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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BLACK STUDIES

The appearance of this modest volume which inaugurates the annual publication of the Black Studies Executive Committee of the five colleges is both token and promise. Limited—rather more so than we would have preferred—as to size and range by financial considerations, this first volume must be seen as a token of what is possible rather than an expression thereof. We hope, however, that in this modest beginning can be seen the faint outline of what this journal might become. We know that it represents a base on which to build.

For the first issue, the journal remains as originally envisioned, a vehicle for the presentation of scholarship in Black Studies by students and faculty of the five colleges, with particular focus on work presented in the five college seminars in African and Afro-American Studies. Because participation in these seminars extends beyond the five college community the work generated by the seminars is not limited to that of members of this community.

Given the journal's solid base in five college cooperation, and the state of publishing in the field of Black Studies, we can see no reason why such a journal can not generate the support that would enable it to grow significantly in range and frequency.

The Editors



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# ANNOUNCEMENT of the Second Annual Convention of The National Council for Black Studies



The Five College Community is honored to welcome the members and participants of the Second Annual Convention of the National Council for Black Studies to Five College Area. The convention will take place at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst from April 15th through the 18th, 1978.

Two years ago representatives from a number of Black Studies departments and programs came together to create a national professional and accrediting body for the field. The National Council, with a membership of a hundred and twenty member institutions across the Nation. The concerns of the Amherst convention will focus specifically on the evaluation of the present condition of the field nationally. The general thrust will be towards developing approaches to ensure the survival, expansion and continued acceptance of Black Studies at a time of declining enrollments, fiscal stringency, and emergent policies of benign neglect towards minorities in institutions of higher education.

All programs and departments of Black Studies, student organizations and interested individuals are invited to participate. Details may be obtained by writing to the Coordinator, New Africa House, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.