

File a legal suit for early experience

by Fay T. Mitchell
Feature Editor

On June 13, 1974, two white boys reached their peak in ego building satisfaction. On that date they filed suit against the Black Student Movement of this campus.

Robert Lane Arrington and Lawrence Uzzell claimed the Fourteenth Amendment had been violated, and filed suit against the BSM, through Student Government and University officials. Among those named as defendants were President William Friday, Dean Claiborne Jones, Chancellor Ferebee Taylor, SGA President Marcus Williams, and SGA Treasurer Tim Dugan, etc. All charges that were not aimed at the BSM, centered around it, so justified involving administrative higher ups in the controversy.

Arrington and Uzzell obviously filed the suit to impress their peers in law school, their professors, and most importantly, to impress themselves. (Hey, look at us, we're taking on the Black Student Movement, the Student Government Association, the North Carolina Attorney General, and UNC-CH.) Any casual examination of their grounds for action and their fallacious reasoning reveals that no individual of average intelligence could give their case serious consideration.

Half of the Arrington and Uzzell team has tackled the big competition before. Robert Lane Arrington filed suit against the *Daily Tar Heel* two years ago. He asserted that the *Tar Heel* should sell subscriptions and advertising to raise revenue and not be funded by Student Government. He lost the case this spring.

Armed with a great case of sour grapes and wounded pride, Arrington decided to pick a sure win topic and march back into court. He had to show his professors that their efforts had not been in vain. He also gathered reinforcements in the person of Lawrence Uzzell, and chose a no-fail subject — the BSM. The *Daily Tar Heel* had widespread campus support, but there could be no such danger in kicking those Blacks around again.

The major accusation of the plaintiffs (Arrington and Uzzell) was the BSM was, and by its nature must be, a separatist organization for the benefit of blacks, and should not receive Student Government funds. They also said since the BSM was separatist and dedicated to improving the black race, and since the budget of the BSM came from SGA, whose budget came from student fees, that SGA was taking their money to finance the BSM. They thought it unfair that they had to support something they could not join.

Messrs. Arrington and Uzzell do not seem to realize the benefits of providing for the needs of the entire University community, and the community at large. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. If any individual or group of individuals come to feel themselves to be that weak link, then the University suffers.

By making more proficient individuals, more proficient societies are made. Even if Arrington and Uzzell never participate in the BSM, they benefit from its existence via the fulfillment it brings to its participants.

Exclusion by the BSM is and has been non-existent. Although the plaintiffs claim that only blacks may join, this had never been included in the constitution of the BSM. Formerly the constitution read that all black students of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were members, "be they segregationist, integrationist, or apathetic." That is all contained in the constitution on membership.

It did not say that non-blacks were not allowed, and never has. Since the suit started the constitution has been altered to clarify membership requirements. The constitution now reads "anyone with goals consistent with those of the BSM (maintaining black tradition and culture, remaining in contact with the black community, etc.) may apply for membership. That clarification should eliminate all questions.

Not that it matters a great deal. It seems that the true policy was never of concern to Arrington and Uzzell. They never tried to JOIN the BSM, so they cannot claim to have been injured or excluded. Their rights could not have been denied, because they never exercised their rights. If they had applied and been accepted, there could be no law suit. They would not have had a chance to shine their halos, and have their day in court.

Grad sends message of advice

To the Editor:

Message to the Children

Recruitment is the name of the game. We are recruited to come to their colleges and we are recruited to come to their corporations.

We are expected to sit like the spook beside the door, to offer no suggestions, comments, or complaints. We are to sit there for the feds to see.

If we deviate from this plan we are called arrogant and the man does not like arrogant niggers.

We are denied advancements, courtesies, and accorded advantages they give to their own.

We are expected to be super niggers and we compete with less than super counterparts and come home with more headaches and less pay.

Breaking the nigger is vogue in the corporate world and although they will pay you, they will ignore you until you get bored with the scene and split. And they look for another show-case nigger. Sometimes they find one, but more often than not they don't. They continue to play the game, however, not realizing that

the new nigger with higher degrees, more education and an identity will not stand for this sham.

We are victims of the capitalistic structured society of the majority. We are poor in regards to money but we are a strong and powerful people.

We are alone against the world. Other people of color could care less about the Black man's plight.

An educated nigger is useless in the master plan of America.

We should go back to Malcolm's philosophy and all Black people should migrate to the South, claim the land on which our forefathers sweated and our mothers gave birth to a powerful Black race.

We should demand reparations from America for injustices done to our people. They would be paying for years.

Black people are a beautiful people and left alone to cement our togetherness, we are an even more beautiful and powerful people. We are alone against the world.

We must not be patient. Patience brings us pain. We must be demanding. Demands bring us strength and action.

The capitalistic corporate world is



'Lockjaw' hurting Black student unity?

by Allen H. Johnson III
Sports Editor

It has traditionally been a common courtesy for Blacks at Carolina to greet one another on campus (or, for that matter, everywhere else) when the opportunity arises. The greeting normally isn't an elaborate one; perhaps a "what's hap'nin'" here or a "yo blood" there or even a simple, yet sincerely intended, "how ya doin'?"

The greetings aren't difficult to remember or say, nor are they by-laws in the BSM Constitution. They are simply a polite acknowledgement of one person by another. It isn't prerequisite to personally know the person to whom one is speaking. Indeed, the mere fact that the person is Black should be reason enough to speak.

There exists, however, a group of Black individuals who refuse to speak to other Black students. Their methods of avoiding such action may range from looking at the ground or staring straight ahead upon approaching another person, or being honest and

straightforward about the whole thing and simply staring the person directly in the face without uttering a single word.

And why not? After all, it is an individual's personal choice as to whether he should speak to someone or not. Moreover, what right have I to criticize these people? Certainly an editorial such as this can hardly hope to compel people to speak to one another. And I would be more than foolish to think so.

Yet, an editorial of this nature perhaps can make at least some of you think. Perhaps it can cause some of us to realize that unity begins on a small, personal scale. You don't need Angela Davis to have unity. Nor do you need H. Rap Brown or Huey Newton. You yourself are the most important factor in determining the extent to which Blacks are truly united. Unity is not masses. Unity is you.

There exists a possibility that this article actually has no point at all — that whether a Black speaks to another Black or not is a trivial item hardly deserving the attention I have given it.

Perhaps this is true. But, have you ever realized the hypocrisy of saying, "Black this" and "Black that" and not even having the courtesy to greet your brother on the street?

To The Editor

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The following is in reference to an article by Allen Johnson in which he referred to The University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a small college.

"Interestingly, State won't schedule A&T although they'll readily play small-college squads from UNC-Charlotte and heaven forbid, Atlantic Christian."

(1) UNCC got rid of the day (-) four years ago. We don't go around saying UNC-Chapel Hill. It's always UNC. Let's be fair.

(2) The so-called small college with an enrollment of 6,500 has been a member of the University Division of the NCAA for the past four years and has played a major college schedule finishing with respective records of 15-8, 14-10, 13-12 and last year 22-4.

Over the years the Fighting Forty-Niners have played Kent State, North Carolina State, Canisius, Richmond, Appalachian State, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Austin Peay, Morehead State, Marshall, Tulane, Toledo, DePaul, Iowa, and East Tennessee State.

This year's schedule includes Appalachian State, N.C. State, Florida, Boston University, Nebraska, Hardin-Simmons, Northern Illinois, and appearances in the Hall of Fame Tournament in Springfield, Mass. (Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Centenary, UNCC) and the All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City (Niagara, North Texas State, Oklahoma City, Xavier, Pacific, Centenary, Wyoming, and UNCC).

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Graphics Commends

To the Editor:

I wish to convey my congratulations to the editor, the staff of fine writers, the copy editors, and to all of the rest of a hard-working staff for an issue which surpasses your finest issues since the beginning of *Black Ink*.

I have worked with Student Graphics in composition since beginning school at UNC-CH in 1971. I have had the opportunity to observe your progress over the past four years and may I say that progress has been magnificent.

The quality of your writing, your layout, your editing — in short, in every phase of your operation reaches its zenith with this issue.

It has become a pleasure to work with your copy and with your staff. I hope we may continue such a fine relationship. I certainly enjoy it.

Les W. Wagoner II

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