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Marchers protest loans to South Africa

Approximately one hundred people, commemorating the "Sharpseville Massacre", marched in front of Chase Manhattan, Citibank, Chemical Bank, and Manufacturers' Hanover Trust last Tuesday carrying placards and passing out leaflets. The marchers were protesting bank loans to businesses in South Africa. As the protesters marched in front of each bank Gayraud Wilmore, director of Black Church Studies at the Colgate Divinity School, presented a letter to the bank directors. The letter listed a number of account-holders who had decided to withdraw their money from the bank.

Citibank's Board of Directors recently announced that it will discontinue lending money to the South African government.

George Houser, executive director of the American Committee on Africa, stated that "A total withdrawal of U.S. loans that support companies and government agencies (in South Africa) is needed." "They support the apartheid regime. The struggle to right the world wrongs...will intensify as conditions for the oppressed majority get worse and not better," said Houser.

Among the demonstrators were University of Rochester staff members, BSU members, and other students.

March 21, 1978 marked the 18th anniversary of the massacre in Sharpseville where South African police killed 67 persons who were protesting laws which required Blacks to carry pass books.

Elton R. Williams

RJFC Calendar

April 1
8:00 p.m.

University of Rochester's gala annual International Fiesta at Wilson Commons. A smorgasbord of food and performers from around the world.

April 7, 8, 13,
14, & 15

The Brighton Theatre Guild, Inc. cordially invites all RJFC members and students to their production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel." Performances will take place during two consecutive weeks in April at 8:30 p.m. A special student rate of \$2.50 is available on Thursday night, April 13. General admission for all other performances is \$4.00. For ticket information call Mr. Goldstein (473-1651) or Mr. Simpson (442-3231).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



BSU President

Recomends Involvement

To the Editor:

There has been talk of apathy, self pity, hard times, and even of dissolving the BSU. Some of this talk comes from the mouths of people who are referring to a particular BSU meeting, most of these people were not at the meeting. The ones who were there are too busy maintaining the BSU to have time to discuss these issues. People are talking about a meeting in which I asked "Do you want a BSU?" After looking at the people there, I realized that there was no point in asking this question. My reason had been to stimulate the apathetic people to act, but I had overlooked the fact that these apathetic people don't attend BSU meetings often. The ones who were there were the ones who keep the BSU going and obviously care. I knew there was no point in asking them this question; it was obvious.

The people who attended that meeting know that there is a need for a BSU. I made it clear to them that I had no intentions whatsoever of dissolving the BSU. Instead we talked about the need for a BSU and what we were going to do. We know what campus life would be like without a BSU - social life, cultural events, and other kinds of activities necessary for Black people would be nonexistent here. We know Black people are being discriminated against as a people and that the only way to fight this selective type of attack is by coming together as a group instead of lying about separately in self pity, apathy and complaining.

Brothers, Sisters, all Black students, and all persons concerned with what is humane, recognize the fact that America is racist and realize where you are. Come together. "Don't wait till they build the nuclear bomb and then throw the brick." Don't wait till it's too late.

"Seize the time", "Off the Pigs". Brothers, sisters, I think it's time you knew what these phrases mean and understand the need for them to be manifested in your actions. "Black Power". "Power to the People" People it's time to act. Don't sit back and tell your versions of meetings you never attended and things you never heard. Stop complaining and act. BSU meetings are every Sunday at 6:00 pm in Wilson Commons room 121. Let us see you there.

Warrior J. Richardson
President
Black Students' Union
University of Rochester

Black Students Get Together

Some 150 black student leaders in the Midwest, citing heightened attacks on their programs and epidemic indifference among their peers, have established a permanent "Big Eight Council on Black Student Government" to campaign regionally for their interests.

The organization was formed in Columbia, Mo. at a two-day conference on issues in black student government. The Legion of Black Collegians at the University of Missouri played host.

Representatives of black student organizations at 11 public institutions voted to establish the council with the immediate goal of "continuing communication" among their officers and the long-range intent of "insuring the future success of black collegians."

Participants in the conference included representatives of all the institutions affiliated with the Big Eight Athletic Conference, plus the University of Missouri campuses at Kansas City, St. Louis, and Rolla. Conferees described both the regional meeting and the council they formed as "firsts" in the history of the American black student movement.

A second annual meeting of the "Black Big Eight Council," as many students called it, was scheduled for next February at the University of Oklahoma. There the student leaders will consider a variety of proposals discussed, but not acted on, at the organizational meeting.

Among the proposals before the council are calls to:

- *Develop a regional campaign to "address the problem of the universities' refusal to fund our organizations, the official voices of black students."

- *Endorse the principle that the number of black faculty members on a campus should be at least proportionate to the number of black students enrolled.

- *Create a cooperative booking arrangement for black entertainers and speakers so that "all schools can benefit when an artist is in the area."

- *Create a regional "black student fund" to support common causes and an annual awards program for black student leaders.

*Expand the council to include representatives of Midwestern colleges and universities not affiliated with the Big Eight athletic conference.

From "The Chronicle of Higher Education," March 13, 1978

For Juniors

It's not too early for Juniors to start thinking about Graduate School. The time is fast approaching when Juniors must make the very important decision about which schools to apply to. The Office of Career Services and Placement can help you to narrow down your choices to a few schools, and the reference section of Rush Rhees is a good source of catalogs for schools all over the country. Don't wait too long to make your plans. It's later than you think!

All that Jazz!

The University of Rochester Concert Committee, in conjunction with the Black Student Union and WCMF-FM, present a Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 1 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the May Roon of Wilson Commons. The Jazz Festival will be followed by a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Alexander Palestra. The concert will feature saxophonist Grover Washington, Jr., and the Ron Carter Quartet. Tickets are \$5.00 with U of R I.D., \$6.50 for the general public and the day of the concert. Tickets are available at the Wilson Commons Info. Desk and at Eastman.

Summer Jobs

Lincoln Farm, a summer camp in Roscoe, N.Y., 95 miles northwest of New York City, is seeking individuals to fill several positions this summer. The camp caters to youngsters from 7-12 years old. The positions available are:

1. Chef/working manager to run food service operation
2. Amateur radio operator to teach electronics and code
3. Specialists for 34 craft studios (ceramics, sculpting, batik, art, power woodworking, etc.)
4. Waterfront experts
5. Athletic supervisors for tennis, soccer, gymnastics, softball, and basketball
6. Office help
7. Maintenance staff

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