



A Valentines Eve performance by the local band "Yours Truly" at Great Hall

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Wright is eligible for parole, he will begin to serve his next sentence.

A first-degree murder charge differs from a second-degree murder charge in the amount of time the person has to serve before being eligible for parole, according to Wright's defense counsel, Jay Kirk Osborn. A first-degree murder charge requires a minimum of 20 years before being considered for parole, and a second-degree murder charge requires 10 years.

A spokesman for the district attorney's office said that Wright did not get the maximum sentence for each of the lesser charges. A plea bargain arrangement was made with District Attorney Carl Fox not to seek the death penalty for the murder of Stewart.

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She said that, "those are the people I see as not being very active."

"Usually, students who graduate and immediately find a job or go to graduate school are the ones who have been active," she added.

Vanhook said she doesn't know why Black Student Movement membership was so low. "I've never been involved with BSM but I don't down anything the organization does, and I still work to promote minorities on campus through SNPHA."

At present, Wright is housed at Western Correctional Center in Morganton, N.C., where he has begun serving his sentence. The superintendent at the correctional facility said Wright would remain in Morganton until he reached the age of 18.

From there, he said, it is possible that Wright will be transferred to Polk Youth Center in Raleigh. At Western Correctional Center the facility housed primarily felony youth offenders and some adult misdemeanor offenders.

But the facility was considered an adult prison in the state, not a training school, the superintendent said.

The facility, he continued, was able to handle every grade of prisoners, from minimum security to maximum confinement.

The BSM is a good organization that a lot of people don't appreciate, she said.

Brown said he was not sure why blacks weren't active with the BSM.

He said he planned to attend law school after graduating. "I have already been accepted to UNC's law school but haven't made any decision yet."

Vanhook said she planned to attend graduate school at either Yale or Stanford where she would study pharmacology or biochemistry.

Black History Month's Origin

by Richard White
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February is the month which includes Valentine's Day and the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and Frederick Douglass (February 14), yet here we are on the 25th day of the month and surprisingly, some people, like the librarian who asked me if this was the first time Black History Month had been celebrated, do not know what Black History Month is all about.

Black History Month began in 1926 as Negro History Week. It was the brainchild of Carter G. Woodson, historian, author, and educator. In Chicago, Illinois, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 (now the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History).

This association was established to record historical and social information, and to promote the continual achievements of black Americans in order to engender racial harmony through cultural understanding.

To help accomplish this goal, Negro History Week was celebrated.

In the early 1970's Negro History Week became Black History Week.

Several years later the entire month of February was designated as Black History Month.

Black History Month celebrations on the UNC campus have included many programs sponsored by campus black Greek organizations. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. prepared a display of black literature in the Carolina Union while Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc. sponsored each Wednesday night films like *The Cotton Club* and *Bill Cosby, Himself in Concert*. The Ebony Readers performed for Chapel Hill High School's "Black History Day."

On February 25th, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a Black Male-Black Female Relationship Workshop in the South Campus Union. The Black Student Movement is sponsoring "Student-Teach-a-Class" February 24-27th at Chapel Hill High School. This enables UNC students to go to the high school and teach 50 minute courses on black literature. February 22-23rd was Discovery Weekend. Many black alumni shared information related to their fields with UNC students.

By participating in Discovery, students are able to meet prominent black alumni and to establish professional and social contacts.

Organization forms to assist minorities in health sciences

by Luchina Fisher
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Minority students majoring in the health sciences can soon draw support from each other through reactivation of a minority support group.

Sophomore Rochelle Brandon, a chemistry major from Winston-Salem, is trying to reactivate the Pre-Professional Health Society. She said she would welcome all students to the meetings, although, "the purpose of the organization is to educate and recruit and retain minorities interested in the health field."

The group was officially organized in 1977 and dissolved in 1982 when the officers became discouraged because students were not attending meetings, Brandon said. Reactivation of the group would depend on student interest, she continued.

Membership in the group would be open to any student majoring in physical therapy, public health, radiological technology, health administration, dentistry and medicine, Brandon said.

Meetings would include minority speakers in health professions and a panel of minority students representing the various health schools on campus. Brandon said she would ask members to contribute to a quiz file.

The Society would provide a

support system for minority students studying the health sciences, Brandon said. "There's nowhere for minority students to meet [minority] upperclassmen majoring in the health fields," she said. The upperclassmen can tell freshmen and sophomores names of good instructors in the health schools, according to Brandon.

Another reason for reactivating the group is to interest more minority students in the health field. "There's going to be a crisis after awhile... because we're losing so many minority students in the health field," she said.

A subcommittee researching more effective means to communicate with minority undergraduates about health careers supported the reactivation of the group said Dr. Kenneth May, director of Student Affairs and Admissions in the School of Dentistry and chairman of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee is part of a larger committee established by Vice Chancellor Garland Hershey in Health Affairs. The Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs for the Division of Health Affairs is studying better ways to recruit and retain minority faculty and students in health sciences.

"Our goal is to come up with a prioritized list of some things... the vice chancellor... can act on..." May said of his subcommittee.