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PROMISED LAND ON THE SOLOMON: BLACK SETTLEMENT AT NICODEMUS, KANSAS



NICODEMUS BOOK PUBLISHED

"In September of 1877, 350 weary black emigrants, recruited from Lexington, Kentucky, arrived at a preselected destination in northwestern Kansas. In stark contrast to the wooded mountains of their native Kentucky, they found a forbidding and treeless stretch of Great Plains along the Solomon River. Disheartened, some 60 families immediately returned eastward in search of more familiar surroundings and better economic prospects. Yet, most remained, and despite hardship, helped establish Nicodemus, Kansas, one of the oldest and most famous black towns in the Middle West." In 1976, Nicodemus was designated by the U.S. Department of Interior as a national historic landmark.

Thus begins a new book, Promised Land On The Solomon: Black Settlement at Nicodemus, Kansas, released this past summer by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

The 133-page saga of Nicodemus has been anticipated by the Office of Minority Affairs staff for almost two years. During this time, writers and researchers, Everett and La Barbara W. Fly visited K-State many times to consult with Veryl Switzer, assistant vice president for educational and student services, whose family farm is in the Nicodemus community.

Promised Land On The Solomon was co-sponsored by the U.S. National Park Services, the Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas State University's College of Architecture and Design, and Entourage, Inc., which is directed by Everett and La Barbara Fly of San Antonio, Texas.

"The founding of Nicodemus by black freed men and women symbolized the pioneering spirit of a black people searching for freedom in the "Promised Land," Switzer said. The historical preservation project was the first of its kind conducted in a joint effort. I considered the work essential if we were to preserve the rich history of Nicodemus for all of us, our children and our children's children to share," Switzer said. The project was an overwhelming success in depicting the realism of a past dream."

HISPANIC YOUTH TOLD: "REJECT REJECTION"

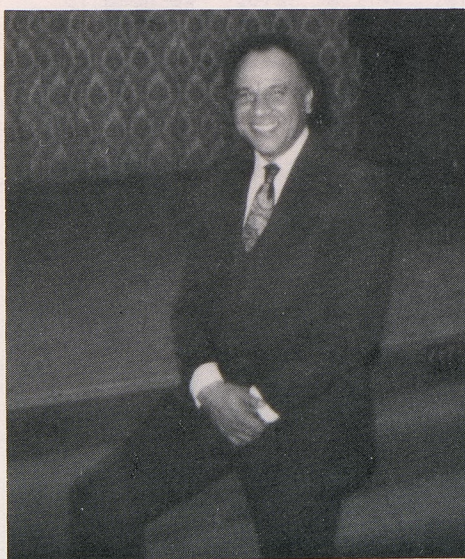
Kansas State University hosted the Kansas Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium "Meeting the Challenge" October 22, 1986. The all-day event attracted 400 high school and junior college students from throughout the state.

Keynote speaker for the event was Samuel Betances from Northern Illinois University. Betances' message to the young Hispanics was to "reject rejection" from a society that says you are a "problem." Don't buy into a strategy meant to disempower you, he said.

Betances showed the group a film that referred to the Hispanic high school drop out rate as a "problem," while calling a greater drop out rate among Whites simply a "rate." He said the society calls the Hispanic rate a problem because there are fewer jobs available for Hispanics.

He urged the students to maintain their self-esteem and not to allow society to say they are "the problem," when their status actually reflects a societal problem.

In addition to Betances' keynote address, workshops were



LEON McCauley

Samuel Betances

presented by a variety of professionals from around the state on such topics as public administration, law, social services, education, civil service, architecture, military careers, and office management.

The purpose of the symposium was to encourage participation in post-secondary education and to provide an opportunity for students to visit with role models from different career paths.

Big Eight Minority Network Formed

"The challenge to minority affairs personnel working in higher education is to be a part of the planning forces that are preparing for the 1990's," said Veryl Switzer, KSU assistant vice president for educational and student services, at the first annual Big 8 Conference of minority programming personnel in August.

"The Big Eight Connection: Networking for Effective Minority Affairs Programming," met at the University of Kansas to discuss issues considered most pressing to minority administrators around the region, among them: faculty and staff recruitment (is affirmative action working?), academic support services (are they retaining more students or just delaying the inevitable?), funding sources, cultural enrichment programming

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Gerardo Cosme, senior in electrical engineering, Juan Rosa, Harold Martinez, senior in pre-dentistry, Jamie Lopez, sophomore in pre-vet, and Pedro Cintron, junior in biology and PRSO president visit in the KSU Union between classes. There are between 180 and 200 KSU students from Puerto Rico this fall.

Leslie Brown

From Farrell

Ethnic Exhibits Available

An exhibit featuring the sacred circles of the Plains Indian People has been featured this summer and fall in the Minorities Resource/Research Center on the fourth floor of Farrell Library. Colorful paintings of the 12 sacred shields of the Cheyenne, the Crow and the Sioux which illustrated Hyemeyohsts Storm's book, Seven Arrows, were highlighted.

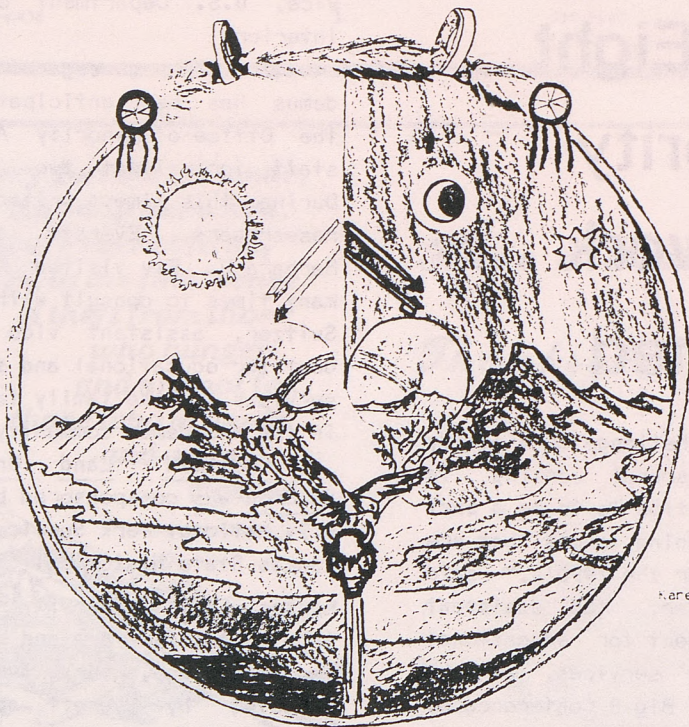
"There were originally Twelve Sacred Shields," Storm said in Seven Arrows. "At the time of the annual Renewal these Twelve Sacred Shields were brought together, and placed inside the Twelve Forked Poles which formed the outer circle of the Sun Dance Lodge, the People's Lodge...At any one time there could only be Twelve...Keepers of the Shields

of Light. They were the Healers, Diviners, and Teachers. It was they who carried the Sacred Shields from camp to camp, and Tribe to Tribe."

"I once asked my Father...about the Shields," Storm said. He answered, "Over the Earth there are Twelve Great Tribes. Two of these Peoples are the Indian Peoples of the Earth. The Other Ten are the

Other People of the Earth. These Twelve Peoples are the Sacred Shields."

This exhibit--along with many other exhibits and programs concerning ethnic minority peoples--are available for viewing and for use by persons or groups through the loan program of Minorities Resource/Research Center.



Karen Gray

Multicultural Festival Begins

The Minorities Center in Farrell Library announced the creation of a "Multicultural Festival" program this fall. It is designed to acquaint the KSU and Manhattan communities with the diversity and range of the Center's offerings.

The series began in September with the showing of "El Norte," an acclaimed film about the struggles of a brother and sister from Guatemala seeking a better life in Los Angeles. The film commemorated National Hispanic Week. And in October, the

American Indian film "Forty-Seven Cents" was shown.

Vincent Bly, storyteller, is scheduled for November; and the film "Martin Luther King, Jr.:" From Montgomery to Memphis is scheduled for January. There will be more -- so watch for announcements.

Dates and times of all events will be advertised on campus. For more information, contact Antonia Pigno, Minorities Resource/Research Center, Farrell Library.

Big 8

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and the lead-off session, "Minority Affairs Programs: Are They Viable Entities in the 1990's and Beyond?" presented by Switzer and George Jackson from Iowa State.

Switzer told the gathering from Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas that because of federal budget cuts and altered priorities in higher education, attention and support for minority programming is decreasing. "While many states have implemented higher education initiatives and are picking up the slack in federal support, I ask you, my friends, what have we done lately in the Big 8 schools?" Switzer asked.

Many states, Illinois, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, California and in the Big 8, Colorado, among them, have recognized the necessity of recruiting and retaining more minority students in the future instead of fewer, Switzer said. He quoted population statistics from within the U.S. society in general and the educational system specifically showing that we can anticipate significantly increased numbers of minorities, women and older people seeking higher education in the next decade. At the same time, he said, projected trends show decreasing numbers of so-called traditional students.

Switzer said this fact alone should make it imperative for the survival of colleges and universities that they refocus existing programs and begin to focus new ones to better meet the needs of these "non-traditional" students.

"The first step minority affairs programs must take towards the goal of becoming viable entities within the university is simply becoming visible," Switzer said. "We need to be visible advocates for minority program development and be able to demonstrate needs with a strong data base."

"I believe the time is here when we all must stand up and become active in new initiatives in higher education," Switzer told the group. He urged the group not to wait for someone else to "become our champion."

"We must become champions of our own needs," he said. "And champions doing nothing are their own worst enemies."

Alliance News

Alliance is being published on an abbreviated schedule during the 1986/87 academic year. (We are "belt-tightening" again.) There will be a fall, winter, spring and summer issue.

If you have articles for publication or events to announce, please drop them by the Alliance office, 206E Holton Hall or call 532-6436 as soon as possible. The winter issue deadline is November 18, 1986.

Academic Help

This fall fifteen students are employed by the Educational Supportive Services program to assist other students in such courses as intermediate algebra, calculus, chemistry, biology, physics, economics, accounting, statistics, psychology, english and history, according to Kathy Greene, academic services coordinator and ESS assistant program director.

"Besides providing specific course help, ESS tutors also are trained to focus on getting students more actively involved in their own learning," Greene said.

Encouraging students to be more active in the learning process is accomplished by providing students with learning techniques that enable them to find answers and ask questions more efficiently, Greene said. This approach removes the expectation that tutors will simply answer all of the specific questions and replace it with a way to answer questions when a tutor is not around, she said.



ESS staff members, Greene, Silliman, Nikravan, McCauley, Switzer (seated).

The "Learning to Learn" system, as it is called, allows tutors to work with more students and it helps students become independent learners, Greene said. Researchers from the University of Michigan, Boston College, and other institutions, have found the Learning to Learn system to be highly successful, Greene said. This year, for the first time, it is being used at K-State in the Study Skills classes taught by ESS staff members.

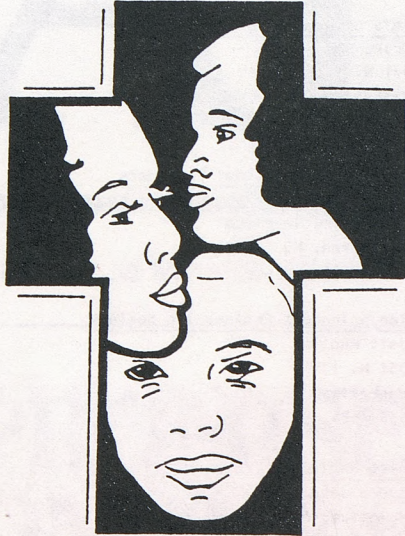
Staff members to contact for tutoring and other ESS services are Kathy Greene, Ben Silliman, Dr. Shahla Nikravan,

Lori Switzer, and Laurie McCauley, or Anne Butler, ESS program director.

K-State's federally-funded ESS program provides tutorial services and other kinds of support for about 350 KSU students each year. To qualify for the program, students must meet federal eligibility requirements, but Greene said any students having difficulty with class work may contact the ESS office (Holton Hall 205, 532-5642).

"We can either help, or refer students to someone else," she said.

UNITED BLACK VOICES



GOSPEL CHOIR

Come and magnify the LORD with us
and let us exalt HIS name together
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

If you have any further questions
about the choir, write the following
address:

ATTN: United Black Voices
Office of Minority Affairs
and Special Programs
201 Holton Hall
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Manhattan, KS 66506

Forty members of the KSU
United Black Voices (UBV) choir
used their songs to celebrate
the Lord at the Second Annual
Gospel Extravaganza at KSU on
Sunday, October 19. The K-State

student choir was joined by the
Kansas University Inspirational
Voices Gospel Choir from
Lawrence, the Iowa State Univer-
sity Choir from Ames, and a
member of the Voices of Truth
Choir from Fort Riley.

"Often black slaves would
sing of going to heaven and
leaving their world of bondage
and suffering," said Joe Walker,
senior in electrical engineering
and master of ceremonies for the
programs. "Since that time,
gospel has inspired blues, jazz,
country, soul, and even rock.
Gospel music touches the heart,
soul, and mind of men," Walker
said.

UBV is an independent stu-
dent organization not funded by
the University or student fees.
One purpose behind Sunday's pro-
gram was to raise money through
donations for its continued ex-
istence. The choir needs money
for uniforms and, also, to pay
transportation expenses to per-
formances.

The UBV choir was organized
at K-State in 1968 when members
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc. decided it was time to
expose the University and sur-
rounding community to the rich-
ness of black music. During the
past 18 years, K-State's United
Black Voices gospel choir has
traveled nationwide, appeared on
television and cut a record.

Students wanting to join
the choir or anyone wanting to
donate to its future may contact
Joe Walker through the Office of
Minority Affairs and Special
Programs, Holton Hall, KSU (532-
6436). (Abridged from a story
by Amy Greene)

"UFM" ALTERNATIVE

Most new students arrive in
Manhattan with prior knowledge
about the kinds of courses
available for them at Kansas
State, but many people don't
know we have another kind of
school in the area. University
for Man, located at 1221
Thurston, just east of the cam-
pus, offers over 1,000 courses a
year in subjects ranging from
bird-watching to beer-making and
from fighting fair to how to fix
your bike.

There are no grades, no age
limits, minimal costs and much

to gain from this alternative
educational organization. Any-
one wanting to learn (or even
teach a course) is welcome.

The Manhattan-KSU Universi-
ty for Man (UFM) has been cited
as a model "Free University" by
Alvin Toffler in Learning for
Tomorrow, the Center for Cur-
riculum Design in Somewhere
Else, and even in the New Yorker
magazine.

Fall courses are already
underway but new listings come
out five times a year.



The Black Student Union, Puerto Rican Student Organization and Mexican American Council of Students combined efforts to sponsor the popular Midwest Reggae band, "Blue Riddim" during Hispanic Awareness Week this fall. The group, which regularly plays in the Kansas City area, has been nominated for a Grammy Award.

STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE CROWD

Educational Supportive Services (ESS) is a retention and academic support program. The program has a history of over ten years of successful academic counseling, tutoring, and teaching study skills to KSU students from all disciplines. Last spring four ESS staff members received training in an exciting new approach to cognitive skill building called *Learning to Learn*.

Learning to Learn is a curriculum for teaching higher-order thinking skills. This approach was developed through years of study and testing at the University of Michigan and at Boston College.

Leadership Training provides students with basic leadership theory and practical experience. The focus is on communication and motivation, time management and group work.

For more information, please call the Office of Admissions at 1-800-432-8270 (toll-free in Kansas) or 913/532-6250.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A number of Kansas State
University ethnic minority stu-
dents received Academic Achieve-
ment and Leadership Award schol-
arships through the auspices of
the Office of Minority Affairs
and Special Programs this fall.
Awards ranged from \$300 to \$600.
The students are:

Josie Bernal, daughter of
J. Bernal, freshman in fine arts
from Shawnee, KS; Stacey
Campbell, son of Ethel Campbell,
junior in agriculture journalism
from Atchison, KS; Robert
Ketchum, son of Annie Cawley,
junior in music education from
Junction City, KS; Allison Key,
daughter of John and Barbara
Key, senior in accounting from
Olathe, KS; William Martin,
senior in sociology from Manhat-
tan; Daniel Otero, son of
Cristobal Otero, sophomore in
microbiology from Rio Piedra
Hts., Puerto Rico; Lawrence

Escalada, senior in secondary
education from Garden City, KS;
Daniel Howard, junior in busi-
ness administration from Manhat-
tan, KS; Francesca Royster, ju-
nior in english from Chicago,
IL; Sharri Taliaferro, daughter
of Adoria Taliaferro, senior in
elementary education from Kansas
City, KS; Ron Hopkins, son of
Violo Hopkins, freshman in music
from Kansas City, KS; Diedre
Allen, daughter of Cleophus and
Eula Allen, freshman in psychol-
ogy from Salina, KS; Maria
Brown, junior in business ad-
ministration from Manhattan;
Lisa Castillo, daughter of S. L.
Castillo, freshman in architec-
tural engineering from Overland

Park, KS; Brenda Gardner,
daughter of Willie Gardner,
freshman in business administa-
tion from Junction City, KS;
Daniel Granon, son of A. N.
Granon, freshman in pre-vet med-
icine from Wichita, KS; Edgar
Kevin James, son of Delores
James, freshman in psychology
from Lincoln, NE; Aribel Lynn,
freshman in secondary education
from Junction City, KS; John
Shunatona, freshman in business
administration from Wichita, KS;
Randall Hudlin, son of Calvin M.
Hudlin, freshman in business
administration from Kansas City,
KS; Curtis Bazemore, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Curtis Bazemore, senior
in pre-med from Topeka, KS;
Maria Berdasco, daughter of
Joaquin Berdasco, senior in bi-
ology from Rio Peidras, PR;
Dolores Bernal, daughter of J.
Bernal, senior in management
from Shawnee, KS; Uzziel Pecina,
son of Antonia C. Pecina,
freshman in electrical engine-
ering from Kansas City, MO; and
Jonathan Walls, son of Rose E.
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*Every gun that is made,
every warship launched,
every rocket fired,
signifies, in the final sense,
a theft from those
who hunger
and are not fed,
those who are cold
and are not
clothed.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

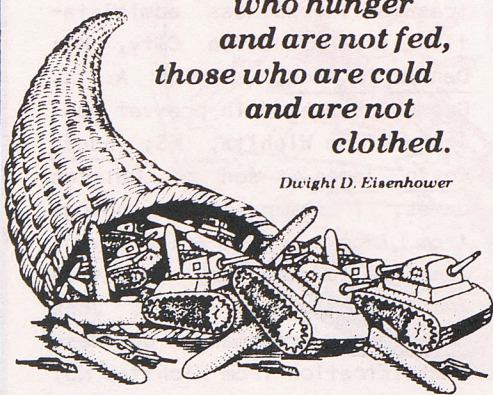


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Have a Peaceful

Thanksgiving

The Eisenhower quote continues:
"This world in arms is not
spending money alone; it is
spending the sweat of its
laborers, the genius of its
scientists, the hopes of its
children."

Washburn Law School Reps. To Visit KSU Pre-Law Club

At their meeting on November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207 the Union, the KSU Prelaw Club will feature Professor Ronald Griffin of the Washburn University School of Law. Professor Griffin holds an LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia, a J.D. from Howard University and a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute. He has previously taught at the University of Oregon Law School and taught during the 1981-82 academic year as a Visiting Professor at Notre Dame University. He has taught at Washburn since 1978. He directed the Council on Legal

Education Opportunity summer institutes at Washburn in 1982 and 1983. Professor Griffin is teaching Contracts and Consumer Protection this semester. He has been honored as an outstanding black educator and has been active in minority recruitment into the legal profession. Brad Bromich, Craig West, and Steven Angermayer, KSU graduates, currently enrolled in the Law School at Washburn and Director of Admissions, Dottie Harder, will accompany Professor Griffin and will answer student questions. (Washburn University)



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