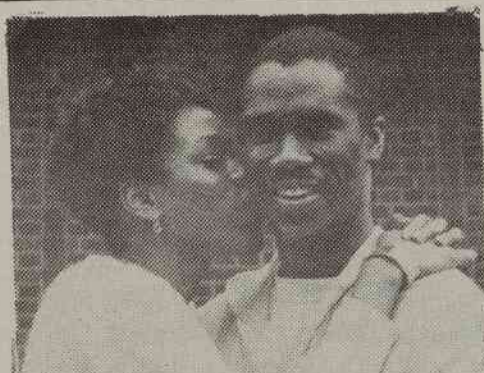


The Black Ink thanks all contestants and extends congratulations to Dawn Witherspoon, winner, Emmett Steward, 2nd place and Felicia Moore, third.



Deidra Butts and Frank Abbott



Toi Davis and George Wilson



Teresa Morrison and Mark Gordon



Karen Joyner and Timothy Lucas



Penni Wilkie and Shawn Bethea



Sonya Adams and Asa Bell Jr.

Love is the flight of a leaf,  
Buffeted and blown  
Til the ground comes hard below,  
And then love takes flight again.

Higher now, then higher still—  
To rest among the clouds  
And to hide from idle passersby,  
It flutters  
Til you and I sight the leaf  
And chart it's course before us.  
To a muddy puddle,  
To an overgrown lawn,  
To an empty gutter,  
And then love takes flight again.  
We grasp the stem and soar.

Emmett F. Steward

Emmett is a 2nd year med student from Charlotte.

Confessions of a Friendship

If I were artistic  
I would paint a portrait of my friends  
And try to capture those special qualities  
That make them unique yet part of a whole  
A suggestive smile, a knowing wink, a twinkle in an eye

If I were poetic  
I would pen a verse about my friends  
And attempt to put down on paper  
The essence of our friendship  
The fun and laughter, the shared experiences, the late night discussions

And if I were imaginative  
I would tell a tale of some special people  
And perhaps let them know  
How much I have enjoyed their company  
One on one, over the phone, in one big group

But I'm only average  
And so I must rely on plain ordinary words  
To express my thanks for letting me share their lives  
Thank you, bless you, and know that I will always care.

Dawn Witherspoon

Dawn is a senior biology major from Kannapolis, N.C.

Love of One, 'Til The End of Time

Love is an expression of one . . .  
It is an emotion of pain and pleasure—  
It is the pain of hurt and lies, but  
It is the joy of two minds, two hearts, two  
bodies that warms with desire and sets the soul on fire.

Love is a choice of one . . .  
It is a time of commitment and faith—  
It is the choice of freedom and loneliness, but  
It is the hope of love that will last until the  
beginning of forever or 'til the end of never.

Love is a secret of one . . .  
It is a moment of sharing and caring—  
It is the sharing of love and feelings, and  
It is the token that joins two people that can never  
be broken.

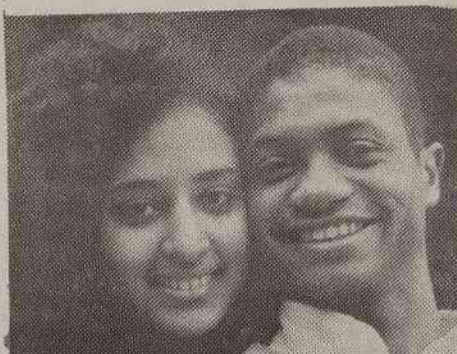
Love is an expression, a choice, a secret that grows and lives through two  
that make it as one,  
'til the end of time.

Dawn Witherspoon, winner of the Black Ink Valentine's Day poetry contest

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Felicia Moore

Felicia is a sophomore biology/ pre med major from Selma, N.C.



Audrey Joyner and Gordon Hill



Mamie Wilkins and Joseph Maddox

