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# BSU Movement— 'Our Time Is Now'

By RUSH GREENLEE

Black student groups concerned with the cultural, social, political and economic problems of Negroes have been started at every public college in the Bay Area.

Why now? Only a few years ago, many Negro students worried only about the next party. A few engaged in white radical activities and even fewer gathered to seek a positive identity in blackness.

"We were islands in a social sea then," said Donald Hopkins, special assistant to the chancellor, in his office at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

That was five years ago when he got together with other Negro students in his apartment to study Negro history and they took what was then the long step of calling themselves Afro-Americans.

The term was not new, but was hardly in vogue. Now the term Negro is despised, Afro-American is debatable and only "black" is everywhere acceptable among today's dark young.

"Why have we come about now? We just stopped believing in the American Dream. Your generation was still clinging to it. You knew better but you couldn't let your awareness break through."

This is the explanation given by Kenny Washington, 21, who stands tall and cool, wearing small gold rimmed glasses. He is the BSU co-chairman at Stanford and a senior in philosophy.

Jimmy Garrett, Black Students Union leader at San Francisco State College, snaps an explanation: "It was time." Then he relents a bit, "Well, it's the communications media too. We saw what happened in Birmingham. And all those other places."

Thurman Robinson, 21, on the board of the BSU at Cal State Hayward, offered, "More people see what's going on and we're always under the threat of World War III—what have we got to lose by fighting for our rights?"

Mrs. LaVerne Walton, a vice-chairman of the Soul Stu-

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dents Advisory Council at Merritt College in Oakland:

"We started looking at the world. That started with our parents. We saw their faults, then we saw what society had done to them. We started fighting society for them. And we often have to fight our parents too. They've come to believe in the wrong things."

To James Forman, a founder of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, little known in comparison to Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown but a powerful catalytic thinker among black students, it is a continuation of "our history of resistance."

"Our ancestors resisted capture in Africa. They resisted the moment they were

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# Drive for Black University Arose From Dissatisfaction

be determined during the coming conference.

He said existing black universities, such as Howard University in Washington, D.C., are victims of "structural racism . . . the majority of those on the board of trustees are white, those on the entrance boards are white . . .

"They are thinking of prestige, not serving needs of the black community."

The student spokesmen said

they couldn't yet estimate the number of persons who would attend their conference and wouldn't name expected dignitaries for the press because of things that happened to leaders such as Malcolm X.

Garland, in charge of obtaining housing for visitors during the conference, asked that any members in the black community willing to provide rooms for delegates contact the Associated Students office at Merritt.

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## WORKSHOPS

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12. BLACK UNIVERSITY AND NATION BUILDING.  
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13. BLACK UNIVERSITY AS A REVOLUTIONARY BASE OF OPERATIONS
14. BLACK LEADERSHIP AND GROUP DISCIPLINE.  
9(CONTINUED from Minnisota Conference).

OTHER WORKSHOPS WILL BE ADDED IF A NEED AND DESIRE IS EXPRESSED BY CONFERENCE MEMBERS)

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We suggest that people interested in particular workshops please do their homework on all papers (especially prior conferences) and books pertaining to their particular workshops. And that they prepare positions papers for conference and if possible mail them to conference headquarters in advance of conference. Those persons who have attended other conferences on blackness should bring all material about those conferences that they possess.

The first three days of the conference (March 28, 29, and 30) will be spent on setting ground rules, information, and concepts so that we will not repeat the work of the other conferences especially in the area of the black university.

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# CHANGE!

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## CHANGE

I will change. To put into  
the world that which  
the world has put me into  
and develop the world  
to get closer to oneness.

Knowing we need a change,  
simple and very complex,  
we need a change.

Facing oneself isn't easy at  
all but facing oneself is  
the only thing to do.

It's people who have to  
change not the law,  
not the society, people.

Help me, people, to change,  
help me.

C. Anthony Wells  
May 1968

This issue of Change! contains the creative expression of black and brown students in the Oakland community, mainly from Merritt and Laney Junior Colleges. Future issues of Change! will contain:

- \* contributions concerning the political scene nationally and locally as it affects the core city and minority groups; and
- \* reflections of some central city militant clergymen.

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## TO A SISTER

Oh Dear Sister,  
sister of mine  
you're lost in a fantasy,  
so young in your prime

You are Negro - half white  
no half black  
you're lost  
in a wonderland  
and might never come back

Pam Kendall  
Age 11





We believe that the courts should follow the United States Constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. We have been, and are being tried by all-white juries that have no understanding of the "average reasoning man" of the black community. -- From the Black Panther Party Platform and Program.



BLACK POWER

When people hear the words Black Power they immediately think of arson, looting, sniper fire, and riots. This is the violent part of the Black-directed change that is taking place in America, but Black Power means more than this.

Black Power is a call for Black unity on all fronts. This will give the Black community more bargaining power. This will seek to end political oppression, economic exploitation, poor housing, and substandard education. Black Power is a call for Black people to organize and lead their own groups, and to set up new institutions that will give the chance to participate in the decisions being made.

The achievement of racial self-respect is another goal of Black Power. This will help Black people to be proud of their heritage and culture. Blacks will set up new values in their communities and stop living by the white standards.

The concepts of Black Power merely meet the needs of the Black masses -- needs that should have been met a long time ago. If the needs are not met, then the violence people connect with Black Power is a reality.

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