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THE BLACK BOOK

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Introduction

No one knows exactly how many Black students there are at the University of Missouri. Estimates indicate that the number is around eight-hundred. Whatever the amount is, it is a small fraction of the total twenty-five thousand students enrolled. The University of Missouri will offer you a culture shock if you are not used to being in a predominantly white environment.

Do not expect to turn on your radio and hear the sounds of the Isley Brothers, Parliament or Earth Wind and Fire. Do not expect to walk into your class and be greeted by a Black teacher because chances are, that you won't. Do not expect a variety of Black oriented activities because they will not be here.

Many facets of the University of Missouri may not be clear to you. This booklet is designed to help you overcome some of the problems of adjusting to the University. The environment here will not always be the most desirable, but there are people who can help make it easier to deal with. The most important of these people is yourself. Do not forget why you are at the University in the first place. You must realize that it will take a lot of work to stay here. do not hesitate to ask another Black Student to explain to you what you may not understand. You will find that upperclass Black students here can often fill you in on things you need to know. Also there are key people who will be able to assist you if you have any trouble. They are:

- The Legion of Black Collegians
Executive Board
110 Gentry Hall
882-6520
- Office of Minority Student Affairs
104 Read Hall
882-4226
- Black Orientation Leaders
- Project Start Counselors
- Black Faculty



Getting Over at M.U.

A good grade point average is the most important asset a student has. It, more than any other factor will determine who stays here and who doesn't. If you are having trouble in a class, get help immediately. There are free tutors available at the Office of Minority Student Affairs in Read Hall. You can party hard; do whatever you like, but you must master certain skills and pass your courses and get a degree.

There are some noticeable differences between High School academics and academics at the University level. At the University, nothing will be handed to you. If you don't get it for yourself, you may not get it at all. Here is a list of things that will help you.

1. Talk with your teachers. Ask questions when you are confused. Remember that you are paying them to teach you; they are not paying you. Talking to your teachers can make the differences between an A and a C. If you do not get along with your teacher, ask for a section change.

2. Go to class regularly! Chances are there will be very few black students in your classes and your face will be missed. In most classes participation is vital. Also, at the end of the semester, good attendance and good class participation could be a grade determining factor.

3. Take good notes! Lecture notes are usually the most important study aid you will have.

4. Review with other students regardless of what color or creed they are. Every course requires one or two hours of study for every hour of class.

5. Look up old test files for review. The library and the dorms have test files. Also some professors keep old tests that are quite useful.

6. Always be willing to ask for help when you need it. Seek out the people who can assist you.

7. Learn about the library early! Do your research papers as soon as possible. The library is overcrowded — especially at the end of the semester.

8. Get a tutor in Room 16 Read Hall.

9. Make sure you get good advisement. You have the final say over your schedule.

10. Get to know the Black students around you. They can be helpful to you and in unity there is strength.

There were approximately 750 Black students on campus last year out of a total student body of 24,000. Although Black students are spread all over the campus in residence halls and off-campus housing, there is considerable social unity. You will be able to meet most black students at dances and other social activities given by L.B.C. and Black fraternities and sororities. Social activities are a lot of fun, but the academic and racial situations of Blacks on this campus are not laughing matters.

It must be stressed that your ultimate goal while on this campus is to get education. Keeping this in mind, evaluate your own capabilities and schedule your extra-curricular activities. There are so few Blacks here in the first place that it makes it bad when we do flunk out. The flunk out rate for Blacks here is higher than for whites. Why are Blacks flunking out so often?

1. Poor high school preparation
2. Inability to relate to white teachers
3. Poor class attendance
4. Poor note taking
5. Partying too hard
7. Racism

So in order to stay here you must get down with those books. Help is available if you need it.



Advisement

Your first semester at the University is crucial and the type of courses you get can affect your chance of success at M.U. Even though getting all the courses you would like is virtually impossible at times, some attempts should be made at trying to develop a reasonable program suitable to your ability. You, like all other students at the University, will meet with advisors to plan your schedule.

These advisors are trained to evaluate your test scores and help you come up with a suitable schedule. But because of the large size of this University, overcrowded classes and insensitive personnel, the advisement situation is less than ideal. Most advisors are overloaded with students, therefore, even if they want to, they do not have time to take a personal interest in your problems. However, to avoid the problems that assembly line advisement can lead to, it would be a good practice to have a staff member in the Office of Minority Student Affairs or a Black Orientation Leader know what your schedule is and discuss whether or not it is suitable for you. They may be found in the Center for Student life in Read Hall.

While registering, it is vital that you be totally honest in assessing your ability. Try to avoid over-estimation or under-estimating your high school preparation.

If you can't get a course you want, don't panic. There are alternatives; you can add or drop a course. If a course is not open now, wait until next semester in most cases, it is not required that you graduate in four years. Further information about adding, dropping and petitioning may be obtained from your academic division, L.B.C. or the Office of Minority Student Affairs.



Academic Facts

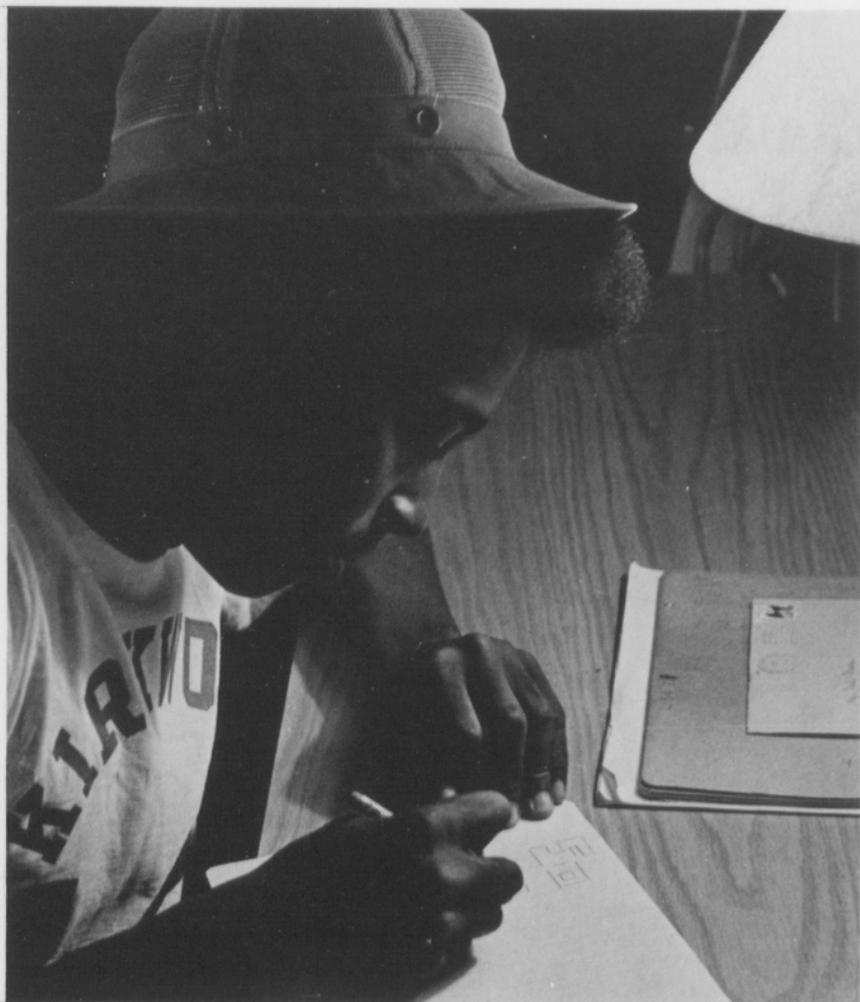
Part of success at the University is simply learning the rules. Here are some rules that may help you.

Pre-registration: It is imperative that you pre-register for your next semester's classes. The advantages to doing this are in the wider selection of courses and times available. Inquire at your dean's office as to the dates for pre-registration.

Dropping and Adding Courses: Many students believe that they are locked into courses once registration is over. "Petitioning" is the system used to change courses after classes begin. During the first week of classes, for pre-registered students, dropping and adding courses is free. At other times during the semester, petitioning costs \$5. No course may be added after the first three weeks of classes. As far as withdrawing from a course, no notation of a student's enrollment in a class is made on the student's transcript if the course is dropped within the first six weeks of the semester. After the six week date, a grade must be reported. It should be reported as "excused" if the student makes a D or better. If the student is failing, it should be reported "withdrew failing."

Delayed Grades: A delayed grade may be recorded when a student's work is incomplete and the instructor feels unable to assign a grade. This option is completely up to the instructor's discretion, and delayed grades are many times not given except in cases of documented illness. A student must make up a delayed grade within two semesters or receive an F.

Scholastic Probation and dismissal: A student may be dismissed (flunk out) or be put on scholastic probation for poor academic standing. A student should consult his or her academic dean or divisional Bulletin to get an update on specific academic deficiency regulations. In general, a student may be dismissed if his or her grade point average falls below a 1.0 or, if he or she receives an F in over half of the term hours. Different divisions have different regulations, so if you flunk out of one division, you can possibly transfer into another division and still remain on the U.M.C. campus. If you flunk out, or even think you might, report to Clarence Wine and L.B.C. immediately at 107 Read Hall.



Housing

One of the most important considerations to you in coming to the University is housing. There are many different styles of living while in school and it is important to take care to select what suits you best.

The University Residence Halls are what most students come to first. There are advantages to on-campus living. You will be closer to your classes and will not have to worry about transportation to and from campus. Also you will not have to worry about preparing meals. By living in a dormitory you will be in closer contact to other students and will be closer to other Black students.

There are, however, disadvantages to living in a dormitory. For example, you will be subjected to more stringent rules. There are restrictions about what times of the day you are permitted to have members of the opposite sex in your room. Also there are quiet hours that are enforced.

More serious are the problems which can arise with white residents in the dormitory. There are some white residents who may not have an appreciation for Black people or Black culture and at times they may not hesitate to make you aware of that. The Resident Assistant (R.A.) is there to help you when you have problems. Usually, they are not prepared to deal with problems resulting from racial tension. Also, Resident Assistants have problems relating to black students. If you experience problems with Resident Assistants or white residents in the dorm, call the L.B.C. office at 882-6520.

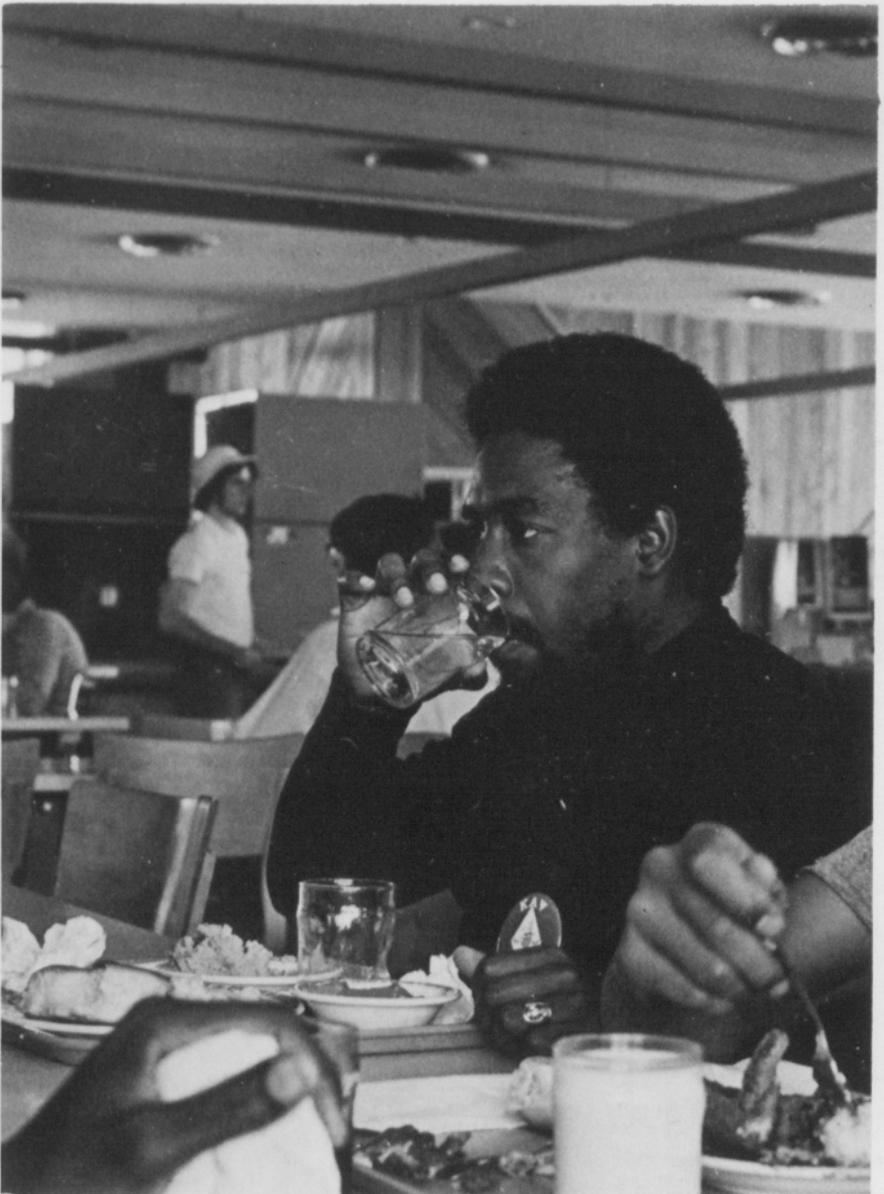
Your roommate, whether Black or white holds a special place in your University experience. He or she is the person you will sleep with and come in constant contact with. If you have a roommate you think you cannot live peacefully with, remember that you are allowed one room change for the year. So chose carefully!

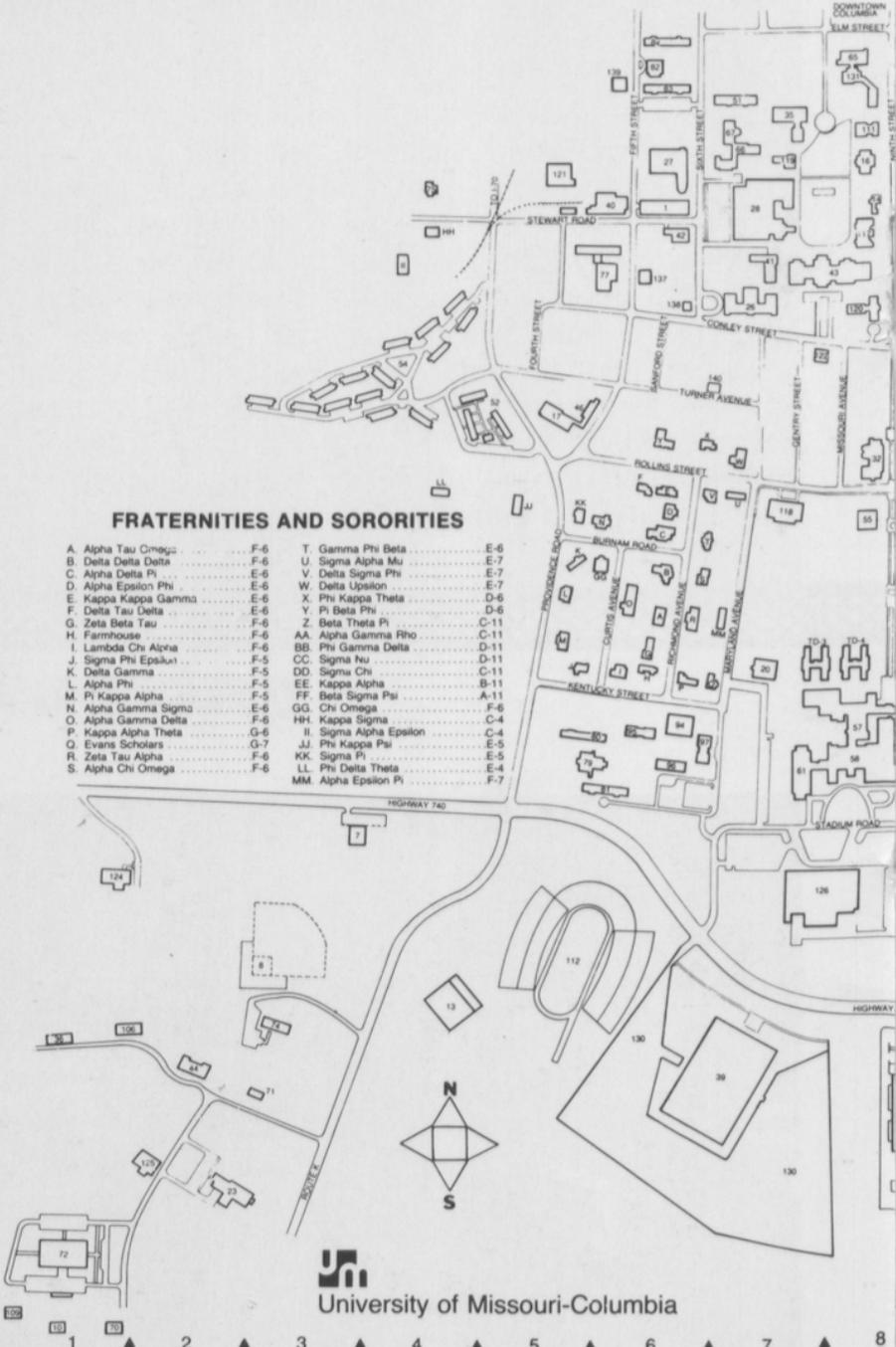
Your Meals are provided (except for Sunday dinner at these times.

	Monday thru Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	6:50-9 am	8-9:30 am	8-9:30 am
Lunch	10:45-1:50	10:45-1:00	11:30-1:30
Dinner	4:30-6:15	4:30-6:15	no dinner

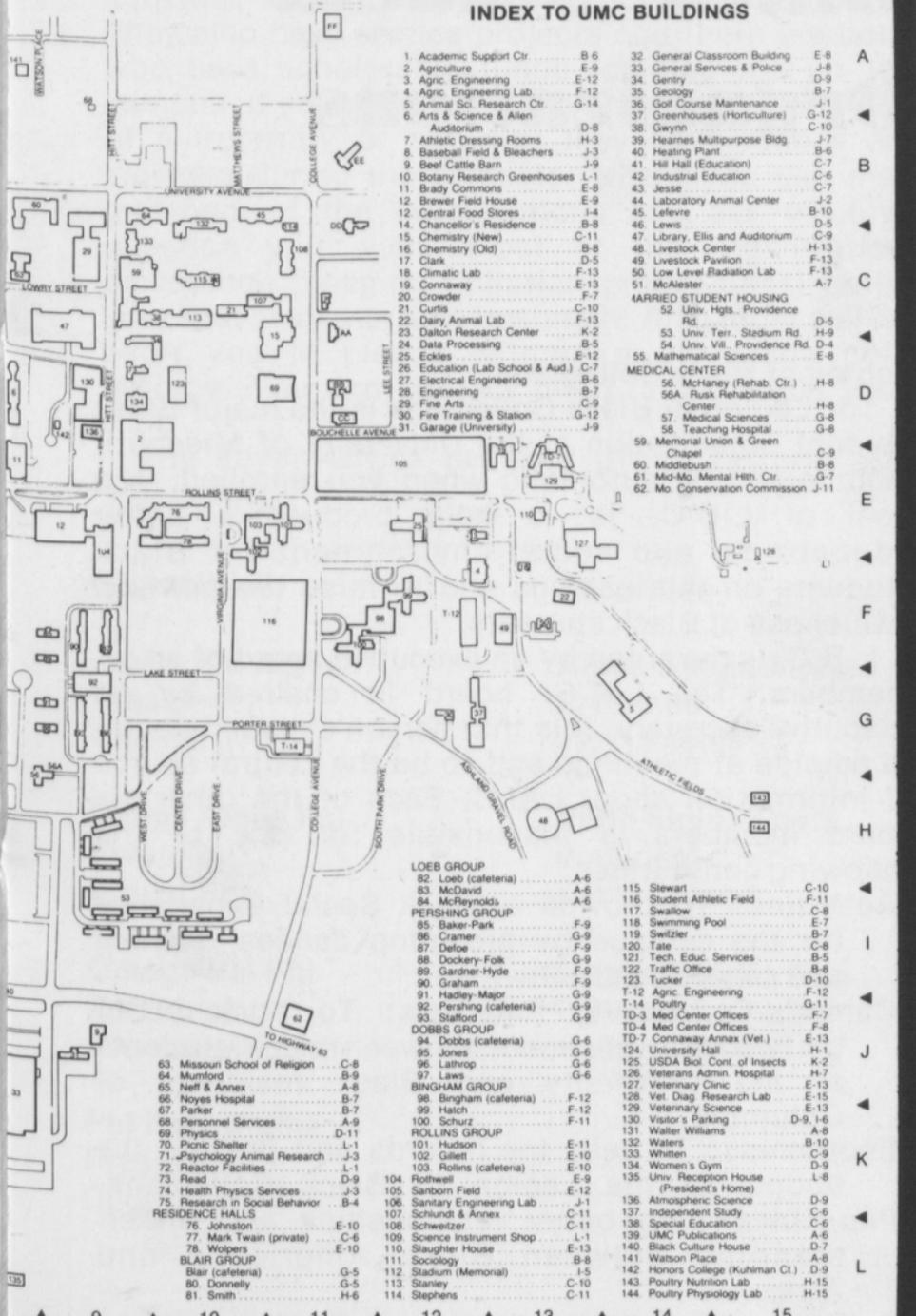
Off campus housing can often be less expensive than a dormitory. That will depend upon the place you chose and how many people will be living there. You will often have to deal with buying groceries, paying utility bills, obtaining furniture and transportation. You will have the freedom to plan your activities more according to your own taste.

Regardless of where you live or with whom you room, it is a good idea to live as closely as possible to other black students. Other Black students have experienced some of the same problems and frustrations and can offer helpful advice.





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Black Student Organizations

Legion of Black Collegians

The Legion of Black Collegians is the major Black student organization at the University of Missouri. Membership is automatic when you enrolled. The goal of L.B.C. is to help produce a better educational and social environment for Black students on this campus and to raise the political awareness of Black students.

L.B.C. is governed by an executive board of seven members. The L.B.C. board is chaired by an executive secretary. It is that person's responsibility to preside at meetings and to be the central source of information about L.B.C. Each of the other six board members is responsible for one of the following committees:

Activities: To provide a Black Social experience for the campus by providing dances, picnics and other social activities.

Campus-Community Relations: To bring about unity and involvement between black students at the University and Black residents of Columbia.

Economics: To keep the records and prepare the budget of the Legion of Black Collegians.

Pan-African: To better relationships and understanding between Black Americans and Africans.

Political Education: To keep Black students informed of political and educational events That are significant to Blacks.

These committees are open to everyone and your support is needed to keep L.B.C. as a functioning organization. For more information, call the L.B.C. office at 882-6520 or stop by room 110 Gentry Hall.

L.B.C. Choir

The L.B.C. Choir has an active schedule of performances throughout the state. The choir numbers around fifty and they perform gospel music at various functions. For more information contact the L.B.C. office at 882-6520.

L.B.C. Acting Guild

The L.B.C. Acting Guild performs at various functions given by L.B.C. and other organizations. They provide dramatic presentations which are relevant to the Black experience at the University.

Fraternities and Sororities

There are seven national Black Greek-lettered organizations that have chapters on the University of Missouri Campus. They provide a variety of social activities throughout the year for Black students. They also have service projects and there are some who have scholarship funds for students on this campus. If you are interested in becoming a member of a fraternity or sorority, they have rushes and smokers during the semester where you can meet members of the organizations and ask whatever question you wish. Most of the organizations discourage pledging (initiation procedures) during your first semester as a freshman. Also most will not allow you to pledge without a 2.0 grade point average. You can contact them in room 200 Read Hall.

The seven Greek-lettered organizations are:

Fraternities

Alpha Phi Alpha
President:
Chester Trotter

Kappa Alpha Psi
President:
Ernest Poe

Omega Psi Phi
President:
Charles Mitchell

Phi Beta Sigma
President:
Cedric Tate

Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha
President:
Vicki Pasley

Delta Sigma Theta
President:
Kathi Greene

Sigma Gamma Rho
President:
Melinda Helm

Other Black Student Organizations

- Black American Law Students Association ●●●● room 110 Gentry Hall
- Society of Black Engineers ●●● room 110 Gentry Hall
- African Students Union ●●●●●●●● room 114 Read Hall
- Black Athletes Doin' It ●●●●●●●● room 300 Parker Hall
- Black Journalism Students Association ●●●●●● room 108 Gentry Hall

Office of Minority Student Affairs

The Office of Minority Student Affairs is concerned with helping the Black student with his or her formal and informal education. There are many programs offered by the Office of Minority Student Affairs which are designed to help Black students to adjust to the University as well as helping Black students while they are here. Among the programs offered by the Office are:

- * a tutorial program
- * study skills program
- * speed reading program
- * counselling services
- * academic advisement

It is important that you talk to the people in the office if you are having some sort of difficulty or if you just want to know some information about programs offered for minority students. The address and number are in the back cover of the book.

The Black Culture House

The Black Culture House is the center for many Black oriented activities. There are social functions as well as plays, seminars, discussions and prominent visitors who come to the House. The House is located at 511 Turner Street and is open throughout the day for meetings of any organization, studying or whatever. If you would like to use the House for a meeting or any function, or if you just want more information call 882-2664.



Black Faculty

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Sandra W. Gautt§	Instructor, Special Ed.	515 S. 6th St.
Mabel Grimes§	Ext. Youth Specialist	210 Whitten
Barbara Horrell§	Training Coordinator Personnel-Med. Center	E-27-A Med-Center
Deborah Jefferson§	Info. Specialist Extension Information	1-98 Agriculture
Curtis Jones§	Asst. Football Coach	368 Hearnes
Gene Jones§	Asst. Basketball Coach	372 Hearnes
Richard Lowe§	Asst. Dir. UMC Med Ctr.	W-117 Med-Center
Rodney Kelly§	Promotion Coordinator Athletic Dept.	393 Hearnes
Mary McDonald	Coordinator/Instructor Medical Dietetics	M-S-757 Med-Science
Charles McKinney	Assoc. Professor Management-Business	135 Middlebush
James Oglesby§	Asst. Provost Admin. Facility Utilization	116 Jesse
James Oliver§	Ext. Youth Specialist	205 Whitten
Doris Palmer§	Program Coor. Project Start	201 Gentry
Charles Rankin§	Dir., Midwest Center Equal Oppor. Employm.	408 Hitt St.
John Rencher§	Coor., Equal Opportunity Employment-UMC Pers.	309 Hitt St.
Araminta Smith	Asst. Professor Social Work	705 Clark
William Robertson	Assoc. Professor Regional & Comm. Affair	719 Clark
Vincent St. Omer	Assoc. Professor Vet. Anatomy/Physiology	5 Veterinary Science
Arvarah Strickland	Professor, History Dept.	129 A&S
Keener Tippin§	Asst. Dir. of Admissions	219 Jesse
Ellar Williams	Inst., Curriculum & Inst.	212 Education
Loretta Williams	Asst. Professor Soc.	210-C Sociology
James Wyche	Asst. Professor Bio. Science/Biochem.	129 Med-Science
Karen Wyche	Inst./Caseworker Social Services	N-104 Med-Center
Caroll Young	Instructor, Spanish	3-D University Terrace
Willaim Smith§	Financial Aids & Awards	11 Jesse

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Black Studies

Courses

UMC doesn't offer a degree in any type of Black studies courses, but there are some courses offered that relate to the Black experience.

*Courses 100 Per Cent Related to Black Experience**

DEPARTMENT	TITLE	CREDIT
Anthropology	Peoples of Africa Survey of Blacks, cultures south of Sahara.	3
English 304	Advanced Afro-Am. Lit. Black American authors from Harlem Renaissance to present.	3
English 104	Afro-Am. Lit. Fiction, poetry, essays by major Black American authors.	3
Economics 263	Economics of the Black Experience Problems of discrimination, location, productivity and distribution.	3
Geography 152	Themes in the Geography of Africa Perceptions of African geographical conditions by outsiders and by Africans; impact of Colonialism; problems of independence and modernization; case studies of some major countries of Africa.	3
History 130	Afro-Am. History Afro-American history from West Africa to present, emphasis on cultural, political, economic and social developments from the view of Black Americans.	3
History 391	Advanced Afro-Am. History Afro-American life in 20th century. Treats political, cultural, economic and social developments; special emphasis on Black movements.	3
History 438	Readings in Afro-Am. History Major writings in Afro-American history are read and discussed. Emphasis on writing on 20th Century topics.	3
History 439	Afro-Am. History Research Seminar Students are expected to write a paper on topics of their choice based on primary sources.	3
Social Work 400	Afro-Am. Culture & Life Brief look at past history toward understanding the present Afro-American experience. Examines myths, individual and institutional racism. Explains various Afro-American life styles and action goals to combat racism.	3
Sociology 227	Ethnic Minority Groups in the U.S. Prospects of minority groups in American society primary attention to interlocking organizational and institutional structure; Policy issues confronting national, state and local governments examined such as housing, school desegregation, manpower development, citizen participation. The course will evaluate the argument that a new political majority has been formed.	3
Sociology 337	General Sociology — Racial & Cultural Relations Covers concepts of biological and social race, ethnicity, prejudice, neo-pluralism, ethnic stratification.	3
Sociology 339	Black Americans Historical background of Blacks in American Contemporary Black community in U.S. Prerequisites: junior standing and Sociology 1.	3
Sociology 428	Seminar in Race Relations Policy orientation, Comparative. Assumes undergraduate sociology courses in race relations.	2

*Courses may be offered on an alternate semester basis, check with the specific department to find out when a specific course will be offered.

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Social Activities

The social life for Black students at the University leaves much to be desired. However, much is being done to improve the situation. On weekends there usually are dances given by the various fraternities and sororties and L.B.C. in either the Memorial Union, Rothwell Gymnasium or the second floor of Brady Commons. Here is the calendar of social events and the organization sponsoring them.

JUNE

JUNE

- 11 — Legion of Black Collegians (LBC)
- 12 — Phi Beta Sigma
- 13 — LBC Picnic
- 18 — Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 19 — Delta Sigma Theta
- 25 — Omega Psi Phi
- 26 — Alpha Phi Alpha
- 27 — Alpha Kappa Alpha (Rush)

JULY

- 2 — Open
- 3 — Open
- 4 — Open
- 5 — Open
- 9 — Omega Psi Phi
- 10 — Kappa Alpha Psi
- 11 — Delta Sigma Theta
- 16 — LBC & Alpha Phi Alpha
- 17 — Phi Beta Sigma (Smoker)
- 23 — Delta Sigma Theta
- 24 — Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 25 — Delta Sigma Theta

AUGUST

- 27 — LBC
- 28 — Omega Psi Phi
- 29 — Omega Psi Phi (Smoker)

SEPTEMBER

- 3 — Delta Sigma Theta (Weekend)
- 4 — Delta Sigma Theta
- 5 — Delta Sigma Theta (Rush)
- 10 — Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 11 — Phi Beta Sigma
- 12 — Alpha Dappa Alpha (Rush)
- 12 — Phi Beta Sigma (Smoker)
- 17 — Alphi Phi Alpha
- 18 — Sigma Gamma Rho
- 19 — Kappa Alpha Psi (Smoker)
- 19 — Alpha Phi Alpha (Smoker)
- 19 — Sigma Gamma Rho (Rush)
- 24 — Omega Psi Phi
- 25 — Kappa Alpha Psi

OCTOBER

- 1 — Alphi Phi Alpha
- 2 — Kappa Alpha Psi
- 8 — Omega Psi Phi
- 9 — Phi Beta Sigma
- 15 — LBC
- 16 — All Greek Homecoming
- 22 — Alphi Phi Alpha
- 23 — Crimson and Creme Ball (Kappa Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Theta)
- 29 — Phi Beta Sigma
- 30 — Omega Psi Phi

NOVEMBER

- 5 — Sigma Gamma Rho (Weekend)
- 6 — Sigma Gamma Rho
- 12 — Alpha Phi Alpha (Weekend)
- 13 — Alpha Phi Alpha
- 14 — Alpha Kappa Alpha Anniversary
- 19 — Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 20 — Delta Sigma Theta
- 21 — Phi Beta Sigma

DECEMBER

- 3 — Omega Psi Phi
- 4 — Kappa Alpha Psi
- 5 — Alpha Kappa Alpha
- 10 — Omega Psi Phi

Also there are movies provided by MSA in Jesse Hall Auditorium or in the Auditorium in Middlebush Hall. Many of these movies will either be free or at a nominal charge (\$1.00).

Black Churches

Log Providence Church **Second Baptist Church**
R.D. 1 407 East Broadway
442-4914 449-4703

Sugar Grove Baptist Church **Wright Temple Church**
R.D. 1 8 Sexton Road
449-1629 449-3206

Newman Center*
701 Maryland Avenue
449-5424

*Newman Center is not a predominantly Black church but it is the nearest Catholic church and it is on campus.

Other

If you are in need of a calculator and do not own one and do not wish to borrow one, there is a solution. There are calculators rented by the General Services Department of Missouri Students Association (M.S.A.) for a nominal fee (\$.50 a day).

Also provided by MSA are typewriters which are located in the library for free. To find where they are, ask the information assistant in the library or call MSA at 882-8386.

The Missouri Student Services Corporation rents refrigerators to students. They are not very large and will fit easily in any dormitory room. You can rent them for \$45 a semester and \$65 for the entire academic year. If you are interested in renting one, it is important to do it as soon as possible. For more information call 882-8386.

Blacks Who Can ASSIST YOU

L.B.C. Executive Board

110 Gentry Hall

882-6520

Allison Boyd ●●●● Campus-Community Relations
Jonathan Hicks ●●●●●●●●●● Political Education
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Suzanne Price ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● Communications
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Office of Minority Student Affairs

107 Read Hall

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511 Turner Street

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Financial Aid Staff

11 Jesse Hall

882-2051

George Brooks ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● Director

Black Orientation Leaders-1976

(can be located through the Center for Student
Life-Read Hall)

Jonathan Hicks and Vanessa Steele

Project Start Staff

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882-4482

Pinky Herrell ●●●●●●●●●●●●●●●● Counselor
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