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Students Petition for Recognition

As a part of the October Black Awareness Week, some 1,000 students signed a petition "letting University officials know that black students support and want recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr., national holiday," according to Tammy Gillian, a senior pharmacy major from Winston-Salem and chairperson of Black Awareness Week.

She said, "The Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday should be recognized by not just black students and faculty, but the University as a whole."

BSM President Camille Roddy delivered the petition and a letter stating that her constituency is concerned that the administration had not put forth an effort to recognize the King holiday.

"Last year, several organizations celebrated the holiday in a disjoint manner. In lieu of the administration's lack of support for the BCC and commitment to minority recruitment, both students and faculty, the implementation of University-sponsored activities would indicate a willingness to adhere to the University's creed

to provide a diverse environment of learning," she said.

In a similar effort, Student Congress has passed 14-4 a resolution co-authored by congress speaker Jaye Sitton and 16th District representative and Rules and Judiciary committee chairman Robert Friedman calling for class cancellation on January 19, 1987, to commemorate the birthday and to pledge Student Congress' support for any University-sponsored activities to observe the national holiday.

Friedman said in a telephone inter-

view, "This would be an easy way for the administration to show it is concerned about minority issues."

"It [The Civil Rights Movement] represents an important time in our history. The University is likely to approve the resolution by cancelling classes from 10-1 as it did for the Spangler inauguration," he said. "North Carolina is one of three states not honoring his birthday. UNC should take the initiative...a lot of people are for it," he added.

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Reception Honors 94 Academic Achievers

College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Hayden Renwick presented 94 black undergraduates with achievement certificates for possessing Grade Point Averages of 3.0 or better, Friday night, Nov. 21, in Hamilton Hall.

"A Celebration of Excellence," sponsored by the Office for Student Counseling and College of Arts and Sciences, honored the students as well as recognized minority advisors and Morehead, Pogue, and Johnston Scholars.

Renwick said that he thought academic achievement should be recognized more often because it was "the number one priority of any academic institution."

One of the three keynote speakers, Dr. Paula Renee Newsome, reminded the students that parents, who act as role models and provide strength and encouragement, play a major role in their children's accomplishments.

"It is difficult to build a house if you don't have a firm foundation," she said.

Newsome also said the students should keep a positive mental attitude.

"Do not let people deter you from your career paths," she advised.

She encouraged the students to be the master of their own fate by writing out their future goals.

According to Newsome, 90 percent of the 20 percent of people who write out their future career goals achieve them.

Newsome graduated from UNC in 1977 and is presently in private practice as an optometrist in Charlotte, N.C.

A second keynote speaker, Evelyn Dove, said that excellence should be celebrated because "it is difficult to be an eagle among the birds."

Dove also said that success is measured by how many others we help to succeed.

"You've shown that you have a positive attitude," she told the students. Keep it, she said."

Dove graduated from UNC-CH's School of Law in 1978. She now practices as an Assistant City Attorney in Charlotte.

Dr. Thomas T. Hunter, the third keynote speaker, told the students that they were a "truly select group of individuals who had beat the odds just by being here."

Hunter also said that he would like to see more blacks go into the fields of science, engineering and industry.

Hunter received a degree from the UNC School of Medicine in 1983. He is now a physician at the Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. and the Chowan Hospital in Edenton, N.C.

The program recognized 21 Morehead Scholars, 23 Pogue Scholars,

31 Johnston Scholars and 50 Minority Advisors.

Dean Renwick was also recognized for his efforts with a standing ovation by the approximately 225-member audience of scholars, students, faculty and parents.

The BSM Gospel Choir, under the direction of Webster Eugene Lytle, performed two gospel selections at the reception.

Kenny Smith, a senior Comparative Literature/Pre-Law major from Charlotte, N.C. was master of ceremonies.

Senior Teresa Morrison, from Pinhurst, N.C. gave welcoming remarks and Reginald Davis, of Henderson, N.C. provided the invocation.

Students Protest Against Apartheid

Recent refusal by the UNC Endowment Board to completely divest from companies doing business in South Africa launched several protests on the UNC campus recently.

No students were arrested Thursday, November 21 for disorderly conduct after they chained themselves to office furniture and water pipes in South Building.

The endowment board did divest from four companies that did do business in South Africa, but did not discuss total divestment in its meeting Thursday, November 21.

The four companies included Dresser Industries, Nalco Chemicals, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and Minnesota Mining and Manufacturers.

Sheila Simmons, Co-Editor



BSM Vice President Eric Walker and Cassandra Butts discuss frustrations about Endowment Board's refusal to decide to totally divest from companies doing business in South Africa. (photo by David Minton/Yackety Yack © 1986)

Group Holds Rally

Eric "Wacko" Walker called for college students to take the responsibility to become informed and to take a stand against apartheid, as he spoke at an anti-apartheid rally in the Pit, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

About 15 members of the University of North Carolina Anti-Apartheid Group held the rally during Human Rights Week held Nov. 9-Nov. 12.

"We are trying to make people on this campus recognize that the U.S. is actually practicing oppression and exploitation in their dealings with South Africa, Nicaragua and Chile," Walker said.

Walker read from several works written by recently killed Mozambique President, Somora Macheal, who died in a plane crash last month.

According to Macheal, the perils of colonial oppression and exploitation are worldwide, Walker said.

Walker said that the goal of the group is to get people to act against such racist regimes as the one in South Africa.

"People must realize that until people speak out, the oppression and exploitation is going to continue," he said.

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