

45th yr Celebration in Oakland 2011

Greetings All:

It's About Time, The BPP Commemorator newspaper and the Oakland Community School alumni are co-sponsoring the BPP 45th yr celebration in Oakland in October 2011.

We are putting together a number of events for the 45th yr celebration. Our theme is "Back to our Roots". One of our focuses will be the role Merritt College and Grove Street College played in our development and growth in Oakland. Many of us know that Huey Newton and Bobby Seale were students there. Several original Panthers came from that campus: Richard Aoki, Elbert "Big Man" Howard and Melvin Newton. Huey's brother, Melvin, later became the Director of the Black Studies Department at Merritt College. The BSU and Party members on the campus played a very active role in organizing on the campus as well as in the community (Read Big Man's article on the website called "Grove Street College"). We will host some events at the Old Merritt College on MLK Blvd in October.

Other events include panels on Women in the Struggle, The BPP Legacy in the Media, and The BPP Legacy today and in the future. There will be exhibits of artwork by Emory Douglas and a photo exhibit on "The International Impact of the Black Panther Party. We are also working with Panther Cubs and former OCS students on a picnic and other events that will take place on October 21-23 in Oakland.

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