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CHAIRPERSON

The Black Student Alliance had two main goals this year.

1. We wanted to take a survey of the organization and of some introspection so that we may re-evaluate some of our programs and make the necessary changes.

2. We wanted to help mainstream the black student at Virginia. We felt that the black student would always feel isolated if he did not begin to participate in those "traditional" organizations such as Student Council, University Union, and the Cavalier Daily.

Our first goal was accomplished during a summer workshop. The Executive Board met, revised the programs of the last administration and presented potential projects for the 1978-79 term. This practice of "review and analyze" was carried into the term with the class representatives actively seeking feedback from their respective classmates.

Our second goal was best achieved by establishing a cooperative working relationship with other student organizations. By doing this, a base for understanding was developed- therefore hopefully moving away from that "We/They" attitude. We were not naive enough to think that this goal could be realized in just one term. However, I feel that the steps that were taken this year were strong, substantial ones.

COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

ACADEMICS

This year, the committee used small informal talks to help acquaint the first year students with the Virginia philosophy. The Employees seminar held annually by this committee was again very successful. Although this committee did experience some successes, its progress was marred by the ineffective publishing and distribution of the Black Degree Candidates Booklet. I feel that the problems experienced with the Booklet could have been eliminated if the chair of the committee shared the responsibility with her committee as well as with the Executive Board. For this reason it became necessary to appoint a new chair to the committee.

In order for the activities of the committee to remain viable, the chair must work closely with Career Planning and Placement and the Assistant Dean of Afro- American Affairs.

BLACK CULTURE MONTH

Robin Rattley's energy, determination, and early planning enabled the University to experience one of the best Black Culture Celebrations ever!

This year the Black Student Alliance expanded the celebration to encompass the entire month of February in lieu of just a week. We also touched base with University Union and had tremendous cooperation from that organization. Because of their input in sponsoring programs, Black Culture

Month became a University Celebration.

It is my hope that this kind of celebration will continue, black students and white students working together cooperatively to achieve a University goal.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Early after the election, the chair of this committee, Joe Roseborough, asked for a co-chair. Therefore David Harris was appointed to that position. I feel one of the most important projects of this committee was the Westhaven Community Center Project. By working with the students from the Hardy Drive area, black students were able to serve as positive role models for these students. I would hope that this project grows so that these students would look favorably upon the University and one day make application. This is the kind of affirmative action that we need to work to promote.

COMMUNICATIONS

This committee suffered from a lack of student participation. Therefore Pride was not published on a regular basis. In the future, this committee must learn how to deal with frustrations and still accomplish its task as set forth in the constitution.

AD HOC COMMITTEESINTERNAL AFFAIRS

This committee was designed to be a catch-all committee. Its charge was to research problems on a current event basis. The success of this committee was a result of its strong leader, Angela Lee. Because of the work of this committee the BSA was able to send HEW a survey of the problems that black students face at the University, circulate a petition and send a supporting letter to the Dean of the Faculty in support of Dr. Vivian Gordon's tenure and recommend to the Board of Visitors complete divestiture of all the University's holdings in South Africa.

We were able to cover a lot of bases with this committee and I strongly recommend it be considered a standing committee.

PARENT'S DAY

This was the first year that we became actively involved in this University celebration. We started our planning early and were able to hold a dinner dance for our parents. To our amazement, we had a sell out crowd. Because of the tremendous success of this project, I recommend that it become an annual affair.

LIBRARY

During the latter part of this year we began an active attempt to make our library functional. Robin Miller was able to purchase good leisure reading materials as well as

organizing our career information.

GRIEVANCE

A systematic formula was established to make sure that everyone who had a complaint would be heard. This committee was good in theory, but the membership made very little use of this committee.

WAYNESBORO

This committee was established in response to a Waynesboro teacher seeking information from Julian Bond (Speaker for Black Culture Month) about how she should handle the black students in a rural community school. Mr. Bond referred the teacher to the Black Student Alliance. We investigated the problem and decided to touch base with these students. A group went to Waynesboro and held informal talks with the students and plans were made for the students to visit Charlottesville. Again, the members of the Alliance were trying to serve as positive role models for members of the surrounding community. The project was carried over into the new administration.

OFFICE RENOVATIONS

We were finally able to complete our office renovations. We were able to acquire several donations from black greeks. Thank you for your support!

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Maintain good lines of communications between the alliance and
 - Office of Afro-American Affairs
 - Dean of Students Office
 - Student Council
 - University Union
2. Assign a specific Executive board member to be the liaison between the various student and administrative organizations.
3. Make sure that Greek problems do not become Black Student Alliance problems, in other words maintain that distinct line of interest.
4. Hold the summer workshop in conjunction with a Black Culture Month Fund Raising function.
5. Make sure that the body is well aware of the performance of its elected officials.
6. Remember that the Black Student Alliance can only address the needs of its membership.
7. Encourage membership drives throughout the year.
8. Have a standing invitation to all organizations to any BSA activity.
9. Refrain from reactionary responses to problems.
10. Make sure that your meeting times and places are consistent.
11. Make sure to touch all forms of media for publicizing events and functions.
12. Make sure to touch base with the chair people of the Resident Staff program concerning the summer orientation for their staff members. The BSA should play a major role in the minority affairs section especially in dealing with student responses.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kay Saunders
Chairperson of the Black
Student Alliance

VICE CHAIRPERSON

I can certainly say that this year has been a rewarding one, in serving as vice chairperson of the BSA. The role of the vice chairperson has broadened this year and I believe it will continue to do so in the years ahead. This year I served as a liaison between the BSA and several other University organizations and committee. In the past, the needs of black students during Eastern activities, have been de-emphasized, with few or no events geared toward the interests of black students. Hopefully, this year will bring improvement and several events which will appeal to blacks.

The University Union expressed a desire to improve its lines of communication and rapport with the black University community. Therefore a series of meetings were conducted by Union leaders and leaders of various black organizations. We met to evaluate some of the reasons for the lack of involvement of blacks with University Union. Upon addressing the problems the next course of action involved the creation of a survey which was sent to every black student.

This year I served as the BSA representative on the Associate Dean Search Committee of the Office of Afro-American Affairs. This committee was designed to review the applications of people interested in becoming one of the Assistant Deans of Afro-American Affairs. The entire screening process will hopefully be completed sometime in April.

Back in February I had the pleasure of addressing returning UVA alumni at a luncheon held in Alumni Hall. This event was attended by approximately 50 alumni and several members of the University's administration.

In short, the vice chairperson serves as an all-purpose officer capable of filling in whenever and wherever necessary. The job involves the donation of a substantial amount of one's time, but the positive end results far outweigh the work element. I would like to see the role of the vice chairperson continue to be that of a representative or intermediary between the BSA and various University organizations. It is important that we continue to be aware of the operations of other organizations. They must also be aware of the functions of the BSA, as well as realize that our needs must be addressed and recognized. Thus, it becomes essential for future vice persons to communicate with all members of the black community as a way of allowing students to express their grievances ideas and suggestions. This, in turn, will provide the vice chairperson with something to work with when addressing various organizations. It is not enough for the vice chairperson to express just his or her own opinions. He is placed in the office to represent the entire black population. Therefore input is needed from all levels; first through fourth year students. The vice chairperson is there to listen, hence it is up to you to

make your feelings known so that the ideas can be turned into positive action.

Respectfully submitted,
William Highsmith

SECRETARY

The position of Secretary of the Black Alliance for the year 1978-79 has been rewarding as well as challenging. My duties included taking notes at all Executive Board Meetings and BSA Body Meetings. At the Meeting on the third Sunday of each month, I am responsible for having the minutes typed and copied for each executive board member. Ideally, my job is to keep a record of the proceedings of the BSA each month such that if a member of the body wished to find out what happened in the BSA meeting in February 1979, he could look at the minutes and get a general picture. It would have been beneficial for us to have the minutes typed and run off for each body meeting, but that involves either a high printing bill, or the use of a stencil, which is time consuming and a hardship for a nonprofessional, however, it could be a consideration for the future years.

As secretary, I was also responsible for keeping the office supplied with pens, pencils, staples, stapler, stationery, envelopes, etc. I am also responsible for buying stamps, keeping the typewriter in working order, and typing any correspondence that is not a part of a specific committee.

The Secretary is also expected to become involved in one or more of the standing committees of the BSA, and to work with the Ad-Hoc Committees if possible.

Daily responsibilities are minimal, but important. The mailbox must be checked daily, and the bulletin board kept up to date. The secretary should spend sometime in the office each day to keep abreast of the activities and the phone calls.

One idea is to keep in close contact with the treasurer, because he will have the list of BSA members in case it becomes necessary to contact the members. The secretary should make the effort to have a copy of the membership list, complete with addresses. It would alleviate problems in mailing information, ballots, and other correspondence to the members.

All in all this year has been a successful year for the BSA and the responsibilities of the Secretary have grown accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Miller

TREASURER

The duties of the treasurer of the Black Student Alliance are as follows:

- A. Prepare accurate bi-weekly financial reports of the receipts and expenditures incurred during the two week time span.
- B. Maintain an accurate student activities fund ledger.
- C. Maintain an accurate record of the membership of the BSA.
- D. Prepare the SAF request for the following year.
- E. Have an active involvement in the planned activities, when the BSA funds are involved (i.e. discos, picnics, Black Ball and other fund raising projects, etc.)

The receipts from SAF, The Black Degree Candidates Booklet, Discos, and the Black Ball were all instrumental in financially supporting the Black Student Alliance.

Another matter of concern this year, and which should be a valid concern every year, was the SAF budget. Two budgets were prepared during the 1978-79 school year. The first budget the BSA received \$800.00 for the 1978-79 school year. The second budget was reviewed in February. The amount received from this budget was 830.00 which is to be used for the 1979-80 school year.

Although the financial position of the BSA is very good, There are a few points of concern that must be mentioned at this time.

- A. Due to the recently imposed restriction on the use of Lambeth Commons building, discos that are held in that Building are not as profitable as they once were. In order for the events that are held in the building to be financially successful, great care in planning and publicity must be undertaken.

B. The printing and Xeroxing costs incurred by the BSA are constantly rising. The appropriation committee of the Student Council suggest that we use their mimeograph machine as an alternative for some of the BSA's printing needs. This is a very good suggestion that should be looked into in an effort to reduce costs.

It is strongly recommended that the above points of concern be examined carefully in order to increase the financial position of the BSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Scales

BLACK CULTURE MONTH COMMITTEE

Black Culture Month 1979 was the first year the Black Culture observance at the University was extended to a month. With a month long celebration, activities were not congested into a one week period, but dispersed throughout a month, giving students more time and events to enjoy.

The national theme for Black Culture Month 1979 was "History: A Torch For The Future." Events planned for the period were chosen to emphasize this theme, with the history and future of Blacks at the University of Virginia as the major focus. Activities were chosen that would allow Black students more participation, in a hope to bring that community of people closer together. Therefore there was less emphasis placed on Black History and achievements, but on Blacks today making their history and achievements.

Georgia State Senator Julian Bond was the main speaker and opening program of the month. His appearance was sponsored by the Speakers Series of University Union. Roy Ayers was the concert held in University Hall and sponsored by P.K. German of University Union. Two of the month's major events, the Porgy and Bess singers and the Gospel Sing, were cancelled, however, because of a death in the family of one of the major actors in the Porgy and Bess cast, and due to bad weather for the Gospel Sing. Both of these events were also sponsored by University Union (Fine Arts Committee and Minority Cultures Committee).

Other events held throughout the month were Church services in the University Chapel, a Pot Luck Dinner in Alumni Hall, Greek Night, Greek Basketball, and the Black Ball. Discos were sponsored weekly as fund raising events, and a reception was held prior to the Julian Bond speech.

Several organizations worked closely with the month observance. As already noted, University Union sponsored and co-sponsored several events. This was the first time this organization put some real initiative forth in their programming for Blacks, during the month of February. A Black Culture Month Concert Committee was established, as has been for the last four years, to work on a concert attractive to the Black student body. The Black Culture Month Chairperson, Black Student Alliance Chairperson, P.K. German Chairman, Carl Deaner, Program Director of University Union, Mr. Herring, Miss Margaret Dwight, Dean Angela Davis, and Dean Canevari sat on this committee. The Alumni Association was very generous with the use of their hall and offering additional help if necessary. Also top administrators, including President Hereford, offered help and support during the planning and carrying out of the month.

The Chairperson of Black Culture Month should begin planning as soon as elected to office. Obtaining dates and space in various buildings on the grounds is a race, so it is good to get out of the way as soon as possible. Old Cabell

Hall Auditorium, the University Chapel, Newcomb Hall Ballroom, and Culbreth Theater, if desired, are especially difficult to reserve if not done so in advance. This year all discos for the month of February were reserved for the committee's benefit, which involved the Lambeth Commons and Newcomb Hall Ballroom.

A mini-basketball tournament was held between the Black fraternities, which is hoped to become an annual event. Mr. John Lafley, in Memorial Gymnasium, is the person to contact for reserving courts. For this project, consultation with the Black Greeks is also necessary to find a convenient date and time for everyone. The sororities had planned some type of competition also, but it never materialized due to scheduling. If Greek Night or any type of inter-Greek activity is planned in the future, Greeks should be contacted no later than October because their scheduling for the entire year begins during this time. Most expressed a desire to see these activities continued in the future.

The committee actively planned the month from September to November. By the end of November plans were finalized and after returning from the Christmas recess, the real work began. This year the committee was composed of 18 members and with a large committee it is easier to distribute work so that no one is responsible for a considerable amount of work. Artists are also very valuable to draw up posters

and programs. There was a display put up by the committee and the Greeks in the second floor gallery of Newcomb Hall, emphasizing history. This proved very informative to the white student body, who is curious about Black Greeks at the University. It is important that the white community not be left out of Black Culture Month, for many feel it is not for them to participate in. Programs and invitations should be sent to top administrators, Black faculty, and the Black students. Posters need to be plastered throughout the University and media should be used as much as possible, like the Cavalier Daily, the Daily Progress, and area radio stations. They are free!

Overall, the month was successful. Unfortunately three events were cancelled—three which were very important (Porgy and Bess, Gospel Sing, and Community Night). Hopefully, Community Night will be rescheduled for later in the spring. I had a very good committee who had a lot of ideas and energy. This was essential, and I thank them. To carry out a month long program a lot of dedication and perseverance is required and one can not let things lag in the middle, or almost at the end. It's all the way to the end, February 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Rattley
Black Culture Month Chair-
person

Black Culture MonthCommittee Members

Lisa Adams

Dorothea Allen

Debbie Awai

Teresa Bryce

Reva Caldwell

Kim Campbell

Debbie Dunn

Mona Gillis

Laurita Harris

Willie Jefferson

Valarie Lewis

Michael Mason

Evelyn Norcom

Katrina Riddick

Sharon Ross

Lynda Simmons

Lisa Townes

Michael Turner

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Purpose: To inform the black student body about black academic and extracurricular activities on grounds, as well as to entertain. The function of the committee is to publish Pride, a black newsletter, and to publicize any event sponsored by the Black Student Alliance.

Goals &

Objectives: Send out issue of Pride every month to all Black Student Alliance Members, also have any event or meeting sponsored by the BSA announced in the Cavalier Daily, Declaration, and Pride, especially BSA body meetings.

Membership: Membership should consist entirely of BSA members: chairperson, reporters, proofreaders, typists, poets, artists, and other aids for collating and mailing.

If Pride is to be a viable part of the Black Student Alliance, the committee must receive a sufficient amount of articles at the report deadline in order to print the newsletter by the release deadline. After typing, the original copy should be taken to the copy center, Kinkos was used this year. Then, the newsletter should be collated, addressed, and sent out to all BSA members.

Many problems were encountered under this year's administration. Often not enough articles were submitted to print the newsletter. The committee found problems with scheduling meetings convenient for staff members. Additionally, due to the lack of qualified readers (proofreaders) many articles were grammatically unacceptable for printing. Finally, there

was a problem with addressing and mailing Pride. Several times incorrect addresses caused the newsletter to be returned to the office or the messenger mailing service did not transport mail to its prospective destination.

In order to mend and to improve the problems faced this past term, the chairperson of the committee talked with students on grounds and asked for suggestions for improvement.

Suggestions:

- (1). Get students who are English majors to proofread articles submitted.
- (2). Request that students signing up for committee submit a schedule of convenient times they can meet.
- (3). Returned newsletters should be passed out at body meetings or left in office for pick up.
- (4). Suggested that Pride be circulated on a wider scope - not only to BSA members but to all black students attending the university because the events that take place affect all of "us" and not just "BSA members." In fact, this expansion would eventually involve more black students in the organization.
- (5). Make Ujama and Pride a joint provision - publish each bi-weekly - as a result all issues affecting the black community will be covered. Hopefully, by publishing each on a bi-weekly bases, news will not have a chance to become "history."

An additional conflict was the announcement of body meetings. Many times a short take notice was submitted to the Cavalier Daily's city desk but it was not printed. In order to correct this mistake in the future, short takes should be submitted three days in advance and if possible should be given to city desk editor. Also, submit a University Notice; however, there are no guarantees where the "CD" is concerned.

These are a few of the suggestions on how to assist the newly instated chairperson and to improve Pride. Nonetheless, the committee tried to come up with some innovative ideas, as a cover for Pride, poetry written by black university students, an activity calendar, and send Pride to black Alumni, also asked Alumni for donations to aid the financial status of the BSA.

Note: Remeber, the BSA is only as productive as its members are. Work together earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Devar Turner
Chairperson of the
Communications Committee

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Community Relations committee of the Black Student Alliance 1978-1979 enjoyed a successful year. The success of the committee materialized through the implementation of new programs that had not been utilized by the previous committees.

For the first time the committee conducted a tour of the Grounds for the underprivileged children of the West Haven Projects. Thirty-one children ranging in age from 9-13 saw the inside of the University that they had only heard rumors about. This year's committee wanted to show the children of the West Haven Projects that there were human beings on the grounds, even black human beings. Before the tour, the children had a cold uncaring conception of the University policies toward the surrounding poor communities.

Another first for this committee was the Thanksgiving clothes drive. Clothes were collected from students and administrators and given to the West Haven Projects for distribution.

The Community Relations committee directs black students to the Trinity Day Care for counselor programs. This project allows black students to interact, and hopefully stimulate an interest in the young children for school and for learning.

The 1978-79 Community Relations committee aided the West Haven Community Center with its Annual Christmas Party for the

underprivileged children living in the area projects. The committee collected money from the various organizations on grounds and then donated the money for the purchase of toys and party supplies.

This spring, the committee is sponsoring an essay contest for black high school seniors in the area. The winner of this contest will be awarded a \$125.00 scholarship.

The 1978-79 committee was chaired by two people, this practice should be abandoned in the future because it is very difficult to coordinate two very active upper-classmen. The committee's functions can be handled by one person with greater ease and efficiency.

The grounds tour and the Thanksgiving clothes drive should become annual committee projects. The West Haven Projects cannot receive enough attention from the University. The poor communities surrounding the University need to be shown that the University does have some concern for them, when this happens maybe assaults on students and other unfortunate things of that nature will cease.

Respectfully submitted,

David Harris
Joe Roseborough

FOURTH YEAR CLASS REPORT

The 1978-79 school year marked the first year of the functioning of the Internal Affairs Committee of the BSA. This committee drafted a position paper on the University's lack of commitment to the recruitment and tenure of black faculty, which was sent to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. We also circulated petitions concerning the tenure of Dr. Vivian Gordon, who was recently recommended by the University for tenure. The petitions and a letter in support of Dr. Gordon's tenure were sent to Dean Floyd, Dean of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. Finally, the committee investigated the University's investment in South Africa and sent a position paper supporting complete divestiture to the Board of Visitors.

As class representatives, the project for the fourth year class was never carried out. Hopefully, next year's representatives will plan now for next year so they will not get caught up with other obligations once the new school year begins. It would also be good to expand the role of the class representative to include the entire black student community. The class representative could call people and find out why they are not members and encourage them to join, or at least get some

criticisms and suggestions. With this additional input, the BSA can be a more effective voice for the black community.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Lee
Harriet Sasso

THIRD YEAR CLASS REPORT

As third year class representatives, our job was to represent the third year class as best we could. Both of us used the "personal" approach in finding out the interests and expectations of our classmates for the BSA. (The "personal" approach encompasses talking to our classmates individually or in small groups.)

The third year class representatives did an in-depth study of the problems and successes of the 1978 annual BSA picnic in April. We interviewed and surveyed people to find out if they enjoyed the place as well as the food, activities, transportation and entertainment that was provided. The only problem that was expressed was the transportation arrangements which as it turns out, was not the fault of the new administration, but rather, a last minute detail problem. However, this year's BSA administration has worked to avoid a repeat of this incident for this year's picnic.

We also planned and arranged the Parent's Day Dinner for black parents and students held in October. This event was sponsored by the BSA and its goal was to provide an opportunity for the parents of black students to meet and talk with the black faculty and administrators as well as to enjoy the company of other black parents and students on Parent's Day. The Dinner was held at the new JAG School and after the dinner entertainment

was provided by a local jazz band. This affair was highly successful and is recommended for next year.

The third year class representatives also had the responsibility of rendering as much help as possible on any of the other standing committees and activities of the BSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Newby
Jackie Stone

SECOND YEAR CLASS REPORT

Objectives and Goals

Aside from acting as liason people between our class and the executive board of the BSA, this year we attempted again to get our classmates more actively involved. The underlying goal was always to increase membership, however, we also sought out our classmates' opinions and problems.

Strengths

Our strengths, for the most part, were in our ability to serve our classmates not only as role models, but as counselors as well. In large part, our information concerning student opinion was gathered on a one-to-one basis. Our working knowledge of the BSA also helped a great deal.

Weaknesses

Communication. Our largest problem was getting together to plan events. We were also relatively unsuccessful in increasing membership among our classmates.

Recommendations

We recommend that class representatives work more closely with one another and communicate better next year. We further recommend that the second year class turn to their representatives as resource people whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Jackson
William N. Jarvis

FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

We, the First Year Representatives of the academic school year 1978-79, report an active and very involving year. We had input into many activities; we helped with many activities; and we directed in full one major activity. Our class has made itself known and respectable, and at the same time, we have three years in which to grow, act, and achieve more. Greater description of this, our first year, follows.

We had appreciable input into a number of events and projects. By posting flyers and posters, we assisted with the advertising of a "Break with Grace " various Black Culture Month activities, and other events. Also, one of our classmates regularly submitted his poetry to the Black Student Alliance newsletter Pride.

Activities to which we contributed a greater degree of ourselves follow. Our participation in the West Haven Community cothens project was well responded to and quite gratifying. Not disregarding the upperclass people, an admirable number of us contributed to and collected donations for the project. The KWANZAA dinner banquet, to which we contributed food (preferably African), proved quite a treat, as one of our classmates shared her gift of beautiful singing to compliment the evening's planned

entertainment. We also put much time into assisting with the writing of an important BSA document. And at "Greek" Night, during Black Culture Month, mentionable and very significant were our participation and great attendance respectively.

The week-long United Negro College Fund Drive, held during the week of January 22nd-26th, was the major activity of which we took full responsibility. Everyday, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., we sat in shifts at our table in Newcomb Hall receiving donations. There was excellent participation by our class, and a number of upperclass people helped also. The project was clearly a success, as it was blessed with raising \$269.55. Through the contact of Donald Jones, the UNCF president here in Charlottesville, the money raised was sent on to the national headquarters of the UNCF. During our UNCF drive, we simultaneously posted an invitation to our classmates specifically, and everyone in general, to come and view the BSA in action. We invited all to come firsthand, evaluate, and then air any discontent that they might harbor toward the organization. The invitation had some impact, as attendance was noticeably increased at the following general body meeting. At the meeting's close, many of the "evaluators" became members.

To the Black Student Alliance body and executive board, we recommend that next year, and every year thereafter, during orientation week, an informal meeting be held for the

incoming first year class. This meeting should be brief and followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of the meeting will be to clearly and emphatically present to the students the role of the BSA as it relates to them.

To the class following us, we sincerely recommend and ask that you follow the way of love always, discover unity immediately, and through positive channels, act constantly.

In summary, we, the First Year Representatives to and of the Black Student Alliance, (1978-79), report having a fairly good year. We did not receive a great amount of independent input from our classmates, nor did we receive a great amount of feedback from them upon inquiry. We wish more had joined the BSA, and it is our belief that more will join the Body. Nonetheless, we had great participation and support over all, and we have progressed. We have not regressed, nor stood still. We will continue to move forward.

Sincerely submitted,

Regina Mann
Cecil Conteen Gray
First Year Representatives

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The main duty of the Parliamentarian is to see that the Executive Board and Body meetings are coordinated and run according to Roberts Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian must be able to assist the Chairperson and all other Black Student Alliance members when any problems may arise during meetings. Therefore, the Parliamentarian must be well versed in Roberts Rules of Order.

One important facet of the BSA was accomplished this year. This was the constitutional revisions of the BSA. The Constitution is the basic foundation through which the BSA is organized.

Unfortunately, its importance has been neglected. Previously, many procedures (i.e. voting) were carried out in a manner which opposed the previous constitution (which was last revised in 1973). It is the duty of the Parliamentarian to see that the BSA functions according to the constitution set by the BSA, and if not, revised accordingly. As for myself, knowledge of the constitution was entirely new. With the utmost guidance and assistance from many, mainly our Chairperson, Debbie Saunders; constitutional revisions were made and approved.

Future Parliamentarians must be knowledgeable of all aspects of the constitution. He/she should be able to instill its importance to all members so that our organization, the Black Student Alliance will be more complete.

I found my experience as Parliamentarian a true learning and enjoyable experience.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Wright