

# BSU sponsors free breakfasts program

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In an effort to help the underprivileged children in the Third World Community, the Black Student Union will start a "Free Breakfast in School" program Monday in the Westminster House, 421 Adams Street.

Elaborating on what promoted this program, Percy Lambert, president of the Black Student Union said: "We found out that kids don't do well in school because their mothers are unable to offer them a decent breakfast in the morning."

"So when these kids are in school, they are concentrating on the hunger pains in their stomachs instead of the schoolwork on the board," he explained.

In addition to the food costs for the program, Mr. Lambert cited another financial burden: "We had to buy a refrigerator for the Westminster House because the one they had was inadequate for our needs."

"The government has been insensitive to the needs of the people," he continued. "The government has cut back on welfare and our people are just barely able to live off of it. We are trying to set up a sort of emergency fund for the people of the community. We must help the community. It is our duty to attune ourselves to the needs of the people."

## Seeks community involvement

"Although the program will only serve about 100 children, generally in the Westminster House area," Mr. Lambert said, "BSU hopes to expand it into a community-wide project."

"Right now," he remarked, "only BSU is involved, but eventually we hope to get other students from other colleges and people from the community into it. This would be different from the Black Panther's 'Breakfast for Children'

program.

"Funds for the program are coming from the Student Association budget allocation for the

Black Student Union, but since they gave us less money than we asked for, we will need donations from individual people and from organizations to keep the program going."

"We might go to the next Polity meeting and ask for some money," Mr. Lambert added. "We are also setting up a list of sources that we will go to for assistance. We will seek every source of help that is available to us, and that means every source."

## Revolutionary program

"There is a possibility that we would be getting food from the Department of Agriculture, but we think that the government will not risk contradicting themselves for the needs of the people. They can burn excess food, but they can't give it to the people because it will hurt the economy. Most probably, we will be getting our food from Ecco, which is a co-op that is located in the community itself," he explained.

Commenting on the possibility of getting help from businesses in the community such as A&P, Mr. Lambert stressed: "The A&P is like all white businesses. They are only concerned with making a profit over the people."

"They steal from our community," he said "and when they are asked to return it by helping, they refuse. The A&P gives ten dollars a year. We have not as yet decided on our action if the A&P doesn't help us."

Emphasizing that "this is a revolutionary program," Mr. Lambert insisted: "We are going to make it hard to say 'no' to a BSU member, as it is hard to say 'no' to a Black Panther. We will keep the program going at all costs."

Expressing BSU's stand on the project, Mr. Lambert said: "Power to the people."

Contributions can be made to the chairman of the "Free Breakfast in School" program, Karen Asbury, in room 335, Norton Hall.

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