

EDITORIAL

Black Recruitment & Additional Black Faculty

by Chandler D. Wolf

In a recent publication of the **BLACK REPORT** which is a communication organ of the Black Student Union, an article appeared concerning Black enrollment in the Pennsylvania State University System. This article, which was a reprint from the **DAILY COLLEGIAN**, the newspaper of the main campus at University Park, presented an editorial on the real barriers that existed within the university for blacks. The content of this editorial pointed out in explicit terms the failure of this University System to meet the needs of its minority groups along the lines of recruitment. Pennsylvania State University is compared with the University of Mississippi in its enrollment percentages for blacks which is 3.0 percent. The University of Mississippi is "infamous for its racism." Surprisingly, Capitol Campus is likewise not too impressive in its percentage of black enrollment. An investigation shows Capitol's black enrollment percentages as follows:

Fall '69—3.1 percent black enrollment based on total undergraduate enrollment of 1,129.

Fall '70—3.9 percent black enrollment based on total undergraduate enrollment of 1,166.

Winter '71—3.9 percent black enrollment based on total undergraduate enrollment of 1,160.

*The increase over a 2 year period from Fall '69 to Fall '71 has been a .8 percent increase in Black enrollment.

These percentages based on undergraduate enrollment certainly would not provide a complete factual picture of black enrollment percentages because graduate enrollment is not included. The percentages based on full enrollment which would include graduate students would probably be around 2.9 percent somewhat less than the figure stated above.

While we are on the matter of black enrollment let us change the subject for a moment and consider another important question concerning the hiring of black faculty. The present number of black faculty is nowhere representative for a university of this size. Dean Heindel, dean of faculty is presently in the process of hiring additional faculty for the coming academic year.

According to Dean Heindel approximately 27 positions are going to be filled. It's pathetic that at present, only one of these 27 positions have been filled with a perspective Black candidate.

Often the major excuse of universities, Capitol in particular, has been that Black faculty come at a "premium." It's unfortunate that this particular excuse is used so often as a reason for not hiring black faculty. If black faculty are at such a premium it's only because institutions like Penn State and other racist institutions have denied Blacks for so long the opportunity for a pursuit of an education, as well as the denial of opportunity for a pursuit of a Ph.D., competition for such talent as a result is very keen.

The tide has turned and young Blacks presently in university systems are clamoring for the presence of Black faculty and relevant subject matter. This has been aided by the pressures of the Federal government upon university systems to comply with federal codes. The argument which I raise in opposition to these excuses is that if university systems for so long have denied blacks equal opportunities for education and now are faced with the problem of finding adequate numbers of educated Blacks with Ph.D.'s or the equivalent then who's fault is it but the university systems' practices, that is now a problem for college education. Therefore, it is my contention that if Blacks must be paid at a premium for the skills which they possess then this must be done to meet the needs of justice in education for all. The problem of finding adequate numbers of Black professors is not a problem which resulted from Blacks being unwilling or unqualified to pursue higher education, but the systems' denial of these aspirations. Therefore the only alternative is that the university system "pay" for its mistake.

In conclusion, so much more needs to be done by this university to rectify the mistakes of the past. If Capitol really wants to live up to its fundamental philosophy, of innovative programs it should indeed take the lead within the Penn State system for correcting the mistakes of the past, in particular the inequality of Black recruitment and hiring of Black faculty.

WANTED: ONE FEMALE!

Len Thompson

The XGI fraternity, due to its expanding activities on the state and national level, are in dire need of a corresponding secretary for the 1971-72 year. If there are any junior girls that

would like to volunteer their secretarial know-how, please contact Len Thompson, at 944-9751.

To offer a small incentive, most of next year's members are single.

YOUR NEXT DOOR STRANGER

by Luann Berulis

When I started to write this article, I was going to criticize Capitol Campus security, but the longer I thought about it and the more people I talked with, my opinion changed. This article is in reference to the larcenies which have occurred in the dorm, the latest in Wrisberg Hall—which is still a mystery to all, including myself. From what has happened, nothing is impossible—or so it seems.

To refresh your memories of this incident or if some of you have not heard of what happened I will remind you. The television consoles from the first and second floors of Wrisberg Hall were taken sometime during the early morning hours of May 2, 1971. The astonishing thing was that no one even heard anything. Is the reason for this apathy or what? It is hard to believe that these two items were removed without any noise. But if the girl next door stamps down the hall, Hail Columbia, you want carpeting because you can't study.

Another thing I heard was that some people were seen in this dorm the evening before the incident. Weren't any of you worried or at least curious that strange people were in your dorm at three-thirty in the morning? Aren't there any restrictions to your twenty-four hour open house?

I don't think that all the blame is to be placed on the students though. I think the university should make a few additions to their security staff, especially at three-thirty in the morning. The ad building is guarded at this hour. Don't the students rate? Is the university waiting for someone to be attacked? After all the theft was in the girls' dorm. Why can't the school hire a few students, if necessary, to be on duty at these early hours, just in case? If not students, then regular guards.

This article may seem a bit presumptuous but, as the saying goes, isn't it better to be safe than sorry? You students better get on the ball and watch who you let into the dorms. Is in fact apathy being carried too far? Is the reason you don't report strangers that too many people are strangers? Is the student next door to you a next door neighbor or a next door stranger?

EDET - MDET Scholarship

Capitol Campus has received a grant of \$750.00 from the Alcoa Foundation. This is to be used to support one student in either EDET or MDET for the school year 1971-1972.

A committee has been formed to screen applicants and select an awardee. This committee desires to receive application from all students who feel that their scholarship and/or need for financial assistance warrants their being considered for this award. A tentative deadline of May 20th has been established for receiving applications.

Those interested in being considered should make application at office suite W-360. Further information may be obtained from Dr. R.T. Brown in W-360A. Students who have previously completed application for the All University Scholarships need not resubmit a form as they will be automatically considered.

Announcement of the award is expected in early June.

L.A. Limericks

The D.C. police had a treat
Busting kids for walking the street.
It's true that their job
Was to break up the mob,
But I should think they
could be more discreet.

Some say SGA is a rot.
Some will agree, others not.
But the voting is done
The winners have won
So work with them—
they're all that we've got.

A G-man at a fine university
Put an end to all his adversity.
With sheer lack of prudence,
Instead of spying on students,
He shot them—
and ended subversity.

A peculiar bird is the pelican.
His beak holds more than
his bellican.
He eats fish all day
In a startling way,
But I still don't know how
the hellican.

An interesting man is our Spiro.
To some folks he's really a hero;
To Dick Nixon he's grand
As second in command,
But to me he's an absolute zero.

Rural people will say without fail
That city walls make them think
they're in jail.
But it's city air that I love
'Cause when I look up above
I can see what I'm going to inhale.

Dr. McIntire had quite a ball,
Went to Washington to
give Ky a call;
Told the Army that they're fools,
They should use nuclear tools.
But Doc's the biggest
fool of them all.

The President's gall is unmitigated.
He says, "I will not be
intimidated."
If he still doesn't hear
By next election year,
He'll discover that he's
been eliminated.

XGI's Attend National Convention

Capitol Campus' veteran organization, Chi Gamma Iota fraternity, recently sent two representatives to the National Association of Collegiate Veterans, Inc. (N.A.C.V.I.) Convention held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 5-9.

The two local delegates reported that the primary objectives of the N.A.C.V.I. are increasing educational benefits and other V.A. benefits, as well as increasing job opportunities for returning veterans.

The convention was attended by 107 delegates from 16 states and the group is rapidly expanding its ranks. The organization is also working on the state and local level to help all veterans receive a "fair shake" in return for the service they rendered while on active duty.

The representatives from Capitol Campus were Len Thompson and Steve Wesley.

HOT LINE

944-1033

Letters To The Editor:

Minority Student Scholarship Fund

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the nature of the "Minority Student Scholarship Fund," which has been initiated in the name of the Senior Class. In an attempt to clear-up this misunderstanding let me state clearly the nature of this scholarship fund:

This Scholarship Fund will hopefully provide financial aid for entering juniors who demonstrate financial need and show academic standing.

The initial emphasis of this Scholarship Fund was mainly directed at minority group students entering Capitol, this however is not to exclude white students who also demonstrate financial need.

The success of this project will depend largely upon the support of all concerned persons. It is my contention that you will see the pressing need for a project of this kind. Attempts in the past with regard to the initiation of a Scholarship Fund have been unsuccessful. This with the support of contributions from juniors, faculty, and administrators here at Capitol.

Chandler D. Wolf
Chairman

Council Candidate Speaks At Capitol

Tony Petrucci, Harrisburg City Council Democratic candidate, spoke Friday in the Capitol Campus Auditorium on the problems facing local government.

The candidate emphasized the need for consolidation in local government to more efficiently meet the needs of urban dwellers. Petrucci blamed the lack of government response on the present social situation and compared the contemporary American social structure to a set of escalators running both up and down—the up escalator allowing a privileged few to reach the top of society and the down escalator designed to keep poor and minorities at the bottom of the social structure.

Petrucci also stated that the violence by anti-war demonstrators in Washington was nominal compared to the violence perpetrated by current government policies.

A political science instructor at the Harrisburg Area Community College, Tony Petrucci faces a difficult campaign in the predominately Republican city of Harrisburg.

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