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*The essence of freedom is understanding.*Allen Johnson and
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LETTERS

There are Black men here

Dear Editor:

I assume the editorial "Do Black Males Exist Here?" (Black Ink, Sept. 9, 1977) was an attempt at sarcasm. As a Black man and a former NCCU student, I was doubly insulted by the editorial. First, the matter of the Central women: I attended NCCU for two years, and I have never seen such cold and aloof women as there are at Central. For UNC women, who are generally friendly, to compare themselves to Central women is a definite put-down for the Carolina women. In my opinion, there is no comparison.

On the matter of Black men on UNC's campus: where have you been these past few weeks? I've always seen a lot of Black men on campus, too many if you ask me. If there seems to be a shortage of them to you, Ms. Donna Doe, it could be because they are studying, not just partying, sitting on Greenlaw Wall, or playing basketball. If you still have difficulty finding Black men, why don't you truck on down to 638 Hinton James some time?

Preferably on the weekend. I'll be more than happy to rap with you, or whatever.

Roscoe McClain, Jr.

Prospective Subscriber

Dear Editors:

I would like to subscribe to Black Ink if that is possible. I have never

**Plaudits
go to ...**

... Student Graphics, whose diligent and good-natured employees somehow mustered enough energy and patience to see the 32-page anniversary edition of Black Ink to press.

... to Craige Dorm Assistant Residence Director Glenn Hughes, for his efforts in facilitating a strong sense of community among Black students in Craige.

... to former Chapel Hill High history instructor Joyce Clayton who has at least temporarily relinquished her teaching duties to pursue a doctoral degree. She has been not only a superb teacher but a friend and unofficial "parent-in-residence" of her students.

been offered a chance to subscribe, but I do support other campus publications (*Cellar Door*, *Carolina Quarterly*) as a patron and have wondered if you have subscription fees or a patron arrangement. Several staffers, including Allen Johnson, have been students of mine, yet I see the *Tar Heel* more often than I see your publication.

I would appreciate your sending me information about how to subscribe.

Best wishes,
Doris Betts
Assoc. Professor

**The circus is held each spring
Organizations scuffle for funds**

The circus is held each spring. Representatives of student organizations tussle and hustle and beg and plead for allocations from the Student Activities Fund.

And when all is said and done, few folks are happy.

With the tremendous increase in the number of student organizations on campus, there has not been a proportional increase in the amount of money allocated. In other words, while the number of hungry organizations has grown, the pie with which they'll supposedly be nourished is the same size as it was in 1975.

This problem is particularly harmful to the Black Student Movement. An organization which aims to, in essence, provide a microcosmic Black community in a lily-white environment needs funds with which to operate. Cultural, social, and academic programs have to be financed.

Moreover, Black Ink, which seeks to continually expand, is most seriously shackled. The cost of producing a publication has soared in recent years. Student Government responded to that situation last spring by proposing to allocate the Ink its smallest share of funds ever.

As we all remember — or at least should remember — we had to march into the budget hearings *en masse* to protest that move and ultimately change it.

Next spring probably won't be any different. Indeed, after awhile,

**"Avery Incident" can not
be tolerated by BSM**

The Avery Dorm water throwing incident is now five months old. One can agree that it was a display of severe childishness and stupidity. One must ponder, however, the question of whether it was premeditated and racist. One thing stands for certain — a decision must now be made, a decision with results possibly more far-reaching than has been imagined. Should the BSM press charges against those Avery residents who threw water-filled bags at BSM members last April?

Some opponents to the BSM's proposed action would argue that the bombardment was merely coincidental and free from racial motivation. Although we (Black students) would readily agree that our "comrades" occasionally engage in senseless activities, those of the magnitude of the April 19 attack can not and should not be tolerated. To say that it was coincidental would be like saying the David Duke protest of 1975 was just a coincidence (remember, my friends, that the BSM Chairman at that time was nearly suspended as a result of a student court challenge by a white student).

Victims of the Avery attack (and this writer was a member of one of the groups attacked) feel that while it may be a difficult task to prove that race was a factor, it would be twice as difficult to prove that race was not a factor. Large numbers of Black students went to the CGC budget hearing demanding a certain budget and they got it. What would have been a better time to physically attack the BSM than on that night? It all fits together, almost perfectly.

As BSM members have already expressed, if Black students were in the shoes of the Avery residents wouldn't they be in court right now? If students, Black and white, are tried and convicted for lesser offenses doesn't this case merit an equally fair shake?

Revenge is not in the question — justice is. Should the BSM press charges? Yes, definitely so.

To Scott Young and our friends of Avery who say that their opinion of Blacks is considerably lower now, we respond by saying that our opinions of you haven't been increased.

it won't matter who gets the biggest piece of the pie. With the current rate of inflation, in a few years even that piece won't amount to much.

What is needed and needed right now is an increase in student fees. And as scarce as cash is nowadays, two or three dollars is not going to break anyone financially. (You

waste that much on Servomation food in one day.)

As for the self-proclaimed crusaders who claim that "special interest groups" are out to con poor students out of their money, we offer this bit of logic: when you put all those "special interest" groups together, they pretty well just about cover us all.



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