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Cheek's responsive attitude wins him campus respect

President exerts able leadership during crisis

By Pearl Stewart
Howard president Dr. James Cheek has faced the most serious crisis of his term, with an attitude and actions that have put him in high esteem with the University community.

Early last Friday morning, several members of the student government went to Dr. Cheek's home, and asked his approval of a proposal to end classes, because of the killings in Augusta, Georgia. Dr. Cheek agreed, and the following day presented to the faculty the proposal containing alternatives for class grades.

Then Dr. Cheek at the late morning campus rally, announced to the students that the proposed course of action had been adopted.

Howard's 11 schools act on requirement suspension

By Millard Arnold and Gower Ross

In light of a NCAA steering committee proposal calling for a cancellation of classes for the remainder of the second semester, and President Cheek's unequivocal support of their action, the 11 schools that comprise Howard University have found little difficulty in avoiding their machinery around handling the few problems that have arisen.

Dr. Cheek has asked for an immediate halt to all classes, the proposal which was presented to Cheek at 2 a.m., Friday morning and agreed to twenty minutes later, states that all existing requirements for passing such as papers and finals, be waived.

For the remainder of the school year all students will attend their previously scheduled classes and participate in what has developed into a "fact-finding" discussion of the problems that confront Black people both here and abroad.

According to the proposal, class attendance at these discussion seminars will be mandatory.

Students have been given three alternatives for acquiring their final grades. They may take the Beatty grade that they have received thus far in their classes; they can accept the "P's" or painting grades for work completed, or they have the option of taking an incomplete grade which would be completed at a later date.

Although most of the colleges have had no trouble following the President's directives, major problems have confronted the Law School, and in a lesser degree the School of Dentistry.

In the Law School, students who choose to accept "P's" in their courses may be rejected for the bar examinations in New York and 11 other jurisdictions.

Black schools take action

Protests follow Jackson, Augusta killings

By Robert Taylor
Black educational institutions in America have found that Howard along with North Carolina's Shaw University, Morgan State, Palmetto College in Augusta, Ga., and Lincoln University in Pennsylvania have all suspended classes or closed school and with the exception of Palmetto and Lincoln have planned seminars and workshops for the remainder of the spring semester.

Black educational officials and college presidents of the entire Atlanta University community are voting on how their proposals and have stated that they feel sure that they will be a strike. Students at Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee have also decided to strike.

Surprisingly, the three Black colleges that experienced incidents similar to the shootouts at Jackson State have not reacted in the most progressive manner.
Texas Southern University, according to an administration official, has officially lowered the flag and has suspended a rally of the student body. South Carolina State College has already had its commencement and no students are now on campus. However, it was learned from a source in the president's office that no official activities had been sponsored "for fear that something might break out here."

The secretary in the Student Personal Office at A&T College in Greensboro, N.C. replied, "Bishop College In Texas has been planned or have taken place according to an administration of the Black Panther Party. Violence erupted at body meetings, however, have been planned in response to the killings of the Jackson State students. Memorial services or student body meetings, however, have been planned or have taken place at Bowie State, Fisk, Hampton Institute, Morehouse College in Chicago, Elizabeth City College, and many other Black colleges throughout the country. A student official in the Student Union office at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama stated that Tuskegee has planned two days of activities honoring the slain brothers and sisters. The student commented that this will include workshops and addresses from members of the Ohio chapter of the Black Panther Party.

"Through the country.

Three campus groups moved this week to a donate funds from recent tragic events in Agusta, Ga. and Jackson, Miss.

The HILLTOP and BISON have calculated the past tump for Saturday, and instead contributed $500 to Student Association's (HUSA's) Aid Fund.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity is using their 'Weekend to Raise Money for the cause. On the holiday Calendar are a parade at Rock Creek Park on May 24, a Kared on May 26, and a Krone from Pier 9 to 19.

May 31, A packet weekend coats 96, white tickets for separate away. Additional coats may be purchased in the University Student Center.

Other student groups may make contributions to the continuation of Special Projects Committee.

Opinion

NATIONHOOD--we rule ourselves or we shall surely face death

By Robert Taylor

Nearly forty years ago the greatest organizer of African people the world has ever known, Marcus Garvey, was asked to comment on the brutal killings and lynchings of Black men by the Ku Klux Klan. Marcus, surfacing, responded that these killings were really beneficial to the Black man because they taught him that he must either build a powerful nation of his own or forever remain the white man's victim.

The events of recent days in Augusta, Ga., Oxford, N.C., Akron, Ohio, and at Tuskegee Institute in Mississippi are just the latest in a long series of tragic incidents which have dramatically proved Garvey's assertion that as long as we remained in the United States (against Black people) States of America to be dominated and controlled by a people who are internally hostile to us we would continually find ourselves the victims of their hate and violence.

This and status of historical affairs is compounded by the fact that we are a people not now and never have been able and willing to respond in any brotherly and revolutionary manner to the centuries of white hate, violence, and death which have been perpetrated upon us.

When a 16-year-old Black boy can be taken at his weekend from the back for stabbing a candy, when we are all forced to live down for throwing rocks at cars, when a 14-year-old Black girl can be killed because she wore a white cap "thought" she was too strong, life for all Black people throughout this country can be justified as a murderous crime unless they refused to behave like "nice colored people" and their moments go virtually unpunished, then I submit that retaliation is in order in the face of white aggression which must be met by equal and opposite Black retaliation. This is not rhetorical talk, it is historical and scientific fact.

But I know that most Black people are not ready for this type of action. Therefore, I am not suggesting that we get involved in a counteraction for which we are not prepared, but what I am suggesting is that we get prepared.

Neither do I expect to spill the dreams and aspirations of all you negroes and some of you Black people but the truth is that the historical character and social nature of our nation have dictated that there is no middle future for the Black man in America. Recent events have only served to highlight this fact. We may seek an existence for generations to come, but we will never be a powerful nation as long as we are dominated and controlled by our former slave masters.

We must rule and control our situation if we are to survive and develop. For we will never be a strong and powerful people unless we come out among strong and powerful people. And it will be impossible for people of Africa to dominate the world over to control their destinies unless we first control our African Community.

Therefore, at this point in history, the buck of the money and technical skills for the Pan-African economic development of Africa should come from Black people in America. We may be preparing the way for our eventual return to Africa.

If we do not have a powerful Black nation behind us Africa remains in the hands of a White people who will never be able to live in peace and safety. If we do not have a powerful Black nation behind us America will heighten her genocidal practices and we will go down in history as the race that was.

To reiterate, Black people cling to America as if it were an object of love. Yes, some of us are afraid not to love the white man. This egoism-mentality must be destroyed. For if we are truly African people then we should link our future with that of Africa and begin to separate ourselves from this degenerating and anti-Black society. As long as Mother Africa remains in the hands of the colonial powers Black people no where in the world will be able to live in peace and safety. If we do not have a powerful Black nation behind us America will heighten her genocidal practices and we will go down in history as the race that was.

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Schools respond to suspension of requirements

According to Vice Dean Ewell Chisolm, these students may also have used ‘complete submission’ as an excuse to avoid legal associations’ refusal to accept administrative passes.

Other options

In an attempt to ‘malfunction’ the protest of the students, many of these tactics were worked out within the scope of the original proposal: (1) candidates for the J.D. degree can take a take-home exam, but only if they are candidates for the J.D. degree, and they must be allowed to take a take-home exam, only if they are candidates for the J.D. degree, and they must have taken a ‘P’ (Incomplete) which has to be removed by December 31. Such a grade can be used as an excuse to avoid legal associations’ refusal to accept administrative passes.

Class in Douglas Hall is turned into ram seminar to discuss relevant issues and make resolutions.

Black/White, the joint morning sessions probe such topics as ‘The Christian View Toward Violence and Non-Violence,’ and the afternoon seminars are devoted to research and action. Dean Carlock, head of the School of Religion, says the Freedom School concept suggested by the Proposal for Action was not anything new to him, but he was disturbed by the idea of an ‘automated peace.’ He explained that he does not regard grades as a finality, but he was disturbed by the idea of an ‘automated peace.’ He explained that he does not regard grades as a finality, but he was disturbed by the idea of an ‘automated peace.’

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In the meantime, students have launched a protest program, with teams of lawyers going door-to-door in Augusta, and the legal community is calling for the resignation of the dean, who later finds that the legal writing, submit a delayed paper, or take a delayed exam or submit a delayed paper.

Clinic duty

Graduating students in Dentistry, according to Dean Joseph Henry, for the graduation of the program.

The range of topics vary from the role of the white instructor in a Black institution, to the analysis of Black ideologies, such as Pan Africanism and separatism versus integration.

Dean Watson Lomax of the College of Fine Arts called the handling of the proposal ‘niggling creative,’ and went on point to point that Fine Arts was having no difficulty with any of the topics raised by the steering committee.

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Since a large part of the school is composed of both black and white students, the two groups decided on different courses of study.

Black students attended the Black United Front’s meeting on Monday and the information was that the school will be dealing with the problems of Black people, and that during the semester, they have already completed, but the large student-faculty meeting, the students agreed to continue their field evaluations so that they may have a basis to begin next year’s work.

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A Monday evening rally in front of Douglas Hall was devoted to speeches by members of Augusta’s Committee of Ten.
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The following is the text of a press statement made by President James Cheek, Friday morning following the University's decision to suspend all academic activities for the rest of the Spring semester.

At 9:00 a.m., today I convened a general meeting of all of the faculties of Howard University to pursuant to a student "proposed for action" in the wake of the slaughters of six black people in Jackson, Aug. 8 and of two students last evening at Jackson State College. I read to the faculty the following statement:

My Fellow Colleagues:

Yesterday at approximately 11:30 p.m. I sent a telegram to President Richard M. Nixon urging him to grant an audience to a student's delegation, requesting that you as representatives of presidents of universities and colleges, as a unit, respond to President Nixon. I am authorized to call a meeting of the Black Universities for the purpose of discussing the national policy with President Nixon. This meeting is to be held at Jackson State College Saturday, May 22.

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Student fails only if he elects to do so

Class attendance will be compulsory for all students.

The students can take a "P" (passing, in all courses in which they are presently enrolled for the Spring semester of 1970. For those instructors who have announced the "P" in their exams before May 25, the students will have the option to elect a "P" in all courses and will immediately send out new test materials. The students will be free to choose options in keeping with University Emergency Regulations as set forth in Point Four on Compulsory Enrollment.

Our hopes are that the strong, goal-oriented leadership which we have been witnessing in the last five days only is a prelude of greater things to come.
Violence in Augusta results in death of 4 bystanders

The Richmond Medical Examiner said that the circumstances under which they met their deaths revealed that one man was murdered; another was killed in an accident; a third was murdered; and the fourth was killed by a police officer in self-defense.

MURDERED   A huge crowd was gathered at the intersection of Third and Walker Streets shortly after 1 a.m.

By 7 p.m., in the black busines district near downtown, Mrs. Wright saw William Wright run into the back yards of a group of neighbors. They were feeding them.

"I was hoping he'd be alive. He'd spoken by one of the policemen. I saw him die, the whole thing," said Carol In her hiding place. Kindly.

"It was a little past 11 and the kids were doing it." They never called an order to stop.

Three more

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This is what she said she heard. They were driving by the Davis grocery store. Carol, her brother, and a friend were playing in the store, grabbing candy bars and gum and poking about for food. Carol was on the left; her brother was on the right.

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No tear gas, no warning before Jackson slayings

The following is excerpted from an article appearing on page 7 in the May 16 edition of the Washington Post. It is reprinted here with the permission of the Wyoming Forward.

Two more student deaths, this time of blacks from Mississippi, deepened already tense racial issues in the Southern state as some thousands of backets swarmed across the nation today.

Their deaths in a burst of gunfire early Sunday morning darkness at Jackson State College, a small, black, public institution, were made public today by Jackson's Mayor Russell Davis. According to a report made public here, symbolized unyielding resistance left nine wounded, one of them one black youth, the target of an infantry assault. The National Guard was alerted, the site of a sewer line project, orders took place, Abilene, a group of students took over a dormitory, and a mad scramble in the night.

No tear gas was used. No command to fire was given by the officers in charge, according to a report made public here by Jackson's Mayor Russell Davis.

Today's shootings, like those at Jackson State, are predominaantly the results of recent flare-ups in the state that once genuine progress. As darkness fell tonight, the tradition of the vigil continued.

The reports that I have received up until this time indicate that prior to the heavy volley of fire from the riot control device there was some fire from the dormitory and from the police car itself.

No command

"No command," outside police said, having witnessed the carnage.

"I feel like it's race. They hate blacks. Everyone knows this."

One of them referred to the Kent State slayings and said: "As colored students we feel like we are sitting ducks, on, and when something happens to one of us it happens to all of us.

More than 20 who were in the crowd when the firing began maintained heatedly that they saw no sniper fire — and that no warning was given.

"When they came down here they came down to kill us," said one black youth. "If they came to control us, we would have used tear gas.

Augusta victims bystanders

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The night of the configuration, the police took the lead, Anderson's liquor store, which is a combined property with Terry's bar, was closed because of the rise, but they found it in an in and drifted, according to Shorty, to have a few on the house.

As for the 15 to 20 feet away from the t imber of the dormitory, no tear gas was used. No command to fire was given by the officers in charge, according to a report made public here by Jackson's Mayor Russell Davis.

"Hey," one youth asked, "can we have no tear gas?" All these investigations that people say they're going to do and then nothing ever happens...What good is it to which a student said quietly.

"Right now there's going to be a lot of people seeking revenge."
Dr. Cheek calls students’ request ‘legitimate’

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Cheek's telegram to Nixon

Mr. President:

I urgently request that you grant an audience to a representation of presidents of Black universities and colleges to discuss the problems of all Negro institutions and their students:

Area colleges respond to murders

By Regional Hildebrand

Area colleges and universities have responded to the murder of Negro people in Georgia and Mississippi with rallies, seminars, and memorial masses. At predominantly Negro Federal City College, classes are being held as usual. An student government representative, contacted by phone, explained that seminars dealing with political problems facing Blacks are being held. The seminars, which are optional, are reportedly well attended. How students choosing to attend the seminars will be graded has yet to be worked out.

A student government representative at Catholic University reported that a memorial service was held on Friday afternoon. Other than that the student government has left it up to SORCUSA (Black Organization of Students at the Catholic University in America).

A rally attended by about 75 people was held at American University on Friday, according to a student government representative. The representative explained that a white student from Howard and a minister from St. Stephen’s church spoke at the poorly attended event.

Georgetown University student government vice president, Joe George explained that Georgetown students reacted to the Augusta and Jackson slayings with “general alarm, and much to the same manner that they reacted to the Kent State slaughter.” George said that a memorial mass and a rally are being scheduled.

A spokesperson for the George Washington campus newspaper, “The Hatchet,” characterized the campus situation as being “situating for reactions at all.” Regular classes at the school have been suspended to protest the U.S. Cambodian adventure, and the students at Kent State.