

'White Society Commits Suicide'

'Rap-In' Views—America's Dying

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A "rap-in" held in 150 Science, and sponsored by the Black Student Union (BSU), followed the memorial service for Martin Luther King Jr., Friday.

The two hour "rap-in" gave a series of speakers a chance to analyze the tragedy. Johnny Holloway, BSU president, voiced his opinion of the death of Dr. King:

"What you've got is dying, and it's going to destroy you unless you learn to live like people and not animals. You must civilize yourselves before anyone will live with you. Everytime I look at a white face, I get sick. It's all eloquent rhetoric, without substance."

"We will not mourn the death of Dr. King—his ideology died with him—the beast that killed him killed it," Holloway said.

Holloway said King wanted "not a jungle, but a place for mankind," and asked "where were you when he tried to help you?"

He said Black people have been putting themselves on the line for their cause, and now they will seek "freedom by whatever means are necessary."

"A demented man shot Dr. King," he said, "the rest of the White men are demented, the rest of society is demented. You killed the only man to bring hope to the world."

"You are a dying race, you are a dying country."

"What are you mourning for? You didn't help him when he needed you. That bad man who killed him was White, just like you. You can't ever help yourselves, how are you going to help me?"

"We aren't asking for anything, you can't give us anything, you can't give yourself anything."

"What are you going to do to save your country—what are you going to do?"

"It's about time," Holloway said, "that we stop talking about law and order and start talking about law and justice."

"Who are you to tell me what cause I have hurt in rioting—you are hurting yours by being apathetic," said Holloway.

"You are so busy worrying about the world—yours is going to collapse here at home."

"You are all racists, what are you going to do about it?" Holloway said.

Bill Watson, a graduate in math and member of Students for a Democratic Society made two points: "Dr. King was the finest man ever to walk the undeserving ground of America," and "America completely and totally killed Dr. King. This country is going to die—it's killing all of its hopes, and it deserves every God damned bit of it."

Urban Graduates Demand Action on 'Unaccreditation'

The Department of Urban Planning of the School of Architecture and Allied Arts has sent up a warning signal.

A resolution passed at the Student Planning Association of the school calls for a reassessment of the graduate program within the school.

"We ask specifically that the University either take immediate steps to bring the Department of Urban Planning in line with its stated aims, or that the University admit failure and liquidate the program," the resolution stated.

The resolution grew out of an "assessment of the planning

department after 13 years as a graduate degree program.

"Our ratio of students to faculty is 43-1. This is the worst ratio of any graduate or professional program on this campus," the resolution said. "We have 43 students enrolled currently, with an expected increase next year to a total of near 60. Our budget of approximately \$23,000 only permits the hiring of one full-time faculty member."

"The Department of Urban Planning under such a meager budget is obviously unaccredited. Since the two-year urban planning graduate degree pro-

gram leads to a professional diploma, the lack of accreditation places serious handicaps on furthering the career objectives of its graduates.

"Educational resources are simply not made available to an unaccredited and insufficiently budgeted department. Library books are too small in number and outdated. Work space is limited and crowded. Grants, research funds, and scholarships are rarely offered to our department," the resolutions concluded.

The students suggested that the department be run on a 10-1 student-faculty ratio, increased studio space, library books, scholarships and research funds.

"If action is not forthcoming, the Student Planning Association is prepared to take further direct action as appropriate in order to underscore the gravity of our current situation," the group said.

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Lecturer Summarizes Baha'i's Influence

Steve Myers, ASUO senator who is now in the process of resigning, gave a fireside talk last week on the "Impotence of Politics in the 20th Century."

The talk, to a Baha'i group of which Myers is a member, was a summary of the Baha'i religion and the effect it had upon Myers' decision to resign.

In reference to politics, Myers said "the more I got to be a part of it, the more I realized it was not an answer."

Myers, a former member of the defunct Student Action Coalition, believe political leaders should not use their power to force others to their side.

Myers went on to say there are two basic movements in the world—the establishment and the non-establishment.

These two groups, Myers feels, cancels each other because they are always fighting. This is why, Myers said, he joined the Baha'is.

"If you see a group of people that don't look as if they

belong together then they are Baha'i, Myers said.

There is, he feels, a feeling of unity bridging gaps such as those between generations, races and political factions.

In the Baha'i religion, Myers said, there is a saying that the earth is one country and mankind is its citizens.

Myers went on to say that "each culture has a lot to contribute to the international community" and, thus, no party or group is inferior.

Baha'i is an independent world religion which was founded in Persia (now Iran) by Bah'ulla'h.

Because of their belief that world is just one community, the Baha'is teach it is possible and necessary to have a world-wide community with such concepts as a universal language and education.

All this is to come about, they believe, without suppressing any one person, idea or group.

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