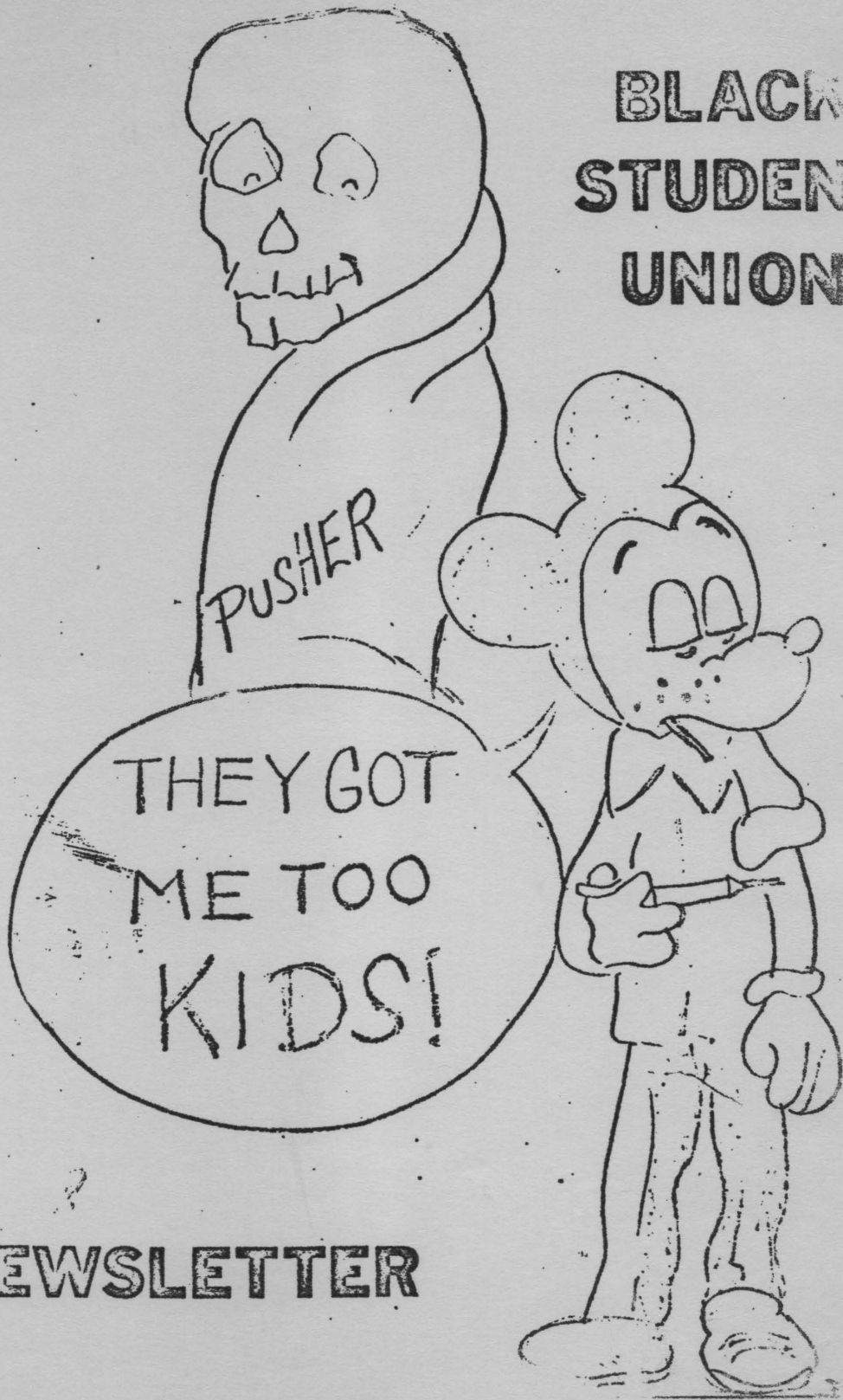


**BLACK
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NEWSLETTER

The President Speaks

The Black Student Union is becoming a very beautiful organization of combined energies and commitments. It is a foundation of organized Black thoughts, aspirations and ambitions of our many brothers and sisters, coming together to subject themselves as a collective interest. Black Student Union internally is composed of the same brothers and sisters who once foolishly wasted valuable time and energy neither effecting nor affecting anything. Fortunately they've analyzed the roles they have been subjected to and are now attempting to redirect their energies to more positive things. These same people are being missed by their friends in the entertainment places, but can be found actively engaged in the directions of the Black Students Union.

It is hoped that the determination of the brothers and sisters of Black Student Union is a mirror of desires and needs of the brothers and sisters

who have not realistically joined the makings of the Black Students Unions. They have not come forward to express their opinions.

The Newsletter you are now reading cannot be a success if Black voices do not support it as authors, writers, point of information, poems etc. This Newsletter is one of the priorities of a oppressed minority people. Support it and you support yourselves.

The lack of communication must not be permitted between the Black Student union and our brothers of International Center. The Black Student Union has set up an International Committee anticipating and welcoming International Student participation. The Black Student Union has taken the initial step, now we await the reaction of our brother students in the International Center. Willie Pierce President of the Black Student Union

Concerned Black Women

Some of the Black women here at Staten Island Community College have gotten together to show that Black women here don't need to be liberated, because we are liberated within ourselves.

We are a part of the Black Student union and we all share the same interests making our stay here much more meaningful. It was decided that if we women used our energies, and talents, maybe it would force more Black men to show some interest. So

far we have planned a cake sale and lunch, for December 8, 1971, in front of C 114. We plan to sell chicken, potato-salad, and soda. We also plan to contribute to the Black Day activities. Also on January 15, 1972, we plan to give an Oldie but Goodie dance.

Concerned Black Women hope to motivate all blacks, men, and women, to give what they can.

JACKIE S.

Communication committee : It's FUNCTION

The Communications Committee must advertise and publicize the needs of the people. We will help promote community drives, such as the Christmas Drive. The Christmas Drive that is now in progress will be successful. We as an organization have needs to fulfill and without the support from concerned black Students the task becomes difficult. The Communications Committee will relate to you on Black News within the Black Student Union. Communications will report on Committee meetings and the functioning and progress each committee is making. During the Black Day, Communications will report the activities and success of this most vital Day. We will work with Community Pest Control and show how and why they serve the needs of the community in the war on rats and roaches. The Pest Control has shown great concern in the prevention of pests in the community. They started out with the support of Staten Island Community College and now they are struggling to survive. The black people should realize the great importance of this Corp. and its vital impact on serving the people. Communications feels that it should be an honor for anyone student or faculty to contribute, either money or services to keep this Corp. in existence. The Black Student Union is in existence to serve the people and we intend to continue to communicate this thinking to this institution. Keep the Blackness in your heart. "Chairman Communication"

Charles Bryant

We discussed the possibility of having a Black Day here at S.I.C. C. Activities for the day will include films, a talent show, soul food, and a contribution by the concerned black women of the Black Students Union. The Sickle Cell Anemia test will be administered. Following the activities of the day there will be a dance. It was suggested that for the seminar all students who participate will wear universal dress. (All Black). We also plan to honor our dead by buying plaques. This would leave a Black awareness at S.I.C.C. The plaques would be for Harvey Noble and Ted Malino. These brothers are an inspiration to those of us who worked with them. Death brings forth remembrance and respect. Jackie

Social Activities Committee

The Social Activities Committee is planning a dance on Black Day. On Dec. 23, 1971 here at S.I.C.C. an out of sight dance will top off all of the other dynamic activities taking place that day. The committee discussed the possibility of having special films pertaining to the Black Experience dealing with specific perspectives relevant to Black People. Also planned for Black Day is a possibility of having speakers to speak on relevant subjects. To top things off there will be a dance at either club or ball room which is in process of being selected. Jake Ford

WE ARE AN AFRICAN PEOPLE

For many years I have believed there was just reason for Black Americans not recognizing Africans and other Black foreigners as Brothers and Sisters. Africans and West Indian thought themselves better than Blacks in this country, I was told. Blacks here felt no real need to be friendly with foreign peoples. We felt we (Black Americans) were being denied our culture by these foreign asimilationists. After all, only hand-picked Africans were allowed to come to this country. The government invited these people, and we readily assumed a mistrust for foreigners, knowing what the government thought about Black people in general. Black people in America were being told Africans don't like you, Africans don't wear afros and Africans have their own country and Black Americans don't. These falsities and the inward attitude of many Africans I met helped to cultivate my rejection of the foreign student. They were not my Brothers or Sisters, they seemed to enjoy the company of whites as opposed to Blacks.

The foreign student problem was forced to the deep recesses of my mind. I made excuses for not attempting to organize foreign students in our Black collective. Though I tried to forget I never truly gave up on the idea of "INTERNATIONAL NATIONALISM" and hope to see this manifested in the present BLACK STUDENT UNION. This is the

primary purpose of the newly formed "INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE" of the BLACK STUDENT UNION. This committee was set up because many blacks students feel a need for total BLACK unity. Many of us have witnessed functional unity between Africans and Black Americans. At Lincoln University (Penn.) I saw foreign students with political sophistication and unity as their goal. I met foreign students who wanted to set the record straight in terms of reality, that being both foreign and american students were misinformed. Separation was only a means of preventing functional unity. The BLACK STUDENT UNION has therefore developed the International Committee in an effort to bring about Black unity. We are attempting to unite the different fractions of the Black community first, hoping this will supply the much needed knowledge to unite the entire college community at SICC.

The INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE of the BLACK STUDENT UNION has been established with Oti Dabor, as its first chairman. The chairman of this committee will also serve on the Central Committee. This brother is an African and has expressed the need for all Black students to unite. This committee will succeed and it marks the BLACK STUDENT UNION'S first move toward Black unity and Black Power at Staten Island Community College.

Pest Control: One Year Later

The Pest Control program was started by a group of students at S.I.C.C. who wanted to force the college to relate to the community in which it was located. These Brothers opened an office in the community and financed it with personal funds and a grant of \$5,000 from the S.I. Corp. The college had cleared its conscience and the Pest Control was on its way, no one really knew where. After one year of operations the Pest Control Program is in need of more funds in an effort to expand its services. The expansion ideas come from communication with more than 1,500 families in the Staten Island area, serviced by the Pest Control Corp.

The Pest Control is asking donations from all interested parties, students, teachers, administrators, BSU, SGA, PRO, CCC and anyone wanting to help. Donations may be sent directly to - Staten Island Community Pest Control Corp. 997 Castleton Ave., Staten Island, NY. The Program needs your help to continue. This is the best program students have ever developed.

The Pest Control Program is trying to set up extermination groups in other communities. We are presently working with N.Y.C. Comm. College and Fordham Univ. We must grow in order to be relevant. We can only grow if people care. Support Pest Control...we support the community.

Dwight Jackson, Director
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Brothers and Sisters Fight Sickle Cell

Sickle Cell Anemia is the result of the physical deformity of red cells following altered aggregation of hemoglobin molecules within the cell. The tiny blood vessels called capillaries in the human body serves as a metabolizing cell. Sickle Cell Anemia causes a reduction in oxygen and the production of acids such as carbons and lactic acids. The cell becomes shaped due to the aggregate of the hemoglobin resulting in Sickle Cell Anemia Disease. Though not life threatening sickle cell ~~does~~ not restrict the freedom of its victim to participate in a wide range of life activities. It is relevant among people of the black race and those whites who originate from the mediterranean countries of Europe. The following is an outline of the program of the committee: (1) Headed by the Biology Dept. Head of S.I.C.C.. (2) Plan to test students for Sickle Cell Anemia on request. (3) Blood typing (4) There will be a Sickle Cell Anemia day on Dec. 7th. All brothers and sisters that would like to aid in the prevention of the further development of this disease among Blacks please contact: (1) Chairman: Harold Willard (2) Marilyn Procope (3) Lillian Watts (4) Profile Crocker (5) Vietta Stanslaus (6) Darlene Hamilton All information can be obtained in Room C-114 the Black Student Union Office concerning this matter.

POWER TO THE REVOLUTION
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Again the puppets of the weak minded rulers have shown their inability to know the people and serve the people needs. But the revolution can't lose. The PEOPLE will be successful. The Community Service Committee another decaying aim of the SICC Student Government has stooped to the drugs of the slime by interjecting competition into serving the people, when there is no room for

weaknesses like this in helping the people to survive. The Black Students will feed the people and clothe the people and continue to serve the needs of the people and they will be successful, for we are the people. The revolution can't lose. We will be successful. POWER TO THE REVOLUTION POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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