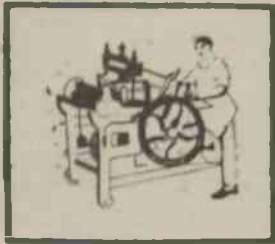




First students paved way

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Go Heels study: Blacks educational desires higher

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Black freshmen tend to have higher educational aspirations than their white counterparts, according to a report by UNC's Office of Institutional Research (OIR).

The report, titled "Go Heels," found that when students were put into a group labeled "educationally mature," 78.1 percent of Black students had plans beyond the bachelor's degree, whereas only 65.8 per-

cent of whites had goals beyond that level. Blacks listed high school counselors (18.6 percent), parents (17.9 percent), and friends (17.7 percent) as most influential in their decision to attend Carolina.

Carolina was the first choice of 77.8 percent of the Black freshmen surveyed, but was the first choice of universities for 87.4 percent of the white freshmen.

In a separate report compiled by the OIR, it was found that the percentage of Black students with 2.0 to 3.0 grade point averages was approximately the same as

whites. From 1976 to 1979 approximately 50 percent of Black students remained in this range. The percentages were:

1976-Blacks 50.7%; whites 51.1%

1977-Blacks 54.8%; whites 50.3%

1978-Blacks 52.4%; whites 52.5%

1979-Blacks 50.0%; whites 54.0%

The report also concluded that the

percentage of Blacks in the 3.0-4.0 range did not decline over the years as did the percentage of whites in this group. Yet the number of Blacks in the 0.0-1.9 range did not decline, and a high percentage of Black students (41.7) remained in this category.

Compilers of the report could not be reached for comment.

GAC will try again

From Staff Reports

The BSM Graduate Action Committee will hold another meeting next week to try to get graduate students more involved in BSM activities and to increase interaction among Black graduate students in different University departments.

"We are just getting started," GAC President Carla Robinson said and more participation is needed from students. Only 14 people attended the first meeting Sept. 10, she said.

GAC may sponsor activities this semester including forums of interest to the Black community, she said, discus-

sion groups to offer career advice to Black graduates and recruitment of Black undergraduates to UNC graduate departments.

"Another idea I want to include is a list of graduate students to talk to undergrads about their department," Robinson said. This activity would probably be informal through telephone calls or personal meetings, but "we would like to schedule some formal things."

Anyone interested can attend the GAC meeting Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. in room 205 of the Carolina Union or call Carla Robinson at 942-7320.



Brotherhood

Someone once said "There isn't a year that goes by that a Black freshman group doesn't get together. Well, here is this year's group. They call themselves, "Gamma Psi Bucket." (Staff photo by Beatrice Taylor)



Students of N.C. A and T State University lead the anti-Klan rally held in Greensboro in February (top). Communist Workers Party members demonstrate silently at funeral of fellow CWP members who were allegedly shot by Ku Klux Klansmen during an anti-Klan rally held in Greensboro in November of last year (left).

Ku Klux Klan members are currently on trial in Greensboro for the slayings of five CWP members. photos by Matt Cooper

Air Force has larger group

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The Air Force ROTC has a larger enrollment of Blacks and women on campus participating in the reserve officer training than the Navy ROTC, according to statistics from both ROTCs.

The enrollment of Air Force ROTC is 119 students, excluding freshmen, 40 are female, and 44 are Black. The Air Force ROTC has more Black females than males.

In the Navy ROTC, which includes the Marines, of a total of 149 students, 15 are female and seven are Black. UNC does not have an Army ROTC.

"We meet the major needs of the majority of students who go here — liberal arts majors," said Major Roy White of the Air Force ROTC.

White, who is Black, recruits students for the Air Force ROTC on campus and in high schools in the state.

The Navy has more technical fields than the Air Force which has more jobs transferable to civilian life, White said.

"I think there are two reasons the Navy historically does not have many Blacks," Captain Jack D. Stevens of the Navy ROTC said. The Navy is not as traditional among

Blacks as the other branches of the military, and fathers are not telling their sons to join it, he said. Also, "the Navy is extremely hard to get into, especially the scholarship requirements," he said.

Most students are on scholarship during their college years, Stevens said, especially during junior and senior years. Freshmen on scholarship have to take a calculus, physics and two sciences courses to keep their scholarship, he said. "It scares a lot of people off," Stevens said, but those hard courses are required.

Freshman Roderick Hunt, said he joined the Air Force ROTC because more math courses were required by the Navy ROTC. "Also the Air Force has a good communications program," which, he said, pertains to his major.

"It's a good bunch of guys that's all I can say," Hunt said of the UNC Air Force ROTC. He had been active with the Army ROTC all three years in high school.

Hunt also feels that with rising unemployment the Air Force is a good career choice.

Annette Woods, a junior, also feels that way, and she plans to attend law school with the aid from the Air Force.

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