

News

Protest at U.P.

Black students at University Park gathered to protest racism for three consecutive days last week to protest what they called an insensitive racial climate within the community.

Up to 120 chanting students marched in a circle outside of the student union Thursday for one and a half hours.

Traffic was blocked for a half hour Wednesday when 150 black students marched in a circle on the corner of College Avenue and Garner Street.

The students, chanting "The people united will never be defeated" and "Black by nature, proud by choice" gathered in front of Old Main and marched by twos and threes downtown.

On Tuesday night black students demonstrating in the Hetzel Union Building issued a statement of their demands. The University signed a statement of agreement, which William C. Richardson, executive vice president and provost called "a statement of common interest."

In the demands, the University agreed to thoroughly investigate and racist acts and severely punish those responsible.

Students were concerned about three events last weekend which they say are indicative of racial attitudes in the community.

Black student leaders said a

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photo by Ken Anderson

under the same banner as blacks' rights.

Bond praised the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. "Without his leadership... changes might not have occurred." Bond made many references to the civil rights movement of the 1960's and called it's initiator, King, "an advocate for peace."

Bond called the Reagan administration an "absolute disaster" and accused it of "blaming the messenger for the message."

Bond noted recent civil rights victories but pointed out that they had been won despite Reagan's opposition. Over City decision which allowed federal support for discrimination in education, he said.

Congress also funded the Legal Services Corporation, passed the Japanese-American Redress Act, and repudiated the discredited Civil Rights Act, overturning the Grove Reagan's veto, Congress passed the Civil Rights Restoration

Commission.

Again over Reagan's objections, Bond said Congress passed the 1982 voting Rights Extension, the Martin Luther King Holiday Bill, and improvements in the Age Discrimination Act.

Bond spoke of the presidential candidates seeing an America that few of us see. They saw "another America, a shadow America," where the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer.

Bond did offer some hope for the movement though, noting that it could not help but be a "kinder and gentler" nation under new President George Bush.

"Two hopeful signs appeared rather quickly -- the retention of Richard Thornburg as attorney general, ending the eight-year reign of right-wing ideologues and moral midgets, and the acceptance of William Bradford Reynold's resignation as attorney general in charge of civil rights," he said.

Hoffman Takes Post With Campus Police

by James Martin
Collegian Editor

Behrend's new Police and Safety manager Randy Hoffman wants the campus police force to become a more integral, less threatening part of campus life.

Hoffman, a native of New Bethlehem, Pa, comes to Behrend after 10 years on the Police and Safety staff at University Park. He who fills a newly- created position and will be in charge of a seven-person staff.

In this position, he plans to both oversee the campus police force and to take an active patrolling role as needed.

Hoffman says he feels strongly about the importance of having officers on foot patrol and have them visualized as a mere positive aspect of campus life.

"When I go into an area - when an R.A. comes over and asks if something is wrong - that tells me they're not used to seeing police in the area."

Despite his interest in putting officers on foot patrol, Hoffman recognizes limitations facing the force. The first of these limitations is size. He concedes having only one officer for every 500 students often makes foot patrols impractical, noting when only one officer is on duty, he needs to be able to have ready access to the patrol car.

"It's not bad," said Hoffman of the one to 500 ratio. "It's better than some places. But I'd like to see that down to one to 300."

"We're working at a functional level. We can provide basic service. But I think Penn State deserves better than basic."

Hoffman feels what Police and Safety lack in quantity, they make up for in quality. "Over the past couple weeks I've been doing evaluations of our personnel and I'm pleased. I've watched some officers do their investigations...and I've got no qualms. I just want to see how far I can push them ahead."

While Hoffman is used to a much larger campus and police force and admits he is suffering from a little bit of cultural shock, he notes Behrend is years ahead of University Park in terms of implementing computers in the campus police force.

While Hoffman shows no outward alarm about the amount of crime at Behrend, he does note a steadily increasing number of crimes over the past several years.

In 1985, 39 Part One (FBI designation for serious crimes) crimes were recorded on campus. In 1986 that number rose to 51 and in 1986 it rose still higher to 73.

Despite this gradual increase in crime, Hoffman has no intention of employing drastic measures.

"I don't want to see us become overly heavy-handed or use any gestapo tactics. Being somewhat liberal, I'm a very ardent



photo by Marybeth Zawistoski

Randy Hoffman
Manager, Police and Safety

Hoffman who notes he plans to be a proponent of constitutional rights.

At the same time, Hoffman has no plans to look the other way. "I think we have a duty to control underage drinking," said Hoffman, noting he plans to institute patrols in the Gorge during the party season.

Hoffman believes education should be the central goal of a college police force and suggests it may be a partial means to control the use of drug and alcohol. At the same time, "I'm not totally blind to think we're going to make this a dry campus."

Prior to serving with the University Park Police and Safety

force, Hoffman graduated from Penn State with a degree in law enforcement.

Though he has spent the past 14 years on a college campus, Hoffman plans to stick around for a while, noting he plans to stay for at least five years.

"This is a beautiful campus and I really like the people," said Hoffman who notes he is attracted to the ever-changing environment of a college campus.

"I enjoy working with students," said Hoffman. "I think I can get to know them better than working in a sterile neighborhood where you just know house numbers."

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