

OPINIONS • OPINIONS • OPINIONS • OPINIONS

"A Hit List"

Things we don't particularly like:

- Carolina's football schedule for this season.
- The request from Sharon R. Mitchell, assistant dean in the department of student life, for the resignation of UNC's first black mike man Kenny Ward.
- Granted, perhaps Ward's routine needs work, but to ask him to resign without the benefit of constructive criticism, or at most an official reprimand is not proper procedure.
- Surely, the office of student affairs under Vice Chancellor Bolton can understand the need for a second chance.
- James Watt for just being himself.
- Ronald Reagan for appointing James Watt as Secretary of Interior.
- Smurfs and Smurfettes.
- Watmelon.
- The plantation mentality of some black people, who crave white acceptance and approval so deeply that they would seal their souls for it.
- Sunny days when we have to be in class; tragic weather when we don't.
- People who spit when they talk.
- Graduation speakers who talk forever and say nothing worth repeating.
- Sen. Jesse Helms' doomsday newspaper and television ads designed to scare conservative white voters to the polls to vote for Helms' re-election in '84. Helms' latest ad includes a photo of Jesse Jackson, which we guess is enough to frighten any self-respecting redneck stiff.
- Carolina's football schedule for this season.
- Ronnie Reagan for his Bonzo mentality.
- People who inflate and drag out an issue like homecoming when there are so many more pertinent issues like campus integration that need to be discussed.
- The disproportionate amount of press given to places like El Salvador and India as opposed to the poverty and unsolved problems that run through this country like a disease through a tenement slem.
- People who still wear polyester Saturday-Night-Fever shirts.
- Wise-cracking editorial writers who compose long lists of things they don't like.



Like racism, Tradition not always good

by Vince Steele
Gwen Haley

Stop the madness!
Everybody is upset because of Yure Nmomma, Carolina's first male Homecoming Queen. Homecoming was two Saturdays ago, people are still talking about Yure Nmomma. Everybody had something to say: the Executive Branch, Carolina Athletic Association, Teague dorm, the DTH, Campus Governing Council, and the list went on.

Why all the fuss? Nmomma won and it took more than Teague's votes to garner him the crown. After all, it was an all campus vote so why point fingers at anybody or any group. No matter how you look at it Yure Nmomma will go down in history as this student body's 1983 choice for Homecoming Queen.

But what about tradition? Sure, homecoming at Carolina is shallow tradition. There is always so much to do and so much going on during homecoming week at UNC. It is a time for students, faculty and alumni to come together and share the joy of Carolina and glorify her virtues. It has always been a truly awesome and magnificent event.

PLEASE!
Carolina homecoming is a two-bit parade, Carolina blue balloons and a hurried vote for a queen nobody knows and nobody cares to know. The only good thing about homecoming is the football game and that is only if we win. What else could it be but a joke if a supposedly "joke" candidate can sash off with the queen's crown.

The problem with tradition is that people tend to believe that simply because something has always been a certain way that it should stay that way. "It is so nice when things last forever and ever." If this were true then South campus would to this day be as white as north campus. The only women on this campus would still be working in the Pine Room.

The traditions of racism and sexism have been fading away over the years so the tradition of a Miss America type homecoming queen will be in good company. Maybe after a couple of male homecoming queens we could have a gay or handicapped homecoming queen and nobody would be upset.

Our student leaders have argued that Yure Nmomma should never have been allowed to run. They said that as Carolina students we should have honored the tradition of electing a proper queen. We should have been more considerate of the alumni who had returned for "One brief glimpse into the past." We should have considered the feelings of the poor girl who could have won.

It is a shame that so many bright dreams and hopes were utterly destroyed when Yure Nmomma stepped forth to receive his roses. Since the roses, the crown and Yure Nmomma are sleeping together in Teague everybody will just have to get over it.

Rumor has it that student government will move to make the possibility of future joke candidates difficult. It is about time that our student leaders stop taking a paternalistic and condescending attitude toward the student population they were elected to serve. They are our peers not our parents.

To deny any student the opportunity to run for any student position is wrong. To deny the student population the opportunity to elect whomever they want is wrong. It is wrong for our student leaders to take it upon themselves to decide whether a candidate wins any election it is obvious that somebody took him seriously. Besides, if those in office were doing what they were supposed to they would never have to worry about the threat of a "joke" candidate.

It is evident that the people handling Yure Nmomma's publicity were serious. The students who voted for Nmomma were at least serious enough to vote. The joke was on those who didn't vote and did not get what they expected.

If anything more can be learned from Yure Nmomma's ascension to the throne it is that homecoming is in a sad state of affairs. Apathy reigns as the true queen. If nothing else Teague's entry added a little color and life to an otherwise hollow and meaningless event. Regardless, Yure Nmomma is our Nmomma now.

With this in mind a toast goes to our newly elected Homecoming Queen. May Yure Nmomma serve his constituents well. Long live the queen. ■

THE BLACK INK needs:

writers
copy editors
photographers
secretaries

THE BLACK INK needs —
YOU!

BLACK INK

If blackness can be converted into words and pictures,
we intend to do it



Gwendolyn Hailey
Editor in Chief

Albertina Smith
Managing Editor

Sonja Payton
News Editor

Cheryl Williams
Features Editor

Charles Covington
Business Manager

Lisa Stinson
Circulation Manager

Willie Little
Advertising Manager