Merritt Auditorium
Tuesday Oct. 13 at 11 o'clock in
Panther Party to speak on campus.
Minister of Defense of the Black
has invited Brother Huey P. Newton.
The Black Student Union
'Relatively' free Huey returns to campus

By Bill Simmons

Huey P. Newton told a crowd of over 1,000 in the auditorium, Tuesday, that the Black Panther Party's 10-point program will protect the black community from genocide.

Newton, the party's minister of defense, said the program will not transform society, but will "guarantee our survival until the revolution begins.

"We need to create a society where people are concerned about each other and not a small clique that grows fat on the blood of black people and society in general," he said.

He said the black community will survive by creating programs such as shoe factories to serve the people.

Newton said he was told that some children in Watts could not start school because they had no shoes, and pledged the Panthers would rent old shoe shops and employ former prisoners to produce footwear for the children. Newton said that prisoners have skills and they must be able to look to the community for jobs.

The Panther leader said he was disturbed that the Merritt campus would be moved from the flatlands to the hill site in December.

"If it was not for Merritt I would not have attended college," he said.

Newton said he was able to speak at Merritt only because the people had demanded his release from prison.

"I depend upon you to keep me in this state of being relatively free," he told his audience.
Council votes $3 salaries

By David J. Eisenberg

This summer proved to be a busy one for the Student Council as they met several times to work on student matters.

The Board of Directors set a precedent when it voted to give the elected members of the council a salary of $3 a meeting. Until this time ASMC officers have never received compensation for working on the student government.

The council proposed the salary because "student government members were serving and starving," said ASMC President Burley Young. He feels that the $3 is inadequate and that student government should be put in the work-study program.

The council helped out the Swahili Club when the club held a dance this summer at a $629 loss. The council gave the club $300 when club representatives said they needed it badly or "they will go to jail." The council gave the club the balance of their debt "to keep club members out of jail," said Young, "the pressure was being put on by the hotel manager."

The second annual Afro-American Education Conference was held this summer at the University of Southern California to which the council sent three representatives.

The council also looked into the possibility of leasing a station wagon with the option of buying it. No exact figures were available but the cost of such a venture was estimated at about $3,000.

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ASMC adopts $52,000 budget

By David J. Eisenberg

The new ASMC budget for 1970-71 was approved at a Student Council meeting Thursday night, October 8.

The new budget has an anticipated income of $52,000 with the bookstore providing the largest income at $20,000. ASMC membership (seals) is expected to contribute $6,600 to the total income.

Athletics received $6,600 to cover their expenses, with the football account receiving the largest share at $2,285.

The council set aside $2,000 to be donated for National Defense Student Loans. The school can "buy" additional loans from the federal government by donating one tenth of the total of the loan.

The largest expense to the ASMC is the press account at $16,000, but the income from printing is expected to balance this expense out by the end of the fiscal year.

The second largest account is ASMC employees' salaries at $15,500. This does not include the $3 a meeting salary the ASMC officers and councilmen receive, which is taken out of the $2,100 honorarium account. The ASMC president's account was given $100 as were the graduation and postage accounts.

The conferences and social activities accounts received $500 while the repairs and maintenance account received $200. The Reporter account was given $75.

'Tech' to hill campus

By Harry Shortess, director of Merritt technical vocational training.

No classes are scheduled to remain in the flatlands when Merritt officially moves; provided the building is completed on time.
By Earl Peacock

Huey Newton, Black Panther Party co-founder, spoke to approximately 300 students in the student lounge last Thursday.

In his opening remarks, Newton thanked "the people" for his release from prison and expressed a hope for the release of all North Americans from "this minimum security prison."

He thanked the students for attending and apologized for not being able to attend the originally-scheduled talk the previous Tuesday.

He said that with such a large turnout there could not be a real chance for colloquy among those attending.

Newton gave a summary of his family's history and some of the experiences which he felt played an important part in the shaping of his attitude.

"My family," he said, "came from Louisiana to Oakland in an attempt to escape the hardships of the black people in the South." He attended both Oakland Tech and Berkeley High School.

"I finally graduated from high school, but, like a great many of my friends, I could barely read or write. When I first attended Merritt College at Grove Street, I scored so low on entrance exams that I was told by a counselor that I was incapable of grasping education on a college level and that it would be better if I went out and learned a skill."

"Well," he said, "the first quarter I took 17 units, all the courses my brother had taken previously. I studied all his work and followed him around so I knew exactly what he
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5000 waiting for Doug Miranda

Douglas Miranda, former Black Students Union leader at Merritt and ex-Black Panther, was given a suspended five year sentence and $5000 fine in U.S. District Court for jumping bail when he was supposed to appear on charges of having someone else's draft card.

"I hope I'm not making a mistake," the judge said. If he breaks any laws during the next five years, the full five years, $5000 fine will be imposed "without modification."

Miranda also has charges against him of battery and disturbing the peace in Berkeley and threatening a school official in Oakland. The latter stems from a threat he allegedly

made to Merritt President Norvell Smith last winter when some students were threatening to take over part of Merritt when it was located at Grove Street.

Miranda, who was caught in Boston by the F.B.I. last November, has disavowed any present connection with the Black Panther Party. He said he thought the party was good when he joined it, "but then I found it to be other than I expected."

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, he said he broke away from the Panthers and then "some Panther people were killed and I got the word that my life was in danger so I split to Boston."

Militant unionist Frank Cedervall to speak
Huey Newton returns

By Linda Shepard

Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, has come home to Merritt College.

Newton stated in an interview that he is a student of the social sciences. He will attend Merritt this fall as a full time student.

Carrying 20 units this quarter, Newton says he intends to be an involved student at Merritt. He later plans to transfer to the University of California at Santa Cruz.

"My decision to return to Merritt was a spontaneous one," said Newton. "However, I believe that the student organizations on this campus will always feel a part of me."

Newton sympathizes with the efforts being made by the ASMC to promote student card sales. "I've purchased my student body card, and I feel each student has a responsibility to support the school he attends. Without the ASMC funds, there can be no football, baseball, or other student activities." The money for such activities should come from the student body, he says.

"As a 'paying member' I would naturally be concerned with how the student funds were being spent," he continued.

I feel that the use of funds should be directed at intelligent means of dealing with the ASMC use of funds probe, without the handing out of leaflets during registration, urging students not to purchase the cards. Consequently there is little money for any of the students. To attempt to cut the funds off completely was not a positive means of dealing with this problem."

"I chose my instructors at random," he stressed, "I have very few prejudices as far as instructors."

Library to close at 4 every day

By Georgia M. Short

Irwin Meyers, director of learning resources, says $2,500 a year is needed to open the library two nights a week from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Meyers said that this amount would boost the overall ADA.

Despite an overwhelming student vote last spring to retain the quarter system, Merritt students should be prepared for the start of an 18 week semester system beginning next fall.

The reason behind the switch is mainly financial. California colleges are funded on the basis of a semester system as smoothly as possible, it also voted to recommend to the Peralta Instructional Council that "consideration be given to a calendar allowing at least 16 weeks instruction before Christmas."

If this recommendation is adopted by the Peralta Board it would leave the door open for...