

Co-Curricular # 2

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Justice or Else

On the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March, Howard University students were called to action. Here, in our city, we were to march for justice, or else. Early Saturday morning we met outside of the health sciences library to meet with the student association and Black Panther representatives. They spoke to us not as simple students, but as black brothers and sisters. We marched from Howard to the steps of the Capital Building. We stood in solidarity and listened to Trayvon Martin's mother, a representative of Native Americans, and Minister Farrakhan express ~~and~~ their own and our collective pain. Though there were thousands of us, this pain of being apart of a country that does not really want us, was something we could understand. Though Minister Farrakhan is a bit radical and sexist at times, he represents the importance of representation. The representation that we as

blacks so often lack. ~~I~~ This is what all of our discussion so far has been about. The point is that we as blacks have a place here ~~if~~ we are able to use literacy as a tool, like Furrathen, to not only call to our people, but make a space for them as well. Then once we make those spaces, we do not have to rely on those with a prejudicial message to be the mouth piece.