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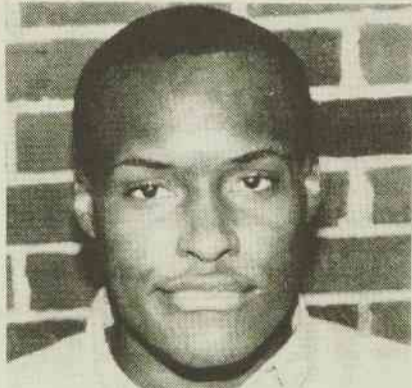
This issue of the Broncos Voice, entitled "Battle of the Races: Nobody's Winning, Everybody's Losing", deals with racism and race relations. It is far from inclusive or conclusive, for that matter. However, it is an attempt to deal with the angers, frustrations, problems and hopes that (1) are an inherent issue on an historically black campus progressing toward multiculturalism and (2) are an ever expanding road block toward unity in the world.

What I have found most compelling about compiling this issue is the lack of truth, bravery and communication necessary to deal with racial issues. I've found many 'groups' of thinking, with people unwilling or unable to commence and sustain dialogue with those of other races or with those whom they disagree. Having one's racist or misguided notions of others constantly validated by those in kind does nothing to advance the struggle toward what Nelson Mandela calls "a non-racial democracy."

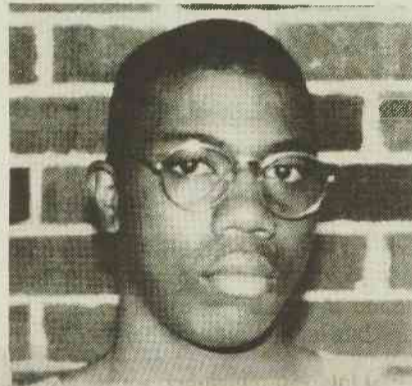
Quiet as it's kept, nobody is winning from racism. Everybody is losing. Blacks who consistently talk about 'whitey' or the perils of racism only with other blacks are just as thwarted as whites who group together because they "don't understand or have anything in common with *them*." Asians, Latinos, East Indians, Native Americans who permit others to speak as experts for their concerns are just as misled as liberal whites who claim to know what is best for what they seemingly believe is a monolithic group called "the blacks."

As the human race approaches (incredibly) the 21st century, it seems apparent that racism must end for humanity to survive. Racism is not innate to the human species. Only humans, through struggle and communication, can eradicate the evils of racism. I look forward to the day when judgement is based on the content of one's character and not the color of one's skin. Surely, with Martin Luther King only 20 years dead, we have not forgotten this goal.

Let us develop our manhood, not by folding our arms together and keeping out of sight, while all the oppressed Nations of the earth are struggling to be free, but let us remember that "They who would be free, Themselves must strike the first blow. - Frederick Douglass, 1855



Timothy Jessie discusses the originals of Racism! Tim also has cartoons featured this month.



Wayne Hodges gives his opinions on Racism In Education."

A MAN WHO WON'T DIE FOR SOMETHING IS NOT FIT TO LIVE. - MARTIN LUTHER KING, 1961

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So That
Others May
Simply Live.
Recycle...
Reuse...
Consume
Less.*

Albert Johnson has writer's cramp. Check out his piece on Na'im Akbar and miseducation.



Stephen Charles (L) is our in-house artist. Check out his cover. Heawatha Sanders (R) is responsible for all photos that appear this month (except public enemy. Check out his work. His also is a sports writer.

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