

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Readers:

Hello. As the *Black Ink* editor I would like to thank our readers for their interest in and support of the paper. Likewise, I encourage non-readers to begin reading *Black Ink*.

The *Black Ink* hit UNC's campus in 1969 with Cureton Johnson as the editor. At that time, there was a dire need for a campus newspaper that focused its attention on issues pertinent to blacks and other minorities. *Black Ink* filled that need then and strives to do so today.

During my editorship, I have tried to help the paper grow both in terms of journalistic quality and overall content. As a journalism major, I have earnestly tried to put the *Black Ink* in similar perspectives as the *Daily Tar Heel* and *Phoenix*, two other campus newspapers. I have attempted to make the paper one that black and white students alike pick up and read. And I have stressed repeatedly the importance of more student participation with the paper.

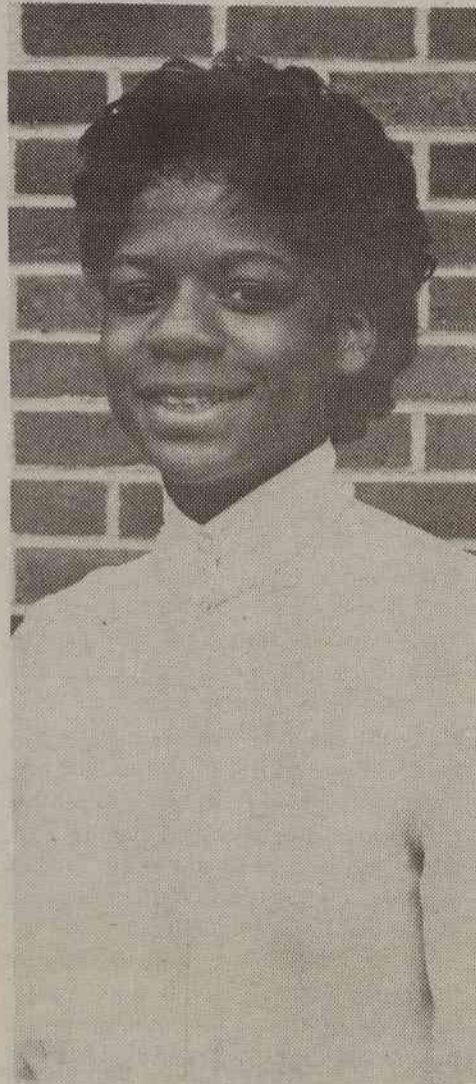
During the past year, I have heard several students comment that they do not write for the paper because they are not journalism majors. If this is a campus-wide misconception, I aim to clarify it now. *Black Ink* staff writers and photographers are not required to be journalism majors. In fact, in terms of criteria, I am primarily looking for one thing—dedication. The rest is bound to come. Surely I realize it is a plus if staff members are journalism majors, but for those of you who aren't, please don't let that hinder you from joining our staff.

Presently the staff consists of approximately 20 members including only four males. We desperately need more student involvement with the paper, especially from males. There are over 20,000 students at this University including over 1,700 blacks so the potential for a larger staff is obviously there. If you are interested in working with the paper, please let me or one of the other editors know.

I am a journalism major because I love and realize the importance of this profession. Also, I realize the importance of minorities in this profession.

I am a senior from Burlington, N.C., where I have resided for 16 years. I have enjoyed attending UNC, and my work with the *Daily Tar Heel* and *Black Ink* has been quite an experience. I will not be here next year, but I hope the *Black Ink* will continue its progress toward excellence. Write on!

Best of Luck,
Laurie Denise Willis, editor



Laurie Willis, editor of the *Black Ink*

photo by Tammie Foust

Photographers
and Writers are
encouraged to join
The *Black Ink* staff.

In honor of Darryl Blake Henderson, the Psi Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi is offering a \$1,500 annual scholarship to be awarded to a senior member of a black Greek organization. Applicants must be planning to attend graduate school here at UNC, however, no set g.p.a. is required.

Applications can be obtained from Bob Willis in 624 Morrison, 933-4162, or Jack Brown in 20 Craige, 933-7058.

Henderson is a 1984 graduate of UNC and was working in the School of Social Work prior to his death on Jan. 13, 1986.

*In the event that no members of a black Greek organization are planning to attend graduate school here, the scholarship will be given to a student planning to attend graduate school elsewhere.

Applications are due by April 15.

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J-students seek jobs

Representing the School of Journalism of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 10 students recently attended the 15th Annual Howard Communications Conference in Washington, D.C., Feb. 13-16.

The Journalism School provided transportation, and Howard University provided housing at the Howard Inn plus some meals.

At the conference, students had the chance to make good job contacts, meet journalism students from other universities and attend workshops. Interviews were scheduled for students with newspapers and broadcasting companies including CBS, ABC and NBC, depending on individual majors.

Attending the conference were: Darlene Campbell; Helene Cooper; Cherie Evans; Phyllis Fair; Rhonda Hubbard; Jackie Leach; Cynthia Martin; Denise Moultrie; Joy Thompson and Laurie Willis.

Dr. Regina Sherard, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism, also attended the conference and Joy Thompson accepted a summer copy-editing internship with *Dayton Daily News* in Dayton, Ohio.

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