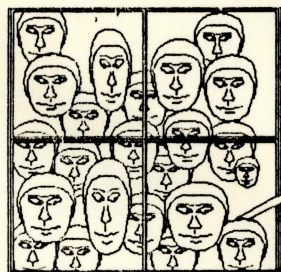


# This is what A.C.T. wants to do for the BSU

**B**LACK **S**TUDENT **U**NION



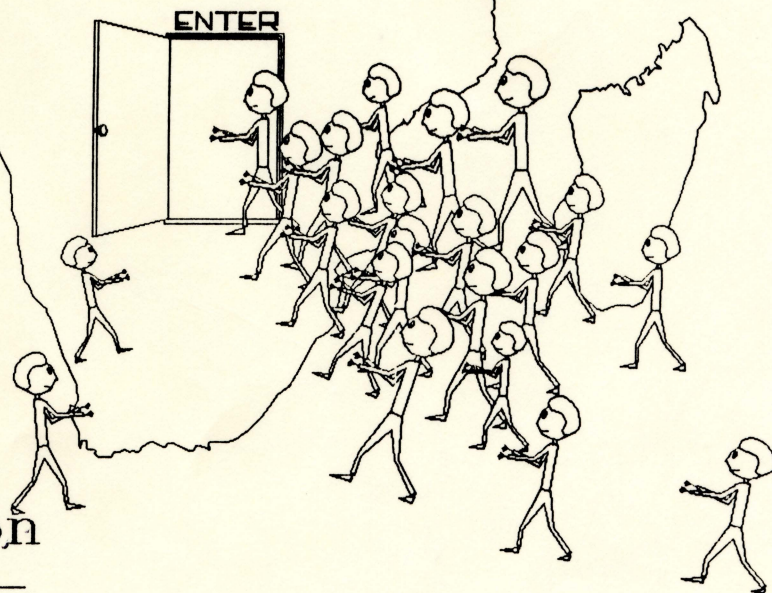
## NEEDS:

- Proper Management
- Leadership
- Accountability
- Student Involvement
- Faculty/Staff Advisement
- More Activities



The BSU will grow  
students need to come  
together....GET INVOLVED

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### BSU (STABILIZING THE ORGANIZATION)

It's time for the Black Student Union of the State University of New York at Buffalo to realize its full potential. ACT suggests that we reorder our priorities. First, ACT proposes that we begin with the infrastructure of the organization. We as officers of this organization must create a more open network of communication. Communication is an indispensable part of any organization. To successfully accomplish this, ACT proposes that we establish a weekly forum wherein all officers must attend. This forum would also be accessible to anyone genuinely interested in BSU. This weekly forum may appear to be too demanding for a full-time student, but we believe being an officer of BSU must be accorded the same amount of weight as any other collegeiate activity. BSU is a student organization not a social club, and as such we as officers have jobs to do that require a high level of commitment. If an officer is not ready to commit his/herself then maybe he/she is not ready to lead BSU.

Another characteristic necessary of an officer of BSU is responsibility. The officers of an organization must be held accountable for the actions of the organization on a whole. As officers we must lead the organization and be responsible for any actions taken by the organization.

### UNITY

Secondly, ACT stresses the need for unity among all Afro-American students on campus. This can be accomplished by mobilizing all Afro-American students on campus under the guidance and leadership of BSU. To do this we must start from the bottom and gradually climb our way to the top. We must begin by playing a larger role in the orientaion of Freshman to university life, acadenic as well as social. This will aid in easing the transition from highschool to a large university and all that it has to offer. Also we should try to get students to be more supportive of each other. One way this can be done is by creating a tutorial program wherein students help students on a more personal basis. It works at the graduate level so there is no reason why it can't work at an undergraduate level. We should also establish a phone bank of all BSU members. This would aid in knocking down the barriers that constantly hamper communication within the black collegeiate community as well as serve to increase attendance to BSU functions and meetings. We should also make students more aware of student government and how to become involved. There is no reason why BSU shouldn't have a ticket in every election on campus.



### EVENTS

Thirdly, ACT believes BSU should sponsor at least one event per month. It appears that BSU only concentrates on sponsoring events around Black History Month. As one of the largest student organizations on campus with one of the largest budgets, we feel BSU should sponsor events accordingly. These events may include speakers, cultural shows, rallies, picnics, award presentations, etc. We should make an earnest attempt to get professionals to attend BSU sponsored seminars in all different fields of study. BSU should also have fundraisers for different charitable organizations in the community, and take an active part in community workshops.

### OPPOSING APARTHEID

We the Black students in a free, democratic society are obligated to help our brothers and sisters in South Africa. The system of apartheid that exists today in South Africa is slavery in disguise. Despite the recent lack of press coverage on the issue, the Black majority in South Africa are still being oppressed by the blatantly racist white minority regime. Our representatives in Congress have passed a bill that would impose minimal economic sanctions against the South African government, but president Reagan refuses to enforce these sanctions. On the contrary, the Reagan administration has helped to foster this system of racial dehumanization by supplying the South African backed Unita forces with weapons to invade the neighboring countries. We, the students of America, must do everything within our power to put an end to apartheid. If this requires taking part in rallies, marches or sit-ins, we must be willing to commit ourselves to this cause. We must ACT to put an end to apartheid. It is our duty as students in a democratic society to defend human rights abroad.

### INTERACTION

Fourthly, ACT emphasizes the need for BSU to interact with the other ethnic and liberal-minded organizations on campus. It is very important for all ethnic and liberal organizations on campus to unify. This helps us to overcome the barriers of race and culture to work together. If we can create a better relationship and understanding among different ethnic groups at a collegiate level, imagine what can be done when we are tomorrow's leaders. This serves several other purposes as well: events sponsored by one organization would be attended by members of the other organizations as well. This would also aid in decreasing the number of time conflicts among scheduled events. Lastly, this liberal coalition would serve to combat the conservative biases of the Spectrum, the apparent racial biases of Public Safety, and create stronger minority involvement in student government.



THE SANCTUARY (BSU OFFICE)

In closing, we would like to accentuate the necessity for the BSU office to serve as a sanctuary for all Afro-American students, not only a select few. We must work at creating more of a family atmosphere among all Blacks on campus. The BSU office should be a place where one can find information on prominent Black figures and contributions, past as well as present. A place where students may relax between classes, and finally, a place where students can become better acquainted.

The BLACK STUDENT UNION must reach its full potential. To get there we must be,

Active, Committed and Together

VOTE ACT, Terry Lindsay for President  
Kurt Young for Vice President  
Roscoe Henderson for Treasurer  
Scott Norman for Activities Coordinator  
Rhonda Raison for Secretary

April 27th, 28th, & 29th in Capen Lobby



Vote for:

**A. ACTIVE**

**C. COMMITMENT**

**T. TOGETHERNESS**

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