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BREAKING THE BONDS OF IGNORANCE



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Greetings,

To freshmen and continuing students. As you know the People's Voice is the only Black newspaper here on campus and here in San Diego county. Of late the People's Voice staff has been experiencing difficulties with obtaining funds and other such necessities to keep the paper in print. However, these obstacles have all been removed and we are back in stride and stronger than before.

During this time a new energetic staff has emerged. We look forward to your help in making the People's Voice a truly student run newspaper.

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Angela Knox
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Dear People's Voice

Dear People's Voice, Are you communists? Altho' I do not support the International Capitalist System, you can not say that the Communists are any better. State control of any kind is always degenerative and corrupting. The more power the state has the more corrupt it is.

That is why all government is dangerous. The Zionists are wrong. The Palestinians are violent barbarians who kill people too. Why are they better than Jews? If the Palestinians were more reasonable perhaps the Jews would be also-haven't they ever tried to be friends?

Also, South Africa is better off then any other African country and give the best salary and working conditions in all of Africa. That is why thousands of Blacks go there to work. If the Blacks ever won control over the country the communists would have a chance to take over and make everyone into slaves. They would take all the wealth for Russia, that is what they are doing to Afghanistan right now! Yankee imperialism or Russian imperialism? Which is better?

POLITICS IS A WASTE OF TIME AND ENERGY.

Because they love to smash your face and they have the laws on the side of the rich-they bought the government-(Russia too).It's useless to fight or complain.Do something else. Build a new world of FRIENDSHIP AND EQUALITY by cooperation on projects to help farmers organic composting-ecology program, -growing food in a better way, in new ways that don't wear out the dirt -(erosion),growing trees to improve the climate and induce rainfall.

Show the people how to feed themselves and how to take care of the sanitation(the wells), and medical clinics-herbal medicines, and not to be dependent on western pharmaceuticals. Take care of the animals both wild and domestic where there are too many goats,sheeps, and cows-the vegetation suffers, infact the whole country can die from over-grazing. The worst problem in the Sahara are the goats and sheeps.

Money is the tool of the rich to control power. What we basically need is not to blame others for problems,but to seek creative solutions!

The earth is one planet and all people belong to the earth. They must find answers to regional problems-ie:how to improve cultivation of food-without chemicals-READ RODALE on organic farming and composting

Take these ideas to Africa. Grow trees in Africa.Introduce birth control to Africa where men have numerous wives that are often rated as below the value of a cow!

Women are truly the niggers of the world, since they do two-thirds of the work and get the least from it.(1% of world's wealth is in the hands of women who receive only 10% of the income).

Anyway, be careful not to be the puppets of the Communists who are cold and don't care about Black people-they only care about one thing - POWER.

COMMUNISTS AND CAPITALISTS are the same! They are enemies of ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE!

Please print this- if you dare!
Sincerely Yours,
Friend of the Earth

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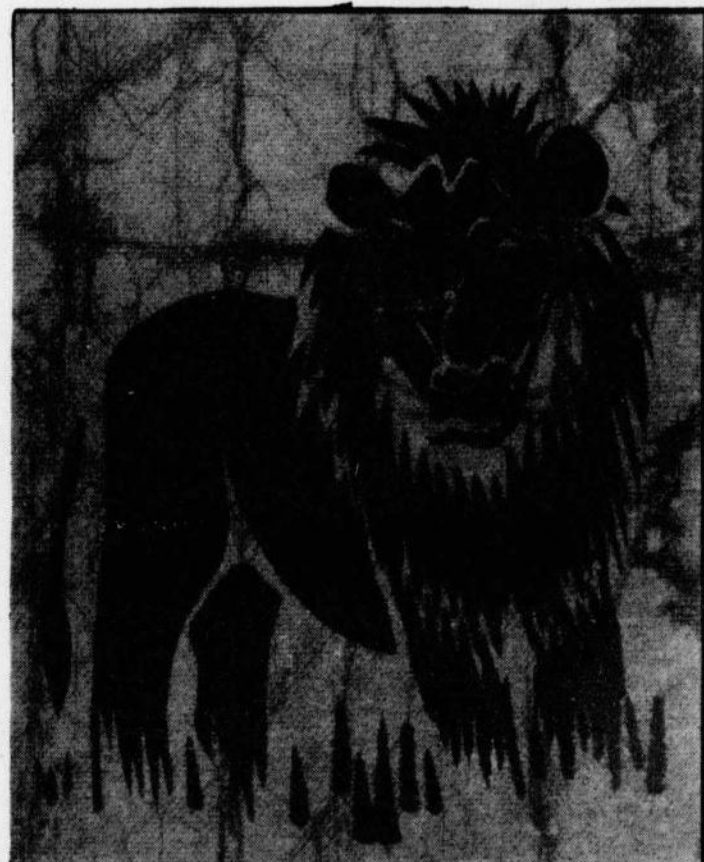
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Black Women Achievers ☆

Black Women Achievers

The members of the Black Women Achievers would like to welcome all incoming and continuing students to this university. The BWA, after two quarters of inactivity, has emerged once again for permanent activity and support of Black women. We have entered this quarter with new energy and creative ideas.

Our purpose here on campus is to unify, support, and educate sisters interested in coming together to form a positive network with each other. However, we are still in the organizing stage. Our first general body meeting will be held October 27, 1985 at 3pm, in the North conference room. Any changes will be posted around campus. For information concerning the BWA, please call 452-2152. We are looking forward to sharing our ideas with you.

Forward in the struggle..
Black Women Achieve:s

Black Students Union ☆

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

The Black Students Union of U.C. San Diego finds itself in a unique position. We are in the position of attempting to implement the development of the organization in a manner that will equip it to answer to the need for an identifiable unit for African-Americans on this campus. We cannot, however, effectively meet this demand without input supplied to us from you. We need the input and resources to create a truly representative output in the form of the organization.

Because of the lack of an African-American Studies department or similar institution on this campus, the existing organizations, BSU, or perhaps the Contemporary Black Arts program, becomes compelled to assume the role of becoming the identifiable units for the African-American population on this campus. As stated earlier, this a unique position; it is a challenge.

Essentially the challenges we face are most effectively deal with through the acquisition and adoption of a healthy perspective on the struggle of African-Americans. Mind-set is the key to functioning effectively as individuals in society while maintaining a healthy perspective and positive self-identity. BSU advocates positive interaction with all realms of society. We feel that this interaction will be most optimal only after we realize who we are and what the path of our people represents. For this reason a sense of self through the history of our people is necessary. It is also upon this realization that we will be better equipped to maximize our experiences in the academic environment and further contribute to the community. It is upon these realizations that the African-American community at U.C. San Diego will be en route to developing the Black Students Union as an institution on this campus.

Respectfully Yours,
David A. Brue
Chairperson, BSU

Royal Brotherhood of Excellence

To entering and continuing students:

My name is Michael Taylor, spokesman for the Royal Brotherhood of Excellence (RBE). For some time now there have been rumors floating throughout the Black community as to what the RBE is and is not. With this letter I would like to set the record straight.

To begin, the RBE us a Black fraternal club, the first of its kind in UCSD history. The RBE's objectives are simple: retention and community outreach. All of our programming include academics like time management lectures; career objectives such as informal discussions with professionals from the city at large; and community dynamic where a tutorial service is set-up for a target school in San Diego, and the list can go on. Not only this, but within the organization is a sense of comradery and esprit de corps that is unparalleled.

From its engendering it was felt that such an organization was needed. But no one expected the level of appreciation and dedication that the RBE is now experiencing.

Historically speaking, the RBE had its genesis via Nadir Haqq, Marlon Fairweather, and myself. We had for years planned and molded what we fondly termed 'Project Excellence'. Basically 'Project Excellence' prescribed the development of an utopic society. Our idea was a hybrid of ancient Afrikan and modern American methodologies. The RBE is a physical reprecution of 'Project Excellence'. The organization began in the spring of 1985. It was then that key personnel like Vaughn Rex, Dexter McMichals, Peter Stephens, Cedric Lewis, Kurtis Owens, Bobby Hoffman, and Joseph Franklin, along with Black faculty and staff, made our dream a reality.

The objectives of the RBE are easily understood. Its basic goal is just as pliant: to assist in the unification and orientation of the Black community. Let me add that the RBE views the Black Students Union as its mother organization, and her support is a priority one. I add this so that there can be no doubt of our integrity. Finally, I hope the community is set at ease about the RBE; simply because it is the community that is at the very heart of our motivation and commitment. Thank you.

Faithfully yours,
Michael Taylor
Grand Duke RBE

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BSSO

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It gives the Black Science Students Organization great pleasure to welcome all new members as well as returning members. The BSSO wishes you much success here at U.C.S.D. We are just as excited as you are about your matriculation. As you may know by now the BSSO is an organization that supports and informs Black science students, but without your involvement the BSSO's capacity to function will be very limited. The BSSO office is located in the Student Center building A, room 107. Please donut hesitate to stop by and see what information here interests you.

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LIFE STUDIES

to hate one's people
is not normal
to perpetually wish to be like
other people
is not normal
that
which is normal for us
will never be normal for us
as long as the abnormal defines
what
normality is

HAKI R. MADHUBUTI



Lotus Blossom
Egyptian
Symbol of Enlightenment

I'd play four square
couldn't do a thing
with my hair
between curly(frizzy)
BAD
and straight
momma said you are
a pretty child
They said she
was white.
awkward with no
tits at age twelve
bony knees got scraped
like other kids
I wanted to skip
rope double time
all I could do
was change into
playclothes and write
They called me
red girl and hated
my long braids
said my momma
was too "light-skinned"
to be black
black like me.

BY ALISON HATTER

TO STRUGGLE FOR DIGNITY

Struggle has to be known
To all who seek its essence,
Growth is found.
To struggle is to progress,
To progress is to Understand
this dignity of Man & Woman.
Victory of Africa & Africans
follow
this struggle
Its history, Its culture is
surrounded by dignity through
struggle
To become Free, this struggle
grows like a tree. It starts
like a small seed, and develops
According to the wisdom of
ones
deeds.
Deeds of Goodwill
Deeds of Strong Character.
Africa, Oh Africa.
Break the bonds of ignorance
from your Children in
America.
They see struggle, but their
minds are underdeveloped
They see growth,
But their cares are unfocused.
Delivery them, Oh Ancestor's
Spirits.
Make them see the value of
your Dignity.
Make them understand that
the
dignity of their Manhood-
Womaanhood
is discovered through you .
Victory is guaranteed through
this
challenge of Knowledge.
Through this struggle for
liberation,
Oh Please, Ancestors, have
them
see the light, and
Guide their thoughts
to higher heights.

BY ABASI MUDADA



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BROTHERS...

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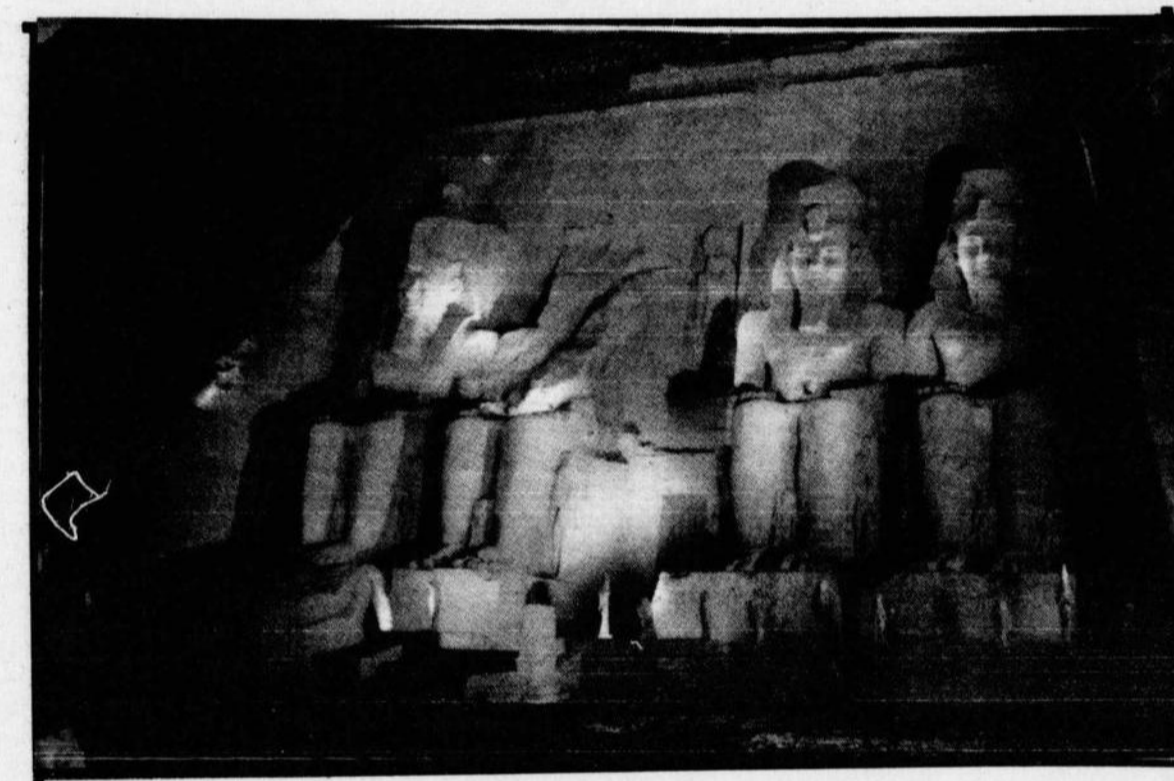
Love or Lust
i don't care
to give
of
myself
for
SATISFACTION
to fill
my spirt...my soul
ME
lonely
crying out... screaming...
SCREECHING!...

my heart
OH! SOMEBODY,
to have... near..
CLOSE
LOVE
COMFORT
quiet, placid, peace
HARMONY
blending
BODIES, SOULS...

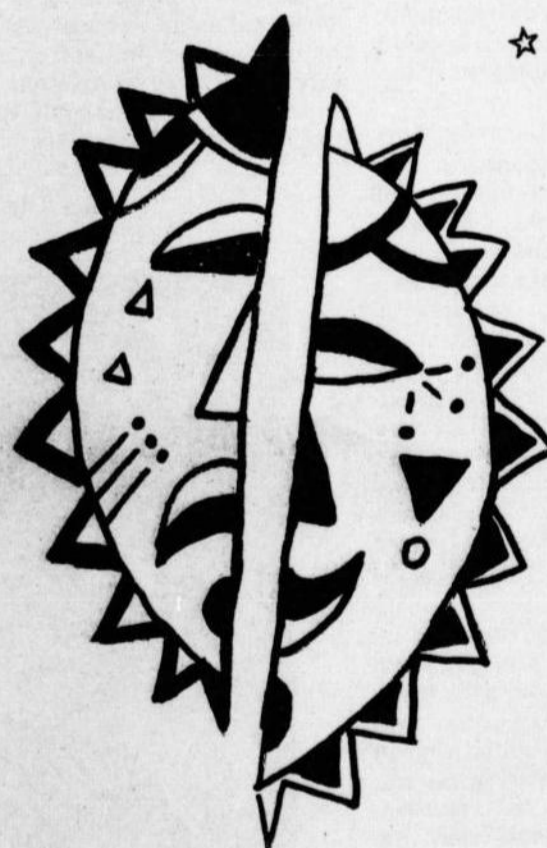
as
ONE
Relax...relax
let it mix,
flow,
fill,
ME...
drink of it:
POUR...
bathe in it;
ECSTASY
COMPLETE
SEDATED...

I got elf
in invisible ink(and I saw her)
she braided her hair
in seven different languages
even saw her make tears
out of Perrier
she dragged her hands
when she walked
loved small things
like ants and doorknobs
she talked to her self
when I wasn't looking
I thought she was something
else
she was black
and I quit being tired

BY ALISON HATTER



a tired soul...(sister)



A POEM FOR A BROTHER

It comes
from all sides
Daddy wanting you
to talk right
study hard
and makes it
make what?
Kenny told you
if you party
hard enough
on friday nights
you'll make it
to saturday
feelin' alright
Momma and I know
you don't just
tear things
because it's hard
growing up
That you come
home some mornings
five a.m. trippin'
over dirty clothes,
übig dreamsü, your
Blackness and that
damn basketball
to cry yourself
to sleep.

BY ALISON HATTER

Justice on Trial



JUSTICE ON TRIAL

Sagon Penn is a 23-year-old native of San Diego, California. The oldest of five children, Sagon was raised in the Muslim faith. Through strict adherence and devotion to his religious teachings, he has shown himself to be a pious and disciplined young man.

At the age of 14, he began working in his grandfather Yusef's restaurant, before and after school, in order to help his family. In 1979, he received a certificate for outstanding citizen from Foodmaker (Jack-in-the-Box's parent corporation). In 1981, he was awarded a certificate for food service management training.

He moved to Los Angeles in 1984 to pursue a boxing career and, in the summer of that year, worked with the Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympic Games, and received a certificate of recognition and appreciation for his contributions. While in L.A., Sagon also attended theater and speech classes.

In the early evening of March 31, 1985, 23-year old Sagon Penn was driving a group of eight friends home in his pickup truck after Sunday outing in Balboa Park. The truck stopped in the 6500 block of Brooklyn Ave., at which time two police cars stopped who were supposedly looking for an armed gang member on foot.

When asked to see his driver's license by officer Donovan Jacobs, Penn took out his wallet, opened it, showed the license to him, and asked, "What's the problem?" According to witnesses, Jacobs then asked Penn, "What do you claim-Cuz or Blood?"

Witnesses say Jacobs demanded Penn remove the license from his wallet. Penn said, "No, it's okay, officer. Go ahead and take my wallet." Jacobs refused. Penn again asked what he had done and got no response. He then turned and started to walk away. Jacobs grabbed him by the arm, and Penn pulled away. Jacobs then brought out his baton and started striking Penn.

Officer Thomas Riggs, from the other patrol car with ride along Sarah Pina-Ruiz, had been near the pickup talking with the passengers. As Jacobs was striking Penn, Riggs came over with his baton and began hitting Penn in the ribs, according to witnesses. Penn pleaded with the officers, "Why are you doing this?" Eventually, Penn fell to the ground from a hard blow to the back of his head. Jacobs then straddled Penn, sat atop his stomach, and beat him repeatedly with his fists.

During the struggle, Jacobs directed racist remarks at Penn, such as "You think you're bad don't you boy?" "We're gonna beat your black ass", according to witnesses. A witness also heard Riggs say to Penn, "Turn over...you black bastard".

The officers ordered Penn to roll over on his stomach so that he could be handcuffed. However, Penn was unable to comply with the order because Jacobs continued to sit on his stomach, according to testimony. A witness, who lives near the scene, said it appeared to him that one officer was beating Penn about the head and shoulders with a billy club, while the other officer sat on Penn. He testified, "People around started yelling, 'Why are they doing this?'". One of Penn's friends from the truck testified that they implored Jacobs and Riggs to leave Penn alone. He then testified that he went to a nearby house to call the Police Department about the brutal treatment of Penn.

During the beating, Penn allegedly wrested Jacobs' revolver from its holster and pointed it upward. Riggs kicked the hand with which Penn was holding the gun, and the weapon discharged, striking Jacobs in the neck, according to witnesses. Penn then allegedly shot Riggs twice before shooting twice through the patrol car at Pina-Ruiz, who received superficial wounds. Riggs was fatally wounded. Penn left in Jacobs patrol car-allegedly running over Jacobs. A half hour later, he and his grandfather drove to downtown police headquarters, where Penn was taken into custody. Witnesses have testified to the numerous abrasions, welts and other injuries Penn received as well as a one inch gash to the back of the head, in the middle of his skull.

Penn has been charged with the murder of Riggs and the attempted murder of Jacobs and Pina-Ruiz. He has pleaded innocent to all counts, and is being held in San Diego County jail on \$250,000 bail. His trial in San Diego Superior Court is scheduled for October



The Sagon Penn Legal Fund: P.O. Box 8206 San Diego, CA 92102

Give the Man a Hand



Let's be real. There's a war on Black people in America. And the cannons are pointed directly at our men. Pain has been the central theme in our brother's lives. They've been whipped, shackled, locked up, strung out, castrated physically and mentally. Yet through all their suffering, and without the benefits of quality education or international alliances to shore them up or financial stability passed from prior generations or any positive messages from the media to affirm them, our men have waged a courageous battle for the freedom of Black people. They've managed to survive in spite of the sophistication of the forces arrayed against them.

If Black men seem to be losing ground today, it's that they're weary and wounded from trying to thrive in a society that is determined they won't. I'm not an apologist for Black men. Like most sisters I've had my share of blues with the brothers. And in retrospect, it was often because they were struggling with their own lives.

In every city of the nation, one can see the pain and confusion of our brothers as they huddle in alleys, on corners-out of work-or driving taxis, delivering the mail, doctoring, struggling to stay afloat in corporate America. Struggling to feel like men.

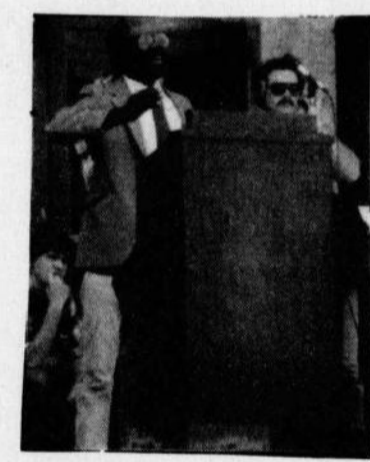
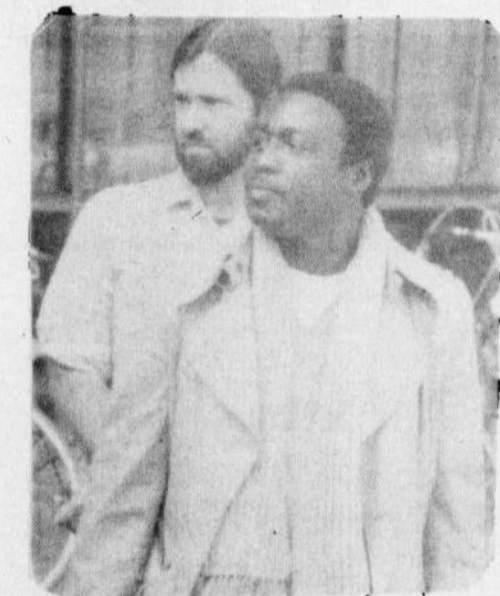
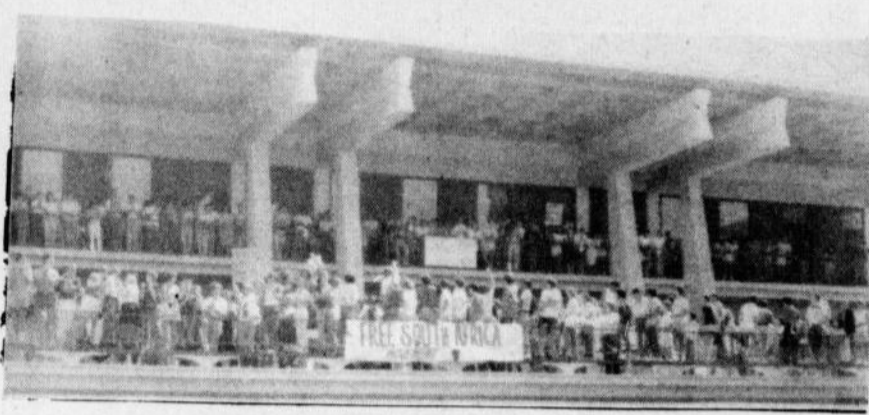
It's a very strange criterion that is used in our society to measure manhood. Men are taught to respect each other-and women are taught to respect men-based on how much money and might they have. It's difficult for a man to feel like a man without cash or clout. The pressure starts at an early age. What kind of behavior can you expect from a young man who's gotten the message that to feel like powerful, he must plant his seed and wear \$60 sneakers and a \$500 leather suit? What kind of behavior should we expect from the youngster when he can't even get a job and we've given him no other standards by which to define his manhood?

It's time we gave the brothers the credit they are due because, given the roadblocks to their empowerment, Black men are ten times greater than they appear against the backdrop of American society. If equity prevailed, Jesse Jackson would be President, Michael Jackson a movie star, Bill Cosby would own a network. If there was equity among men in the world, South Africa would still be Azania and Nelson Mandela would be in charge.



Malcolm X

Keep the faith.....



COALITION FOR A FREE SOUTH AFRICA





★ **CALENDAR** ★

★ OCT.24 BSU General Body Meeting-
HSS 1330-6pm

★ OCT.24 Afrikan Reggae Harvest
Festival-8pm-
La Paloma Theater

★ OCT.25 The Palestinian People do
have Rights,
7pm-TLH 107-free

★ OCT.31 Seminar on "A return to the
Motherland",
by the AAPRP-HSS 1106-6pm

★ NOV.2 Masquerade Party-Revelle
Cafe.-8pm
sponsored by BSU

★ NOV.7 BSU General Body Meeting-
HSS 1330-6pm

★ NOV.8 BSU presents: "Native Son",
film by Richard
Wright, 7pm-location TBA

★ NOV.14 Video on Kwame Ture-HSS
1106-6pm
sponsored by African Research
Collective

★ NOV.18 Contemporary Black Arts
Program presents:
Ms. Sara Powell, 8pm Mandaville
Aud.

★ NOV.21 BSU General Body Meeting-
HSS 1330-6pm

★ NOV.26 Contemporary Black Arts
Program presents:
Dance Theater of Harlem, 8pm-
Mandaville Aud.

WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong?"
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, member. You know right from wrong.
Are you an active member or do you just belong?

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