

Controlled Ramblings

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Many times, Black students at UNC have been accused by White students and Black students themselves of being apathetic. Because this has been a frequent occurrence, it would not be difficult to fathom that we as a whole believe and/or have indeed become apathetic.

What we as Black individuals need to realize is that we as a Black group have the power to move not only the stagnant minds of those on this campus, but also the stagnant minds of those in the United States. All that is necessary to illustrate this fact is a brief look into the past.

In 1963, the March on Washington led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and over 100,000 Black Americans forced the rest of America to accept the fact that it would be in the best interest of America to give us our civil rights, lest they be taken.

In the race for the Democratic nomination, our Black candidate, who was supported by the Black group, shook America. Jesse Jackson was and is dominant because he has Black America backing him.

White America is now wondering how much longer their requirement that the President of the United States must be a White male will be in effect.

In 1985 and 1986, at the University of Michigan, many isolated incidents of racism towards Black students occurred. Black students on that campus had for some time had grievances concerning the attitudes of White students and administrators toward Black students. However, it took the escalation of these isolated incidents, such as harassing notes left under the doors of Black students, degrading flyers about the Black race posted around campus, and a remake of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech which substituted "little nigger boys" for "little Black boys" to unite Black students to settle their grievances and to accomplish their goals of higher Black enrollment and a higher percentage of Black faculty.

Closer to home, the most memorable occasion came in April of 1988, when Black students here at UNC formed a cohesive group to voice our opinion concerning the replacement of Dean Hayden Renwick, and the continuation of the Office of Student Counseling as it was under his leadership.

We gathered on the steps of South Building as other students, administrators, and the media look on, astonished. Our voices were heard. Those that were unmovable were made to move.

Is it that we wish to be apathetic that is the problem or simply the fact that we do not know the power of our own strength?

By Charles Mills

Since this has become such a popular column, I've decided to include it as a regular feature. Please, hold down the applause. Let's begin this week with basketball. I watched UNC's Lady Tar Heels play an exhibition against Spain and must say they were pretty impressive in the second half. This year's team is extremely young. It features 6 freshmen, 2 sophomores and 1 juco. Regardless, veterans Merlaine Oden and Liza Donnell looked great, and freshman Emily Johnson was impressive with the way she hustled up and down the floor, non-stop. Last year's 10-17 nightmare is over, and the future of Tar Heel basketball looks bright.

The 1988-89 men's team also looked great in their first games of the year played in Smith Center. The Heels are playing a new style of basketball, uncharacteristic of past Dean Smith teams. They are pushing the ball up court pretty hard and taking quick shots. Although they are still passing well, they aren't passing quite as much. The Heels have also looked good on defense. They swarm all around the court and trap much better than they have been doing in past seasons.

Mercifully, football season at UNC has come to an end. Can anybody think of anything good that came out of this season besides Kennard Martin's rise to

greatness? Yep, that's what I say.

There is one other good thing that happened this season. I had an opportunity to make my first pilgrimage to Mecca. That's right, I went down to Clemson to experience football the way it ought to be. The stadium, the fans and the team were all awe-inspiring.

One lesson I learned from this trip down to Clemson is that to be a top football program, you've got to have a lot of gimmicks. Clemson has its fabled rock that the players touch for good luck, and its hill from which the players rush down onto the field. They have their fans dressed completely in orange and white and they all sing along to the nation's sweetest fight song. And they shoot off a cannon after every Tiger score and kickoff. Now, think about Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Michigan and Oklahoma. They all have a whole bag full of little gimmicks, too. It works.

Let me end by giving the big congratulations to Anson Dorrance and his national champion women's soccer team. These ladies are just incredible. Earlier this year I advocated removing the bust of Dean Smith and replacing it with Dorrance. Well, I've changed my mind. Let's take down the statue of Silent Sam and erect one of Dorrance right there. Later, gang.

Record of Campus Racial Incidents

The Black Student Movement requests that you document any incidents that occur to you at this university that you feel in *any way* are discriminatory or racist. These incidents may involve anybody on campus—faculty, administration, students, etc. They are not restricted to any particular race. Even if you are only a witness to such an incident, we ask that you fill out a form.

The purpose of these forms is to have a documentation of the types of problems that minorities are faced with on this campus. So much of it is covert. Many incidents occur that seem so miniscule that we choose to ignore them, or we don't act on them. We feel that *every little thing* that occurs to a minority that has racist undertones is significant and needs to be documented. In this way we will have an idea of the magnitude of the problem here.

We ask that you leave your name and address simply so that we may contact you if necessary. It is not required—anonymous accounts can be made, but the forms are more valid if they can be identified with specific people. We also ask that you make a judgment call on the incident. If you think that the incident is addressable—that we can contact specific people concerning what has happened or that disciplinary action can be taken—please indicate that on the form, and the BSM will contact you and address it with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for reading this, and be sure to record any incidents that happen to you, and encourage your friends to do the same. We cannot begin to affect change on this campus until we identify the problem specifically. The Record of Campus Racial Incidents is one way that we can do this.