

Congratulations

On Survival

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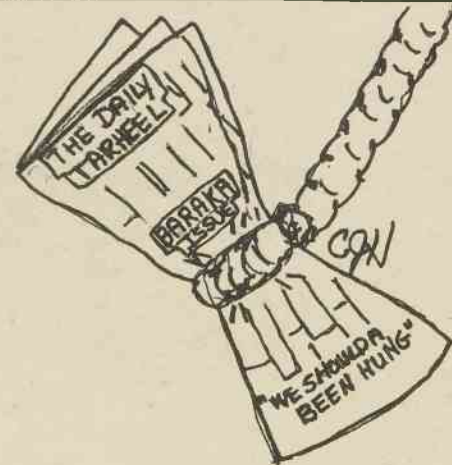
Everyone is putting down "us niggers." Yep, "US NIGGERS," cause Bloods we all are "NIGGERS" with minor mutations. You can't follow that. Well, look at it this way. The elderly generation is saying "things ain't really changed that much in the last fifty years - granted they changed but hell still ain't diminished no fires." Okay! If things ain't changed a hell of 'va lot and our genes mutated during slavery and niggerism - what the fuck has made them change in the last fifty years. This is to say nothing has occurred to mutate our "niggerism" to any great extent.

Oh I like to class folks as much as you do. I, too, like to think I am "thinking" and considering solutions to some problems or will be able to work with people who are considering solutions to some problems. But does this make me any less a nigger than you, nigger?

This isn't the point I wish to make, though. The thing I'm doing is congratulating you. Now I know everybody is saying, "Thanks for congratulating me, but why are you congratulating him, too." 'Cause he survived, too. I'm congratulating all the Bloods because they survived. Now I may not like your method of survival and maybe you don't care for mine, BUT! the fact remains we are both still here in our niggerism. Oh! I know you want to be called Black, but if you were really Black why the fuck are you still here?

CONGRATULATIONS ON SURVIVAL!! At least in this case all niggers on UNC-CH campus have the same goal even if they do have different means.

And now that you have accepted my congratulatory remarks - and don't be acting all high and mighty cause niggers like praise - you accept it. How do you feel? I hope you feel good about surviving. I DO! I hope you check out your methods. Of course, I AM, TOO. You see, 'cause for some strange reason I have survived, too, and NONE OF THIS ACTUALLY FITS "OUR BLACKNESS."



Letters to the Editor Welcome

BSM minutes...

The BSM was "right on time" in dealing with the new business on 1973 on Thursday night, January 24. In a highly politicized atmosphere heightened by the lingering memory of the militant fireworks of Amira Baraka only the night before, UNC Blacks applauded the candidacy of Brother Alan Mask for President of UNC, and dug on his confession of a "working knowledge of what Blackness is on this campus." After giving his fellow "white liberal" candidate Dave Gephart the silent treatment, the BSM moved to unanimously endorse Alan's campaign.

It was also publicized that several other Black have tossed red, black and gree hats into the political arena of UNC. Along with Alan, hopefully Eliot Stevenson, Mike Moseley, and Lester Diggs will add a little color to next year's political

proceedings.

Responding to the need for struggle for Black survival, the BSM moved to take the initiative in ameliorating the plight of Black prisoners, concentrating its efforts on the historical relic of Hillsborough, and making careful note that we are all political prisoners. Ernie Pitt, heading a Program for Prisoners, wants us to make a concerted drive to go into the Hillsborough prison, if only to rap, play poker, or pick ribs with the Brothers.

Milton Gunn made it perfectly clear that his social committee is getting the new year off "on the good foot" and will be partying hearty in the upcoming months. In an unprecedented break with tradition, he announced that from now on, parties may be sponsored by private groups of individuals, Lorretta Shipman, Connie Bullock, and Sabrina

Andrews having been given the dubious honor of this "first."

In another decree of Gunn power, it was announced that bid whist and pinochle tournaments will be starting soon, and obviously, all those souls who held out against Union policy prohibiting card playing now "hold the upper hand."

Since the Upendo Center has finally gotten the furniture it has been hasseling for all year, all Brothers and Sisters of African Descent are strongly urged to sculpt, paint, draw cartoons, or do whatever moves them to decorate the new Afrikan den. At least all the World of Upendo Center won't look like a Ghetto.

For those who haven't a trace of artistic talent coursing through their veins, but who are stocked with enthusiasm and goodwill, or simply blessed with a fat wallet, old quizzes or term papers for the quiz file, paperbacks, hardbacks, or greenbacks will be greatly appreciated.

Along with the return of Black Sounds on WCAR, and the organization of a new Black Drama group, headed by Karen Dacons, the BSM introduced UNC's new Black Chapelin, Reverend Preston Jones. Brother Jones professed that he wanted to be considered "in" by the student body, so all those suffering in silence over personal problems, or incurably afflicted by "Love Jones," go by and check out his advice.

Guest speaker for the night was Brother Dwight Womble, who attended the National Black Political Assembly in Chicago last October. Rapping hard on the topic of "Blacks in Independent Politics," he reiterated Baraka's demands for the unification of Africa, as well as the acquisition of political and economic power for Blacks in America. Right On!

Ashanti

What's going on at UNC? What's happening in the African and Black Studies "departments?"

Rumors concerning the dismissal of Dr. A. Dunbar have disturbed us. The Black students want to know why? What is the reasoning behind this action? Is the university no longer committed to the growth and expansion of the Black studies Program?

Does the University give a

damn?

If professors like Dr. Dunbar are dismissed and qualified faculty are not hired, what is the future of the program? Is it destined to DIE?

Is not the issue that should be before the University the hiring of more faculty for the department (and all others) so that a more effective academic experience can be offered for Black students?

What's going on??

Lest We Forget . . .

"The thrust for Black Studies Programs developed, not on white college campuses, but at Selma, Birmingham, and the March on Washington. It was on the Civil Rights battlefield that Blacks learned that an appeal to the white conscience had to be replaced by an appeal to Black consciousness; that the alternative to white oppression was not integration, but the mounting of Black Power; that white people would not save Black people from exploitation and degradation as long as white people benefited from them."

Preston Wilcox

January 1 Emancipation Proclamation enacted and proclaimed that all slaves and their descendents would henceforth be free. (1865) 1973, we are still waiting!

January 3 91st Congress vote to seat Adam Clayton Powell Jr., fine him \$125,000 and strip him of his seniority (22 years) 1969.

January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) born in Atlanta, Georgia. Keen orator and Black spokesman. Black America still mourns his murder.

February 1 Langston Hughes (1902-1968) born.

Four Black College students from A & T sat-in at a Woolworth's Lunch Counter in Greensboro, N.C., and began a whole new phase in the Black struggle for liberation.

February 12 NAACP organized in 1909 and began its long history of struggle and legal achievements for Black America.

February 21 Malcolm X, mentor of our present-day Black Consciousness was assassinated. Although silenced by death, his legacy still burns in the hearts and minds of present day Blacks who will not be murdered, or otherwise silenced.

February 21 William E.B. Dubois (1868-1963) author, educator, historian, editor, and statesman born.

February 25 Mohammed Ali won heavyweight boxing championship from Sonny Liston, Miami Beach, 1964.

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