

Black Experience

by Harold Key

The realm of the Black experience is exploring geometrically as Blacks build economic and political bases, hijack planes, and O.D. on drugs. But in what direction are we as a group headed?

There is now the realization of a common ground among Black folks. Professionals want to communicate with the masses, though sometimes only because of a personal desire to acquire power. Blacks must find the best way to capitalize on the trend toward unity. We might be able to consolidate our newly found collective spirit by organizing a Black superstructure in charge of development of the Black community.

By concentrating leadership, technical abilities, and dedication into one powerful organization, rather than many impotent ones such as the N.A.A.C.P., C.O.R.E., S.C.L.C., etc. the problem of wasteful duplication of services could be eliminated! The success of this new organization would probably hinge upon the disbanding of the before-mentioned groups and the general backing of the community. That, of course, would be a difficult task; however, the superstructure would ultimately provide the most scientific approach to collective betterment.

The superstructure might first function to make the communities aware of their sizable buying power and, second, hopefully direct it. The current department of White businesses, which once flourished in the large Black urban communities, is leaving a void which could be filled by proud and responsible Black businessmen. We must remember that an important part of thinking Black is buying Black. We must endeavor to support the new and struggling Black businesses in the hope that this will benefit us collectively by

keeping the money within the community. An integral part of this superstructure would be a group of paid business consultants who would supply their expertise to these new businesses at minimal cost. But this is only one area of Black economic development. There are a few corporations in America whose resources are "mind blowing". The superstructure could learn the inner workings of these corporations, finding vulnerable areas to apply pressure, and by doing so might produce beneficial results for Blacks, e.g. employment.

In the area of politics the superstructure could be especially important for it would act as the information and coordination agency for Black political activities. This year's Democratic Convention highlighted the relatively significant gains made by Blacks in the political arena; however, there was a lack of unity. Though many of the Blacks present were political neophytes, they nonetheless were a contributing factor to the overall success of the Convention.

This was just a beginning. Our superstructure could coordinate massive voter registration drives coupled with political education using presently existing Black newspapers, TV, and radio programs. It could assist in the election campaigns of politicians who have the endorsement of the Black community which historically has voted as a block. Some of the full-time staff could act as lobbyists using the Black vote as their tool of persuasion.

The era of revolutionary rhetoric is dead in the Black community. We must revamp and update our approach to our own self-development. The idea of a monolithic organization for social change is no panacea, yet it would be a great asset in the often frustrating attempt to better the Black experience in America.

S.U.B. Activities For Coming Week Center in RUB

The Student Union Board of the Behrend Campus will sponsor various entertainment events during the week of October 8. Signs announcing these events will appear on bulletin boards at various spots around campus.

Beginning Sunday, October 8, the movie *The Great British Train Robbery* will be presented in the RUB Lecture Hall at 7 and 9 p.m. It is the film version based on the actual robbery which occurred in 1963. The price will be 35 cents with an activity card, \$1 without a card.

The *Flash Gordon* and *Zorro* serials continue on Tuesday, October 10. Chapter four of each, along with three "Road Runner" cartoons will be shown at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the RUB Lecture Hall. The price is 15 cents

with an activity card.

On Thursday, Oct. 12, the morning presentation, *The World at War* is offered free of charge at 11 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. It is especially designed to accommodate commuting students who are unable to attend those events sponsored in the evening.

The weekend holds more in store for "Coffee House" fans. From Thursday, Oct. 12 through Saturday the 14, Robin Williams will perform in the RUB Dining Hall each evening at 9 p.m. Williams does a wide variety of music. Pop, folk, and country-western tastes can be satisfied by attending one of the three nights. The price each night will be 25 cents with a card and 50 cents without a card.

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Letters to the Editor

Editorial

Dr. Tauber's Letter

I have gone to college for four years. Now, as I near graduation, I look around me and a number of questions come to my mind.

What is a college? Is a college someplace to go to simply pass the time, or is it an institution made of students, for the use of the students? Is a college for good times, or is it for an education? Is a college something which is to be used or is it something to be worked for? What role does a college play in the lives of the students that attend it? Is college really the valuable experience that it's made up to be? Is college necessary for a productive life? Just what are the limitations that a college has? Does it make any difference if the student body supports its college, academically as well as socially, not to speak of politically?

All of these questions have as many answers as there are students. I can only speak for myself as I answer them.

A college is the student body. It can not survive or progress without the support of students, concerned students working with faculty and administration to achieve worthwhile goals. If you look in the front of your student handbook, under Walker Moore's letter, you will see the words, "Never will you experience the almost total freedom of choice again", used to describe college life. It is just this freedom which is the right of every student. Whether a student chose to use that freedom for constructive progress on campus, progress that in actuality benefits him, is entirely up to the individual.

Elections

This week there are applications at the RUB desk for class officers. The election will be held on October 12 and 13 and will be run by SGA.

There are several reasons for instituting class officers, especially for the freshmen who plan to spend four years at Behrend. The president of the class will automatically sit on SGA as a voting member and act as a liaison between SGA and the class. The vice-president will be sitting on various committees and organizations that affect the overall welfare of the campus. The secretary-treasurer will be concerned only with the class meetings and class treasury.

The week following class elections will be the elections for SGA representatives, two from each class, one resident student and one commuting student. This is a change made for a more overall opinion from classes, and from commuters and the resident students to SGA.

Behrend has many deficiencies that need to be corrected, most of which stem from a lack of finances. Nothing gets accomplished without money, and the best way to get the money is through responsible activities and overall student involvement. If you want a better library, more classrooms, more course offerings and more social activities, get your ass in gear and do something.

Vote for your officers, vote for your SGA, then vote for your Congressman and your President.
Walker Moore
SGA President

Campus Library

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on Behrend's library. Simply, why doesn't it have any funds? Behrend is now a four year school. The campus library is definitely not a library to be desired in a four year school.

Due to the lack of funds, library hours for student use have been drastically reduced. Saturday study hours do not exist. Why can't Behrend follow the example of other four year colleges?

Where are these funds going? What could be more important to a four year college than building up adequate library facilities?

Debbie Kusek
Home Ec. Education
Staff Writer

The advisor-advisee relationship should be a cooperative effort that results in the maximum benefit to the student (advice concerning proper course sequence, meeting individual College's requirements, declaring majors, when to transfer, etc.). If their cooperative effort results in poor or incorrect advice, it is only the student that pays the penalty—closed out of a course, taking additional courses, spending additional time and money, spending an additional term or two to graduate. It would seem that students would make the extra effort to become aware of their College's requirements, regulations, and selection policies in order to recognize bad advice.

One way to become aware of a College's regulations would be to read the PSU Bulletin. Another way to make information directly available to the student was attempted by the College of Education. A bulletin board labeled "COLLEGE OF EDUCATION" was constructed that is approximately 2 1/2 feet by 4 feet and sits upon a rather large free standing magazine rack. This whole structure is located in the southeast corner of the library just next to the steps leading to the balcony. The bulletin board was kept current with items of interest to all Education majors, AND Dean's Rep communications that concerned majors within the College of Education. One particular notice that was placed on the bulletin board was the basis for this Free Money Experiment. This notice concerned the Selection and Retention policies of all Education majors, was typed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper and had

arrows and underlining for emphasis, and was posted for 8 weeks of the Spring Term. Dr. Tauber, the Dean's Rep for the College of Education, typed at the bottom of this notice, in print larger than that of the notice, "The first person to see Dr. Tauber and repeat the numbers 9-11-43 will receive one dollar". Dr. Tauber was approached once during the 8 weeks of the term. Since Dr. Tauber did not advertise that he had already given the one dollar, the remaining students had no idea that the dollar offer was not yet still available. Thus, with approximately 150 Education majors, only one asked for the dollar.

Although this Free Money Experiment was performed with mainly Education majors who would most likely read a College of Education bulletin board, I would hypothesize that this lack of concern on the students' part for making himself knowledgeable is at least Campus wide.

When discussing the results of this Experiment with a fellow faculty member it was suggested that the outcome was caused by one of two reasons: 1) No one bothers to read various notices that may be of importance to their College, major, etc., or 2) One dollar is just not enough of an incentive to carry out the directions on such a notice.

Read the PSU Bulletin, read notices, ask questions, become knowledgeable of information concerning your College so that you are an intelligent decision maker. Don't rely strictly on your advisor.

Concerned Faculty Member

S.G.A. Outlines Class Elections

The election for class officers will be run entirely by S.G.A. and will be held during the last two days of the third week of the term (Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13, Fall term, 1972) There will be four ballots. One set for each class. Only a member of a class may vote in the election in their respective class. (Ex. Freshmen vote for Freshmen, Sophomores vote in the Sophomore election.) There will be no electioneering within 50 feet of the ballot box. A person running for office must be in good standing with the University. It is optional for a candidate to have a

person as a representative at the counting of votes after the election. A student must present his student I.D. at the balloting before he can vote. The ballot box will be kept in the security office.

TIMES OF BALLOTING:
THURSDAY

In the Reed Union Building 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
In Dobbins Hall 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

In the Otto Behrend Building 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
In Dobbins Hall 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Friday, October 6
Homecoming
Golf Intramural Play, 18 holes
Pep Rally

Saturday, October 7
Homecoming
Soccer: Gannon College, Home 1 p.m.
Semi-Formal Dance

Sunday, October 8
Movie: *Great British Train Robbery*, RUB Lecture Hall, 7 and 9 p.m.

Monday, October 9
Girls Basketball Meeting, Erie Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10
Flicks: *Flash Gordon* and *Zorro*, Chapter 4 and Cartoons, RUB Lecture Hall, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CWENS meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11
Soccer: Alliance College, Away, 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 12
Flicks: *The World at War*, RUB Lecture Hall, 11 a.m.
Coffee House Circuit.

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