

THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY,

presents

1976-77 BLACK GRADUATES AWARDS DINNER

June 5, 1977

Detroit Cotillion Club

Consummatum Est



A Lutta Continua

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

*Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let is resound, loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,
Let us march on, 'til victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place, for which our fathers sighed.*

*We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last,
Where the white gleam, of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on our way;
Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

*Lest our feet, stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.*

-----James Weldon Johnson

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1977 BLACK GRADUATES

Alexander Armbrister

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Annivory Calvert-Davis

Stephen Cannon

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Russell Covington

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Debra Crayton

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Delores Thomas

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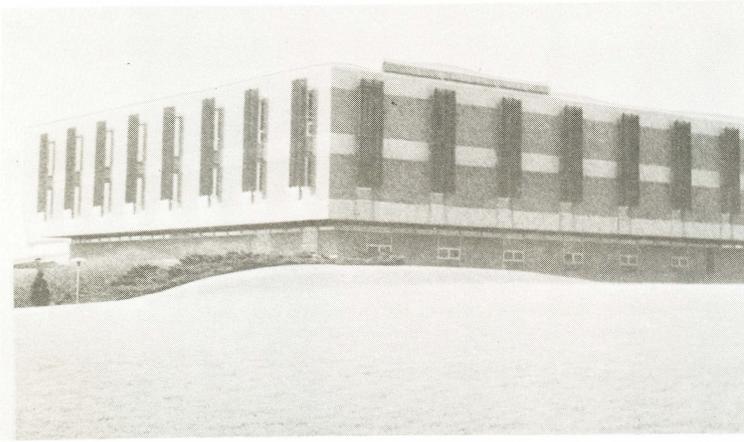
Gary Weekes

Andrea West

Geopray White

Orenda Wimberly

George Yelder



We were all searching for reality
Amidst days and days of uncertainty
But somehow we held on to our sanity
The hours spent studying
 Sometimes worth it
 Sometimes not
Always thinking we deserved the
"One Grade Higher" we never got
This was the reality of college days

There were bookworms with high IQ's
Young women bursting with fallen virtues
And, of course, there were those who just got by
And the unrestrained who just got high
The professors who believed they were doing their best
 Some of which cared
 Some who cared less
This was the reality of college days



The ups and downs
We enjoyed it all
 And as we complete our
 Final year . . .
We still have uncertain fears
College cannot guarantee our fate
But one thing sure is our slate
It reads . . .
 READY, WILLING, AND AVAILABLE
For that never-ending process
Which we know know as
 R-E-A-L-I-T-Y

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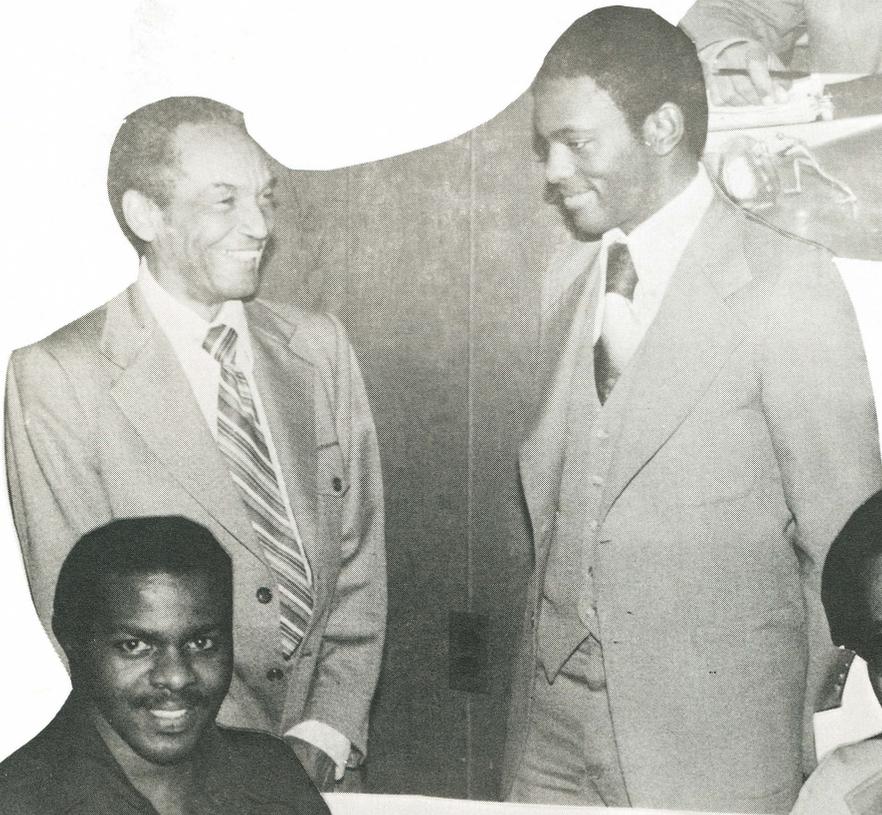
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ISAAC JONES AWARD



P R O G R A M M E

NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Sheyvonne Wright

Accompaniment: Myra Swanson

WELCOME

Annivory Calvert-Davis

Program Chairman

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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*Acting Chairman, Association
of Black Students*

OPENING REMARKS

"Fly Like and Eagle"

Manuel H. Pierson

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Sheyvonne Wright

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Isaac Jones Award for Achievement

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Student Leadership Award

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Academic Excellence Award

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*Professor of Biology and
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Farewell

Anderson J. Gilmore

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G.D.I. SOCIETY
Founded in 1973

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD



INTREPID SOULS
Founded in 1969

The University Community at a predominantly white institution is a place where black students find they are often received as unwelcome visitors. The social climate has an alarming affect on how well one accomplishes in the classroom and in the real world. College is real, but is real for such a small part of our life space. Two black student organizations have been organized to insure the social needs of black students are met after the constraints of the classroom give us time to breathe.

A HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

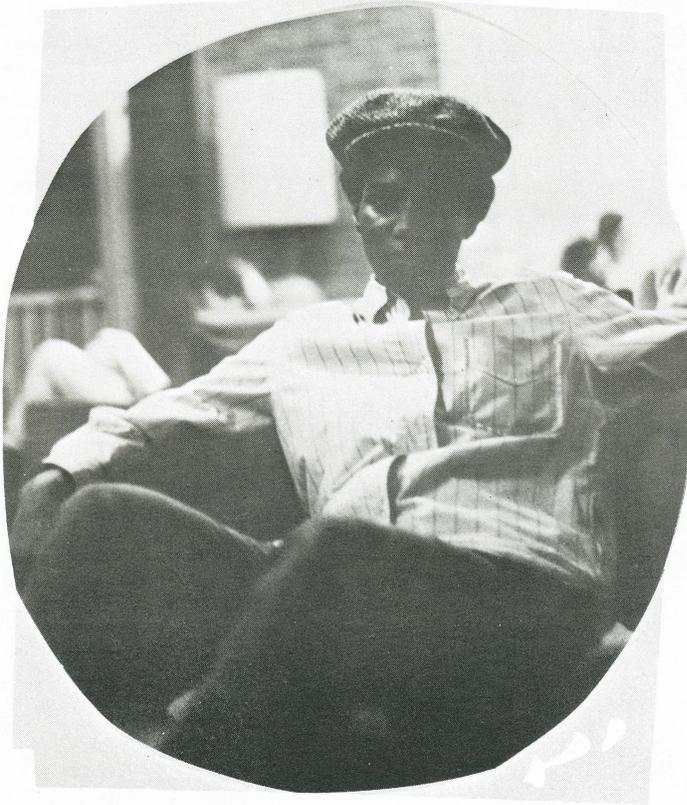
AWARDS RECIPIENTS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1974: Gwendolyn Wardlaw
1975: Willie Redmond
1976: Nicki Moss

QUALITY OF LIFE

1974: Augustine Wright
1975: Gilbert Crittendon
1976: Daryl Porter and
Chiedu Nehewube



ISAAC JONES AWARD

1974: Anthony Thornton
1975: Gary Good
1976: George W. Jackson

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

1974: Anthony Thornton and
Cornelius Boganey
1976: Richard Clanton

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

1974: Carvin Melson
Frank Nesbitt
1976: Craig Covington

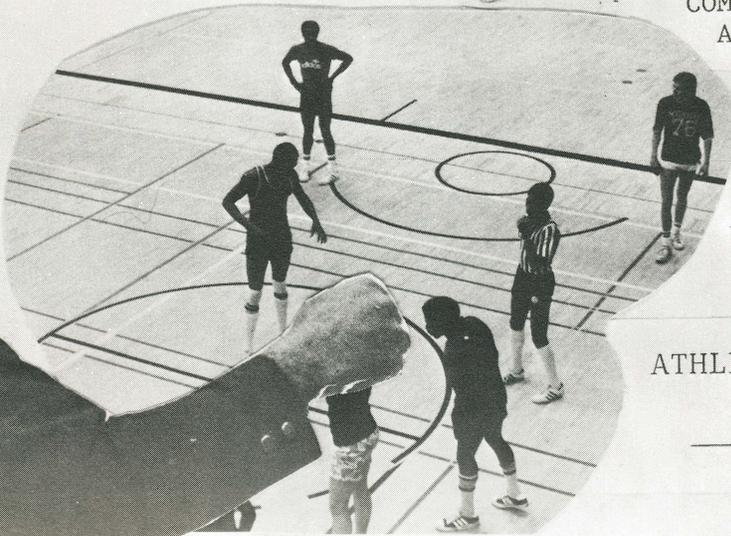
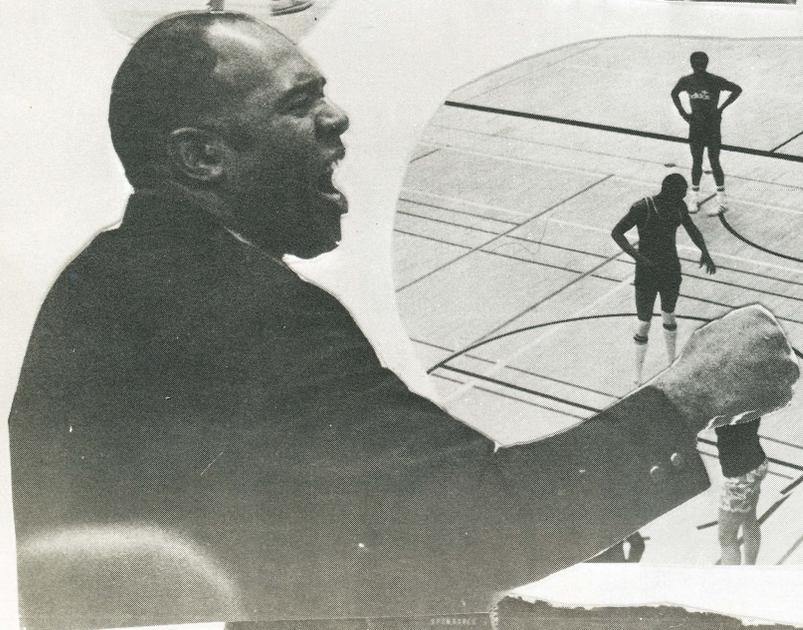
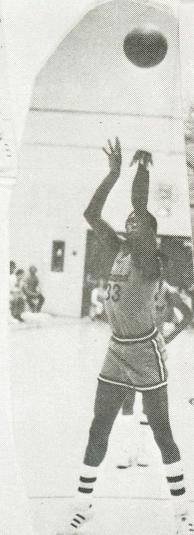
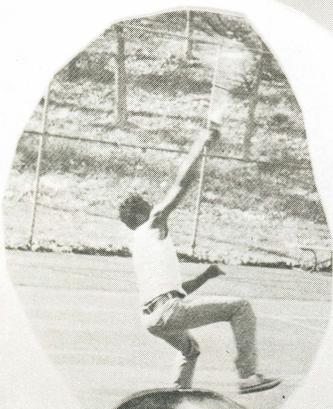
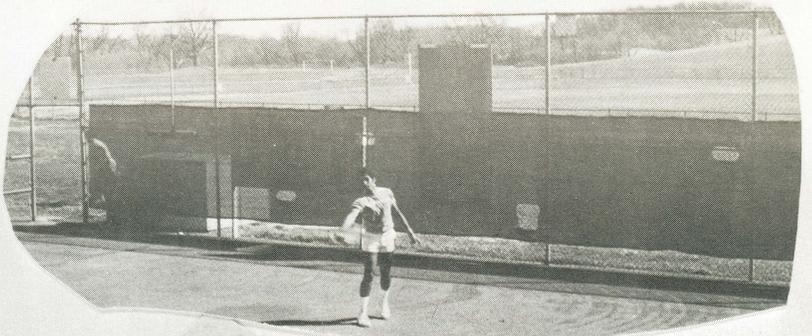
SERVICE AWARD

1974: Darlene Flack and
Darryl Boatwright
1976: Otto Stallworth

BLACK STUDENT LEADERS FROM THE PAST



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD



COMPETITIVENESS IS ESSENTIAL
AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

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ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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"FUN-RAISING"

Meadow Brook 1974

. . . a poetic tribute to the graduates

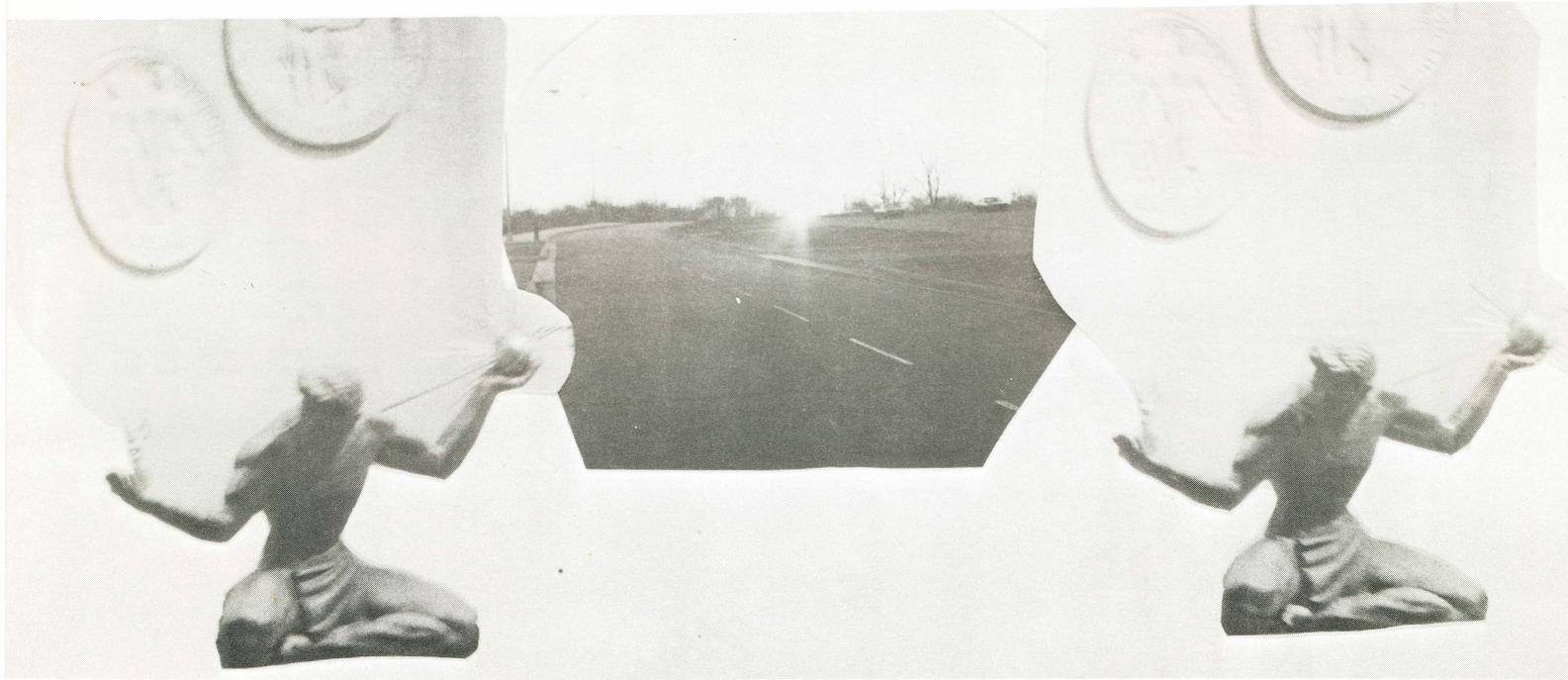
NOTES FROM A DREAM

Four, five, maybe six---years gone by---
Thirty, forty, maybe fifty ahead
So many people make the time just fly
Easy to forget all the things they said
Sit back and look at yourself
Do you like what you see?
You made the choices
And momma let you be . . . Proud
Nowhere to go but up
At least that's what they say
Just you against the world
You've finally gotten your day . . .

FLASHBACK: grade school/junior high/getting high . . .
neighborhood/fight and scream . . . dream?
job time/jive time/too--much--time
life is forever, if you count the days.

Looking over at momma
Smiling at paw
Something burning inside . . .
. . . a tear for each generation you was
Goals are no longer a mystery
Success seems yours to keep
No one ever promised the things you now feel
Pinch yourself; you're real.
Now get ta walkin
and don't turn around
(sleep is for dreamers)
If you get lost now
You'll never be found.

----Anderson J. Gilmore



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



FROM THE PUBLISHER . . .

The members of the Association of Black Students Publications Board wish to congratulate the 1977 Oakland University black graduates. We dedicate this booklet to you both as a tribute and a token of the treasures you have shared with the black community in pursuit of a well accomplished goal. Between these pages, something reflects portions of your life, now a cherished past--yet the door-opening key to your future. Good luck. . .

Anderson J. Gilmore, Chairman
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CONGRATULATIONS TO CONSTANCE (PETE) POTTER

With Love From Your Parents

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLACK GRADUATES

FROM THE

BLACK ALUMNI

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BLACK GRADUATES

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