

# BLACK AWARENESS

The Black Student Union continued its pursuit of black awareness. This year, they invited speakers, made presentations, and planned future events for the organization.

In March, Dr. Lee Etta Powell, superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools, talked about academic needs, excellence in education, quality of life, and external support.

The organization also brought speakers from the community to speak to the students and to provide positive role models.

"By having community leaders come and talk to us proves that our area is willing to support us," senior Ben Moore commented.

They also began preparation for a "Mentoring Program." Club members and community leaders hope to create an active and con-

stant contact through this program.

Besides inviting speakers, the organization gave presentations within the group about black art, dance, and religion. "Our talks increased awareness on our cultural background," President Curtis Hargrove stated.

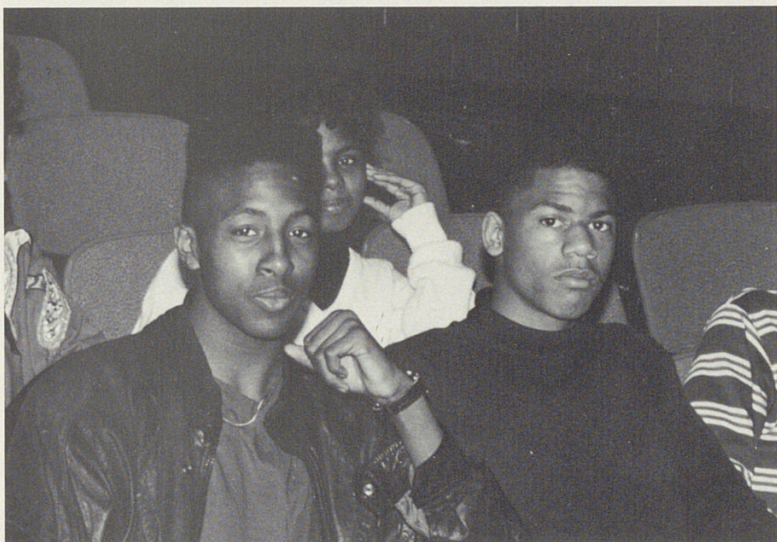
To increase awareness throughout the school, a billboard displaying famous blacks in history was placed in lower social studies.

However, awareness of black culture was not fully installed in all the student's minds. "More black history needs to be taught in the classroom," Moore stated. "It should be a part of social studies. We are striving for a unification of all cultural minds."

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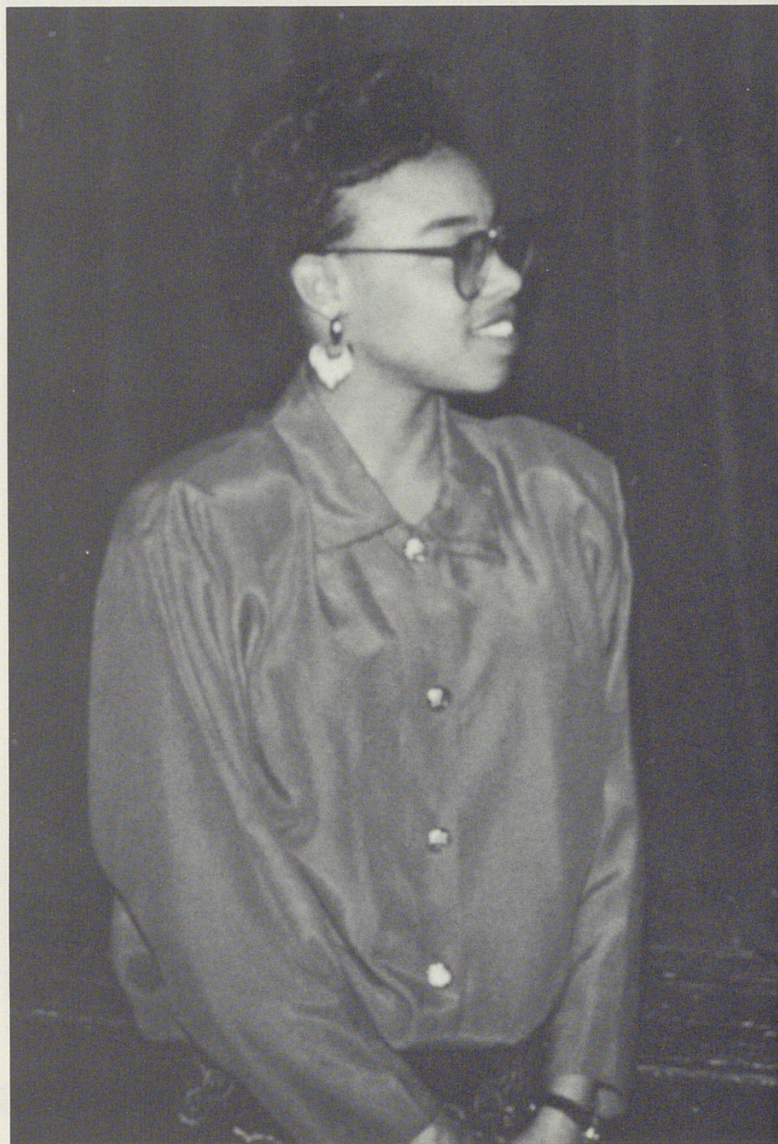
Right: Tawanna Henry, and Shelley White glance over while leaving an assembly.

Below: Marla Berry, was one of the program directors that helped with Dr. Lee Etta Powell's presentation.



**Top Picture:** Ben Moore and Hank Ray sit in the audience during a Year of the Author presentation.

**Bottom Picture:** Dr. Lee Etta Powell takes time to chat with President Curtis Hargrove.



**BLACK STUDENT UNION:** Row 1: C. Alexander, H. Ray, B. Titus, A. Moore, M. Smith Row 2: (kneeling) M. Berry, C. Hargrove, V. Starks Row 3: E. Evans, M. Washington, D. Yelling, B. Moore