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# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY 42101

Office of the Dean of Student Affairs

MEMORANDUM TO: Dean Charles Keown  
FROM: Scott Taylor, Director of Student Organizations  
TOPIC: Black Participation in Student Activities  
DATE: March 15, 1983

Itemized below you will find information regarding black student involvement in areas that I am partially responsible:

## CHEERLEADING

Two of the twelve Varsity Yell Leaders are black and one of the eight Lady Topper Yell Leaders is black.

## FRATERNITIES

The University's Interfraternity Council is comprised of representatives from 16 national social fraternities. Four of these groups are historically and predominantly black and represent all of the established national black fraternities. Please note that one of these four, Omega Psi Phi is suspended until 1983, but at that time it will once again become part of the Interfraternity Council. I believe you already have membership figures for these fraternities.

## SORORITIES

The Panhellenic Association consists of 11 national social sororities with all four of the established national black sororities being members. Again, it is my understanding that you already have membership figures.

In essence, all of the eight established national black Greek organizations are recognized on campus, provided that Omega Psi Phi is included.

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Fraternities

Alpha Phi Alpha  
Jeff Greene, President  
11 Active Members

Kappa Alpha Psi  
James Logan, President  
16 Active Members

Phi Beta Sigma  
Tommy Smith, President  
7 Active Members

United Black Students  
Pam Cunningham, President  
Number of members unknown

Sororities

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Renee Middleton, President  
14 Active Members - 6 Pledges

Delta Sigma Theta  
Jarutha Haire, President  
6 Active Members - 5 Pledges

Sigma Gamma Rho  
Eula Farmer, President  
6 Active Members

Zeta Phi Beta  
Annetta Stockton, President  
1 Active Member - 3 Pledges

## ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The current President of the Associated Student Government is a black female - Ms. Margaret Ragan.

## UNIVERSITY CENTER BOARD

The University Center Board guarantees representation on its policy making body through the United Black Students having a representative on the board.

There are currently two black students sitting on this 22-person board. There are approximately six other black students who serve on the various programming committees.

The University Center Board presented several programs in conjunction with the United Black Students during the Black Awareness Week. These included David Matthews (poet), a disco dance, and two concerts.

## DOWNING UNIVERSITY CENTER

One of the two administrative part-time workers who supervise the operation of the University Center at nights and on week-ends is black.

The University Center has this year provided the United Black Students with a furnished office and a telephone. (Only six other groups on campus are provided with these facilities.)

For the past eight years the University has provided a specific facility along with staff support (one student worker and one police officer - budget \$5,000) to enable black student organizations to sponsor disco dances each Friday and Saturday night throughout the school year. In addition to providing a place for black students to congregate socially, the sponsoring group makes from \$100-150 each night (a significant fund-raising vehicle for them). To our knowledge, WKU is the only University to offer such a program.

The student staff of the University Center consists of four black students. Through the 13 years that the University Center has been in operation there have always been several black students working at the Center.

BLACK STAFF - OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs

Howard Bailey - Assistant Dean of Student Affairs  
Michele Muir - Senior Administrative Secretary

Office of Housing

Nancy Shanklin - Clerk

Black Residence Hall Directors and Assistants

Delores Hale - Assistant Director, Hugh Poland

Melissa Hagan - Assistant Director, Rodes Harlin

Jeffrey Munroe - Director, North Hall

Mike Hughes - Assistant Director, Pearce Ford Tower

Phyllis Gatewood - Director, Rodes Harlin

BLACK STUDENT STAFF - RESIDENCE HALLS 1982-83

Bemis Lawrence

None

Bates Runner

Gayla Foster RA  
Henrietta Gilbert DC

Central

None

Florence Schneider

Charlotte Williams RA  
Martha Barlow RA  
Sharon Stone NC

Gilbert

James Logan NC

Hugh Poland

Rachelle Mays RA  
Marnetta Sledge RA  
Sharon Williams RA  
Jerome Aburime NC

McCormack

None

McLean

Laura S. Smith RA  
Regina Sleet DC

Potter

Miedide Doukpolagha

Rodes Harlin

Valerie Howard RA  
Dorothy Porter DC

South

Bridgette Johnson RA  
Juliana Wesley RA  
Dawn Fenwick RA  
Catanna Mays RA  
Anita Northington NC  
Olu Oduwole NC

West

Regina Giles RA  
Patsy Boyd RA  
Stephanie Ragin RA  
Elaine White RA  
Lambert Oragui NC

Barnes Campbell

Mike Hughes NC

Douglas Keen

Gladstone Patton RA

East

Leon Poindexter NC

North

Doug Crawley RA  
James Johnson RA  
Harrison Martin RA

Pearce Ford Tower

Mel Edmonds RA  
Robert Bruce RA  
Reggie Rucker RA

RA - Resident Assistant  
DC - Desk Clerk  
NC - Night Clerk

Note:

Black RA (23) and DC (3) = 26 of 169 or 15%  
Black NC = 9 of 45 or 20%