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Black Collegians Clarify Aims, Stress Importance Of Unity

"Without unity, we have no power; without power, we have no hope," asserted Richard Cummings '69, co-ordinator of the Association of Black Collegians at the college, Tuesday night at a press conference heard over WJRH.

Also participating in the conference were Robert Maffett '69, Lawrence Lennon '71, Gerald Gill '70, and Scott Williams, a graduate student at Lehigh.

The theme of unity was stressed throughout the broadcast. One of the main goals of the association

is the establishment of more courses in black studies in the curricula of Lehigh Valley schools.

"There can be no more individualism; blacks need to unify themselves so that they some day will no longer be scorned for coming from a 'ghetto school'," Lennon commented.

Cummings pointed out that unification of blacks in the valley can also help to broaden their social horizons.

"The black student suffers from lack of social contact, es-

pecially in an all-male or all-female school. We hope to rectify this situation by arranging several mixers, parties, and cultural events," he elaborated.

Gill noted that "it's just a process of getting together -- there are more male blacks at Lafayette than female blacks in the whole Lehigh Valley."

Concerning the black student's academic life, Maffett maintained that "he comes here and finds himself engulfed in a sea of white culture which goes against the very grain of his upbringing." He added that all students, black and white, should be aware of the heritages of the people they are going to school with: "it's a share-and-share-alike relationship."

Asked if there is a vacuum in national black leadership today, Lennon responded that "the goals of the black man are the same everywhere, and the big question