



CLARENCE HAMPTON
Black Studies Curriculum Associate

As an answer to the Black Student Union demands made in the fall of 1968, a comprehensive Black Studies Program, the only one of its kind in the Bay Area, was initiated at Berkeley High. Clarence Hampton was named Curriculum Associate for Black Studies on November first and has spent the past months perfecting the program. New Black teachers were hired (another one of the demands made by the BSU) to teach the new courses. Hampton emphasized hiring Black teachers for students to identify with. Black teachers establish rapport with Black students. Since Black teachers have experienced these problems, students can relate to their experiences. Hampton added that White teachers can help tremendously by integrating the materials of their courses and by seeing that they are well taught.

The new courses are Afro-American Literature, Afro-American Economics, Afro-American Journalism, Swahili, Afro-Haitian dance, African Civilization and the expansion of two classes that already existed, History of Jazz and Afro-American History. Besides the newly hired teachers, Mrs. Ellane Hammond teaches History, Mr. Eugene Brooks with Afro-Economics, Mrs. Jacqueline White and Mrs. Letitia, Woodson, both with Afro-American Literature, Mr. William Reidsema with Journalism (whose class produced its own newspaper, The Ujamaa), and Mr. William Elliott assisted Mrs. Jacqueline Hardester teaching the History of Jazz.



We Black people must define ourselves and establish Black standards. By looking at our past we can give direction to our present and future.

R. D. Navies Coordinator Black Studies Program



Mr. Navies visits Mrs. Hammond's Afro-American Journalism Class

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

One speaker addressed the Board.

UNION REPRESENTATIVES

Jeff Tudisco, President, Berkeley Federation of Teachers; and, Jenny Lipow, Business Agent, Public Employees Union, Local 1, were present but did not address the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Steele expressed sympathy to the family of Mr. Richard Endsley, Principal, Berkeley Adult School, on the loss of his mother.
- Superintendent Steele extended sympathy on behalf of the Board, staff and community, to the family of Mr. Richard Navies, Department Specialist, African-American Studies, Berkeley High School, who expired the week before Easter. Mr. Navies was the creator of the Berkeley High School African- American Department, the only high school department of its kind in California.

She reassured the staff and community that the African-American Studies Program would continue at Berkeley High School.

Dr. Steele announced that the Navies family has requested that anyone wishing to make donations should do so to the African-American Marrow Donor Associate, P.O. Box 4111, Oakland, CA 94614.