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INTRODUCTION

This is the third Annual Report of the Black Student Alliance at the University of Virginia. This report has become an annual tradition in the hopes of providing the University community with information in regards to what the organization is all about. This report also serves to maintain a history of our organization as well as to provide a sort of self study from which we can evaluate our performances as well as ascertain future directions.

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ANNUAL REPORT: Chairperson

This year, as with every previous year, saw the Black Student Alliance grow in size (enrollment), efficiency, involvement, and service to the community. The organization had an all-time high of 174 members as of March, 1977. Increased participation among the Executive Board and particularly the Review Committee, brought the Board closer to the General Body increasing their efficiency. The organization took definite stands on major issues within the University and contributed generously to service organizations on the local, state and national levels.

This year, Orientation Week included a few changes. Two days, instead of one, were allocated for the academic advising session due to the increased number of first-year black students. Before these sessions, a mandatory workshop was held for the advisors. The traditional picnic was held in the Dell on that Saturday and on that Saturday night the Black Student Alliance gave a party for UVa students only in Webb Lounge. The four black fraternities were extremely kind in providing their services in shifts "on the door". The Week was successful in its level of participation by upperclass students. The first-year class was very definitely not active in the activities sponsored by the Black Student Alliance that week.

The Chairperson suggested a few innovations which were accepted by the Executive Board in September. These included posted office hours for all Executive Board Members and a mailbox for each Executive Board Member. This was an improvement in regards to intra-Executive Board communications. Moreover, this made every member of the Executive Board accessible some time during the week to any one who wished to see her or him. With the approval of the Vice-Chairperson, the Chairperson appointed all ad hoc committee chairpersonships from the Review Committee. This placed a substantial responsibility on the Review Committee Members whose jobs have not previously been very active.

Two major position papers were drafted this year. The first concerned a matter of due process in dealing with Robert Elkins, a Resident Advisor, who was being intimidated by administrators for being a self-avowed homosexual. The other concerned a similar denial of due process in regards to Kendricks Easley, the first black student to become Chairman of the Honor Committee. These two papers are included in this report. A third, expressing the need for a separate fund to be allocated to the Black Culture Center exclusively for a Black Culture Week Concert and for that concert to be booked through that Center (as opposed to P.K. German of the University Union) still being drafted at the time this report is being written.

The Black Student Alliance provided and/or participated in the following activities through its committees:

- Orientation Week Activities (in conjunction with Dean William Harris of the Office of Afro-American Affairs).
- 2. Activities Night
- 3. Symposium for Black Women (in conjunction with Karen Knierim and Thelma Jones of Career Planning and Placement).
- 4. Get Acquainted Reception for black faculty, staff, and students (in conjunction with the Office of Afro-American Affairs).
- 5. Toys for Tots Drive.
- 6. Benefit Disco for Black Culture Week.
- 7. Black Culture Week
- 8. Community Night
- 9. Graduate and Professional Schools Symposium
- 10. Study Skills Seminar

- 11. Our monthly newsletter, PRIDE
- 12. Black Degree Candidates Directory

A number of service organizations were financially aided by the Black Student Alliance this academic year. These organizations include Zion Union Baptist Church Day Care Center, the NAACP, the American Heart Association, and the Monticello Area Community Action Agency.

With the wisdom of hindsight so many more activities could and should have taken place. There is, as always, room for the implementing of new innovations for maximizing the organization's efficiency while constantly remaining in touch with the black student community. That contact is the lifeblood of the Black Student Alliance. Without maintaining and improving this contact we cannot be a Black Student ALLIANCE. We must strive more vigorously "to cultivate effective leadership, stimulate cultural and educational awareness, and establish a more perfect union between various components of the Afro-American community . . . " Such is our purpose and our challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda V. Simpson

Chairperson, Black Student Alliance 1976-1977

Vice-Chairman's Report

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Objectives:

This year has been a very viable and productive one for the Black Student Alliance. Maintaining this organization as a functional part of the university community has been a major task for the 1976-77 officers and members. The primary concern of the B.S.A. was to establish an organization that could realize and fulfill the needs of black students, here at the University of Virginia. Without a doubt, the Black Student Allince's contributions to mankind have enabled itself to become an meaningful and respected part of the University community.

Progress:

Many of the projected activities have been very well executed by the different committees. From these activities, one can realize the Black Student Alliance's potential as a workable organization.

Inspite of the problems faced by the Community Relations Committee, an enormous amount of work has been done, this year; one hundred dollars were sent to the Negro College Fund, sponsoring of a community night and a Toys for Tots project were also put into effect.

Again, the Academic Committee did a superb job in producing the Black Student Degree Candidates Booklets. For the past three years, this project has been a success.

The Communication Committee has provided the B.S.A. members a monthly newsletter, <u>Pride</u>. Through the efforts of this committee to keep the members informed of any pertinent information, a tremendous amount of work and dedication was expressed.

Black Culture Week Committee provided many interesting and worthwhile activities, for the enjoyment of black students. It was impressive to see the number of people who came to these activities, as compared to last year. Previously, communication and organization seemed to have been a major problem of the Black Culture Week Committee; however, such problems were not evident, this year.

All of the committees should be commended for their efforts; they have done a outstanding job in establishing the B.S.A. as a productive and respected organization.

Problems:

It is obvious that the amount of manpower exerted by the <u>Black Student</u>
Body determines the success of the B.S.A. This year, with over 150 members,
the core of the organization has been about one-fifth of the total membership. Believe it or not, this is an improvement from provious years, but
more participation of black students needs to be contributed. The upperclass black students need to take a more active role and provide assistance
to the participation of the B.S.A. The elections for the 1977-78 year prove that black males
are not taking the leadership roles, here at the University of Va.; they need
to get actively involved and stop leaning on the black women's shoulders.

Recommendations:

- 1. More Symposiums need to be given.
- 2. Concentration should be placed more on the Charlottesville community.
- 3. Black students should visit the B.S.A. office more often.
- 4. Upperclass students and Black males should be encouraged to become

actively involved.

5. The Review Committees should be given more responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully Submitted

Percy Hersell

Annual Reprot: Treasurer

As the treasurer of the Black Student Alliance, it was my primary objective to see that the organization remain financially stable. Not only did the organization's membership increase but the services offered by the Black Student Alliance increased significantly. The Black Student Alliance sponsered several events. Among them were: the fall orientation picnic, the Black degree Candidates Book, Pride (the BSA newsletter), the spring picnic, several seminars and Black Culture Week, simply to name a few.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Leroy Hassell

Academics Committee End of Year Report

The 1976-1977 academic year was a productive although not very innovative one for the Academics Committee. The committee performed each of its standing projects in much the same fashion as has been done in the past. These programs will be elaborated upon in detail below. The most recurrent problem experienced by the committee this year was a general lack of cooperation and participation on the part of the black student body.

A. Academic Advising Session

The committee sponsored an Academic Advising Session for the black first year class during Orientation Week. The effort proved to be rewarding for the students who chose to take advantage of the event.

B. Black Degree Candidates Directory

Throughout the years, the directory has been the most time consuming and painstaking responsibility of the committee. This year has been no exception. Seventy corporations purchased the directory at a cost of \$3.50 each. A list of the buyers has been included in the report. The project netted a profit of \$245.00. Paper Craft Inc. printed the directory this year. Consult the Treasurer's Report for further particulars concerning the financial aspects of the project. The committee experienced three major problems in producing the directory this year: 1) The 4th year class was extremely negligent in the prompt return of their information forms. This had a very deleterious effect on the production schedule and consequently the directory was completed much later than had been originally planned. 2) The Registrar's Office was very tardy in submitting to the committee the names and addresses of Virginia's black degree candidates. 3) Many of the addresses of the companies on file in the BSA office were inaccurate or obsolete and therefore many order forms never reached their destinations. The committee offers the following recommendations: 1) Submit information forms to black 4th yearmen at least one month prior to the date that the committee plans to submit the material to the printer. 2) Allow the typist at least one week to type the material. 3) Ascertain a list of the 4th year degree candidates from the Office of Afro-American Affairs so as to expedite the proceedings. 4) Follow very closely the Guide to printing the directory that is on file in the Black Student Alliance office. 5) Take advantage of the services of the minority officer in the Office of Career Planning and Placement. 6) Secure a more up to date corporation listing from the Office of Career Planning and Placement. Despite the problems sited above the project was indeed a success.

C. Study Skills Seminar

As in the past the committee sought the services of Dr. Roberta Morse and the Counseling Center for the Study Skills Seminar in that they have expertise in the field. The project was planned well in advance. Publicity consisted of announcements at the BSA's bimonthly business meetings and Cavalier Daily notices. The project was not very effective, however, due to a segnificantly poor turn out of students. The committee is at a loss to explain why the student body failed to support the event. Perhaps flyers can be posted next year to facilitate advertisement.

D. Graduate School Symposium

Planning for this event was again commendable. Administrative representatives from each of UVA's professional and graduate schools were in attendance to advise students in the areas of undergraduate curriculum studies, graduate school offerings, employment opportunities, etc. Because only a handful of students supported the effort by way of attendance the effectiveness of the affair was severely thwarted. It is hoped that next year's committee can be more effective and successful regarding generating increased interest among the black student body in terms of academic as opposed to social pursuits. The Black

Student Alliance is a multifaceted organization and the effectiveness of its goals deteriorates when the black student population, in whose interest the body was conceived, fails to take advantage of all that it has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl M. Andrews Chairman

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The highlights of this year's celebration were the Fisk
Jubilee Singers and the New York Theater Company's presentation of Feelin' Good. An art exhibit by area Black colleges
and the movie, River Niger were also exceptionally well
recieved. A particularly cold winter and the resulting energy
crisis caused the cancellation of some events and the relocation of others, during the week.

The key to a successful Black Culture Week lies in adequate financing and good publicity. A sound financial base is essential to Black Culture Week. It is imperative that a budget be drawn up early in the fall semester. Tap all resources. The faculty, administration and other university organizations are excellant sources, as well as sponsoring discoes, car washes, clean-up drives, etc. It is also important to remember that many groups (Uninversity Union and the Office of Afro-American Affairs) are willing co-sponsor events, thus enabling the committee to maximize funds and resources.