

Racism prevails

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While detractors of court-ordered desegregation may vehemently contend that they protest busing rather than integration, their actions clearly declare otherwise.

Busing has merely become a convenient scapegoat for racist activism which has manifested itself in pointless mob action reminiscent of the supposed dormant era of lynching in this country.

Moreover, the long-standing myth of Northern liberality has been thoroughly shattered in recent years by the rash of violent reaction to desegregation throughout a number of Northern states.

These incidents lucidly depict the frightening reality that Northern liberality exists only until the issue hits close to home.

A case in point is the behavior of white anti-busing demonstrators outside Boston's City Hall.

The protestors, composed of white students boycotting their classes and their parents, seized a black man and proceeded to beat him, appropriately enough, with a standard bearing the American flag.

"We got ourselves a nigger!" a United Press story reports the demonstrators as shouting.

The battered and bloodied black man, Ted Landsmark, executive director of the Boston Contractor's Association, mused, "I was just walking along and I get beat up. This is insane."

The American psyche concerning race has, indeed, changed woefully little.

Abortion—'whites control'



(Staff photos by James Parker and Nelson Gaines)
Should marriage be a prerequisite for sexual relations between men and women? Some Black women think not.

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Dark Ages," counters a senior. "Men have always been able to have sex for the sake of it, and they call it a 'man's natural drive'. Well, I call it bullshit! I say if any woman needs sex to satisfy her natural desires, sex without love is perfectly acceptable. The only immoral thing is being dumb enough to get caught through pregnancy."

About birth control methods, including abortion, most women believe that sex without some form of contraception shows either blissful ignorance or desire that can't wait. "A lot of pregnancies occur in young girls on their first time around," says a freshman. "More than likely they are ignorant about contraceptive methods and don't find out until it's too late."

A junior adds, "most Black mothers tend to have a 'you made your bed hard, now lie in it' attitude about premarital pregnancies. I agree that a lot of pregnancies occur in young girls who are ignorant about contraceptives, but any mother who allows her child of 13 or 14 to carry the burden of raising a child alone is not a very responsible or realistic mother."

On a different note, a senior explains, "Not all premarital pregnancies are unwanted. After the initial shock of finding her child unmarried and pregnant, some mothers are able to welcome these babies with open arms. I personally do not believe in abortion because whether or not the life inside you is dependent on you for survival, it is life, and abortion is legal murder."

When asked why illegitimacy is so prevalent among Black women, all women feel that emphasis rather than prevalence is the key to the overwhelming focus on Black illegitimacy rates. "Whites have always had the upper hand in everything, and this situation is no different," comments one senior. "Peggy Sue can go away for a weekend trip to Florida and no one will ever know she really went to knock up a baby. Black women often do not have the resources or information to deal with unwanted pregnancies, especially when the amount of money involved in getting a legal abortion is considered."

Despite the monetary problems encountered in legal abortions, many other options, some of which are free, remain available and unused by Black women. "Abortion is not the only or the most desirable means of birth control," points out one freshman. "Most public health clinics give free checkups, free pills (birth control), and free advice after conception of an unwanted child. All the reasons for the high rate of Black illegitimacy cannot be explained away by ignorance or monetary problems. Why, is a question with many complex factors."

What about the child, the end result of an illegitimate pregnancy? Does being fatherless really have a detrimental effect on a growing child?

"I was the product of an illegitimate birth," one young woman openly confesses. "At first, I didn't notice that my family was any different from anyone else's, but after I entered school things began to change. It was very hard to adjust to it (being fatherless) at first, because no matter how many times Mother explained it to me, I could never understand where Father was. After I got older I finally understood and adjusted to my family situation, but I was unlucky because deep inside a lot of kids never adjust."

To focus and explain the phenomenon of Black illegitimacy is a task far too complicated for this reporter. My interviews gave me surprising insight into the thoughts of Black women on this very touchy subject, but understanding the whys and hows of illegitimacy is still a very distant goal.

Survey results compiled

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The entire April edition of the BLACK INK, especially the article on sports "superstar" Mit Fulford and the articles relating to culture, were of great entertainment and interest to most INK readers, according to a recent survey. The coverage of the Diggs' oust in the February edition was also enjoyable to the readers.

The survey, conducted by the INK's Special Projects Committee, showed the areas that readers enjoyed most and improvements they wanted in the future.

Of the 305 surveys that were completed, features, with a vote of 76, was considered to be the best section in this year's issues of the BLACK INK, followed closely by the news section, with a vote of 58. Editorials, sports and

album reviews followed, respectively.

Some of the improvements wanted in the INK were more coverage of Black faculty, Black band members and students in general, and a Letters-to-the-Editor section. More people on the sports section was also suggested, since it was felt that department presents a one-sided viewpoint. And of course, a better distribution method was desired.

One of the major plans of the Special Projects Committee is the publication of the paper on a bi-weekly rather than monthly basis. The readers surveyed stated that they would prefer the INK being published bi-weekly or weekly by votes of 130 and 78, respectively.

An astonishing and welcoming 54 persons indicated the desire to work on the BLACK INK staff next year. Also, of the few seniors who completed the survey, over 24 of them indicated that

they would like to subscribe to the paper after they graduate.

The committee is planning on beginning advertisement and subscription sales immediately to assure that publication will be able to expand. Any graduating senior that is interested in subscribing to the INK for next year, and has not already done so, should contact Linda Jenkins or Allen Johnson, co-chairpersons, or any of the committee members.

Leaders (con't. from page 1)

On-Campus Coordinator Franklin Bowden, from Fayetteville, and Off-Campus Coordinators Sherri Blount (Greensboro) and Darryl Davis (Greenville).

Dorm representatives also will assist coordination of communications and dorm activities such as meetings and social events. Elected representatives include: Pamela Mumford (Ehringhaus), Cynthia Baker (Morrison), Lonza Hardy (Hinton James), JoWanda Strickland (Granville) and Jeannie Mask (North Campus dorms).

Other officers elected who will also serve on the Central Committee for 1976-77 include: Otis Speight, Sergeant-at-Arms; Tony Hall, Secretary; Tommy Wood and Thomas Mosely, Special Projects.

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A Note...

Tentatively scheduled is a special, 20-page orientation edition, followed by seventeen bi-weekly issues of BLACK INK.

However, the final verdict on whether such goals will become reality or simply fade into oblivion rests with you. The BLACK INK needs your support as readers, subscribers, and staff members. It is your paper. It can be nothing more than you want it to be.

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