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Black Student Union Holds Black Culture Week

The Black Student Union of the Behrend Campus sponsored a week of Black Culture, Sunday, April 9 through Friday, April 14, in an attempt to present relevant topics of black culture to the public.

Deborah Lomax, president of the Black Student Union, explained her ideas of the concept of the black culture week: "This is the first event that Behrend has ever had. You have to give things a chance. The quality (of the programs) was bona fide."

The first event of the week explained the role of the church in the black struggle for equality, with the Reverend Paul P. Martin, executive director of O.I.C., as speaker. The Sing-spirations Gospel Choir of the Church of God provided entertainment.

The next evening, a panel discussion concerning Black perspectives toward education was held in the Reed Student Union Building. Panelists included Eva Tucker, assistant Professor of Geology, Behrend Campus, Stanley Herring, Director Model Cities, Fred Thompson, "Upward Bound", Gannon College; William Powell, member of the Black Student Union of Gannon College; Martha Sanders, Executive Director, Human Relations - Commission; and Luther Manus, member of the Erie School District.

Dr. Nathan Wright, urbanist and historian, and professor of the Urban Affairs at the State University of New York at Albany, spoke on the political perspectives of the black man on Tuesday evening.

Historical and social dilemmas, specifically, "Pan-Africanism", were discussed by Dr. Hart Emuluwa, Nigerian Assistant Professor of Education and History at Gannon College on Wednesday.

The arts dominated Thursday evening's entertainment, with the African Interpretation Dancers from Gannon College and Black Talents from University Park.

The week's activities closed with a panel discussion, confrontation in Black, on Friday, April 14. Speakers included Rahem Denman, on the Republic of New Africa; Mildred Horton, on N.A.A.C.P.; and Bro. Harold X. on Black Muslims.

Ike Burnett, member of the Black Student Union of the Behrend Campus, stated that "It was good, but it could have been better if there had been more participation. However, their loss, our gain."



New Black Era

Students rap Monday night, April 10 on the "black prospects of education." Panel members Mr. William Powell, advisor to blacks at Gannon; Mr. Luther Mauis, School Board Administration and Mr. Stanley Herring, Representative from Model City Agency.

Lighthouse Casts Beams on Warner

Lighthouse, Canada's number one new rock group of the year, is quickly becoming a success in the United States as well. They will be appearing at the Warner Theater on Thursday, April 20 at 8 p.m., under the sponsorship of the Behrend Student Union Board.

Lighthouse is an unusually large group, numbering eleven-four horns, a four-man rhythm team, a cello, violin and bass. They merge their individual talents together well and put forth a unique sound. Bob McBride is the lead vocalist, but four or five of the other members perform their own arrangements in concert.

After two years of hard work, rearranging, and experience Lighthouse has finally overcome problems of musical direction and record production. They

released a single not long ago called "One Fine Morning", that hit high on the charts. Their new album recently released, "Thoughts of Movin' on", became gold in Canada even before its release, and it's now a success in the United States. They've also sung such favorites as "Take It Slow", "The Love of a Woman" and "I Just Wanna Be Your Friend".

Jonathan Edwards, author of "Sunshine" and "Orphan", will be appearing as the special guest of Lighthouse. Tickets for the concert are \$5.50, \$4.50, or \$3.50 without an activity card, and \$4.00, \$3.25, or \$2.50 with one. They are available at the RUB desk. A bus will leave campus at 7:00 p.m. and stop at the Warner Theater. Price of a round trip bus ticket is 25c and can also be purchased at the RUB desk.

Main Campus Difficulties Acknowledged By Students

(APS) The Office of Student Affairs Research last June completed a 16-month study of the problems involving the transfer of Commonwealth Campus students to University Park. The project included a survey of students prior to their transfer to University Park and a re-survey after 15 weeks of attendance at University Park.

According to the study, which included 871 students, most transfer students are pleased with their experience of living away from home, but fewer new people were met at University Park than the students had expected.

The study found that many

transfers underestimate the difficulties of academic adjustment at University Park. The majority find that grade competition is more intense and course work requires more work at University Park. The students surveyed also felt that University Park professors are more lenient about class attendance, have a great deal of knowledge about students' major fields, treat students as adults, but have difficulty in getting to know individual students. Resource materials were considered easier to find at University Park.

Almost one-third of the students

reported scheduling difficulties and most students do not get as much assistance from faculty advisors as they want. However, in many of the academic items surveyed, the actual experiences were not as bad as the students anticipated before coming to University Park.

Transfer students reported that University Park students are more liberal about social problems, have more personal freedom, and have more voice in the policies and regulations set at University Park than do Commonwealth Campus students at the campuses.

Task Force Holds Open Meeting April 25

An open meeting of the Task Force will be held during common hour on Tuesday, April 25 in Reed Lecture Hall as announced by Dean Spalding. The purpose of this meeting is to present a status report to faculty and students on the work accomplished by the Task Force to date.

Dr. Ed Masteller, a member of the Task Force along with Dean Spalding, commented on the meeting. "This is where we would like to inform as many people as possible. Questions will be answered at this time."

The entire Task Force will be present at this meeting. The membership includes Dr. Leonard Zimmerman, Professor of Bacteriology at University Park, Dr. David Stewart, Head of the English Department at U.P., Dr. Marvin Rozen, Professor of Economics, Dr. Richard Schein, Director of the Office for Programs for Environmental Studies, and Dr. Stanley Ikenberry, Sr. Vice-President for Planning, whose job it is to report the recommendations of the Task Force to President Oswald.

Dean Spalding expressed the hope that the presence of the whole Task Force at the April 25 meeting will convey the Force's progress and ideas to the interested community.

Dr. Masteller hinted that the Task Force is aiming for a report to the President by early May. "If we get enough input from our committees, we hope to make our recommendations by then."

Art Festival Plans for May

Behrend will be the scene of exhibits and talent, local and imported, including plays presented by the Readers, a ceramics demonstration by Dan Milewski and an all-day rock festival featuring local groups. Behrend's Annual Spring Arts Festival will take place on Wednesday, May 17 and will continue till Sunday, May 21.

Persons interested in donating time to help make this effort successful should contact Miss Carrol or Walker Moore. Any help will be greatly appreciated.



New Canadian Sounds

Behrend Student Union Board presents Lighthouse in concert at the Warner Theater on April 20 at 8 p.m. Lighthouse utilizes brass and wood instruments in composing their unique sound.