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Mrs. Gaitha Lassiter, Buddy Ray, and Walter Davis at the Multi-Purpose Center.

BSM promotes community action

By Bernadine Ward
Feature writer

Cars followed each other much like a funeral procession, only this was an occasion for fun and good times, not sorrow. After parking, everyone hesitantly, but expectantly entered the Multi-Purpose Center here in Chapel Hill. This February 14 meeting was a chance for students and senior citizens to become acquainted.

Lunch hour was just coming to an end when students entered the room, cluttered here and there with dishes. After dishes were pushed aside, the get acquainted session began.

From the start humor prevailed. When Mrs. Gaitha Lassiter said that the men preferred young ladies and women young men, one man clapped and said, "Mrs. Lassiter, you alright."

Buddy Ray, Off Campus Coordinator for the BSM spoke to the group saying that this would be a learning experience for all involved.

The Ebony Readers presented poetry selections.

When the senior citizens learned that the BSM Gospel Choir and Drama Group were included on the schedule for a later date, many became so enthused about hearing the choir that they asked any

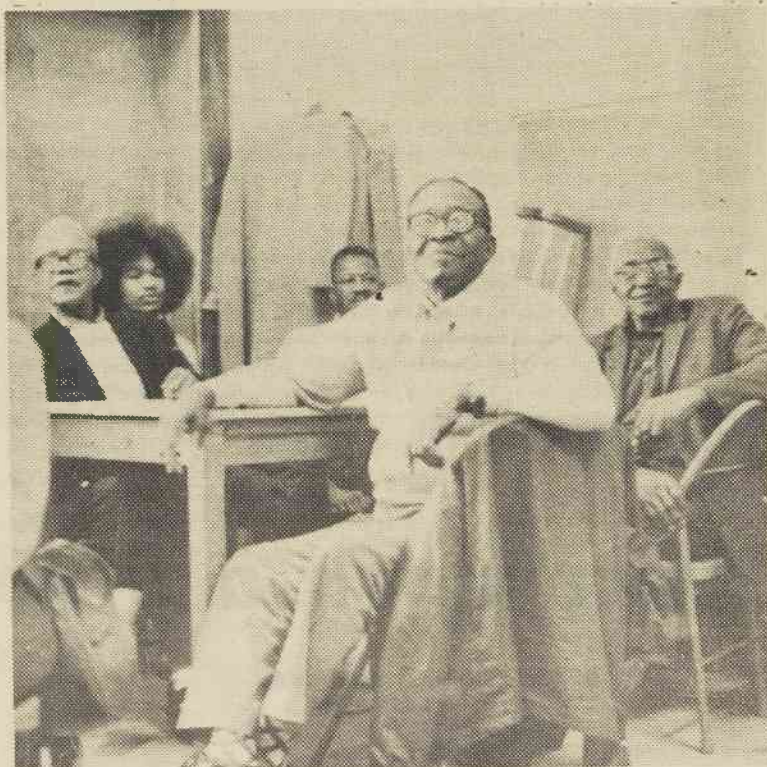
members present to sing. Besides entertaining at the center, students are to call their citizen every day and visit them at least every two weeks.

"You can call me everyday," and "Give me a very young man," could be heard among peals of laughter as

Mrs. Lassiter made introductions.

One woman mistook BSM member Walter Davis for basketball star Walter Davis, but she was quickly informed, "HE AIN'T THE ONE."

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Participants in BSM program for the aged.

NCCU Law School

Accreditation may cause problems

By Ethel Johnson
Lay out editor

Accreditation could pose a problem for North Carolina Central University Law School, according to a committee report of the American Bar Association (ABA). In a February 12 confidential report, the committee told NCCU officials that it would begin proceedings to strip the law school of accreditation if a comprehensive improvement plan is not submitted by June 1. The report called for a new law building, and improvements in the instructional program and school management.

An article in the Durham Sun stated that on February 19, University of North Carolina President William C. Friday announced that an overall supplemental request which included funds for the new law building, would be submitted to the legislature. Monies for the new building and improvement of the school's library had been cut by the Advisory Budget Commission in the

original UNC budget proposal, Friday said.

Eventhough steps are being taken to maintain the law school's accreditation, many who know its history are skeptical. A fact sheet distributed by the law school, which was chartered in 1939, states that the first attempt to close the school occurred when the Supreme Court rulings abandoned the concept of "separate but equal" facilities. In 1966 an effort was made to omit support for the school by Governor Dan K. Moore's state budget. In 1969, a report of the state Board of Higher Education advocated merger of the school into the UNC school system; NCCU rejected both alternatives. The fact sheet continued that the ABA accreditation body viewed the school's facilities in March '74 and warned that accreditation may be withdrawn if additional space resources, and funds were not allocated to the school.

Dean of North Carolina Central Law School, LeMarquis Dejarmon, stated that "although the \$2 million

for the new law building was our number one priority, the state Advisory Budget Commission cut it from the original UNC budget proposal." Dejarmon added that the commission's usual procedure is to give strong consideration to each of the sixteen universities first priorities and cut the least important items.

"The denial of meaningful support to our Law School by the State of North Carolina is a matter of historical record, President of NCCU Student Bar Michael Lee said. Lee said, however, what bothered him most was the ABA report inference that individual students were incompetent. "The ABA inspection team did not attempt to measure student ability, nor do their procedures exhibit any real yardstick by which they might test individual ingenuity, motivation, and desire," Lee stated.

Students at NCCU law school shared various opinions on the ABA report, but most agreed on the necessity of a new law building. Second-year student William Dudley,

expressing concern over the state of the present building said, "How do you expect me as a student to compete when I am subject to such inadequacies. At present, this building has no "john" and there is no heat except small portable heaters." Dudley added that approximately 300 students are enrolled, but the school's reading room has only 30 chairs to accommodate them.

Another student, who asked that his name not be disclosed, stated that some of the professors at the school would rank with any in the nation; however, other professors appeared less interested because they were transient.

The only reason the school is not up to par in its instructional program in the mind of Professor of Property and Legal Writing, Ernest Fullwood, is due to lack of money. "The quality of teaching has been good and the faculty has done admirably well," Fullwood said. He added that he really wasn't sure what the ABA

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