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STUDENT COUNCIL ALLOCATIONS

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Afro-American Studies Club	150.89	150
Black America Law Students Association	1,913.44	1,000
Black Engineering Society	\$ 254.44	109
Black Pre-med/Pre-dental Society	954	400
Black Student Alliance	900	540
Black Voices	803	228
Muntu Fine Arts Guild	2,409	1,400
Musique	730.40	664.40
University Chapter of NAACP	560	223

RACISM AT THE UNIVERSITY

The Protests Continue

At the October 10 Convocation services, Black students stood around the area displaying protest posters. Continuing their protest at the Virginia-Clemson football game, approximately 100 Black students wearing black armbands, raised their left fists and stood silently underneath the scoreboard during the playing of the National Anthem.

Department v. Institute

College Faculty Dean Robert Kellogg and other top University administrators, including Hereford, met October 14 to discuss an Institute of Afro-American & African Studies. Armstead L. Robinson, Chairman of the Afro-American & African Studies Committee drafted the plan for the Institution. Robinson's proposal was approved unanimously by the other committee members. The Institute would support research in a variety of disciplines connected with Afro-American Studies. The University stated it would partially fund the Institute but most of the money would come from government grants and private donations. Kellogg stated that within five years the Institute could have a budget of \$500,000. Associate Sociology Professor Vivian Gordon drafted an alternate plan to the Institute because it "does not speak to the needs of an undergraduate degree program." Her plan called for a department which housed an institute. Gordon submitted her proposal to the Afro-American & African Studies Committee November 9. The Committee voted 11-2 November 11 to recommend to College Faculty Dean Edwin E. Floyd that the Institute be established. Following their recommendation, Gordon submitted her proposal to Floyd separately. Also, Afro-American Affairs Dean William M. Harris submitted a proposal similar to Gordon's supporting an institute housed within a department. On November 31, a public forum was sponsored by the Academic Advising Committee to discuss the matter of the Institute vs. the Department. The forum was set-up to gauge public opinion. At the forum, the BSA presented a poll showing that 57% of undergraduate and 60% of graduate students favored the creation of a department. On February 17, Student Council voted 22-2 to

endorse a report prepared by the Special Committee on Black Affairs which had been amended to support the establishment of an Institute rather than a Department. The University announced on February 23 the establishment of a two-year fellowship program designed to attract the best Black scholars specializing in Afro-American & African Studies. One postdoc fellow, 2 dissertation fellowships and 2 graduate fellowships were offered. Associate History Prof. Armstead Robinson also drafted this proposal and it was submitted by the Committee for review by Floyd. On February 24, Student Council voted to reconsider the Black concerns report after Gordon claimed that parts of the presentation had misrepresented her and the Afro-American Studies program. Despite the reconsideration, Student Council upheld their original decision in their March 3 meeting. The Charlottesville Activists Coalition, NAACP, and BSA interrupted the March 26 Board of Visitors meeting, charging the board with ignoring student opinion. The protestors gave a 15 minute series of presentations blasting the board for not approving divestiture, establishing an Afro-American Studies department. Ending their presentations, the concerned Black students invited the board members and administration to a formal discussion on April 7. The meeting was termed unsatisfactory when no Board of Visitors bothered to show. During the meeting, President Hereford and Floyd said that it wasn't within their power to change University policy. Concerned Black students held a rally April 10 in front of Old Cabell Hall. On April 22 University officials outlined plans for the new Afro-American & African Studies Institute which slated to begin operation July 1. Five new Black College faculty had been hired. The Institute, which would be run by a director and two assistant directors, would be located in Garrett Hall. Assistant Director, History Professor Paul Gaston would be in charge of curriculum and programs, while the other Assistant Director, Associate German Professor William Jackson would be in charge of research and fellowships. The Institute would function in its first year without a permanent director until a search could be conducted. The Institute had 4 research fellows in residence and 32 Black studies courses set for the fall semester. Robinson the directorship temporary when extensive negotiations with a prospective director fell through. They also planned to sponsor a fall lecture series.

The Honor System

Former Black Student Alliance President Cecil C. Gray stated that many Blacks supported the suspension sanction because they felt the honor system discriminated against Blacks. Former law student John Tredennick said a "disproportionate number of Blacks actually go on trial" because of the willingness of white students to accuse Blacks more readily than they would other whites. White jury members "find it hard to understand what's it like to be black student."

Divestment

The University holds stock in 47 U.S. Corporations affiliated with South Africa, for a total of 1.58% of the University's endowment as of November 30. On December 2, Student Council voted 13-7 to request the University to divest its holdings in racist South Africa. The Board of Visitors were requested to investigate the financial effect of divestment and give a stand in its January meeting. According to a report released by University Business and Finance

Vice President Ray C. Hunt, the University should not withdraw its investments from corporations with South African holdings. On January 27, Student Council voted to send copies of Harvard's divestiture report to the Board of Visitors. Harvard had divested its holdings in 1978 and had experienced no financial loss' due to their decision. The Board of Visitors voted 15-1 on January 31 not to divest University holdings.

Student Council Elections

Five Black students ran for seats on Student Council: Rudy Beverly, Marva Jo Camp, Mark Davis, James Gardner, and Fran Lassiter. Following the elections, Camp, Davis, Gardner, and Lassiter tried to have the Student Council elections invalidated because of voting irregularities. Voter sign-up sheets disappeared from three balloting stations which contributed to a 10.2% discrepancy between the number of ballots and names on the sheets. Elections Committee Chairman Leslie Dugan contended the 10.2% discrepancy didn't effect the election outcome. Lassiter charged the Elections Committee with failure to adequately supervise voting stations and failure to supply enough ballots at some stations. On November 18, Student Council denied the invalidation appeal. The decision was appealed to Student Affairs Vice President Ernest H. Ern and the 4 students stated that he upheld the appeal, they would take the matter to court.

Karen (K'K'K) Webster

Black candidate for fourth year class president Karen "KK" Webster's campaign posters were defaced by the addition of an extra "K".

BLACK FACULTY

Dr. Nathan E. Johnson, Sr., retired Professor of Education who served as Associate Director of Consultations & Resources at the Education School and was a member of the Virginia Education Association passed away at U.Va. Hospital September 16. He was an undergraduate at Alabama State University, received his Masters from Virginia State University, and his doctorate from the University of Virginia and was the first Black professor to receive tenure. The Petersburg native was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a parishioner at Ebenezer Baptist Church. He is survived by two sons Nathan, Jr. and Perry James (PJ).

BLACK FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Sigma Gamma Rho was chartered by 5 undergraduates December 5. They sponsored a blood pressure test, participated in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and local day care centers. The sorority was presently working on bringing the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program to Charlottesville. RIF is a government funded program giving books and other reading materials to underprivileged children.

BLACK STUDENT PROFILES

Richard Wynn was elected College President on March 11.

Fourth year College student Reginald Saunders was one of three students presented with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. The award recognizes "excellence of character and service to humanity". Saunders was a Resident Assistant, tutor at the Luther P. Jackson House, and President of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

ATHLETICS

Second year running back Quentin Walker was selected as Athlete of the Week for his performance in the 16-13 upset of Tennessee. Walker rushed for a total of 114 yards on 19 carries.

Second year man Darren Cross was one of three basketball players red-shirted by Coach Terry Holland.

Basketball player Ralph Sampson achieved a career high 40 points in the team's 89-73 win in nationally televised game against Ohio State. He made 16 rebounds, 3 blocked shots, and 2 steals. Sampson who averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds per game during the season was named to the all-ACC team, UPI Player of the Year, and National Player of the Year by U.S. Basketball Writer's Association.

5-10 guard Ricky Stokes was named ACC Rookie of the Week for his performance in the 73-58 win over Clemson. He made 8 points and 2 assists with 11 minutes of playing time.

CULTURAL EVENTS

October 8 - Civil Rights activist & Lawyer Florynce Kennedy, 8:00 (Old Cabell Hall).

October 22 - James Baldwin's The Amen Corner was presented by Director George Black. The play focussed on the Black church and the Black experience by examining the urban Black family of the 1950s, (Helms Theatre).

October 29 - South African dissident Toazmile Botha urged America to divest from South African interests, (Wilson Hall). Sponsored by the Charlottesville Activists Coalition.

October 31 - "Parent's Day Dinner," featuring Mr. Jawwaad A. Rasheed, Former National Vice Chair of BALSAspoke on "Our Constant Community Awareness," (Jackson P. Burley Middle School).

November 14 - Musique presented "Silver Spectacular" featuring modern song, dance and dazzle, (Old Cabell Hall).