



# LBC UPDATE

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REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR

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Being a Black student at a predominately white university is a character building exercise that tones our minds, while aiding in the flexibility of our growth and stability of our self-development.

I am very proud of all Black students who recognize their ability to withstand the structure that neither encourages nor aids in the retention of Black students. It is a structure in which the administration, by its negligence, appease Black students when they "get out of hand," instead of earnestly trying to alter the climate of this 150 year old institution which was built with racism embedded in its pillars.

This issue was specifically designed to scrutinize the accomplishment of the Legion of Black Collegians in its attempt to set in motion a change in the University of Missouri-Columbia, that is long overdue. The theme being: And Still I Rise Achievement Through Unity.

Cultural talent and dignity were admirably displayed by the participants of the Multi-Cultural Extravaganza. The controversial LBC Bill did not fail, it simply didn't pass. The Martin Luther King Jr birthday celebration went on all day, regardless of the university's heartfelt gesture of 'giving us' two hours. We were forced to come 'Back To Life...Back To Reality' when 'Fighting The Power' became popular. The 'Survival of the Black Race in the 21st Century' was of serious concern to all of us who are realizing that we are the

future. Success or deterioration of the Black community is in our hands. The 'Role of Students in African Unity' gives us the ammunition to form our futures today.

This is just a sample of the potential of YOUR Black Student Government. There were a number of issues that were not addressed. I hope the next administration of LBC considers the following: Pulling the Black athlete back into the Black community, bringing all Black student organizations closer together, co-sponsoring programs, RHA racial insensitivity, mandating a Black studies course, intolerance of racism, challenging the administration to dismiss the "I can't deal with (racism), because its a political issue" syndrome, retention of fellow students, and campus community relations.

As Black Students, we all have an obligation to fulfill to ourselves and our race. As the outgoing President of LBC, I would like to encourage all of you to absorb all you can out of the University of Missouri-Columbia. One way you can do that is by becoming active in any Black student organization.

We are all in this together. As a Black student at UMC, I would like to encourage you to believe in yourself, never doubt your instincts, and learn to be intolerable of disrespect as well as, covert and overt racism.

Andrea Monroe

This issue of LBC Update is to reflect on the variety of activities LBC has sponsored this year. Starting with our "Fight the Power" party held Sept. 9 in which students were asked to come dressed in the Liberation colors of Black, Red, Gold and Green.

Oct. 1 and Dec. 14, Ronald Henry, a former MU graduate and African-American historian, educated students about the exegesis in the teaching of African History and Biblical Interpretations.

A forum on the African-American Male was hosted by Terry Freeman of St. Louis on Oct. 2. Freeman gave statistics on the current of the African-American male. He talked about the need of uplifting African-American males and having positive Black male role models.

LBC's annual homecoming events were the Multicultural Extravaganza and the Mr. and Ms. LBC Pageant. The extravaganza's theme was True Colors: An Expression of Heritage Through Talent. The acts ranged from dance, instrumentals, and slave narratives. Mr. and Ms. LBC are Steve Darby and YaShika Tippett who will be representing MU in the Big 8 Conference pageant.

The first Black South African Anti-Apartheid feature film, "Mapantsulu" was shown Dec. 6. The film demystified the day to day process by which real people became involved in social change.

The second LBC party "Back To Life Back To Reality" was held in conjunction with the African Students Association on Dec. 8.

On Dec. 3, Aretha Jones spoke about Unity as Black Americans and as Students.

The Black students, as well as some whites, of UMC staged a protest and a celebration. The protest was against the university's non-recognition of Martin Luther King Day. The celebration was for the nationwide observance of this great slain leader. It all began with a reception at the Black Culture Center where historian Sundiata Cha-Jua gave an inspirational speech. Afterwards the students gathered to march from the Black Culture Center to Jesse Hall, where the march ended in a rally and a sit-in. Students later returned to hear motivational words from Ossie Davis and recently released Nelson Mandela's daughter, Maki.

ALL GREEKS

BBSA

ABGPS

BPM

BLSA

ASA

*And Still I Rise...  
Achievement  
Through Unity!*

LBC

NAACP

SBE

MSJA

The Roommate Issue: Black vs. White was an open forum for discussion about the difficulties of living with someone from a different background. Students seemed to feel Blacks somehow cut themselves off from traditional dorm life. They would like to see more participation from Blacks. The real problem is the need for open communication for those who are having difficulties. The mediators were Counseling Center Psychologist Wylie Miller and Intern Theresa Baer.

LBC had another party "Do the Right Thing," held Jan. 20, to raise money for delegates to attend the Big 8 Conference, which was held in conjunction with the Pan-Hellenic Council.

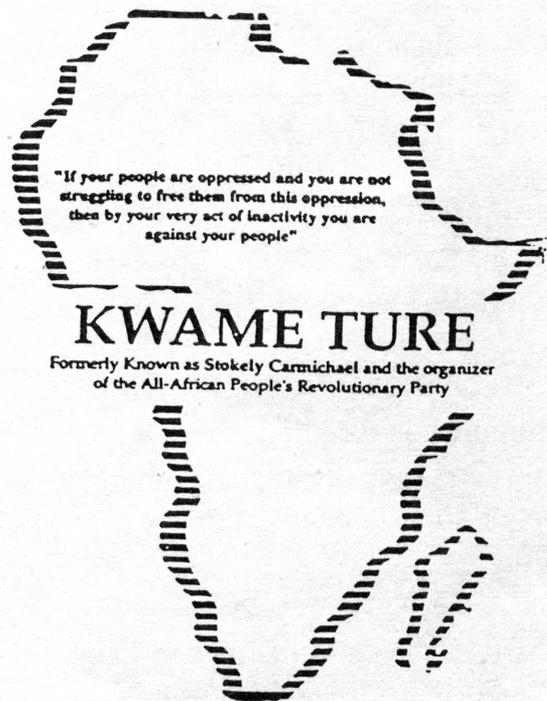
Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, historian and author, spoke about the "Survival of the Black Race in the 21st Century." Kunjufu spoke of the oppression white people impose on African-Americans by making sure they do not know Who they are, do not like the way they Look, or like Themselves. He emphasized that we are not the minority; 80% of the approximate 5 billion people in this world are of color, and as Ronald Henry said, "We are the extension of the majority."

Kunjufu's 10 point solutions to survival in the 21st century are:

1. Putting God first
2. After school culture awareness
3. Dopebuster program (neighborhood drug removal)
4. Positive economics
5. Proper diet
6. Parent programs

7. Tutorial and test programs
8. Rites of passage
9. Scholarship
10. Street ministry

Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael), organizer of the All-African People's Revolutionary Party and served as the Prime Minister of the Black Panther Party, is considered to be a man of violence, contrary to disbelief, Ture worked actively with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. Feb. 19, in Jesse Auditorium, Ture gave an inspirational speech which denounced capitalism and racial oppression. Ture informed students of what Africa has contributed to the world, but his main focus was informing African students to use the knowledge gained in college to help those in their community.



# UPCOMING ACTIVITES

## ELECTIONS

Don't Forget To Vote for LBC Elections.

LBC is selling T-shirts with six Black prominent leaders in African-American history. T-shirts are \$7 and sweatshirts are \$15. Contact Andrea Monroe or Erica McBeth at 884-1030.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Psi Chapter is offering a \$250 scholarship for undergraduate minority students presently enrolled at UMC, Columbia College, and Stephens College. Applications available at the three campuses' Financial Aid Offices due March 16, 1990. The scholarship will be awarded April 5, 1990, at Scholarship Night. For further information call Scholarship Chairperson Kim Presberry 474-0227 or Lisa Thomas 884-1924.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Delta Chapter is holding their Annual David L. Greenlee Fashion Show March 9, 1990 in the Stephens College Ballroom.

MU NAACP Officer Elections will be held Monday April 16, 1990. Voting will be held in Brady Commons 8:30-3:30.

Tuesday, April 17, 1990, a Panel

Discussion--The Political Status of Afro-Americans will be held in Jesse Wrench Aud. at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 1990, the First Annual "Celebrate Our Heritage" King and Queen Formal Ball in Mark Twain Ballroom 7:00-11:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Les Brown of Detroit, Michigan. Cost for Non-Members \$7, Members \$5. Food will be served.

The Aftersert will be an All Greek Stepshow as a fundraiser for charity. It will be held at Rothwell Gym from 11:00 p.m.-until. The cost for Non-Members \$5, Members \$3.

Sunday, April 22, 1990, First Annual "Gospel Extravaganza" to be held in the Mark Twain Ballroom from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Non-Members \$3, Members \$2. Refreshments will be served. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Helen Glenn of Columbus, MS.

## TRIVIA

Did you know that the modern indoor toilet was established due to the patent of the water closet by M.B. Rhodes?

Did you know W. Johnson invented the egg beater?

Did you know that the telephone receiver was invented by Granville Woods?

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