

# Black Demands

The initial reaction of most students to the black students' diplomatic offensive on Old Main seems to be either blatant racism or haughty indignation.

The racists cringe at the possibility of being "contaminated" by a sudden deluge of black students. They send "cute" letters to the student newspaper proposing the opposite of the black students' demands: "less black undergraduates, no Negro professors," etc.

But, the majority of the students, and from all indications, a substantial portion of the Administration, have convinced themselves that the 1965 Civil Rights Law and the 1966 Voting Rights Bill automatically did away with discrimination and that the rest is up to the blacks themselves.

"Why should we give them special privileges?" cry offended students and administrators. "Why should we lower the standards of our undergraduate and graduate schools just to admit more blacks? They have as much opportunity as we do to get an education now that the Civil Rights Bill has been passed."

White Americans have been rationalizing their apathy and latent racism in the above terms since 1865. The complacent whites refuse to accept the argument that in order to eliminate the effects of 300 years of bigotry we must discriminate FOR the black man and not against him.

If necessary, we should lower the standards of our schools to admit him. If necessary, we must build him houses and give him extra opportunities to earn a decent living. We must, in short, attempt to allay the injustices of the past by providing hope for the future.

For the high standard of living which white America enjoys is in part the result of discrimination. If the profits from the industrial boom which followed the Civil War had been allocated to educate and house the former slaves, some white Americans might not be

nearly so rich but black men would not be living in ghettos.

The demands of black students both here and at colleges across the nation are merely the exercise of the black man's historical right to special consideration.

The Douglas Association's demands are not excessive. If the Administration procrastinates until the summer and then reneges on its promise to fulfill the Association's demands, the black students will be justified in taking the "drastic action" which Wilbert Manley spoke of Monday night.—M.S.S.

## Two Looks At IDA

Two separate events today promise to give interested students a more meaningful understanding of the least understood topic on campus—the Institute for Defense Analyses.

Immediately following Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's speech this afternoon, students will move to the Old Main Lawn for a teach-in which will focus on the SDS-inspired complaints about IDA. And, tonight at 7:30 in the Hetzel Union Building Ballroom, a Forum entitled "University Research: IDA at Penn State," should give the other side of the story.

Three Columbia University students who were intimately involved with the IDA controversy at Morningside Heights will highlight the afternoon session. At the evening Forum, E. F. Osborn, vice president of research at the University, and four professors will speak.

For students with a desire to clear up some of the confusion surrounding IDA, attendance at both sessions is a must.

## 'Act Now' on Black Demands

TO THE EDITOR: I was not surprised to read in yesterday's letters' column the response to the Douglas Society's demands. "Special treatment is not the answer," writes Name Withheld.

Blacks deserve some pretty damn special treatment, friend, and they deserve it now. I could tell you what they've been through, but I doubt that it would have any effect on you. It's hard to fight 300 years' worth of inherent prejudice.

What blacks deserve is to have 25,000 undergraduates here by Fall, 1968. What blacks deserve is Centre County. What blacks deserve is Pennsylvania. It is impossible to calculate what blacks deserve, for no one can measure 300 years of the crap they have been taking by merely being white.

You'd better act now before the demands become harder to meet. This is nothing. It's fine to become indignant when you think your happy, stable life is about to be upset. Become indignant, become angry, but don't think. Don't try to find out why these black people want just to live as human beings. Thinking is for people who have intelligence, who care.

Yes, Mr. Talotta, I get your point. And I am being very serious. You make light of what is happening. You joke. You want blacks to take the slow road. Blacks are fine as long as they are making touchdowns or singing, but as soon as they get angry, as soon as they realize that if they keep singing and playing ball their grandchildren will be in the same boat as they are, you change your mind. It's time to put them back in their place. Your letter was apparently written in jest, but the time for jesting is over.

Finally, Mr. Kohl and Mr. Schultes conclude, following their list of demands (which may or may not be satirical) that they will "riot, siege, and loot, as is the black custom."

Perhaps if the blacks' demands are not met, they will lynch, castrate and rape, as is the white custom. It may not be a bad idea. Personal replies are invited. My name, by request, is not withheld.

Keith Bates '71

## More Obscene Than Words

TO THE EDITOR: Rocky didn't show up at yesterday's rally, but 20 placard-carrying blacks from the Douglas Association did. Many of the disappointed spectators were apparently appalled at some of the scribbles on the signs. One shocker, for instance, read: "We've had enough of this shit."

A woman in spring green objected: "There's no reason to be obscene." I just wonder if this same woman, and many like her, would see poverty and say it is obscene, or witness the subtle racial injustice (Northern style) and say it is obscene. At Penn State we have only 200 Blacks at a university which by all right and reason should represent a fair cross-section of the state's population. The fact that we have only 200 Blacks at Penn State, Man, that's obscene.

Rocco A. De Pietro Jr.

## Better Man Than I Am...

TO THE EDITOR: Monday's action by part of the Negro student body has undoubtedly taken many of us Whites by surprise. This is understandable, for it doesn't happen very often that a minority stands up for its God-given rights, and as a consequence, minority groups all over have seen their rights and privileges trampled upon.

We have been brainwashed, into believing that, if we all follow the same path and if we all fit into the same mold, all will be well. And so we are told to omit any reference to race, creed, or national origin when we file an application, because then, sooner or later, we will all be the same. But it hasn't worked, has it? For by trying to "protect" the minorities, we have given them an inferiority complex.

And as a result Time magazine ridicules the fundamentalist, "hawkish" newspapers' ridicule

Quakers, and Polish jokes are fun. Instead of a sea of grey Pabulum in the American melting pot we find stubborn chunks that don't want to disintegrate: Negroes, Jews-who-don't-eat-ham, and Amish-who-won't-send-their-kids-to-school.

And these groups must go, because they will upset the All-American appeal.

But the Negro has served notice that he isn't going to take this any longer. If I am not mistaken, there are many Negroes who are itching to print in big, bold letters the word NEGRO at the top of their application blanks not because they want preferential treatment, but because they are proud to be a Negro. And society will be richer because of it.

The minority revolution will not stop with the Negro movement, we can be sure of that. Other minority groups are restless and are beginning to see that a total obliteration of differences is not the answer. And so, members of the Douglas Association, although I may not agree with all your goals and ideals, you are better men than I am.

Tjalle T. Vandergraaf  
Graduate Student

## University Not To Blame

TO THE EDITOR: Come now, Douglas Association, whom are you trying to fool? The size of the black student population at Penn State can't be blamed on the Administration.

When you filled out the standard application form before you came here, you weren't asked to affix a photograph or otherwise state your race; it's illegal to request such information. Without it, the admissions staff is obliged to accept or reject an applicant solely on the basis of academic qualifications. You know how loudly you'd shout "Bigotry!" if the policy were any different.

If a student is not admitted to Penn State because he doesn't qualify academically, the fault is again not the University's. The student and/or his high school is quite clearly to blame. Reform in the local school district comes no more from a distant university's administration than it does from thin air. Are you, the students affected, trying to change this basic problem? Alternatively, no one is restraining the student from overcoming his high school's inadequacies. No one who is too lazy to study belongs at a state supported university.

Quite possibly, as you say, not enough recruiting is done in the high schools. I can't demonstrate this as a universal truth, but any Penn State recruiting that went on at my high school was done by its own alumni—not by the administration. Have any of you tried to interest students at your old schools in coming to Penn State, perhaps by such a program as the Lutheran Student Association sponsors every year?

Finally, I'm interested in the source for a statistic. Where, Douglas Association, did you get the figure 200 as the black population of this campus? The administration keeps no record of any student's race. If it's a head count of Douglas Association members, you'd better check again. There are probably many black students at Penn State who take no interest in actions as poorly considered as yours evidently are.

Mary Elinor Chamberlain '70

## Continuous Dialogue Needed

TO THE EDITOR: After 300 years of slavery and 100 years of promises, the black community is finally making demands; the white community is being shaken out of its lethargy; everybody's upset and nobody seems to have any answers.

The sad thing is that not too many people are really looking for answers. Maintenance of the status quo is of prime importance. Apathy is the battlecry.

It is too easy to dismiss the black's demands as outlandish. If some of them seem unnecessary and superficial, others are certainly worthwhile. To blithely ignore and reject all of them is absurd.

What is necessary is a continuous dialogue between blacks and whites coupled with responsible action.

If changes "in the whole position of Negroes in our society" is necessary, does this not include the University? If not, then where? On the streets of Newark I presume.

If riots are illegal, unjustified, and immoral, so are years of discrimination, murders, and bombings. We who shout not guilty the loudest should be the first to stop perpetuating this cancer.

And to the two gentlemen who wrote that heartwarming letter yesterday, may that be their epitaph.

Bob Cook '69

## View from a Black Moderate

TO THE EDITOR: As one of the thirty or so grad students at the University who happens to be black, I feel I must comment on one of the Douglas Association's "demands" submitted to the Administration; that more Negro grad students be admitted.

This is fine. However, should such a demand involve lowering admissions requirements, I think a great injustice would be done to those of us who were able to make it by conforming to the rigid admissions requirements and high academic standards demanded of the Graduate School.

Furthermore, I feel that by relaxing admissions requirements, the University would have to lower its academic standards to keep the student enrolled. Not everyone can succeed at the rigors demanded by graduate education, and the quality of such education should not be sacrificed to the end of achieving a certain racial quota.

As one of the few black moderates on campus, I am only sorry more of our views aren't aired to the University community. It seems that only the discontented are polled on the issues, while those of us who see the problem in a different light are usually ignored. Maybe this is a start.

Ronald C. Johnson  
Graduate, Biochemistry

## Seeing Through Italian Joke

TO THE EDITOR: As true Italian chauvinists we strongly support the demands for Italian equality made by Tony Talotta '69 in Wednesday's Collegian. We would like to make the following demands on, pardon the expression, "Old Main":

1. There should be a bigger building across from the Garibaldi building dedicated to, and named after, the first son of Italy to become a true American: Al Capone.

2. That a Benito Mussolini scholarship fund be established.

3. That a course in the history of the galantry and bravery of the Italian army in Ethiopia and Europe be made a permanent part of the curriculum.

4. More Italian professors to give courses in social problems, business management, public relations, and ethics in urban areas, with special emphasis on the contributions made by the Mafia and the Cosa Nostra in these areas.

5. That a section of Pattee be devoted exclusively to an archive of Black Hand literature.

6. Reevaluation of the athletic recruiting program with regard to Italian students to give other deserving minority groups a chance.

7. Italian literature courses should be separate from the University's English course to avoid cultural contamination.

8. The introduction of a short course in Italian culture.

9. More Italians in the Administration. We especially support the appointment of Mr. Frank Rizzo as chief Campus Security Officer.

Seriously, can anyone see through Tony Talotta's white racism?

Alfredo Anthony Joseph DiBernardo  
Piero Guigliamo Vitaliano  
Graduates.

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## HE-MAN

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