BLACKOUT IS...

“Allowing the silence of the BLACK Community to speak louder than words.”
- Association of Black Collegians

The Purpose of BLACKOUT DAY

BLACKOUT DAY allowed the silence of the BLACK community to “speak” louder than our spoken comments, complaints and concerns. BLACK people are a necessary, yet unappreciated, part of the Truman community. It was our goal to demonstrate our importance through our refusal to speak! The silence spoke in protest to racism and its forms: prejudice and discrimination. Perhaps as we sat quietly in classrooms, cafeterias and dormitories, the absence of our contributions created greater awareness and appreciation of the BLACK community.

Those who disregarded, ignored, laughed, overlooked, taunted and were unconcerned: YOU are a part of the problem.

This day, and every day, is a day of respect and an active stance against racism, ignorance and intolerance. It entails that you realize there is no BLACK scholarship — academic achievement got us here, and being BLACK did not. BLACK people are a part of the masses: united we stand, divided we fall.

(Thank you to everyone who respected BLACKOUT DAY, April 28, 2003, and its purposes).

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