

# BSM Rally

## BSM supports black police force

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"In 1986, 669 out of 847 service and maintenance jobs were held by blacks. Only 15 out of 212 executive, administrative and managerial positions were held by blacks. In 1986, only one black out of 110 new faculty members were hired. These statistics show the university's Affirmative Action plan, first implemented in 1973, has failed."

Another failure of the university's Affirmative Action plan is illustrated in the University of North Carolina Police Department, where 12 new officer positions, created this past June, were filled by Robert Sherman, director of security services, without allowing all qualified officers an equal opportunity to apply for these promotions.

These examples of blatant discrimination and favoritism exist not only here at UNC, but all over our State of North Carolina.

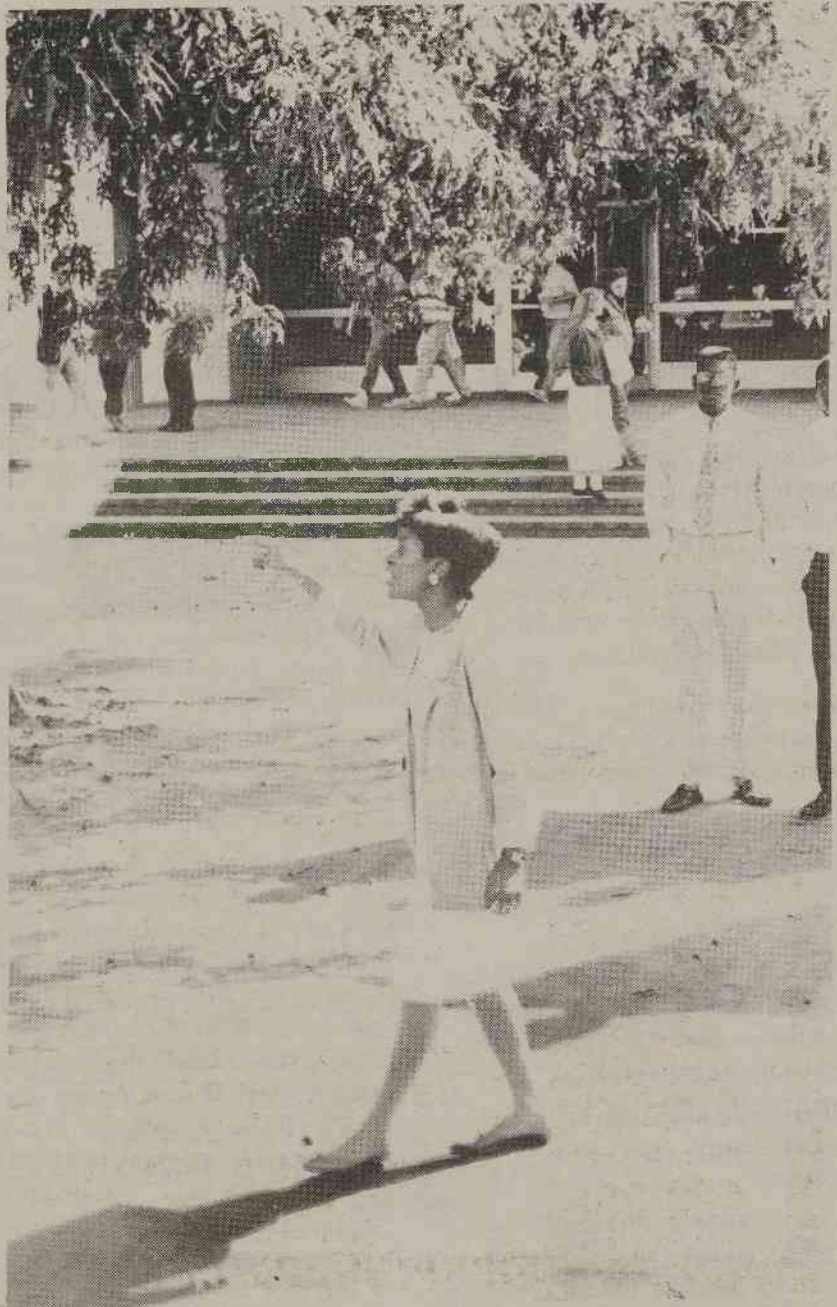
Thursday, October 29, the Black Student Movement protested these discriminatory practices which have been allowed to exist at UNC. We focused on the charges of favoritism and racism against the University of North Carolina Police Department.

Speakers for the rally included James Gibbs, president of the UNC chapter of the NAACP and Joel Segal of Action Against Apartheid. Chris Haring, a former UNC police officer, was scheduled to speak but was subpoenaed to appear in court October 29 concerning his suit filed against the UNC Police Department. The final speaker was Kenneth Perry, president of the Black Student Movement.

After conclusion of the speeches, three members of the Ebony Readers/Onyx Theater performed dramatic interpretations of literature dealing with racial discrimination.



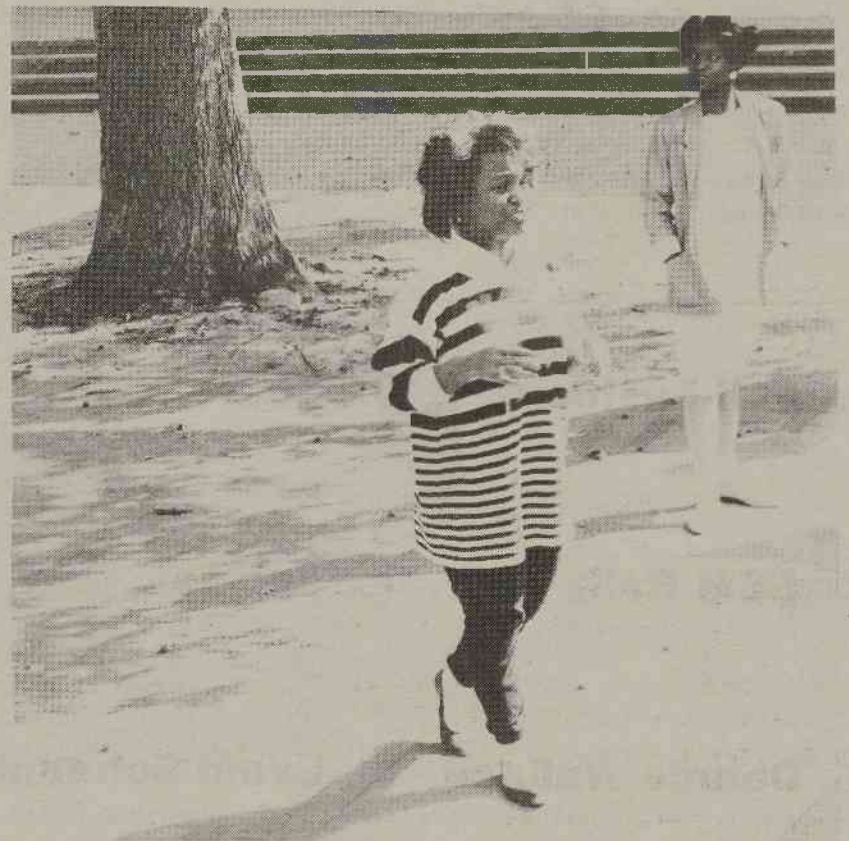
Ebony Reader Nervania Graves. (photo by Sherry Whitesides)



Ebony Reader Sandra Purnell. (photo by Sherry Whitesides)



BSM Rally Speaker. (photo by Sherry Whitesides)



Ebony Reader Peggy Jenkins. (photo by Sherry Whitesides)