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-----To the new Black Freshmen,

You've finally made it. You've done what you (or what your parents wanted you) to do. You are now in college. You are in one of the largest, best equipped, highest rated universities in the United States. You are also a student in one of the more racist institutions in America. It is here brothers and sisters that you will learn just how black you are. If you never knew how it was to be black before, let me give you a little hint as to how feels.

Feeling black means. . .

The guys in your suite don't ask you to go out and get drunk cause their momma done told them how a "nigger" acts when he gets drunk.

The girls on your hall are scared to go in the bathroom cause you might'a left syphillis on the toilet seat.

Listening to WCAR and not hearing nothing.

Reading the Tarheel and not reading nothing.

Looking for fun and not finding any.

Seeing a lot of white people smile at you and not knowing what they're smiling about.

Being the only brother in a class of two hundred and fifty one.

Getting drunk and having the campus "pigs" ask for you ID before they tell you how to get to James.

Walking into an office and having the white guy who comes in after you get waited on first.

Going into a girl's dorm and watching the white girls lock their doors as you go by.

Waiting for an hour to see your advisor and then only seeing him for five minutes.

Getting on the South Campus bus and having your white seatmate get up and stand (if you're lucky).

Going to the Friday night party and not having anyone to talk to afterward.

Statement from Past Chairman

by Ashley Davis
Past Chairman of the
Black Student Movement

Our most beautiful Black Freshmen, transfers, and graduate students, you will find Carolina, and college in general, to be very much like Central Prison in Raleigh. For, just as in Raleigh, you are sent to this institution to be rehabilitated. Never forget that the primary goal of this University of North Carolina is making "yours" fit into this world's society. Remember, that this institution of higher learning is interested in you, personally, but not primarily. Just as the rehabilitation of inmates at UNC-CH is second to the survival of Central Prison as a rehavilitating institution. So the education of students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is seconded to the survival of this school as a rehabilitating institution. You say, "man, there ain't no walls here," but Brother or sister, BE EDUCATED and Think. Your walls are your parents, your hometown, society, your ego. You are incarcerated in a place where, just as in any prison, the big idea is not that you learn, but that you learn what they want you to learn. And you say, "but brother, who is "they"?" Man, I have been at Carolina for three years, and I am yet to know exactly Who "they" is, but I do know that there are a hell of a lot of 'um. Just as a parole does not honestly indicate prisoner rehabilitation, a diploma from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill does not honestly indicate student education. Dogs are not the only ones trained in this world.

I beg you brother and sister, LEARN AND BE EDUCATED. This University can train you, but you must educate yourselves. Learn how to not only ride cars, but how to fix cars, sister when you learn how to go down to the boutique and see how that new dress they are selling is made, and then go home and make it yourself, you have learned two lessons. First, you have learned to make a pretty dress, and secondly, you have learned how to keep YOUR MONEY in YOUR pocket. Learn to plumb, to sew, design, to paint, to sing, to play, to laugh, to translate, to unite, to critisize, the fight, to row, to saw, to swim, to tolerate, to camp, to succeed, and to love. Above all, read, read, read, read, read, read, read read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read, read. Read Black, white, blue and green. Reach, and you will soon find and free yourself.

Statement from Minister of Information

Jimmy McRae

Nationabuilding – The Black Student Movement

This group was formed as an organization that could relate to and meet the demands of Black People all over the world. Just as other Black Groups such as the Black Panthers, SOBU, and the rising African nations catch hell and face insurmountable organizational problems because they deal squarely with the problems confronting Black Folk, the Black Student Movement by having a similar orientation faces these same problems.

First, there are Black Students who do not relate to the Black Student Movement. They fail to realize that just as when the European Immigrants came to America that they stuck together and whenever they did go off alone they brought what they had gone out and gained back to their original group. Just as these immigrants realized that the major interest of their group was different as compared with the interest of the U.S., so must Black Students realize that the univeristy has goals, standards, and criteria that don't mean a damn to what Black Students are all about. This is to say that Black Participation in campus activities is only a natural sequel of history when Black Students participate but keep the interest of the group they belong to by participating only to the degree that they are always members of the Black Student Movement in another activity bringing back valuable information to the Black Student Movement. When the livelihood of a group is at stake, "berry-picking" is treason.

Once the problem of recruitment is sufficiently solved, the question of productive membership is raised–how to get people to dedicate themselves to their own welfare by taking care of their organization. As long as there is work to done at home, why should one go out to work for his neighbors? If a person is a member of a particular family, then isn't it only natural that he gets his work assignments and advice on what to do from the head of that family? The Central Committee, headed by Ron Wesson, is the head of the Black Family on this campus.

Let us learn to work together and love each other (As other minorities have always done).

Mitzi Bond

Hey, Look at This Man!

"If there's something you gotta say,
And talking's the only way,
Rap on."
–Issac Hayes

Anything you gotta say? Here's the forum. My column is open. First time around, you listen. Next time, send your own profanity to Mitzi Bond, c/o Bruce Sampson, BSM Office, Carolina Union.

Intelligence we're all gifted with. Wisdom, we must seek. So to assist you in your search, may I enlighten you with the heavy and the humor:

"When our hatred become violent, it sinks us even beneath those we hate." (Le Rochefoucauld)

"Killing to stop war is like balling to stop love."

"War is unhealthy for children and other living things."

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And then quit."

"No sense being a damn fool about it." (W. C. Fields)

"It is never wrong to have a dream and to strive to make it come true. It is only wrong to suppress a dream and be afraid that it won't come true."

"Black is not needing a psychiatrist to tell you what's bothering you."

"Peace begins within."

"A kiss is love by word of mouth."

"You never really know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk around in them." (Atticus Finch)

"Yeah though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for I am the meanest son of a bitch in the valley."

"I will pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic when it stands for one nation, under God, indivisible with truth and justice for all, including kikes, wops, spics, niggers, wasps, etc."

Harry Jones

'Getting It Together'

"Getting it together" should and could very well be the motto of Blacks on this campus for the coming year. We have argued and hassled much too frequently among ourselves.

Through the course of this friction that we have created among ourselves we have failed to take action on issues that should be of utmost importance to us. We can all afford to let their problems, whatever they may be, affect the welfare of Black students on this campus.

I only hope that we can get in together as one group dedicated to achieving black goals. I cry for Black Solidarity – a collective thought pattern for action by Blacks. One method of achieving this Black Solidarity is to support the Black Student Movement. Needless to say, the BSM ended last year in mass confusion. I think that we should all work to revive this organization. The only method is for all of us to become active members of the BSM. Through action we as a group can work towards solving our problems.

The coming years can be very meaningful if we'll only work towards our end–the fulfullment of Black goals.

Get Involved!!!

It's amazing what a little plea for help can do. With the help of eight freshmen coming to the rescue of the Black Ink we were successful in sending to press this issue. To those freshmen Cynthia Harris, Mae Israel, Deborah Austin, Danita Winchester, Mayilyn Graham, Sandra Hawkins, Frankie Alexander, and Gail Grandon we send a hearty thanks!

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Chief Editor