or millions of people. he calls it a battle or maybe even Indians, or the Japanese, or the Vietnamese, commit a similar acdefinition of violence does not means nothing to him as long as violent action.

"I believe in anything that Malcolm. The "anything" inpicket lines, boycotts, and speeches. It also includes riots, seizures of university, government, and other administrative buildings, or organized military and civil guerilla warfare, open conflict, or any possible means. Nor is "by any possible means" just a catchy phrase; it is a belief held by a great many people. Of course, armed conflict should not be discounted as a method if all previous methods fail, and many have already failed. Remember

"We must be prepared to fight for our very lives, and I mean by the gun."—Chairman Mao Tse

"Power, then peace. But first.

Fen Words ...

By Naomi Hill

At the beginning of the semester I was very pleased to see many more Black faces around the campus. Over the summer, many changes had taken place in the school. Many new machines had been added, for example, all shiny and polished, making it a very impressive sight. But don't let that fool you! Don't think faced on the outside.

straight from high school eagerly anticipating college and a beginning of a new way of life. supposedly. You have been reminded, I'm sure, that you will else, over the years. Out of nehave to make certain adjust- cessity, we as Black students ments that will be to your ad- can no longer content ourselves vantage and assume a role as a with being book learners. We young man or woman. Your have an obligation to ourselves primary goal has been charted, and to our Black brothers and and all your efforts will be dissisters to get and digest all the rected toward reaching and ful- knowledge we can and use it in filling it. Many of us would like such a manner that it can bento become nurses, doctors, law- efit not just one person but yers, or engineers. But unwit- two. For instance, let it help you tingly, we don't look far enough and at least be motivating to ahead to adequately prepare someone else. We shouldn't allow ourselves. We've been looking ourselves to become isolated and only to the few years that will distant from our Black combe invested in obtaining an edu- munities and to excuse ourselves cation. But what is to come af- by saying it doesn't affect us. ter that when we begin to think It certainly does. Whatever hapof settling down and raising fam- pens to our Black brothers and ilies of our own? Will our lives sisters affects us the same way really be that much more dif-simply because we are Black. ferent or better than our parents'?

and that alone shows that we of you. But try not to become are trying to make it, to have disillusioned, and keep in mind a fighting chance once we get that we, as students, can play on the outside. But some of us a large and vital role in correctget so caught up on being a stu- ing this present-day situation dent that we remove ourselves and in enriching this sick sofrom what is happening around ciety.

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us and become totally unaware and lost, as far as I see it. I know that a student is supposed to be a person engaged in book learning or someone attending an institution of higher learning. But actually a student is a learner, period. Now you can learn from school, you can learn from books, and you can learn from being out on the that you won't still be confront- streets. And sometimes your ed with the same problems you street education may be more beneficial to you than your degree. And most of our people Many of you will be coming have had to make it off the

> The role of Black students has changed, along with everything

And I would like to take this opportunity to warn you that Now, many of us are here, the going will be rough for most

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Who Is An American?

By Aaron Crowder ("Ron Crow")

to call me. We have been called name the red man's land after many things since we were forc- him, take the red man's land, ed here in chains in 1619. The and use the name they put on title I prefer, and the correct the land to label themselves as title for me, is A Blackman in if they were the original natives America of African Descent. of the land, without considering

all Afro-Americans. I beg to dians. differ; the only Americans are I would not be able to call mythe almost extinct American In- self an Afro-American unless I dians. By calling myself an Afro- had some American Indian blood American, I would be coming in my veins. out of the pig's bag. When the cheated, and killed the Indians the colonial imperialist pigs. The icans. Dutch Americans, French the reason to hate the pigs that Americans, etc. Almost all those a Black man of African descent pigs wore the name American has. improperly and still do wear the If you consider your family name unjustly.

When the pigs came, they from their land. raped many Indian women and glish American, Dutch Amer- Descent. be a Dutch Frenchman or a all the Brothers and Sisters.

The white man has been very Many people don't know what bold and arrogant to come here. Some Black people say we are the natural inhabitants, the In-

A great injustice has been treacherous pigs came here, stole, done to the America Indian by for their land, the pigs started Brothers and Sisters who are to call themselves English Amer- truly Afro-Americans have twice

background, you will see that As I said, the only Americans your American or Indian ancesare the American Indians. Sim- tors had the land taken away ilarly, the only Dutch Americans from them, and your African anor American Dutchmen are the cestors not only had their land offspring of Dutch men or wom- and culture taken away from en married to American Indians. them but they were taken away

Brothers and Sisters who don't the bastards were English Amer- have American Indian blood in icans, Dutch Americans, French their veins should not fall into Americans, etc. There were some the diabolical pig's bag and wear marriages between the white the name Afro-American unjustman and red man, and the off- ly. You are a Black man (or spring justly wore the name En- woman) in America of African

ican or French American. In All Black people in America of the same way, if a French man African Descent and Afro-Ameror woman married a Dutch man icans are Brothers and Sisters. or woman the offspring would We must be united-power to

20000000000000000000000 Meditations Via Coltrane

Is it back in Ethiopia or is it in the blues sound of Junior Wells and Homesick James on the South Side of Chicago? Is it Senegal or in the "sacred" tenor saxophones of John Coltrane and Archie Shepp?

I have one dashiki, no I have two dashikis, no I have three dashikis.

I have a dashiki for every day of the week-I don't get my hair conked anymore. I've even denounced Dr. King as leader of a "Hamburger Revo-

lution.' I don't even listen to records by Bob Dylan.

AM I BLACK ENOUGH?

Where is out culture?

"WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL" (Except for those niggers: dirty nigger, stupid nigger, jealous nigger, incorrigible nigger, lying nigger, deceiving nigger, drinking nigger, shooting nigger, knife-throwing nigger, black nigger, white nigger, uncle-tom nigger, bible nigger, church nigger, smart nigger, city nigger, country nigger, book nigger, thinking nigger, good nigger, wise nigger)

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Let me in! I want to come in. Please let me in? I'll show you my qualifications: I have a moderate Afro, not one of those bushy ones. I've read all the books by Jacqueline Susann-I even quote phrases by Norman Mailer. I really dig that soulful Frank Sinatra. That Mayor Daley really tore those heads up in Chicago.

I can't understand my people with all that black power stuff. The Black Panthers are a disgrace to our people. Nixon's the one!

That Roy Wilkins is the man I stand behind. Black Studies? Huh, tell 'em to do some "book studies." I even believe in the American Dream. So, please let me in?

I think I meet the qualifications. -Robert Huggins