

Black Students Want Truth; Only Messenger Can Provide

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The educational institutions of a society are the avenues through which the traditions, ideas and mores are perpetuated. The young minds that are molded in the institutions graduate from them parroting what they have learned. Therefore it is important that the young Black man and woman be educated in such a manner as to weed out all information given to them that may be foreign to their existence.

WHEN WE look at predominantly Black universities today, we should be proud that our Black youths are getting an education. Yet, if you analyze the type of education being given to the Black youth, you will discover that they are being trained to be ashamed of themselves.

Tuskegee Institute is a predominantly Black institution. Nevertheless, it is necessary for Black administrators to go in search of news articles and newspapers for a definition of the concept of a Black university.

The Tuskegee student body presented a mandate to a predominantly white board of trustees asking them to honor their desire to have more courses added to the curriculum on "Black Studies."

THE DEFINITION of the concept, after several days of searching was arrived at, and was stated as follows:

"A Black university should be the kind of institution best designed to provide adequate opportunities for Black teachers and students to develop their capabilities fully to serve the Black community effectively and to gain pride in and knowledge of their heritage and themselves."

The knowledge and pride spoken of here cannot be generated in the white man's school system. However Allah, (God) has sent a Messenger to teach young Black people that they can gain their highest degree of knowledge. So teaches God's Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Tuskegee Institute administrators are preparing to initiate a Black studies program during the 1968-69 school year as a means of giving the students pride in themselves. The Messenger of Allah, teaches us that we as a Black Nation must recognize and accept our own (the Nation of Islam). The pride will be forthcoming.

IF TUSKEGEE Institute officials would seek a deeper understanding of the problems, they would understand why the stu-

dents demanded courses dealing with their Black past and future.

My fellow students, as you start a new school year, you should watch for courses being offered wherein you are referred to as a "Negro", or "Afro-Americans." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the only man who can teach you the basis of why a Black man is universal and not limited to the continent of Africa.

There is no way possible to generate race pride in students by miseducating them about the knowledge of themselves.

THE PRESIDENT of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. Luther H. Foster, received an invitation from our beloved leader and teacher to come and visit with him for the purpose of discussing the educational needs of the Tuskegee Institute students. However, he was so well versed on the needs of the students that the invitation was not accepted.

Allah, God, makes the truth known despite obstacles and has given the Muslim followers of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah, the guidance and wisdom, as taught by His Messenger, to convert so-called Negro Christians to the religion of Islam in the midst of opposition.

Allah has made the Messenger and his followers successful enough to plant the truth of Islam firmly enough in Tuskegee so as to uproot the white instructors who mislead the students by trying to teach Western civilization to a people who have yet to

understand that they are the original people.

YES, Tuskegee Institute is a predominantly Black institution but, it is white owned and Black managed like all other things that Allah is not protecting and backing.

In view of the fact that the average Tuskegee student is searching for his true identity (the original people), this school year promises to be one in which Allah—through His Messenger—makes His infinite wisdom and knowledge more profoundly manifested on the Tuskegee campus. All praises are due to Allah for the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

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