

Greetings comrades!

After reading the beautiful tribute that Big Man wrote, I racked my brain trying to remember when the Brother might have visited our chapter in Kansas City in the late 60's, early 70's, cause I just can't remember us showing him around our various community projects there including the Bobby Hutton Community Free Health Clinic and the Free Breakfast for School Children programs at three locations...all churches. I can't remember him sitting in on our daily PE classes as we learned about people fighting for their freedom all over the world and began to realize our collective strength as a majority on the planet.

I don't remember him visiting any of our numerous Panther Pads, but after reading his description of our collective lifestyles and struggles, he **must** have! I bet we rushed to make sure our make shift furniture and curtains were presentable and floors were swept; supplies in some kind of order and our faces and demeanor serious and disciplined, before Brother Chairman (as we called Brother Pete O'Neal, Chairman of the KC Chapter) bought Big Man over for a visit and pep talk.

He must have and I just can't remember (brain computer overload...or is just that this Panther Sister is gettin' old?) cause the brother sure 'nuff captured the very essence of the life of the rank and file members of the BPP, as if he had visited the Kansas City Chapter!

And to think that same spirit was uniformly strong, vibrant and flowing from city to city, chapter to chapter all over America and beyond! Revolution was certainly what we young folk were doin'! What a blessing to have been a part of that movement!

Brothers and Sisters, that same spirit is evidenced strongly in the youth movement here in East Africa. The names, accents and languages are different, but these youth here in Tanzania that we have the privilege to work with everyday, are no different than we, all of us Panthers, were back in the day (and still strive to be)...dedicated, committed, servants and leaders in our communities. The spirit of the Panther Rank and File is alive, well and thriving all the way in East Africa among these youth! Take pride in that, Panther Family!!

And to Brother Big Man, you hit the nail on the head in your description. Your tribute was *right on* and true and had me tearin' up with pride and remembrances.

Asante sana.

Peace, Love and keep on seizing the Time,

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