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# **THE LUMPEN RECORDING LIVE**

## **at MERRIT COLLEGE**

**7:00 P.M., TUES., NOV. 10, 1970 57TH & GROVE OAKLAND**

**We invite the people to come and be part of the Lumpen's  
FIRST ALBUM**

**Admission \$1.00 to help with  
costly recording expenses.**

**The concert will also feature  
the FREEDOM MESSENGERS  
and guest artists**



**THE LUMPEN BLACK PANTHER PARTY**



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*.12 Gauge Shotgun*

**ALL  
POWER  
TO  
THE  
PEOPLE**



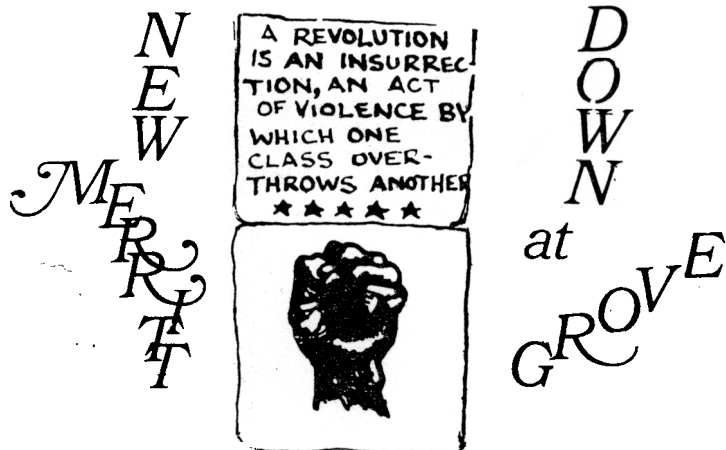
**DEATH  
TO THE  
FASCIST  
PIGS**

RUCHELL MAGEE — POLITICAL PRISONER  
OF SAN QUENTIN PRISON



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**FREE RUCHELL**



In Spring, when our new, People's University will really begin, we will have a wonderful opportunity to rebuild or discard those elements of our education we dislike, and to reinforce or introduce those things which we accept as relevant and important.

Let us all, students, teachers, classified staff, and community people not now involved in any school, use this temporary breakdown in ruling class control of Merritt.

We are all intelligent and creative people. We all have an idea of what we want to do with our minds and our bodies. We have a right to control our own jobs, our own educations, our own lives and our own destinies.

Those people, teachers and students, who wish to associate themselves with new equipment and the Peralta Board of Trustees can and will be traveling to Skyline Jr. College (Hill Campus). Who will be left in the Flatlands? Those who associate themselves with the movement and the school which produced Huey P. Newton, Bobby Seale, the first Black Student Union, the first Chicano Student Union, the first Afro-American Studies department, the first Chicano Studies department, and the first diploma in an ethnic studies department (LAMAS).

Let's each examine our own classes. Is equipment now being moved? This is illegal! STOP this movement of equipment. Is your teacher leaving? Start a student's committee to decide on a new teacher, who relates to students rather than equipment. (It is a fact, as any teacher will tell you, that hundreds of teachers are begging to teach here, and are turned away every quarter.

But beyond this, if anyone here has ever been bored or frustrated by the administrative bureaucracy or by backward or reactionary or racist educational philosophy, let them take this opportunity to reorganize the structure of the classrooms themselves, whether they be student, faculty, staff worker, administrator or member of the community. We will turn the powers of the bureaucrats over to the people, through the Community Control Council which we will organize, and which will help us democratically govern our school, from now on.

Rich Horlick  
Liberated Reporter



STUDENT WAVING BLACK FLAG AT OHIO GUARDSMEN

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Womens Student Union is planning a rally-benefit-festival for Thursday, March 4. This rally will be in support of International Women's Day, March 8. There will be speakers, including a woman from the Angela Davis Defence Committee, an art exhibit, handicrafts, a bake sale and a women's band.

Literature pertinent to various aspects of women's life will be sold, as well as posters and buttons to raise money for different causes.

We encourage all women on campus to participate and to come to our meetings, Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 in E-9.

TO THE STUDENT BODY:

The negotiating committee, elected last week, found it necessary to liberate the ASMC printing office on (the article you are reading was written inside the office.) Tuesday, Feb 23rd. The following is a series of events which led to this action

On Mon, Feb 22, four reps from the BSU and one rep from the MVA went to see Dr. Smith about the use of the college facilities to publish the Liberated Reporter. The LR represents both the student coalition and the student negotiating committee, which felt by virtue of its landslide victory at the polls, that they are now an integral part of the college entitled to use college facilities.

We were denied access to or use of the printing press by E. Osegueda (Student Services Administrator E-6) despite Dr. Smith's order to let the delegation from the negotiating committee do so. We then went to see ASMC Pres Hurley Young later in the day, and he promised with Mr Roos and Mr. Osegueda present, that we could use the ASMC press. Mr. Roos said that he would O.K. the "job order" to take care of the printing.

We then left, with the idea that the paper would be published by Thursday Morning of the 23rd, BS member Paul Fleming was called into the ASMC office, to an ASMC council meeting. At this meeting both Roos and Osegueda were present, making sure that it was understood that the Liberated Reporter would not be published by the ASMC press, because the ASMC did not like the article, "Criticism and Self-Criticism". The BSU offered to use their own printers and paper. Denied.

At this time the students on the negotiating committee were tired of playing "yes and no" games with a group of fools who decided to block the legitimate aspirations of the people. We hope that all the students of MERRITT COLLEGE participate in and back our struggle for community control. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE \* \* \* LIBERATED STAFF OF THE LIBERATED REPORTER SEIZE THE TIME -----FREE BOBBY\*RUPELL\*ANGELA\*SOLEDAD BROTHERS\*TIERINA

# CRITICISM AND SELF-CRITICISM

Since organizing on and off campus we have been criticized for creating contradictions with certain Black people here on campus. With the student council, the administration and a few students. The time has come to answer these charges.

The Black Student Union believes that through theory and practice we know that everybody is not a friend of the people. We have observed through the practice of certain people that they are fooling the people through certain methods. Whether intentional or not we feel called upon to object. If it is a mistaken practice the opportunity for flying right is there.

If it is intentional then we were right. We believe that when we make a criticism, or take one for that matter because life is a two way street, it should be in a political fashion that is to say that criticism should be centered on politics and statements should be based on facts. Not personalities.

Criticism, if presented and taken in a correct fashion, is meant to strengthen the organization by doing away with its bad points and concentrating on the good. If someone is wrong, they are wrong. Black, White or Brown.

Even though Malcolm X said that "our differences should be ironed out behind closed doors," the struggle has progressed since that time. All theories are meant to be expanded upon. Not to lay stagnant. All sorts of opportunists, thieves, and liars could hide behind the mantle of "Blackness" and say "don't criticize me because people will get the wrong idea and we don't need anymore division among ourselves. The White man wants to see us fighting among ourselves. So even though I am doing things wrong, making a lot of money, trying to pimp people, getting unneeded and unwanted publicity, or whatever don't say anything bad about me because after all I am Black too."

Well we say later on for all that bop. We can't endorse the rhetoric and bullshit that is being presented here at Merritt College today. Matter of fact we highly resent some thief, fool, or lackey telling us to be cool while they make their game and go on messing things up, we will continue to serve the people to the best of our abilities. We will

accept and dish out criticism as long as it is handled in a correct fashion. Not on a humbug. We say that we want to beef up the programs that we have now and we welcome all the help that we can get from B.S.U. members and the general student body. We recognize that the people, students and community people must want these programs because all our material and money comes through donations and these programs would have folded a long time ago if they weren't needed and wanted by the people. So the people support us. We don't get paid \$3.00 a meeting, we don't get paid anything. We don't have \$15,000 a year community jobs, or hold high positions. We are servants of the people. Our newspaper is our voice with the people. We stand behind everything we put in it because it is the truth as interpreted through the historical realities of our people. Students come to us every day relating how sick they are of the jive they see coming down and what they can do about it. Community people bring by small donations of food to feed children. People have brought us clothing-mattresses for the daycare center etc.

So we know that we are doing something right. We make mistakes like anybody else does but we are constantly trying to better ourselves through our political education classes and our practice. We take our jobs, people's servants, very seriously. So when we are wrong we do better. When we see other people doing wrong we say so if they can't take it, too bad. Either do right or get out of the way. If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen. Because we won't stop practicing what we believe in because a few

ings why should we care about his. So we hope that this matter is cleared up a little now and we will be more than happy to hear your opinions. About how we feel about true Black awareness.





Early in the fall quarter several students under the leadership of two women got together to examine the type of education being offered at Merritt. With the exception of Afro-American studies Latin American and Mexican American Studies and Asian Studies, they found a decided lack of relevant courses being offered.

We presented our findings to the administration in the form of requests for starting five courses relating to topics including Women's Liberation, Marxism, Racism and Labor History. The administration after much hedging, offered two courses: A. The Sociology of the Womens Movement and B. Social Movemements and Collective Behavior. The classes met with moderate response, primarily because they began a week later than the rest of the school. Discussion however, during the rest of the quarter indicated that students were both enjoying and learning in the two classes.

Enthusiasm for Revoltionary-Studies, as the two classed came to be called, was clearly evidenced at the end of the quarter when demands were again made to the administration. Five courses were demanded and, due to support of all the students from the original classes, each was approved.

Registration for the winter quarter was very sucessful for R.S. All five classes are completely filled and feeling among students indicates the necessity for still more course offerings.

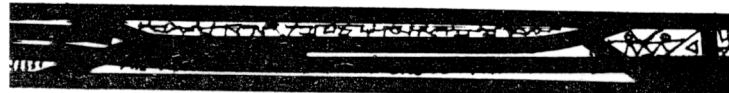
In the spring quarter we hope to add additional courses in a seperate Revolutionary Studies Dept. The administration has already allocated time and funds for these classes and it is up to us to push for more offerings in our own department.

The struggle for a Revolutionary-Studies Dept. has never been seperated from the fight for Community Control of Merritt. Many students have been active in both struggles for the rights of people to have the power to control their own lives.

We the students of Revolutionary Studies are committed to an open and fully operative Community Controlled Merritt College in the flatlands. Our actions have indicated that we can not be swayed from this just demand. We will continue to do whatever is necessary to insure that this demand will be met.

Any student who wishes to continue or begin working with us can come to our office in B-9. For Merritt to remain open it is necessary for all the students to become actively involved. Our right of self determination remains an abstraction until we make it real.

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CADRES TO KEEP MERRITT HERE  
WILL MEET THIS WEEK AT THE  
FOLLOWING TIMES:

Medical Cadre: Tues. 4p.m. B9  
Pre-Registration: " " 1p.m. B9  
Revolutionary  
Studies Meeting Wed. 10 a.m. B9  
Day Care Cadre Tues. 4p.m. B9  
Equipment Cadre Wed. 11 A.M. B9  
Liberated Reporter Thurs. 11a.m.  
B.9

ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE  
URGED TO ATTEND THESE

MEETINGS. The future  
of Merritt College will depend  
on the amount of serious work  
each one of us are willing to  
do. ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

The Pre-registration Cadre is  
in charge of organizing an early  
registration to insure a fully op-  
erational campus for all of those  
who wish to attend.

The Day Care Cadre is planning  
an on-campus day care center for all  
students and community people who  
need it. The center would be not  
only for older children, but for  
infants as well.



WE ARE HAVING A BENEFIT PARTY  
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A MERRITT COM-  
MUNITY FREE CLINIC. ON SATURDAY,  
FEB. 27.

The Veteran's Association is the campus organization sponsoring the party in conjunction with the Campus Medical Cadre and the Mosswood Food Conspiracy. All proceeds will go to the clinic.

From 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. a meatless meal will be served in the cafeteria. Medical health films will be shown in the gym and information about nutrition will also be available. After 8:00 there will be bands, playing until midnight or later.

We are asking for a donation of a dollar. Tickets will be sold at a table on campus, at B-9, and at the door.

Help us serve the community and free ourselves from inadequate and oppressive health care

Power to the People  
Merritt Medical Cadre

## FREE CLINIC

Health care is a right, not a privilege. Students of Merritt are organizing a free health clinic to serve the Grove St. community.

This is a step that will decisively show our conviction to maintain a community controlled campus. We need community as well as student support to help build and staff a clinic. We vitally need people interested in, or with experience in, health care work.

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 4 P.M.



## AFRICAN STUDENT SPEAKS

We, concerned students, resolutely, wholly, and completely, condemn the racist act of the Peralta School Board against the valiant people of the community and the students of Merritt College. We Unconditionally condemn this counter-revolutionary action taken by the pigs of Peralta Board. We want Merritt College, here at the flatlands. The glorious struggle of the people and students has our revolutionary support,

We are convinced that the just struggle of students will smash all reactionary sell outs of Merritt whose sole purpose is to mislead the students from revolutionary action.

The students at Merritt and the people of the community know that the current frantic moves by some reactionary students are sure sign of their weakness and not of their strength. In this great era of revolution, Victory belongs only to the people who dare to rise in the struggle. We hail and support the struggle of the people to control their destiny.

Reactionaries are paper tigers, Counter-revolutionary acts will be completely wiped out by revolutionary action. The revolutionary brood, of the people and the students will dump all reactionaries for it is only the people who have the creative power to control their life and destiny.

Power to the People  
Down with all the reactionaries and  
the running dogs of the Peralta Board!  
An African Student

# PEOPLE'S VICTORY!

The outcome of the elections that were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week had far-reaching implications. The entire coalition slate of two Black students, two Chicano students, one White and one Asian student was overwhelmingly elected.

From this we see that the majority of the students, who voted, recognize the necessity of a well organized vehicle to spearhead the struggle to Liberate Merritt.

I commend the students of Merritt who, through their voting, displayed a revolutionary understanding of the existing conditions in our school. By revolutionary understanding I mean that the students recognized that it is possible for us to function primarily in the best interest of our individual ethnic group and at the same time display a united front to mobilize as many forces as possible in order to achieve our subjective goal to free Merritt.

By free Merritt I mean that Merritt should be liberated from the racist, psychologically degrading and decadent educational system of not just the republic of California but the entire United States Empire.

Further analysis of the elections shows that the majority of students who voted used PRACTICE as the criterion for their selection of students to represent them. By this I mean that the students supported people who they know had been working in their best interest all the time. Students they had seen combining the theory of how to free Merritt with the actual practice of moving to have a Community Controlled institution.

Because at this moment in the struggle students have the initiative and are on the offensive, it is important for us to sustain our attack while at the same time acting to move the struggle to higher levels.

We are moving in a revolutionary manner to achieve a revolutionary goal and this is possible only as long as a Revolutionary Spirit manifests itself in the students of Merritt. We are the vanguard of student movements and the examples we set here will affect every piggish college and university in the

country.

We will continue to struggle until the control of Merritt on Grove has been taken from the hands of insensitive pigs and lackeys and placed in the hands of the community that it is supposed to serve.

All Power to the People  
Andre Van Russell  
Merritt B.S.U.



The Equipment Cadre will keep all buildings, furniture, Books, and supplies needed for running classes, from leaving Merritt.

If you want to go here in the Spring you must be responsible for seeing that your classes or departments in which you work do not allow equipment to be moved!

The equipment Cadre is taking an inventory of all the equipment on this campus. We need your help!

There is a form in this issue of The Liberated Reporter and others will be circulated around school to co-ordinate inventory activity;

To help, please go to B-9 (back of the tennis courts) for further information and to return these forms.

----- TEAR HERE AND RETURN TO B-9 -----

The Equipment Cadre is taking an INVENTORY - To insure that no equipment is moved from this campus.

We need the help of students from every class, who are familiar with the equipment and will help us to work on the inventory.

NAME -----  
Dept. -----  
Phone No. -----

----- TEAR HERE AND RETURN TO B -9 -----